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THE DIVISION NARRATIVE No 44-

Camp Hale, high in the Rockies, Winter, 1944: Down  
resolution Creek units of the 10th Light Division moved  
along the road after a cold and strenuous week in the  
mountains on maneuvers - maneuvers in preparation for the  
day "when".....

Camp Swift, in the Flatlands of Texas, Summer, 1944:  
Marches along dry and dusty roads on humid days, crowded firing  
ranges - all the tactics of flatland infantry in preparation  
for the day "when"..... Fall, 1944: Speculations as to when  
passes to Austin would end. Meanwhile preparations for a  
series of field maneuvers within the camp area. The day came  
on which the units moved into the field - shelter halves, new  
37mm mobile guns, and, of course, the mules. The next day a  
radio message announced that the maneuvers had been called off.  
The word had changed now: It became preparation for an over-  
seas movement. "Things were happening" - a G.I. way of saying:  
The General Staff had deemed it advisable to consider the

10th Mountain Division to a combat area.

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On 28 November, 1944, along the western front,

Brigadier General George P. Hays took a last look at the 2nd

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Division which he had been commanding, climbed into a staff car, and headed for Paris. That afternoon he and his aide, Captain Humphreys, arrived in the French capital to make ready for a trip across the seas. On the morning of the 15th the General boarded a plane and headed westward, reaching Washington during the afternoon of the 18th. There he spent a week in preparation for his new command. On Thanksgiving Day, the 23rd of the month, General Hays joined the Division at Camp Swift to assume the command.

THE POINT OF THE ADVANCE PARTY

The morning of the 11th of November Colonel Robinson E. Duff, Assistant Division Commander, left Camp Swift for Washington. Later that afternoon, he stepped off his plane and proceeded to the War Department. Once there members of the General Staff conferred with him as to the nature of the mission in store for the Division. He was informed that the Division the only group of mountain troops known as such in the Army, was to move from Texas to the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

However, the process was not so simply solved. While in Washington, Colonel Duff was busy analyzing the problems inherent in such a movement. Of particular concern was the transportation of the animals, which the Division had been carrying as part of the T/E. Upon consideration of the shipping space available between the Atlantic ports and the Mediterranean coast, the decision was made to leave the mules in

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the States for possible future shipment. Meanwhile one regiment was to be made ready for immediate transport of embarkation. The infantry organization chosen for this purpose was the 86th Mountain Infantry, under the command of Colonel Tomlinson.

The necessary groundwork had been completed. Colonel Duff thereupon left Washington, boarded a plane on the afternoon of the 14th, and headed eastward. At 1600 on the 17th of November, he landed at the Naples airport, the first representative of the 10th Division to set foot on European soil officially. The first task before him was to make arrangements for the eventual movement of organizations through the various staging areas. To make these arrangements, the Colonel went immediately to APOSSA Headquarters at Caserta. He discussed with the G-3 command about the most prominent problems. It was revealed here that the Theatre Commander had decided to motorize the division as a "temporary expedient" until the animals could be brought over and attached to the division for transportation purposes. As Colonel Duff stated it, his primary job was to "convert donkeys into motors. To compensate for the probable delay of four or five months, the ordnance of Peninsular Base Section was to make available to the Colonel the needed number of vehicles, from jeep to ordnance wrecker.

The day before Thanksgiving, Colonel Duff reported for duty to Fifth Army Headquarters to the Commanding General, Lieutenant General **CLARK** ~~russett~~. He was then attached to G-3 of Army, **BEIG.** ~~Major~~

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General Crittenberger. The next day he began his two weeks' tour of the front lines, II and IV Corps sector. The purpose was to become acquainted with the difficulties of operation experienced by a division under fire. To obtain a complete and accurate picture of such problems, he spent on the average of about two days per division, and then moved on across the front lines. In particular his aim resolved into being oriented as to the exact details of his own and his officers' jobs in the Theatre of Operations.

By the 3rd of December, Colonel Duff had returned to Allied ~~Headquarters~~ <sup>FORCE</sup> Headquarters. In reference to the transportation problem once again, he made arrangements for a trip to Sardinia to inspect Italian horses there as to their possible uses. While the Colonel was at Caserta, the rest of the advance party for the Division arrived at the Naples airport. Originally plans had called for this group to embark at the same time as Colonel Duff. However, at the last moment these plans were deferred.

In the advance party which landed at 1000 hours on the 3rd were: Lt. Col. Work's and Sgt. Boltz of G-2; Lt. Col. Irvin and Sgt. Hilliard of G-3; and Major Watson and Sgt. Snow of G-4. By the afternoon of the same day, these officers and men had reported to Caserta. Once at Allied Headquarters, they stayed there for five days. While they were becoming acquainted with the functioning of that Headquarters, Colonel Duff went to the island of Sardinia. His inspection of Italian horses on the

island completed, he came back to the mainland and passed on to Fifth Army Headquarters at once. On the 7th of December, Colonel Duff was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Two days later the "G" sections moved up to Fifth Army Headquarters forward to become oriented to their duties in respect to Army. The layover there was of two day's duration.

On the 11th of December the advance party went from Fifth Army forward to the 91st Division for the purpose of studying the functioning of their respective counterparts under actual combat conditions. There for four days, they then moved on to another division before reporting to Livorno.

The 16th of the month General Duff and the six from the advance party joined at Livorno (Leghorn), Italy, to establish and maintain an advance command post for the 10th Division. From this advance C.P. at PBS Headquarters they could arrange for receiving the elements of the Division and preparing for the passage of these elements through the port and staging areas. The special section representatives set about reconnoitering training areas and compiling training programs for the organizations as they occupied the staging areas. Thereby any technical difficulties that might arise could be easily obviated.

MOVE THEM ACROSS - THE 86TH MOUNTAIN INFANTRY

In the plan for the overseas movement of the Division the first point to be taken care of was the coordination of the 86th Mountain Infantry before leaving Texas. Such arrangements as



were necessary were then made between Colonel Tomlinson, Regimental Commander, and members of the Division Staff. Despite the quick alert for moving, the 86th was ready to go by the 25th of November.

The last units of the 86th cleared Camp Swift on November 28, 1944. The movement by train to the port of embarkation was made without incident and with commendable ease. On the 2nd of December the regiment had arrived at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia for overseas processing. The following seven days, prior to the actual embarkation of troops, were spent in orienting the men to the movement particulars, the "do's" and "don't's" of life on shipboard. The entire regiment entrained for Hampton Roads on the 10th of December. At 0345 hours the following morning, the 86th had reached the Port. By 0645 they had struck out to sea on board the SS Argentina. The first phase of overseas movement had been completed, with a minimum loss of time.

HITTING SHORE - OVER THERE

Early in the morning on the 23rd of December, the 86th Mountain Infantry laid anchor in the port of Naples. There at 0900 all units disembarked with the exception of Company "K" which was left on board to guard the luggage and equipment. The trip across the ocean and into the Mediterranean had been completed without any particular problems, and with a well-coordinated orientation and entertainment program the legacy of "at-sea" activity.

Doughnuts in hand, the men piled into trucks and rode out to Staging Area No. 1 at Bagnoli, just north of Naples. The units had all reached that center by 1300 hours. Mess facilities and sleeping quarters were at once secured. But they had no sooner settled down there, with the thought of spending Christmas Day in Naples than they received orders to move to the combat area. The 1st Battalion and Headquarters Company (less the I & R platoon) left Naples Christmas afternoon. This advance detail, however, was delayed en route by a train wreck. Transferred to trucks, they arrived at Livorno on the 27th.

The rest of the 86th left Bagnoli by truck and went back down to the Port of Naples. There they boarded the "Sestriere" for Livorno at 1530 on the 26th of December. This group reached Livorno in the late morning of the 27th after having slipped up the coast that night. Having disembarked, the units trucked out to Staging Area #3 southeast of Pisa. It was here that the regimental commander received a letter from Lieutenant General Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander of the Mediterranean Theatre. In it the General congratulated the regiment for the remarkable speed with which it had conducted its movement and the outstanding supply discipline which it had exercised.

The 86th Mountain Infantry, at Staging Area #3 for three nights, was given orders to make ready for another move. On the 31st of December, the regiment moved as instructed to Guercianella, Italy into an area chosen previously by the 10th

Division Command Section at PBS Headquarters in Livorno. On the same day, General Duff left Livorno to join the 86th at their new training area. In the next few days the regiment was briefed in reconnaissance, especially in the items peculiar to patrolling on the Italian Fifth Army front.

In Quercianella the first tragedy for the Division occurred when an S-mine exploded near the rail line running along the border of the training area. The Regiment was not engaged with the enemy at the time. The casualties were incurred during the initial explosion (1230, 6 January, 1945) and in subsequent detonations immediately thereafter. In addition to the seven enlisted men killed in the accident, Chaplain Clarence Hagan also died while going to perform last rites. To these eight dead were added four wounded. In the ensuing action, five men; namely, 1st Lt. Culbreath, T/Sgt. Becholdt, Sgt. Curtis, Sgt. Perry-Smith, and Cpl. McDonald distinguished themselves by their heroism and unselfish performance, for which they received the Soldier's Medal. (For detailed account, see Special Annexes, Annex #3) The efficiency and effectiveness demonstrated by the organization after the engagement compensated in part for the laxity present in the occurrence.

The 86th left Quercianella, Italy, on the 8th of January by truck to go to the front line sector to which the organization was to be committed. As the units approached the area then occupied by Task Force 45, which organization the 86th was to relieve, transportation became increasingly more difficult. In

many cases, trucks were out of the question. Movement was made by foot, therefore. Five to ten miles over extremely icy trails and roads had to be covered before the relief could be completed.

As ordered by Fifth Army, General Duff became commanding general of TF 45 with a CP at Campo Tizzoro. The 86th thereupon resolved under his control. At 0050A on the 9th of January, the 2nd Battalion of the 86th had completed the relief of units of the 39LAA and 434AAA in the vicinity of Cutigliano, Ontoni, and Vizzanetta. The 3rd Battalion had moved into position also, completing the relief of the above-named units in the areas near Bagnidi Lucca, La Lima, San Marcello, Naresca, and Orsigna. The 1st Battalion, the last to complete the relief of TF 45 units, took over their positions in the following order: Company "A", at 090240A; Company "C" at 090420A; Company "B" at 090600A; and Company "D" at 090706A. (Lt. Col. Works and Irvin had reached Campo Tizzoro; Maj. Watson having been left at Livorno). Thus the first units of the 10th Mountain Division moved into battle positions to form their first impressions of what it was like "over there".

AND MEANWHILE

A FLASHBACK

On December 25th the 85th and 87th Mountain Infantry regiments were at Camp Patrick Henry being processed for their overseas movement in the same fashion as the 86th had two weeks previous.

The Division C.P. was being officially closed at Camp Swift, Texas, as forward units of the Headquarters echelon were passing through Tennessee on the train. The rear Division C.P. opened up at Camp Patrick Henry at 0001 on the 29th of the month. The New Year in the States was marked primarily by the movement of the 85th and 87th out to sea on the 4th of January at 1100 hours. The regiments embarked on the former luxury liner, the USS West Point.

On the 6th of January the rest of the Division went aboard the <sup>USAT</sup> Meigs. The units included in this shipment were: Division Headquarters, Division Artillery, 10th Mountain Reconnaissance Troops, 110th Signal Company, 710th Ordnance Company, MP Platoon, and Headquarters Special Troops.

On the same day General Hays left from Camp Patrick Henry for Washington, D. C. by car, to receive "last minute" instructions as to the deployment of the Division now under his command. On the afternoon of the 6th he boarded a plane to fly east. On the 11th he stepped down onto the airstrip at Naples.

On Saturday, January 13, at 1600, the USS West Point edged up to the wharf. "The war was on" for the 85th and 87th. That night, as the rain squalls of the afternoon subsided, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 87th disembarked and went by train to Staging Area #1 at Bagnoli. The 85th moved from the USS West Point to LCI's at 1400 on the 14th to sail up the coast to Livorno. The exceptions were Service Company and "M" Company, which units moved directly to the Sestriere.

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The LCI's upon which most of the companies of the 85th had embarked moved into the harbor at Livorno on the following afternoon. Shuttling between the docks and Staging Area #3, west of Pisa, trucks moved these men out into the country. The rest of the 85th and the 87th sailed from Naples on the Sestriere on the 16th of January at 1400. Twenty-four hours later they were disembarking at Livorno. By 1800 they had reached Staging Area #3.

In the catching-up process, the rest of the Division landed at Naples on the 18th at 1319. By evening these elements had closed in Staging Area #1 at Bagnoli. The shipboard movement, under the command of Brigadier General David L. Ruffner, Division Artillery Commander, had been made without incident. Training during the voyage had been mainly of an orientation character.

On Saturday, the 20th, the staging area near Pisa was cleared by the units of the 85th, 2 companies from the 1st Battalion having left on the 19th for the forward area. Previous to this movement, advance parties had gone to positions held by the 86th for purposes of reconnoitering CP and OP installations. Vehicles, equipment, and ammunition had been made ready. Before 2400 on the 20th the following units had closed into their respective areas: 1st Bn, under command of Lt. Col. Woolley, at Bagni di Lucca (268973); 2nd Bn, under the command of Lt. Col. Stone, at Gavinana (456014); and the 3rd Bn, under the command of Lt. Col. Scheeler, at Prunetta (456014).

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The Regimental and Service Company CP's were established at Limestone (446003). The 1st Battalion elements which had left the Pisa area on the 19th (see above) closed in their CP as of 1300A and thus effected without incident the relief of Company "I" of the 86th Infantry. Thereby the 85th Mountain Infantry had been brought through the preliminaries to combat commitment and established along the front lines. This entire movement had been smoothly coordinated and concluded without any disruptions, a compliment to any commander and his men.

Beginning on the 19th and completed on the 20th of January, the 87th opened a new bivouac area at Villa Colli, where it was planned the organization should train and make preparations for the relief of the 86th within the next two weeks. Upon being moved into the area at Villa Colli, the 87th was assigned as a reserve component of IV Corps. On the night of the 20th, reports as to the possibility of a German reconnaissance in force in the Serchio Valley area led to a stand-by status for possible future employment. Five plans of counterattack were drawn up for such an emergency.

During the period at Villa Colli the stress was placed upon company training, and the adaptation of that size unit to reconnaissance purposes. Three officers were sent from the regiment to the Battle Leadership School. General Hays visited the CP on the 22nd of January at 1545A. Eight days later General Duff came to the 87th area to spend two days in checking the organization. "Negative report" became the stock answer for

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for the situation and operations at this time. Constant liaison work was done, however, between the elements of the 87th and regiments of the 92nd Infantry Division. In this respect, of special value was the combat training received by the mortarmen, snipers, and 75mm gunners. On the 27th of January, the 81mm mortars joined the 92nd to fire missions at the front. In one case of the 3rd Battalion crews, an emergency call for mortar fire was issued. The crew immediately went into action. Of their mission, the regimental commander said: "excellently done". The 75's received similar training, one section almost getting too much in that it received counter-barrages from the enemy. One noteworthy accomplishment of this training period for the 87th Mountain Infantry was the ironing out of individual responsibilities from the highest to lowest element. The baptism was nearly completed, but for the special units and the artillery battalions.

By the 23rd, the Division elements had seen Naples, and were embarking upon the Sestriere, bound for Livorno. On the following afternoon the units reached Livorno, debarked, and entrucked for Staging Area #3. Once established there, the major objective became the turnover of supplies and issuance of vehicles for the movement to Campo Tizzoro later. The final stages of the movement to the front were completed by the Headquarters units of the Division on the 28th of January. General Hays, with the full representation of all sections, assumed command of TF 45, relieving General Duff. The establishment of the CP in strength



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at Campo Tizzoro on that day completed the movement phase of the 10th Mountain Division, begun as it was when Colonel Duff left for Washington in November. Of this entire movement, seen as it was through its entirety by General Duff, the Assistant Division Commander said: "The Division came through in fine shape - with a minimum of confusion."

#### THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION IN COMBAT

Operating under the command of General Duff and as Task Force 45, the first organization to engage with the enemy was the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment. On the afternoon of January 9th, friendly artillery was being employed in cooperation with these new units. Between 1700 and 1800 48 rounds were fired at enemy positions with good results observed. This first day of combat ended with patrols establishing contact with adjacent units.

The territory to which the 86th was committed was one of steep mountain peaks, and deep snow-filled valleys. On the right the 1st Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry J. Hampton, was holding the ground southwest of Mt. Belvedere, facing the strategic heights of Riva Ridge, from which the Germans could observe our every movement. The 2nd Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Duren E. Townsend, operated from positions in the valley just north of San Marcello. Minus 1 company stationed at Bagni di Luca, the 3rd Battalion, commanded by Major John H. Hay, Jr., constituted the mobile

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reserve for the regiment.

(10 January 1945):

The front line sector remained relatively quiet the second day. German artillery concentrated on spot targets of our troops. Rounds fell at Vidiciatico (L5000138) at both 1223A and 1228A. Fourteen patrols were planned for the nightly operations.

Reports on previous patrols were entered at TF 45 Headquarters. The morning's action was curtailed by a high wind, approximately 20 miles an hour in some sectors. Heavy snowfalls on top of a loose base made travel especially difficult. However, one patrol in a draw (L510169) observed two enemy, withdrew, and prepared an ambush. The trap yielded no results, despite the use of flares.

(11 January 1945):

Routine firing at pre-designated targets was executed by the Reconnaissance Company. Patrol activity for this day was restricted, the groups' being held for observation early the following morning.

(12 January 1945):

Patrols were sent out beginning at 0200A to reconnoiter routes and make observation of particular areas. In a number of reports submitted later in the day, it was noted that snowshoes and skis would have been extremely helpful; for the snow was deep and heavy making walking too fatiguing for extensive patrolling.

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(13 January 1945): As a result of this advice the patrols sent out on the 13th of January were equipped with snowshoes, or 6" skis. It was realized that in the rugged terrain in front of San Marcello, up from the valley floor, mountain equipment was essential at that time for movement across the steep ridges and deep gulleys, filled with drifting snow.

(14 January 1945): Detailed accounts of road conditions and of passability of trails was worked out in conjunction with attached engineer units. New snow which had fallen the previous night made travel by routine patrols difficult.

(15 January 1945): The front remained undisturbed the following day. Numerous flares were seen, especially in the vicinity of (L395075). One unidentified plane flew low over the Cutigliano area, supposedly on a reconnaissance mission.

(16 January 1945): At 160010A the upper Bailey bridge at Bagni di Lucca was bombed by the Germans although only one bomb was effective, that exploding in a nearby building. One patrol, which began its route at Ontoni (370968) at 0515A, ran into the first major fire fight for the Regiment. Upon being halted at a bend in the road, the enemy opened fire; our patrol replied. An attempt to use a machine gun by the Germans failed when the weapon jammed. Flares followed. When an alarm system went off, Lt. Parr, with Sgt. Gacco and a Partisan guide advised the patrol to take cover. Contact was lost between these three men in front and the rest of the patrol element. The main party returning thereafter to Ontoni. In the fire fight, it

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was believed one enemy had been hit by a BAR burst. The lieutenant and Sergeant returning later.

(17 January 1945): The front on the 17th was relatively quiet. At nightfall on the 15th Patrol #332 had closed in on the enemy Ospodeletta (L291074). In an ensuing fire fight, an attached Partisan was wounded and evacuated. The route both going and coming was arduous, passable only on foot.

(18 January 1945): Routine patrols were sent out on the 18th from the front line units to establish contact and reconnoiter new routes of approach to the enemy positions. In the C.F. at Campo Tizzoro, plans were laid for the movement of the 85th Infantry elements to the front line areas.

(19 January 1945): At 1800A on the 19th of January Patrol 355 from Company "L" moved out of Ponte Sestatore (L3906) to La Collachi (L373086) as planned. On the 20th at Q245A, approximately 500 yards northwest of Piansinatico, small arms and automatic weapons opened up on the patrol, pinning it down. Friendly artillery silenced sporadic attempt by enemy mortars to dislodge the patrol. However, an intense machine pistol firing by what was estimated as an enemy platoon made forward movement impossible. A critique of the patrol action concluded that the enemy was prepared for the contact. The weather meanwhile had become much warmer. Slush and heavy clogging snow made movement all the more difficult.

(20 January 1945): Considerable enemy firing on the morning

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of the 20th occurred along the ridge at La Serra. At 0305A, Companies "G" and "F"'s outposts reported machine gun fire. This action was probably part of the Patrol #355 engagement (see paragraph number 1 of 19 January, 1945).

(21 January 1945): The next day patrols from Companies "C" and "G" of the 86th observed enemy outposts and checked possible approaches. No action was forthcoming. On this day Capt. Pfenelzer, S-2 officer for the 86th, decided to send a long patrol deep into enemy territory to discover enemy movement in the Mt. Spigolino area and to see if there were adequate approach routes for strengths up to a reinforced company. The nature of the terrain and the extent of the route limited the five men in equipment and rations. Lt. Traynor, in charge of the patrol, and the four skiers with him accomplished the three-day mission successfully despite the poor weather and treacherous terrain.

(22 January 1945): Out at 2030A on the 21st, a patrol from Company "F" ran into heavy enemy fire, and were forced to withdraw after having suffered two probable casualties and one missing. The remainder of the patrol reported in at 0230A on the 22nd.

Also on this day, the 3rd platoon of Company "F" of the 85th relieved the 3rd platoon of Company "K" of the 86th. Company "E" of the 85th began the road patrol duties between Bagni di Luca and La Lima on highway 12. Company "B" of the 85th opened its CP at Compe Tizzoro (496992) at 1200A and took over the Reconnaissance Company of the 894th TD Battalion the

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duties of CP security.

(23 January 1945): On the 23rd Colonel Barlow was directed by Corps to alert the 1st Battalion of the 85th at 1430A for possible counter-thrusts in the Serchio Valley sector, when and if the Germans started any large-scale operations.

In patrol action during the later part of the day, 2 deserters from Mt. Belvedere were taken. It was this reconnaissance action by our patrols that proved of invaluable aid in future offensives of the Division.

(24 January 1945): As of 0700A Capt. Marburg of the 85th phoned in to the effect that the fighting in Querciola had cost Company "L", 1 killed, 3 wounded, and 1 missing. (see paragraph 1, 19 January 1945). Our own patrol action later in the day was hampered by trail conditions and the presence of heavy clouds, which limited visibility to a matter of yards.

A regimental outpost for the 85th was established on the 24th at 1500 in the Monte Pegatesi (L27200275) area.

(25 January 1945): An early morning patrol to the La Serra area located an enemy pillbox at (37950850). A short distance away tall-tale smoke located an occupied enemy strongpoint. With a base of fire and a maneuvering element, the patrol closed in on the pillbox. Automatic weapons fire prevented forcing of breaches. Mortar and 88 concentrations, mounting for 35 minutes severely taxed the control of the unit. However, despite the stress of the harrassing artillery fire, the men conducted themselves in excellent manner.

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Also early in the morning, the Germans struck out against a strongpoint in the Company "L" sector of the 86th defense line. Largely because of the heroic action of individual soldiers, this threat was eliminated. (for individual decorations in above two actions, see "Citations").

(26 January 1945): Most notable of patrol clashes which took place on the 26th of January was that of Company "C" of the 85th. Under Capt. Smith, with nine other officers and 133 enlisted men in all, the unit engaged the Germans in a house fight at Rimesa (290070). This was the first actual contact with the enemy that the 85th had made. The casualties included 1 killed and 1 wounded as opposed to enemy losses of 1 killed and 4 taken prisoner. These PW's were likewise the first to be taken by the Regiment. Other patrol action was merely of routine nature.

(27 January 1945): Heavy rain plus rugged terrain prevented patrols from gaining their objectives and observing enemy installations on the 27th. However, an enemy patrol of 11 men was spotted northeast of Ospedaletto at 281100A.

Meanwhile the 85th completed plans for the reinforcement of Vidiciatico and Cutigliano sectors and submitted them for the consideration of General Duff, still acting commander, of 1F 45.

(28 January 1945): On the 28th of January, Division Artillery units moved into their supporting positions on this day.

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At 0500A the 616FA Battalion established its CP at Cutigliano. Battery "A" was at (L4040585) with Battery "B" at (L40800510). 804th units began to move into Lizzano. The Division Artillery Headquarters were opened at Campo Tizzoro along with the C.P.'s of other special units operating in conjunction with the three infantry regiments.

Enemy artillery was limited to 7 rounds of 88mm in two vicinities (L493144) and (L510150). Patrols observed small numbers of enemy, operating mainly on skis. To give a picture of the problems of this patrolling, here is printed a direct quote from a message from Patrol #603. "Very high wind. Visibility poor early in morning to DOGANNAECUA;... Snow knee to waist deep. Could not see Mt. Spigolino. Had to dig foot-holds from DOGANNAECUA to timber (L419088). Snow soft and dry and knee deep....Crampons and ice axes needed badly. Cleaning and clearing of weapons necessary quite often. Need protection of scabbards....Carbines of doubtful use."

The 3rd Battalion of the 85th relieved the 2nd Battalion of the 86th CUTIGLIANO (408065) and opened a rear CP in LA LIA this day also. The MP platoon at this time took over from Company "E" the responsibility of securing the Route 12 section. Another casualty occurred in the 85th on the 28th when an outpost shot a member of a friendly patrol.

(29 January 1945): At 1310A on the 29th of January, Generals Hays and Duff left to make a tour of the 86th C.P. area.

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This check was made to insure that arrangements for the relief of the unit had been sufficiently ironed out. Meanwhile the 10th Mountain Anti-Tank Battalion had opened their C.P. at VILLA MARCELLI (L491885) at 1400A. Company "B", 10th Mountain QM Battalion opened a C.P. at MARESCA (L477007) while Company "D", opened a C.P. at Campo Tizzoro as of 1830A.

Enemy shelling continued periodically causing no damage. Patrols detached from units found little in the way of enemy activity, although possible enemy locations were plotted. One PW was taken during the day, having deserted back in September.

(30 January 1945): During this entire period the effective strength of the Division remained at a 99% level, with the combat efficiency level rated as "excellent".

In the early morning hours, the C.P. at Campo Tizzoro was alerted. A report had been submitted to the effect that a large enemy patrol had penetrated in the vicinity. Precautionary measures were instituted and a checking of the report was immediately initiated. A clearance was made of the alert approximately three hours later. An explanation was afforded in that one of the 516th FA Bn. men had spotted some enemy. Upon dispatching a platoon to investigate, the enemy fled, and contact was lost.

Patrolling became more active along the sector on the 30th. One patrol sent on an observation mission near

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FIANSINATICO came under automatic weapons firing about 0930A. Fire from a house at (L381086 - approx.) was silenced, and an enemy believed killed. Then mortar and arty fire began to drop around the patrol. The positions no longer tenable, the patrol withdrew, with nine missing, five of which later came through the lines safely. The most successful patrol of the day was under the jurisdiction of Company "C" of the 85th. The raid to be successful, demanded that the element of surprise be on the patrol's side. Cutting steps in the snow, the patrol climbed steadily over the hardcrusted snow to RIMESSA (L292084). High Explosive fire from the Battalion Headquarters Cannon Platoon gave adequate supporting fire. Heavy artillery from the enemy then started to enter the area. The patrol withdrew, but only after having taken six prisoners of war, members of the San Marco Marine Division, 3rd Bn, 12th Company.

On the less successful side of the picture for that day, a 22 man patrol from the 3rd Battalion of the 85th went on a mission to LA-SERRA (L374084) to capture prisoners. Before the mission could be completed, enemy cross-fire and automatic weapons fire at 300930A had split the patrol and caught nine of the men in the patrol, five of the men being from Company "L" and four from Company "I". One German officer was killed in the engagement. Enemy artillery fire put 15 rounds of undetermined caliber in area (L492140) and 15 rounds of 88 at

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(L291084) against our patrol operating in the ALPE TRE POTENZE area.

(31 January 1945):

Contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Convention, 9 Medical Corps men, wearing Red Cross helmets and bearing the Red Cross brassard were fired upon at 31130A on the LA LIMA PIANSINATICO road. As a result of this automatic weapons fire, they were unable to get into the field and aid a wounded soldier. Other patrols sent out routine observations.

Attempts to lay ambush for the enemy were unsuccessful.

1 February 1945: At 1500 on the 1st of February the 87th was given movement orders, whereby units of the 3rd Battalion and Regimental Headquarters prepared for immediate evacuation of VILLA COLLI. It was arranged that one platoon from each battalion of the 87th would be attached to front line battalions of 85th and 86th in order to carry on operational patrolling during relief. All movements were to be made under cover of darkness; and detrucking points to be observed are as established in FC 6 (Annex). Thus to perform the exchange smoothly, the details had been drawn.

Enemy artillery consisted of 29 scattered rounds, at (L3014) and (L3700). In addition shells containing German propaganda leaflets were sent over into area (L3906).

Patrols sent to MELO, RIVORETA, and adjacent areas made no enemy contact. Contact with friendly troops was established by other patrols during the day, and the reconnaissance of

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trails continued.

Meanwhile partisan reports, joined with what information the Italian prisoners were letting out, gave the picture of the enemy disposition and weapon potential at Fiumalbo and area (L320156).

2 February 1945): The strength in numbers of men of the division at this time was 13054 EM and Officers. More propaganda from the Germans was shelled over into our areas. Also 8 rounds of Heavy Explosive Percussion fire fell at 021000A about (L409068), 26 rounds of this percussion fire landed in the O.P. area of a battalion of the 85th.

Patrol action continued; but on a lesser scale. One reason for that was the crusty nature of the snow, which emitted too much noise and would not support a man's weight. As always the patrolling was modified by the terrain. In the instance of Patrol #463 "Relaying of men with rifles was necessary in several places on route."

PW interrogations revealed, as was later confirmed, that Route 12 was clear and could be used. Further positions of enemy installations, notably machine gun bunkers were confirmed after having been designated by the PW's (Italian) (3 February 1945): For the location of troops at this particular time, note the overlay accompanying the G-3 Periodic Report of 3 February, No. 160. The 110th Signal Company had closed at Campo Tizzoro at 021600A, and the 710th Ordnance

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Company at 021850A. The following companies of the 126th Engineer Battalion had also closed in as follows: Company "B", 021100A at (L265970); Company "C", 021930A at (L454013); and Company "D", 021100A at (L412011). The completion of the 86th's relief by the 87th had by this time been effected, the exception of the 2nd Battalion of the 86th in the vicinity of Cutigliano. This battalion had scheduled a raid for the night of 3 - 4 February.

In patrol activities, the enemy was seen digging in, at (L4210). In other patrols the persistence of loud explosions, this day seven in number, in the area around ALP TRE FOTENZE was noted.

(4 February 1945): The raid, designed on the 2nd of February to the end of capturing German prisoners and destroying enemy installations at PIANSINATICO (L3808), jumped off at 040120A from Ontano. The strength of the party was one reinforced company and two tanks. Lt. Hanes platoon of Company "K", 85th Regiment, arrived on top of LA SERRA (L377083) at 040830A. Meanwhile artillery fire had been ordered as a feeler. Enemy fire replied from undetermined positions. Upon the enemy's using their mortars, the 81's attached to the raiding party swung into action and neutralized the German sections. By 0959A all the units were ready to move down off the ridges into PIANSINATICO. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire slowed the movement against the German emplacements. Captain Cooper, in

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in command of the attack, ordered a withdrawal for maneuvering. Upon determining the unfeasibility of a flank attack, he ordered a general withdrawal from the raid at 1330A. Friendly casualties numbered 2 killed and 7 wounded. These wounded were successfully evacuated through difficult terrain by the attached medical personnel. No enemy PW's were taken.

The 2nd Battalion of the 86th, prior to relief by the 1st battalion of the 87th, was unsuccessful in its raid on the LA SEKRA area, in that the flanking elements of our troops were brought under cutting enemy fire from the flanks. This fire from higher ground and strong emplacements made progress virtually impossible without endangering a rearguard action.

(5 February 1945): Upon withdrawing the units of the 2nd battalion of the 86th were relieved by the 87th. The exchange of foxholes was made without incident. The relief in the SEBASTIAONE area immediately met with the enemy. At 0457A, the morning of the 5th, an outpost in the Company "B" defense line detected an enemy patrol and opened fire when his challenge went unanswered. One man from the enemy patrol was hit and taken prisoner in the morning.

In compensation for the lack of prisoners and materials of the day previous, the 2nd Battalion of the 86th took off on another raid at 042100A, returning at 051200A. The first

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signs of the enemy were noted at a series of bunkers at (L432095) at 0750A. The position was assaulted at 0820A. In the brief action, 2 Germans were taken prisoners, 2 killed, and 2 more believed killed. In materials 1 LMG '42 and 3 rifles were captured. This attack did not cost our troops any losses in men or equipment. (See Special Annex #2, The Raid on Mt. Spigolino) Other patrols ranged the sides of the mountains and banks of the rivers and streams in search of enemy and enemy strongholds. Very few established contact with the enemy.

During this period the Artillery Battalions were firing around 200 rounds a day. For example, on the 5th of February, the 605th Field Artillery Battalion fired 5 missions against predesignated targets. In particular, at 051545A, howitzers opened up against an enemy OP at (L375989). The effectiveness of that mission is measured by the fact that the entire personnel of the OP were routed and forced to take cover to the rear of the impact area.

(6 February 1945): The 3rd Battalion of the 85th having been properly relieved without incident, the relieved elements went by truck to PRUNETTA. Patrols, planned the previous day, were considerably curtailed in the extent of reconnaissance by the severity of dry weather and the difficulties of the terrain as a result. For this reason a proposed raid to ALPE TRE POTRAZE had to be called off.

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Artillery fired during the day was primarily of a harrassing nature.

(7 February 1945): During the night of 6 - 7 February relief elements in the SESTAINONE outposts demonstrated the advantages of a well-knit defense system in repulsing an enemy attack. (See Special Annexes #1). Company "F" elements at LA LIA and CALIGI were pulled out and replaced by Company "K" of the 87th. As of this day replacements for the regiments were being procured and sent forward. The 604th fired 235 rounds in a destructive mission while the 605th fired 60 rounds in support of outpost emplacements. To ascertain the tenability of frontline positions, General Eys and General Duff went from Headquarters forward.

One patrol to ROCCA CORNETA (L501168) received heavy machine gun fire, which was quickly silenced as our mortars registered in on the positions. Our patrols found out the locations of enemy fields of fire in the sector. On the 7th Brig. General George P. Hays was promoted to the rank of Major General.

(8 February 1945): An engineer patrol to (L520180) at CROGICA uncovered an enemy mine belt laid across the Corona road. Another partially exposed mine field was observed running westward. In answer to German barrages with leaflets of our positions, Division Artillery directed that some FWE material be lobbed over at the enemy. During the 8th of



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February 89 rounds of enemy artillery landed in various areas of the frontline sectors. Patrols sent out on the night of the 7th and morning of the 8th spotted numerous individual enemy moving about just behind known enemy positions. In particular a patrol to PIAN SINATICO observed Germans shuttling between houses and bunker positions.

(9 February 1945): At 090220A a friendly patrol knocked out 2 enemy machine gun positions at (L500167). Using only small arms fire and bazookas, the patrol called upon the defenders to surrender. The Germans refused. Thereupon the patrol wiped out the emplacements, netting four to six dead enemy. One of our men was wounded, but was safely evacuated. Four of the other patrols sent out could not establish contact.

Company "G" of the 85th, relieving Company "K" of the 87th at (L377045) during the 9th, broke down part of the unit so as to cover the LA LIMA sector also.

Prior to visiting the Division Headquarters, Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, commander of the Fifth Army, accompanied by Major General Willis D. Crittenger, IV Corps visited the C.P. of the 85th between 1510A and 1525A. He then went on to Campo Tizzoro, where he addressed the officers of the Division who could be present.

(10 February 1945): Coordinating firing with air observation, field artillery batteries silenced an enemy battery located at (L52461895) between 1015-1040A by a direct hit on two of the guns. While other missions were fired at spot enemy tar-

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Cets, such as machine gun nests and places of billet, inaccuracy of coordinates and poor observation negated in some instances favorable results.

Company "B" of the 85th, with a party of 2 officers and 81 enlisted men left on the 9th of February for a raid and returned at 101330A. Positions from which the attack was to be launched were occupied by 100800A at BORRO AL FOSSO (L285085). A maneuvering element of one squad's strength swung around to the northwest side. The actual assault was made with protecting fire from two 60mm mortars and one LMG. The exchange of fire began at 100907A. The results in enemy personnel: 1 killed, 11 surrendered, and 3 escaped; enemy materials: 2 Model '42 MG and 3 Luger 38 pistols plus 15,000 rounds of ammunition, which were duly destroyed. No casualties were suffered by the raiding party. The success of this raid depended in no small part upon the lessons learned from the successful attack on the 4th of the month.

(11 February 1945): The artillery opened the morning's action with 4 harrassing missions on PIANSINATICO (L3808). The effects of the 12 rounds expended was not observed. The 616th Field Artillery Battalion also fired 6 harrassing missions in the Abetone sector. To round out the friendly artillery firing for the 11th, the 604th and 605th fired two destructive missions, a total of 45 rounds. The enemy shell-

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ing of VIDICIATICO (L500144), directed missions, a total of 45 rounds. The enemy shelling of VIDICIATICO (L500144), directed against the Bailey bridge there, caused little damage. Wire blown out by other German shellin in the area of (L403068) at 111410A was speedily replaced by additional laterals, and communications established between units again.

The first patrol to report back in during the 11th had struck out cross-country. Upon hearing fire in PRADA FOLLA (L509175), the patrol established an all-around defense at (L517174) before continuing the mission. The patrol withdrew and reported back at 0100A. A second patrol which had gone out on the night of the 10th for observation purposes spotted lights at QUERGIA(382078). A light snow covered the trails. Because of limited visibility the patrol returned at 110300A. Other patrols out that morning discovered a few isolated enemy moving materials about as if in preparation of defenses.

(12 February 1945): Monday, 12 February, the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 85th Regiment executed a Regimental Field Exercise east of GAVINANA in preparation for the eventual assault on Mt. BELVEDERE and GORGOLESCO. The battalions were trucked from BAGNI DI LUCCA and PRUNETTA to take the initial objective of the exercise, MT. REGIANO (L4601).

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A reconnaissance party from the 3rd Battalion of the 88th was released to visit the Brazilian sector as of 0700A on the 12th. On the front line the 3rd Battalion of the 87th moved into CUTIGLIARO and opened a C.P. at 0430A. The 1st Battalion meanwhile opened its new C.P. at 122130A in the area (L443015).

A propaganda broadcast by two partisans in the sector of the 3rd Battalion, 87th Mountain Infantry (L394082), entreated the garrison at PIANSINATICO to surrender by the following evening. Three PW's had previously been taken at 120830A, all from the SAN MARCO MARINES.

Units stationed in the rear areas in the vicinity of Campo Tizzoro had been receiving training in the firing of their weapons. Plans were being made by the 12th for the forward displacement at a future date of the Division Command Post, in conjunction with the "Encore Plan".

Patrols during the 12th were primarily concerned with route reconnaissance. A patrol to PRACCHI (L275059) discovered 350 rounds of 50mm ammunition abandoned and a series of machine gun emplacements unoccupied at (L368089). Flares were noted by one patrol at 2030A and an hour later as coming from the area (L379083). An enemy patrol of 8 men penetrated our lines at 122030A. In an ensuing fire fight, it was believed 2 enemy were hit. Our troops suffered no casualties.

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in the exchange.

(13 February 1945): About 60 rounds of enemy artillery, all of unknown caliber, landed in the sector (L511163) and adjacent squares during the early morning hours of the 13th. No damage was reported as having occurred within the impact area. Other enemy activity consisted of a 5 man patrol at O315A returning at (L395068), believed to have come for the purpose of evacuating the dead of the previous patrol.

The two battalions of the 85th which participated in the Regimental Field Exercise mentioned above returned to parent control and resumed positions as designated by Division Control. Our patrols sent out on the 13th made no enemy contact, although the Germans were discovered digging at (L286087). One patrol out between 1229A and 1915A observed mortar and 37mm fire at (L373077). At 1650, the patrol came upon a dead American, unidentifiable because of the lack of dog tags. Weather made more extensive observation of enemy activities impossible. Our artillery fire, despite these conditions, was effective in spot firing.

(14 February 1945): Plans for the movement of units continued, and with these plans the units were primarily preoccupied. Preparations were made to move the Division Command Post to a forward position. In the afternoon the first elements of the advance C.P. left CAMPO TIZZORO for LIZZARO. From the day's reconnaissance, information as to the dis-

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placements of guns on the reverse slope of MT. BELVEDERE was compiled, although poor visibility prevented detailed reports.

In way of friendly patrol action during the 14th, one assault platoon, having been briefed, moved on to its objective at 140430A. By 0629A the platoon ran into an ambush, from which it received machine gun fire delivered from positions on the reverse slope of the ridge. Mortars located at (L501175) began to harass the group and pinned it down. A second assault platoon, coordinating its movement with the original group, received similar German fire until forced to withdraw. During the action the 605th F.A. Battalion used 1495 rounds as counter-battery. Two of our men were wounded. Meanwhile enemy positions on BUIO were neutralized.

Other patrol activity failed to uncover information not previously recorded. An enemy patrol approached the Company "L" sector in the 87th area at 2025A. Outposts, sensing the probe, opened fire. The Germans immediately took cover and eventually withdrew.

#### PREPARATIONS FOR THE ATTACK

(15 February 1945): On the 15th of February, Field Order Number 9 of Task Force 45 was published to give that data necessary for the forthcoming operations against the enemy in the MT. BELVEDERE sector. (For exact information see F.O.'s and Adm. O's). Paragraph 2 of the Field Order states:

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"10th Mt. Division will attack on D to seize, occupy, organize, and defend the MT. BELVEDERE - MT. DELLA TORRACCIA ridge, prepare for action to the northeast. D and H to be announced." There was the outline of the Division mission - its first major engagement with the enemy.

The enemy disposition in the sector to be attacked ran from the PIZZO DI CAMPIANO ridge over to MT. SPIGOLINO ridge (L4817 to L4309) to CASTELNUOVO (L6622). The estimated strength holding this area was four battalions of the 232nd Division. The artillery disposition of the enemy was centered in MONTESE (L5524). Our reconnaissance, of such value in planning the subsequent operations, had further indicated that the total number of guns capable of being brought to bear upon our proposed route of attack was 83. In reserve the enemy held 4 battalions of varying strengths. In previous operations on the slopes of MT. BELVEDERE the Germans had shown considerable power in repulsing local action. Further well remembered were three previous unsuccessful Allied attacks against the same objectives. Therefore, in the operations' intelligence annexes the probability of a strong defense and counterattacks at any time were emphasized. In previous encounters with this enemy it was evidenced that though the percentage of young men was limited, the defense potential of the German organizations was fairly high. (For further information concerning the enemy

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situation, see P.O.'s and Adm. O.'s Annex).

In considering the terrain features, the SILLA - MT. BELV-DEKE sector in general afforded the enemy the advantage of strategic heights, affording excellent observation and points of fire. In this region the routes of communication were to prove most difficult in that they would have to follow either steep trails or pass along roads used by heavy vehicles. Snow was to be taken into account - a slowing feature to motorized elements. Further, the nature of many of the gullies and draws, sharp and sudden, rendered tanks and heavy vehicles useless. Fields of fire and possible areas of observation were numerous and well scattered for the attacking units.

The tactical effect of this terrain made the capture of the CERIASICCIA-CAPPEL BUSO RIDGE highly advantageous since thereby the friendly units could have better observation for the future development of the attack and deprive the enemy of key ridges. As in most mountain warfare, the elements holding the ridge lines and dug in on the top and crests of the mountain were to have the advantage tactically. Surprise would be extremely difficult to obtain. In this respect, good camouflage and the careful movement of troops under cover of nightfall became much more important.

Since little major action had occurred in the MT. BEL-DEKE region since last November, it was expected that an intricate system of mine fields would have been developed

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by the enemy in preparation for any attacks. North of MARCIOLA probable mine fields ranged along the passable trails, covering thereby all logical routes of approach. North of BAGGIO-MONTANO were located heavy mine fields, in the Brazilian line of attack.

The assignment of the field artillery followed the disposition of the Division. The 604th FA Battalion was assigned to the 85th Mt. Infantry, the 605th FA Battalion to the 86th Mt. Infantry, and the 616th FA Battalion to the 87th Mt. Infantry. Each of these battalions was to support on D-1 its respective regiment and prepare to move into previously reconnoitered positions upon development of the attack. Air observation for each battalion was to be as continuous and accurate as possible under what weather conditions would develop. (For further artillery data see Annex No. 4 to F.O. Number 9, F.O. and Adm. O's Annex). Meanwhile the 894th TD Co. was broken down into platoons and attached to sectors most likely to receive counterattacks.

The missions of the engineer and signal units were also outlined. Their problems of maintenance of the axes of communication and transportation prior to and during the actual attack would be the most formidable task. The Anti-tank and reconnaissance troops were to prepare for the relief of the 86th Mountain Infantry on the MT MARCIBELLO - PIZZO DI CAMPIA.O ridge, and thereby defend the Division (West) flank.

The disposition of the Command Posts was as follows: C.P. for the Division was to be established in Lizzano in BELVEDERE at (L517128). The Division Artillery C.P. was to be located in the same area. For the 85th Mt. Infantry the location at Trail Junction 635 (51801515) was to serve as the C.P. The 86th Mt. Infantry was to be located at (L4830-1417) while the 87th Mt. Infantry would locate its C.P. at (L520138). Therefore, running in a line from west to east in an inverted cup design, the regiments were arranged in this order: The 86th Mt. Infantry maintaining contact with the Task Force 45; the 87th Mt. Infantry bearing the initial burden of attack on MT BELVEDERE; the 85th Mt. Infantry, coordinating with the 87th in the D-day operations and carrying the brunt; and the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry maintaining contact with the Brazilian Expeditionary Forces to the right and securing, until further action proved it unfeasible, the right (East flank) of the 10th Mountain Division.

The Command Post movements completed on the 15th of February, followed those instructions indicated in the preliminaries for F.O. 9. The 3rd Battalion, 473rd Infantry relieved the 85th Mt. Infantry at BAGNI DI LUCCA (L259970) by 2340A. Other elements of the 473rd Infantry relieved the 85th Mt. Infantry near CALIGI, MARESCA, and ORSIGNA. The 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mt. Infantry was likewise

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relieved at CUTIGLIANO. Division Artillery moved headquarters from CAMPO TIZZORO (L4999) and opened at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE (L5112) by 1200A. Other movements included Battery "A" of the 1125 Armored FA Battalion to VIDICIATICO, be attached to the 10th Mountain Division.

Patrols probing the enemy lines made careful note of trails and lines of approach to enemy positions. Air reconnaissance during the day concentrated on gathering as much information as possible concerning enemy dispositions and emplacements.

(16 February 1945): During the 16th of February, patrols remained active, although there was no contact with the enemy. Flank contact with friendly troops was established by the patrols assigned to this particular mission.

Company "F" of the 86th Mt. Infantry closed at VIDICIATICO at 2200A, without incident relieving the 2nd Battalion, 87th Mt. Infantry. In the areas preparations were made for the assumption of new positions prior to the actual disposition for attack. A letter of instructions was issued so as to coordinate the movements of the various troop units to the new areas. In general the 86th was to effect the relief of the 2nd BCF elements west of GAGGIO-MONTANO (L552137) before the 18th. One rifle company from this organization was to relieve the 1st BCF north of SARACCA (L526139) the night of the 16th. This unit detrucked at MONZONE and marched in mud

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to this position. Half of the personnel of the Division Headquarters moved under cover of darkness to LIZZANO in BELVEDERE.

(17 February 1945): At 0600A on the 17th of February, the 10th Mountain Division was detached from the Task Force 45 and assumed the assigned mission in and responsibility for that part of present TF 45 sector east of a line running through the following coordinates: (L510950) - (L510990) - (L540020) - (L440105) - (L440185). (Roughly passing from CAPUGNANO on the right flank to LIZZANO in BELVEDERE on to PZO DELLA IVA on the left). Further the 37th Quartermaster War Dog Platoon was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, along with the battery "A", 1125 Armored Battalion, previously noted.

Enemy artillery began to fall in the VIDICIATICO area, but caused no casualties. In the 87th sector, 6 88mm shells fell at (L501156) at 1625A causing one injury. 6 more rounds fell at (L499159) at 1650A and killed two of our troops. Our own artillery fired 42 rounds of harassing fire, directed at the enemy mess hall area.

Movements made during the night by the 86th Mt. Infantry proceeded as scheduled without mishap. Early in the day at 1100A, the 10th Reconnaissance Troops closed at PARADISO (L494-877). End Battalion, 86th Mt. Infantry closed MAD DEL ACERA (L480115) at 2400A. The 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mt Infantry

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closed in at 2245A, while the Regimental Command Post closed at 1800A.

The remainder of Division Headquarters moved up to LIZZANO earlier in the evening. Patrol activity was somewhat curtailed as a result of the poor weather. Rain and heavy fog made observation practically impossible during the evening's operations. The temperature at this time was not below freezing.

(18 February, 1945): At 0600A on the 18th of February the new 10th Mountain Division Command Post at LIZZANO (L518129) in BELVEDERE began operation. The 86th Mt. Infantry elements completed their closing in to new positions during the early hours. The 3rd Battalion moved into IL PALAZZO (L544143) at 0230A. Ten minutes later the 1st Battalion had closed in at FARRE (L481152). In the 87th the 1st Battalion closed VIDICIATICO (L501139) at 0445A. The attached 84th Chemical Battalion had located its C.P. at LIZZANO (L518128). The 701st Tank Destroyer, Company "A", attached to the 10th Mountain Division moved into VIDICIATICO (L503139). The 1st Tank Battalion, situated in CASTELUCCIO (L543116), was designated as support for the 10th Mountain Division. Disposition of the 85th Mountain Infantry was as follows: The Regimental C.P. at LE FRESCARE (L483141); 1st Battalion C.P. at FARRE (L480151); 2nd Battalion C.P. at TORBAIANO (L475141); and the 3rd Battalion C.P. at IL PALAZZO (L542-

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The picture of attack, on a regimental basis, resolved the main brunt upon the shoulders of the 85th Mountain Infantry, the spearhead of a Corps effort. The 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry was to take the west ridge and thereby implement the attack of the main elements. The attack of MT. BELVEDERE itself was to be made by the 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry, while the 1st Battalion to the east attacked MT. GUGLIUSCO. The 2nd Battalion was to follow the 1st Battalion and eventually maneuver to take up the attack of MT. DELLA TORRETTA.

A change to the original P.O. 9 (Annex no. 6 section of this history) was to be effected on the night of the 18th. The zone of action of the 3rd Battalion, 86th Mountain Infantry, was to include objective "M" at MAZZANCANA (L552183). This position would be held until the relief by the 1st BEF could be brought about most easily. Coordination with the adjacent units became of utmost importance to make the relief commensurable with the original plans.

The movements prior to the attack on D-1 of immediate objectives by primary elements was effected without mishap, and according to the plans last decided upon.

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ATTACK - M. BELVEDERE - M. DELLA TORRACCIA

(19 February 1945): During the night of 18 - 19 February, the attack MT. MANGINELLO, (L457134) and PIZZO DI CAMPIANO ridge (L482172) was launched by the 86th Mountain Infantry. To make possible the difficult ascent of the face in front of the defended ridge, expert rock climbers of the 1st battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry climbed the rocks for 1500 feet and fixed ropes for the use of the units as they approached and proceeded to the attack. The skill with which this operation was effected enabled our troops to have the element of surprise. Preparatory shelling of enemy positions began approximately one hour previous to the jump-off time in order to make certain of register. The I & R Platoon, with outposts well in front of the L.D. handed in all negative reports.

Company "A", under the leadership of Captain Meidner and minus one platoon, moved out of their assembly area (L519136) at 181945, to cross the river. All parts of the company were across the river by 2245A (L57121). The movement then was in a westerly direction towards MT. MANGINELLO, up the ropes secured by midnight, and on to the company objective on D-1. The haze which hung over the lower regions proved of considerable value in the attack. The objective was reached at 190300A. By 190544A the detached platoon of Company "A" had occupied its

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objective at PIZZO DI CAMPIANO (L482172).

Captain Seigman's Company "B", left its assembly area (L475159) at 181930A, and headed NW to MT. CAPPEL BUSO (L475159). At 0027A the assault platoon of the company was on its objective, while the 2nd. platoon maneuvered to advance upon the ridge line. 400 yds. S of BUSO, Company "B", met with small arms and MG fire, combined with scattered mortar fire. The fire fight on the summit of BUSO continued intermittently until the concentrated fire of our troops dislodged the enemy. The objective was occupied by Company "B" by 0210A.

Company "A", under Captain McClure left its assembly area (L474166) at 181930A. Its route was especially arduous. Moving NW towards its objective, SERRASICOLA (L468147), Company "C" advance platoon reached its objective by 0210A. The company became established on this objective at 190508A, after along tedious climb up the rock face. Company "F", of the 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, cleared the ravine in the route of attack by 0015A on the 19th, crossed the river and made its way up the ridge. Company "F", made contact with Company "A" along the line of the objective by 0337A. The entire Company closed at CRINGIO BARE (L452127) at 0337A. Knife edges between peaks made contact especially difficult. The ridge line was firmly secured by 0600A.

The result of this action on the part of the 1st Bn. of the 86th Mt Inf. plus the attached Company "F" under Captain Rideout was to secure successfully and with considerable tactical skill the MT MANGINE ello-PIZZO DI CAMPIANO ridge. The chief problem throughout the attack had been one of logistics.



In terms of enemy captured or killed, the score ran as follows: Killed: By Company "A", 9 enemy 4 by patrol action; Company "C" - 7. Company "F" - 4; Captured: By Company "A" - 11, Company "C" - 3 in the SERRA area, Company "F", - 1 PW in BIACHETTI.

In the afternoon, the expected counterattacks developed. One attack of 30 to 40 men occurred in the Company "C" area at SERRASICCIA (L4615) at 1440A. With accurate artillery fire from one battery of 605 FA Battalion and infantry fire, the initial counterthrust was repulsed. The men then came back with their hands up, feigning surrender. When close to our lines, they dropped and began firing again. Despite this recourse to such tactics, the Germans were driven off with heavy casualties. A second attack on D-1 was launched by the enemy against the PIZZO DI CAPIANO sector. The small arms fire plus the artillery barrage called for eliminated the threat by 2230A. Patrol actions on the enemy's part were cut down by the aggressiveness of our own patrols in engaging and pursuing any remnants of enemy in the newly occupied areas. The main casualties of our troops came from the accurate German counterartillery.

During the morning of the 19th, the detached platoon of Company "A", began the first part of an action for which every man was to receive recognition. The ascent to PIZZO DI CAPIANO, which ridge was to be held at all costs by the

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platoon, had been tricky and dangerous. Lt. Loose, in command, and his men turned German counterattacks into offensives of their own. By 1000A Jerry artillery was registering on their positions. As darkness came, the Germans renewed their attacks and continued to hammer the thin line of defense of the strategic height all night. Prior to losing communications with the Battalion to the rear, the platoon called for artillery fire in an effort to repel the attack. Our artillery immediately started close in firing and blasted the Germans off the slopes of the cone. By morning on the 20th the platoon had accounted for 26 Germans killed and 7 captured and countless wounded. Isolated and low in ammunition the men held on until reinforcements finally came on the 21st, led by the Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel Hampton.

The supply problem for this part of the operations proved most difficult. Using a combination of mules and weasels and packboards, the S-4 personnel kept the urgent materials and rations flowing up the precipitous trails. Company "B" of the 10th Mountain ~~QM~~ Battalion, assigned originally to the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry as porters, soon took over assorted jobs and proved of invaluable assistance in maintaining the attack.

All the Division Artillery began the prelude barrage for the main attack at approximately 2130A, registering, prior to

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the actual barrages prescheduled to coordinate with the attacks of the respective elements of the front echelons.

The operation was divided originally into alphabetical phases, which in turn were subdivided into numerical phase lines. Phase 1. included objectives A, B, C, D, K. Phase 2. included E, F, G, L. The third phase line had as its single objective, H. The final objective of Phase A operations was objective H, LA DELLA TORRACCIA.

The LD for the attack ran from GRECCHIA, approximately, in the southeast, northwest to QUERCIOLO and on in a northerly loop to IL PALAZZO, following the road nets.

(20 February 1945): At 192300A the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 85th Mt. Infantry had pushed across the line of departure and were committed to the frontal action. On the same hour the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 87th Mt. Infantry had crossed the LD and had started towards the objective. The 3rd Battalion was to be held in reserve by order of IV Corps. The attack to take MT. SALVEDARE and prepare for further action to the North and Northeast in accordance with Field Order Number 9 had been launched. The weather was proving much more favorable as time passed. Thus far in the operations the organizations had displayed well-coordinated movements and thorough preparations for the action to take place on D-day. The left flank had been secured by the 88th Mountain Infantry. The forces ranged

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along the ridge began in the southwest corner with Company "E", and a platoon of the "A" Company at LE PIAGGE; then passing northeastward to Company "C", "D" and the rest of Company "A" as an anchor at the end of the defense line located at PIZZO DI CAMPIANO. These units were composed by the 2nd Bn. of the 1044. Guns were put in position (L499151) in order to offer support to the 87th Mt Inf at 200015A, as that unit started attacking across the valley floor up from the Dargogna river.

The 87th Mt Inf was committed to the center sector of the action, and had as its line of approach the west(left) flank of MT. BELVERDE. Company "B" ran into resistance about 800 yds short of the LD, bazooka men were too excited to use proper fighting measures. At 0030A, this unit was forced to use hand grenades to dislodge the enemy in order to proceed on in the direction of the objective, the ridge just S of VALPIANO. To the left of Company "B", Company "C" was slowed down in its initial advances by the presence of enemy mines. These mines had been uncovered by the melting snow during the 19th. The 2nd Bn Under Lt Col. Nations had occupied BU10 the night of the 18th. From this point that Bn was to move through mine fields to take the enemy by surprise. "G" company just W (left) of CORONA had advanced 300 yds. beyond the LD without resistance by 0100A. Meanwhile Company "H", which had been held up by enemy small arms fire and automatic weapons fire, had beaten off attempted counterattacks with considerable success. Harassing fire from enemy MG positions 200 yards

S of the peak of MT. BELVEDERE was firing in a southerly direction against the troops advancing across from the W flank. At 0140A enemy mortars dropped a dozen rounds on Company "E" East of CORONA as they were preparing to join in the advance. The situation for the 87th Mt Inf on the W flank of BELVEDERE, as of 0210A, runs as follows: Company "B" was still held up by mortar fire short of the LD. Company "C" was, at that time 360 yds from the LD cutting through barbed wire, located the night before by patrolling, in a drive on their left objective, (FBO DELLA POLLA). Company "E" was ranged 200 yds S of POLLA (west of CORONA) exposed to enemy fire from higher positions at POLLA, 4 partisans had been killed. Company "E" to the SW was approaching FBO DELLA POLLA (objective "A").

Passing along from left to right in the sectors of action, the 85th Mt Inf at 20030A had progressed in the attack successfully, countering whatever attempts the enemy made to disrupt the development. The 3rd Bn. reached the right side of MT. BELVEDERE without meeting any formidable resistance. From the advance assembly area, at 0130A, the units split to hit the peak; then all hell broke loose: raged along the eastern slope, just N of S. FILOMENA; the Bn. ran into heavy small arms fire; but did not allow this harrassing fire to slow the advance. With small envelopment maneuvers, the units moved on, taking prisoners on the way. Enemy employment of "burn" gas likewise did not materially affect the advance of the elements. At 0210A Company "I"

was held up for the first time by enemy mine fields and fire from above. Going around the West side of MT BELVEDERE Company "L" ran into intense mortar fire. Company "K" pushed around to the East. Lt. Colonel Wooley's 1st Bn had been slowed down by the enemy mines. Re-considering of the routes of advance had been impossible in consideration of maintaining security. Had the enemy been alerted he could have shifted his defenses and upset the attack. Most of the casualties were incurred in this approach before daylight. By 0315A Company "B" was only 400 yds from its objective, MT GORGOLIESCO. Fifteen minutes later Company "C" of the 88th Mt Inf was pinned down by fire at (L523173). To relieve Company "C" of this fire, Company "B" swung around and cut down into enemy positions from (L533172).

On the extreme right flank of the Division the 3rd Bn of the 88th Mt Inf was encountering mortar fire at (L533172) at 0240A. By 0345A the 88th Mt. Inf had taken objective "A", SAN PILOMBA, of the first phase, and prepared positions in a defensive sense in anticipation of phase 2.

Moving through the positions of the 87th Mt Inf once again, Company "B" of the Regt. was suffering heavy casualties as artillery was raining them to the ground, SE of CORONA, which had been bypassed originally. In addition the enemy was pouring grazing fire down on them from MT BELVEDERE. By merit of Company "C" taking CORONA, occupied by 39 Germans, shortly thereafter, "B" and "C" were able to bypass the main position around CORONA and established their main line directly W of MT BELVEDERE. The fact that each individual had been ordered to proceed to the objective in case of severe resistance made possible the breaking down of the stalemate, Company "A" was following in their

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wake. Meanwhile the 2nd bn was finding no contact. By 0530A, the units of that battalion were wheeling into position. At 0600A, objective "B", VALIANA, fell to the 1st battalion. An half hour later, however, they were pinned down by heavy mortar fire.

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fire. The attached 816th FA Battalion could not locate the positions from which this fire was coming. The situation thereupon became static.

The 8th Mt. Infantry, to the east, was attacking final objectives. All available jeeps and wassels were requested for evacuation of the wounded. Company "L" ~~was~~ <sup>WAS DRIVING AGAINST</sup> objective "C", MT BELVEDERE, at 0330A. Company "I", was on top by 0410A with Company "K". The battalion was "on top" by 0610A. Heavy artillery fire from the northeast made the seizure much more difficult to hold. In Company "L", all but 2 men in the machine gun platoon had been casualties in this assault. In the 1st battalion, Company "B" had been stopped, but men were filtering through towards the objective while Company "C" assumed an assault position, near the top of hill 1118 waiting for better light. The 1st battalion was on their objective "D" <sup>(HILLS 1118 AND 1125)</sup> at 0700A, but could not hold unless a counterbarrage were started to limit strong enemy fire opposing them. At the same time, the 3rd Battalion, ranged along the ridge was being subjected to heavy fire from the reverse side. By 1000A the 3rd Battalion, however, was dug in along the ridge running from MT BELVEDERE to MT GORGOLESCO. Counterattacks during the day were all repulsed and then dispersed. Harassing fire became especially heavy at 212200A.

At 0830 in the morning of the 20th, Company "F" of the 26th Mt. Infantry was called away from LE PIAGGE to rejoin the



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battalion from which it had been drawn. Original plans for the 86th Mt. Infantry as regarded objectives were disregarded because of the complete envelopment of the position in the process of the attack. <sup>THE</sup> Company "C" attack at 1300A was completely successful an half hour later. Along the left flank ridge, Company "A" platoon at CAMPIANO had killed 20 enemy, as a result of constant fire fights between 192000A and 201800A. By 1430A Companies "L" and "K" of the 3rd Battalion were moving forward on the extreme right flank from (L550182). By 1500A objective "L" (~~XXXXXXXXXX~~) **RONCHIDS DI SOPRA AND DI SOTTO** had been secured, and mopping up operations were being completed. By 2000 the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry was being relieved by the Brazilian units.

In the 87th Mt. Infantry sector on the left side of MT. BELVEDERE order came to move back Company "G" to combine with Company "F". Once these two units were properly arranged, they would attack C. FLORIO. This attack took objective "A" at 201030A. Casualties between 200001A - 200900A: 85 Mt. Infantry 75 - 100; 86th Mt. Infantry - 1; 87th Mt. Infantry - 80. evacuations during the period from 200001A to 201330A; from the 85th Mt. Infantry - 34; from the 87th Mt. Infantry - 32; from the 86th Mt. Infantry - 4; and from the 616th FA Battalion - 3 men. In all 93 men were successfully evacuated during the period.

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Tanks and tank destroyers were forced to stop at 1100A on the 20th at Querciola because of the mines on the road. At 1230 on the road at (L521172) one tank was lost when it hit a mine. A weapons carrier and bull dozer also blocked the road. Later two other tanks were lost when they became dismantled off the trail. The rugged nature of the terrain and the poor conditions of the trails which the vehicles were trying to follow accounted for the lack of movement. <sup>ON THE M-29'S</sup> thrown tracks became standard occurrences.

The offensive actions to take place during the daylight hours of the 20th fell mainly to the lot of the 85th Mt. Infantry. Company "A" was ready to jump off against objective "E" (hill 1088) at 0730A, Company "C" following. However, German mortar fire a half hour later held up any attacking elements. Company "B", the reserve company, had been hit by enemy machine gun fire and shaken rather severely. Spreading out, the two advance companies moved over the intermediary ridges. Company "A", then overran Hill 1088, capturing the objective as of 200900A.

At this time, the commander of the 85th Mt. Infantry directed that the 2nd Battalion, which had been following the advance, move on through the 1st Battalion in the objective "E" area in preparation for further action to the northeast, as planned in advance. By noon the 2nd Battalion advance.

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through frontline units was slowed down. Two hours later Company "A", was engaged in a fierce battle between the two objectives, "E" and "F". By 1800A CAPP LA DI ROGHIDUS had fallen to the attackers. Simultaneously, though after much sporadic movement, the 2nd Battalion passed through the 1st and began the relief of the spearhead elements.

The 3rd Battalion, consolidating positions on the ridge between BELVEDERE AND GORGOLESCO had dug in their guns and sighted in fields of fire. A request to move at darkness would mean abandoning these advantages, both for the relieving units and for their new positions. Thereupon, it was decided that one company of the 1st Battalion of the 87th Mt. Infantry would move into the saddle between regimental sectors, and begin the relief the following morning.

Prisoners taken during the period prior to 2100A including 194 men exclusive of those evacuated through medical channels.

AIR OPERATIONS on the 20th, D-day. On the air front the missions effected against the enemy were generally divided into two categories. The Rover Joe missions were briefed in the air as they approached sector. Successful missions were made over territory held by the enemy close to our advance elements. Preplanned serial operations were briefed at the 5th Army field prior to taking off for missions 15 miles

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beyond our advance elements. Extra targets not preplanned came as a result of diversionary missions. Rover Joe flew ten missions during the day against mortars and artillery positions. Of preplanned missions there were 15, and 14 other missions. Four missions against CP locations and 13 missions against guns displaced immediately behind the enemy were generally effective. The 85th Mt. Infantry was helped by air support especially. Three loads, however, were dropped too close to our troop positions, although no damage was noticeable. These difficulties were ironed out after the operations.

(21 February 1945): To the right of the secured ridges held by the 86th Mt. Infantry, the 87th Mt. Infantry was successful in repelling all counterattacks launched at them by the enemy during the early hours of morning on the 21st. Company "C" of the regiment was attacked by 80 men at 0700A. This attack was beaten off without incurring any friendly casualties, and after accounting for 25 enemy dead. To the right of the 87th Mt. Infantry, the 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry, supported by accurate artillery from the 604th FA Battalion broke up an attack launched by the enemy at 0006A from (L553198). In that battalion sector Company "G" was receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire from the hill ABOVE <sup>N</sup> MAZZACANA, just north of objective "L" taken by the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry. This terrain in which

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this unit was operating was especially rugged and well-defended. Combined with this topographical disadvantage was the increasing resistance of the enemy and the continual counterattacks launched by the Germans from superior fire positions. This heavy opposition inflicted medium casualties, among whom were the commanding officer and heavy weapons officer of the 2nd Battalion, 85th Mt. Infantry. The executive officer of the battalion took over the command. To the right flank of the 85th Mt. Infantry, the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry was approaching in order to support this 2nd battalion in their position. At 0930A this battalion of the 86th Mt.

Infantry **WAS MOVING OUT OF** MAZZARANA, ~~just north of the ridge~~  
**AT 201500A**  
~~was~~, taken previously/by the same unit.

As of the morning of the 21st of February the attack development was proceeding as originally conceived. Enemy opposition was limited because of the rapid development of the attack. Further our troops had the element of surprise entirely; for the enemy had been caught off balance despite his well-defended ridge positions. On the left, in our attack, the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry had held firm against counterattacks both protecting the 87th Mt. Infantry advance and securing the flank of the division. The strong point of ROCCA CORNETA, just northeast of this ridge, had been left unattacked although subjected to continual

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artillery and aerial bombardment from our forces. The 87th Lt. Infantry was ranged along the reverse slope of MT BELVEDERE through POLLA to a point ~~at~~ <sup>AT</sup> VALPIANO, and on to the peak of BELVEDERE. From there the line ran northeast to TORGOGLASCO. The 85th MT Infantry shared in the defense and consolidation of this ridge line in addition to hill 1088 and CAPPILA DI RONCHIDOS. Using this line as a springboard, the 85th Lt. Infantry began the attack on the final two objectives of Phase "A" - Objective "G" (Hill 1018), taken <sup>2100</sup> ~~2100~~ A, and objective "H" (MT DELLA TORRACCIA). In this attack Company "G" was at the point. Meanwhile to the east (right) the ~~85th~~ took hill 875 in order to swing back and take their operational objective of M. CASTELLO. Enemy movement seen during the operations consisted of ~~GERMANS~~ <sup>GERMANS</sup> pulling out north of the B&F sector while other fresh troops (741st Regiment from the Adriatic) moved down the roads leading to the 85th flank northwest area.

Lt. Col. Stone, commander of the 2nd Battalion of the 85th, reported at 210745A that 5 German counterattacks had been broken up during night, but not without friendly casualties. The enemy meanwhile was only 25 yards in front of this, the most forward organization in the Division attack line. Company "I", in Lt. Col. Scholor's 3rd Battalion, moved along the ridge to Colonel Barlow for orders on consol-

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identifying newly won positions. As the day progressed, Col. Stone called in to notify Headquarters that his battalion was out of ammunition, food and water. Relief or replacements in men were needed in order to pursue the attack. Division thereupon made arrangements for the procurement and transport of urgently needed supplies; and Lt. Col. Surge of G-4 went immediately to the 85th Mt. Infantry Headquarters. Disposed in a column of companies, the 2nd Battalion hung on in the vicinity of CAPP LA DI KORCHIDOS. Companies "A" and "B" were moving towards Objective "F" area in accordance with Col. Barlow's instructions. However, General Hays called from Division to deter these two companies to defend Objective "E". Company "L" meantime was to move around these defenses and fill the gap between Objectives "E" and "F" and dig in on Hill 1029. Col Stone's 2nd Battalion, though hard hit by the German artillery, prepared to move out, unassisted against the final objective.

Generals Clark, Truscott and Crittenberger, U. from Army and Corps to view the operations, expressed their congratulations on the development thus far of the operations, and also stressed the threat to the enemy constituted by this development.

Artillery observers were especially alert at this time to any movements that the Germans might make.

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At 211345A a patrol on the right flank from the 1st battalion, 86th Mt. Infantry started for the enemy positions. German artillery observers picked up their line of approach and zeroed in on them. When the eight men reached the saddle between BUSO and CAMPIANO, shells wiped out the entire patrol, 2 killed and 6 wounded. Later by 1500A the sector along the entire ridge flank defenses were quiet. The 2nd Battalion was to be the Corps reserve, held in the vicinity of VIBICIATICO.

German mortar fire on the 87th Mt. Infantry defensive positions became extremely accurate during the day, and accounted for eight casualties. Artillery support against this fire was limited because of the poor communications. The explanation of this condition lay in the fact that mines and German mortar fire were disrupting the axes of communications. Strong enemy patrol action was launched against (L518183), (L511180) and (L511175). One enemy patrol to the CORONA area took a prisoner from Company "I". In retaliation, a friendly patrol surrounded the house in which the Germans had sought refuge. 35 enemy surrendered, and the Company "I" man was retaken. That evening counterattacks were anticipated in the VALPIANO sector.

To the east, the 85th Mt. Infantry was digging in as per the directive of the Commanding General. Meanwhile the 2nd Battalion was to move on to Objectives "G" and "H" as stated

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above. At 2000A the 2nd Battalion of the 85th was reported as on MT. TORRACCIA. This report was in error; for the next morning the position was determined as 400 yards short. Preparation for further action and defensive organization on these new positions became the main task for the night and early hours of the 22nd of February. At 211720A information was received at Division Headquarters that the Brazilians had taken their objective at MOUNT CASTELLO. This made contact between the 2nd Battalion, 85th Mt. Infantry, the 3rd of the 86th, and the 1st of the 87th possible to the end of routing any enemy counter measures launched in this sector.

Aerial activity during the 21st consisted of 21 Rover job missions, mainly against enemy artillery and 88mm guns which were being used to shell our new locations. Of the pre-planned missions there were five against gun positions in enemy territory while six others were flown against enemy positions. Fires were started in many buildings as a result of bombing and strafing. Three other missions were completed against spot gun targets with considerable success.

The weather throughout the operations was excellent, with no sign of cloudiness or heavy winds in the near future. The tanks which were able to navigate the rugged terrain were dug in along with tank Destroyer units in preparation against

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counterattacks along the ridge at (L545188) to (L536178). In all there were 4 tanks on top of MT BELVEDERE by 212300A. (22 February 1945): While organizations throughout the division were beating off local counterattacks and preparing against future major operations, the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry was relieved of its position along the ridge on the left flank by the 10th Anti Tank Battalion and the 10th reconnaissance troops at 220705A. Artillery observers were especially alert to spotting the movements no matter how small, or enemy in front of our lines.

W-3 at 0820 called the 85th to insure that proper measures were taken to organize, occupy and defend the areas so far seized. Another step that was instigated was the clearing of BOSSO DEL BALANDRONE to contact the BEF. The boundary between the 85 and 87th was established at SASSO DELLA UCA (L524192). Contact all along the front was built up between units by 1200A on Washington's birthday.

The enemy launched a 70-man strong counterattack against the AT positions on CAMPIANO. The threat as of 1100A was soon averted. Elements of the 86th still left on the ridge were signed over to the 10th AT commander in order to give added support to that important defense line.

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into the 22nd daylight hours. The 2nd Battalion of the 85th, suffering by far the highest percentage of casualties, approached the southern slopes of DELLA TORRACCIA. There the forward elements were pinned down once again by intense enemy automatic weapons fire. In attempts to maneuver against the enemy, a 600 yard gap developed between the 2nd and 3rd Battalions. This gap was quickly filled by elements of the 3rd Battalion, following up the advance of the spearhead. By 1700A Lt. Col Stone had only 400 men left and was low on ammunition, machine, guns, radios, and water. In accordance with this information, the 2nd Battalion was ordered to hold, consolidate, and prepare to receive new supplies.

Our artillery throughout the day supported the infantry units in checking any counterattacks. Further, they placed enemy barrages on enemy assembly areas. All this fire was generally effective. When enemy artillery began registering **SOUTHWEST OF** Objective "H", Corps Artillery attached to the Division immediately concentrated on a counterbarrage which effectively silenced the enemy shelling.

As of 221200A the front line positions of the Division ran from (L559203), southwest to M. GORGOLESCO (L533178); then northwest to VALPIARA (L517184), southwest once again to RIZZO DI CAMPIANO (L483173) and south to M. MARCIRELLO (L436184).

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MOCCA CORRETA, at one time an enemy stronghold, but made untenable for the enemy by our hill positions to both flanks was occupied, and defenses installed at 222100A by 27 Partisans and one man from the 67th, 2nd Battalion.

The weather held and made aerial work much more effective. 13 missions were flown by Rover Joe in attacks on priority targets, 4 of these missions caused fires and drove away the enemy from their locations. The ground report: "Excellent show". Four preplanned flights by 5th Army aircraft made strikes against enemy buildings, while two other missions strafed buildings, especially in the PAVULLO area.

(23 February 1945): During the night and early morning, with guards double around positions, units awaited Kraut counter-attacks. Such attacks failed to develop before 0600A in the strength anticipated. The breathing spell thus granted was used to coordinate defenses. Plans for eight patrols were laid - the main point of which would be to establish contact with adjacent units and reconnoiter enemy positions to the immediate front. Double apron fences were ordered by the Commanding General to cover completely the front. Heavy communications wire was to be installed in order to lessen the chance that enemy artillery would disrupt the phone lines. Artillery observers were alert to any enemy movements, ready

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to concentrate their guns on any formations spotted.

The actual consolidation of units on the southern slopes of MT DELLA TORRACCIA was still taking place at noon on the 23 rd. Most of the 2nd Battalion of the 85th was drawn up on the near slope of LE GROTTE, with the enemy still clinging to the northern slope of Hill 1083. An advance up the last ridge in front of TORRACCIA was met by heavy fire from about 20 enemy. The Battalion reserve was committed. It was this holding action on the part of the enemy that had been construed to constitute a counterattack back at Division Headquarters. Hill 1083 was unconquered. Company "F" was bearing the brunt of the attack, while Company "G" had been recalled from their forward position and put in the rear of the battalion.

In connection with this movement on the northeast, the Assistant Division Commander informed the 86th Commander that the 3rd Battalion which had been moving up behind the 2nd Bn. of the 85th while in contact with the BEF would then move through the 2nd Battalion, 85th, and prepare for an attack on the morning of the 24th. Company "L" of that battalion would replace Company "G" in the battalion reserve. Company "I" would then move through Company "G" position with Company "K" following. Prior to the pulling out of Company "E" and "F", the new reserve would locate itself on Hill 1027. Heavy

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THE BRIGADES HAD TAKEN I.T. 55000

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weapons supporting from 1036. The attack was scheduled for 040700A. ~~Air support, however, could not be put over the area until 0710.~~

The disposition of our troops along the front on the 23rd: Starting on the left or west flank, at MT. MANCINELLO one platoon of the 10th AT was holding the flank anchor point. Almost directly north of them along the ridge was Company "B" of the 10th Anti-Tank. To their right was the 10th Reconnaissance Troops about a company strong. Passing around the ridge perimeter defense was Company "A" of the Anti-Tank Battalion, with a platoon of Company "B", 86th Mt. Infantry (to be relieved on the morning of the 24th) holding PIZZO DI CAMPIANO. Down the ridge and in ROCCA CORNETA were the Partisans with Company "E" of the 87th immediately to their rear, on the first slopes of the left side of MT BELVEDERE. To their right flank Company "F" of the 87th was emplaced. Between this Company and Company "K" of the 87th was Company "G", whose main elements remained in a semi-rear position on the reverse slope. Company "K" and Company "I", of the 3rd Bn., 87th held the left (west) side of a triangle, the apex of which was at VALFIARO. Company "L" lay in the middle of this sector as immediate reserve. On the right side of the triangle, ranged in positions affording good observation and fields of

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of fire were Company "B" and Company "C". To their east and on the right flank of the 27th sector, Company "A" was digging in defensive positions. Defending MT GORGOLESCO were Company "A" and "B" of the 85th Mt. Infantry. To the right of these two companies and in a northeasterly direction was Company "C". Holding Hill 1053 was Company "I" of the 85th. Company "L", continuing the slant to the northeast, was preparing an area to cover Hill 1027. Company "G" of the 2nd Battalion, along with other units of Colonel Stone's Battalion was forming the spearhead in the direction to Bologna. These units were to be relieved from their positions short of M.T. DELLA TORRACCIA by the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mt. Infantry. This was the easternmost line of the troops of the 10th Mountain Division. To the right of the Division positions were located the Brazilian Expeditionary Forces, working their way up from MT CASTELLO, AND LA SERRA

During the night of the 23 - 24 February the Brazilian troops had seized LA SERRA positions to the immediate east of our Objective "A", to be completely taken by the 3rd Bn, 86th Mt. Infantry the morning of the 24th. In this attack, therefore, a definite spearhead had been thrust into the side of the German mountain defenses. Positions overlooking German defenses on the road to Bologna were being seized. The

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enemy had been pushed off his anchor line. As reported, the 10th Mt. Division, with the aid of the BEF on the E flank were rolling back the enemy's flank before the approaches to BOLOGNA.

(24th February 1945): In the left and center sectors the early morning hours of the 24th were relatively quiet. Our artillery in accordance with the orders of General Hays was replying whenever the German artillery opened up. Except for these barrages and their counter barrages, the activity was limited. But during this time the necessary supplies could be allocated to the units; food, ammunition, fuel, whatever was most needed and where it was most needed. The anticipated counterattacks of the "Knauts" had not materialized except in local areas.

The attack of the 3th bn. of the 86th Mt. Inf. against Hill 1083, the last enemy strong hold on MT DELLA TORRACCIA, jumped off as scheduled at 04070 A. Air support, however, couldn't get over the area until 0715A. Company "I" on the right flank of the attack, took the objective at 0855A, being located then at (L53982932). Company "K" meanwhile had pushed past LE GROTTA (L555200). By 1430A Company "I" had occupied Hill 991, LE BORREY and Hill 983, and all adjacent spurs. Company "L" had one platoon in the FELLIGAR vicinity. The remainder of this Company was left in reserve. Company "K" secured the W side of Torracchia. Hill 1079 and LE GROTTA fell to the troops of Lt Colonel Hay at 1500A.

Using BCH #300", the artillery kept the shells pouring into some defenders, advancing just in front of our troops. The thorough strating of hedgerows in advance of actual attacks paid very definite dividends.



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By 1600A on the 24th the Germans had had time to recover from the loss of MT DELLA TORRACCIA and the ridges immediately north and northeast of the mountain; a counterattack was in order. Twenty minutes later the enemy opened up against the west flank, in Company "K"'s sector. At 1850A it appeared as if the thrust against our positions had been brought under control. However, before midnight, ~~some~~ more units of the MITTENWALD <sup>(SM)</sup> Bn. opposite the 3rd Battalion struck against our positions. "Artillery was everywhere" ~~according to the commander, Major General says.~~ After 2400A, however, the main enemy threat had been contained; the final objective had been secured and successfully defended.

The rest of the sector remained relatively quiet on a cloudless sky. A phone call from Colonel LaDue, IV Corps, ran as follows (1555A): "I called Army to tell them everything is set and they said to get ready for the next move. Go ahead and start planning for the next move, you know what the next line is. You will need an intermediate line. You have done a wonderful job. All eyes are on you. You are carrying the ball....."

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(25 February 1945): During the 25th of February, enemy activity slackened. Early in the afternoon, a small counterattack developed once again against the newly won positions of Company "K", 86th; but it was quickly dispersed with a concentration of artillery fire. Unfortunately the visibility was poor. Rover Joe, who the day before had so effectively raked enemy positions, was grounded. Thus, the Germans, free from constant aerial harrasing and observing, threw in heavier concentrations of artillery against our positions, especially on DELLA TORRACCIA. The remainder of the day was used in preparing in depth positions of possible defense. In this respect, wire entanglements were erected, and fields of fire adequate enough to offset any series of counterthrusts were immediately effected. As yet, however, the enemy had not made a serious try to regain the lost ground. If he failed to do so, within the next two days, this would be the first time in the long battle of Italy, that the Germans had not struck back with everything in an attempt to get back what <sup>THEY</sup> had lost.

During the operations, constituting Phase A in an assault against the Po Valley launched by the 10th Mountain Division, our casualties were 850 in number. Of this total 195 had been killed; 10 were missing; and the rest were wounded. The breakdown on enemy captured for the engagement, as of 0930 on the 25th ran as follows: 31 PW's taken from the 1st Battalion, 741st Reg't of the Germans; 35 from the 3rd Bn.; 12 from the 4th Mt. Bn.; 7 PW's from the 232 Artillery Bn.; 31 from the 232 Fusiliers Bn.; 66 from the 1st Bn., 1044th; 106 from

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the 2nd Bn., 1044th; 28 from the 3rd Bn., 1044th; 14 from Labor 1044th; and 2 PW's from the 2nd Bn., 1043rd Infantry Regiment. 38 other prisoners were unidentified, having passed through medical channels. This aggregate plus 16 taken on the 25th brought the total bag of enemy captured to 376 for the operations.

Commendation for the skill with which the 10th Mountain Division had accomplished its mission was forthcoming from all commanders. (Note in Special Annexes, letter of commendation to the men of the 10th Mountain Division from Major General George P. Hays.) Achieving at least tactical surprise, the Division swept through the operations in less time than anticipated. The main effort had fallen to the lot of the 85th Mountain Infantry. In a G-2 sense it was a peculiar situation with which the Division met. The enemy was hit just when he was making a normal relief. The 741st was coming into the line from the Adriatic. That the Germans were caught off balance and poorly oriented as to the terrain in which they were fighting was true and may have been said to weigh in our favor. However, the fact that a relief was under way gave him more troops with which to maneuver against our forces within shorter radius of critical points. Where Jerry lacked men, he struck with heavier artillery. The resistance which the Germans afforded throughout the operation was not so great as expected, although his local counterattacks were launched in strength.

During the BELVEDERE-TORRACCIA action, the artillery supported the advancing troops by continually pounding the enemy with

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time-fuse, time-on-target, and variable-time firing. The coordination necessary for time-on-target firing was maintained at all times by the fire direction centers of the batteries. So long as the coordination went right on down to the gunners, the effect remained that much more effective. In respect to VT fire, the Division Artillery for the first time employed this American innovation. The plastic-nosed shells, the magnetic field of which is activated upon by the proximity of any mass of material, raked the enemy in and out of his emplacements. In extremely steep terrain where the angle of slope in respect to the angle of flight became less acute, the effect of the burst, 45 feet in the air, shattered the insides of dugouts ranged along the contours. However, the problems of intercept and weather variables in such a situation conditioned its devastating results. Night firing of VT caught the Germans whenever they tried to move materials and men above ground. The constant combination of the three types of fire caused heavy enemy casualties in the attack and had the desired "softening-up" effect.

Towards nightfall, after a hazy day, considerable noise in the enemy sector was heard, indicating that movement either to the rear or forward was being made on an extensive scale. Further our intelligence reports indicated that the enemy was preparing positions to the immediate front, on the next mass of ridges. It was against these preparations that the day's artillery shelling was in large part directed.

Of tremendous effect in the attack was the use for the first time in the Mediterranean Theatre of the complete resources of air

power. Instead of mere oblique briefing from the ground, in which aerial observation is limited to the vision of the ground OF, a "horsefly" was used. This L-5 plane is briefed first by the ground OF. It then investigates the target under consideration from a vertical position. As the fighter planes approach, this L-5 briefs the pilots as to the exact location and nature of the target. Greater accuracy and more extensive observation are the rewards of such a system. Close-in operations by aircraft became thereby less hazardous to friendly troops. To effect such coordination between air and ground, the L-5 is equipped with a VHF radio, intercommunication on the ground being established by SCR-199 nets. Directing this part of the action, and working out of Division Headquarters was Major Walker of the G-3 staff. For his outstanding support he received the Bronze Star. (See Citations).

Attached to the Division for work during this attack were the 175th FA Bn., Battery "A" of the 1125th, Battery "A" of the 1127th, the 84th Cml Bn., the 701 Tank Destroyer Bn., (Company "A"), and the 37th QM War Dog Platoon. Of the Corps Troops the following units participated in the attack, coordinating closely with our movements and needs throughout: the entire 701 TD Bn., the 894th TD Bn., the 751st Tk. Bn., 1108 Engr. Construction Group, the 179 Chemical Signal Co., Battery "C" of the 360 AAA, IV Corps Artillery, the 5th Italian Pack QM Co., the 17th Italian Pack QM Co., and the 10th Italian QM Detachment.

(26 February 1945): Patrols sent out late on the night of the 25th, which came in during the early hours of the 26th of February established

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little contact with the enemy, although much rear action on the part of the Germans was detected by the reconnaissance of these patrols. One patrol, however, did run into heavy enemy resistance. Out at 252000A a patrol from the 1st Battalion of the 85th Infantry spotted some Germans. The patrol was then detected and fired upon. A withdrawal was effected with eye to a possible ambush of the enemy. Using burp guns and small arms, the Germans zeroed in on the patrol. Mortar fire and some tank fire was then let loose at the 85th men. However, when counter-barrage landed in the enemy emplacements, the fire ceased. The patrol meanwhile had withdrawn without casualties.

The 3rd Battalion, 85th Infantry, had secured the DELLA TORRE RACCIA northern slopes, but not without stiff opposition. A counterattack of battalion strength was launched against the newly taken ground; but it was effectively beaten off. Enemy shelling still remained intense though. In the engagement, approximately 40 enemy were taken. By 1000A, however, the shelling had died down.

The enemy meanwhile had resorted to covering the valley to the immediate front of the GORGOLESCO positions with mortar-lobbed smoke. Truck movements, combined with Partisan reports and civilians interrogations led the command to believe in two possibilities: 1) a regrouping of enemy forces, or 2) a withdrawal to a new defensive line.

Systematic artillery shelling during the day had kept the battalions busy with firing. The pattern was of such design as to cover all possible sources of enemy positions - billet or defense.

Reconnaissance units of the BEF meanwhile were beginning

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their tour of frontline positions in preparation for the relief to be effected. Some units, notably the 2nd Battalion of the 85th, had been withdrawn to Campo Tizzoro to rest and clean up.

Patrols later that evening and running into the 27th were mainly for observation and reconnaissance. The weather held good, making possible further Rover Joe coordination between air and ground. In that respect a revision of priority target designation and of G-3 liaison between air and infantry elements near the front was under consideration. On the 26th came the first public notification of the Division's action as such, and its presence in the theatre was released for newspaper coverage. No longer was it merely "mountain troops of the Fifth Army" - now it was "the 10th Division's mountaineers". (27 February 1945): For the 27th of February a little respite and rest for the men who had taken from Jerry what ~~some~~<sup>more</sup> previous attempts by other organizations had failed to do was in order. Reliefs were developed whereby units, muddy and tired, could get fresh clothes, food other than C rations, and rest in rear areas - all mixed with entertainment and a catch-up on the doings worldwide.

The center sector, to the north, reported considerable enemy activity throughout the day. In the 85th Infantry the 1st and 3rd Battalions continued to hold their positions, to consolidate their defenses along the ridge at MT. GORGOLESCO (L532178), and on the northeast to (L556196). The 86th remained split up. The 1st Battalion was in the vicinity of GABBA (L539157). The 2nd Battalion was still held as corps reserve, at VIDICIATICO (L501139). However, the 3rd Battalion was a little

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busier. Having brilliantly taken the DELLA TOBRACCIA region(L5520), the units were holding their perimeters. During the night when Rover Joe couldn't get at the Nazis guns and keep them quiet, the enemy artillery blasted the area. Their Command Post was located at (L557199). The 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 87th Regiment were relieved at 270330A and 262340A respectively. The 1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment of the BEF made this relief, moving as necessary through our sector into positions reconnoitered the day before. This relief was made without incident.

In way of retrospect on the past action, two more generals contributed to the credit forwarded to the men of the 10th Mountain Division. Lt. Gen. Mark Clark said: "You men have done a damn fine job." To this remark Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger added: "Four attempts have been made to take this high ground but you are the only ones who have held it for long. I have had thirty divisions in this corps and this is one of the best."

At 2220A on the 27th, the following message was sent to the commanding general of the Division from Lt. General Truscott: "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to forward to you the following message received from General McNarney: 'Please pass to General Hays and the men of the 10th Mountain Division my congratulations for the outstanding success of their initial offensive operations. This action has shown a high state of morale, leadership, and training, which gives me every confidence for the future successes of the 10th Mountain Division. Signed McNarney.' Let me add my own most sincere congratulations,



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both to you and to your splendid division for the magnificent manner in which you have accomplished your first mission."

Underneath this apparent relaxation ran the current of new activity. Another phase was being planned. On the 27th Field Order Number 1 was issued to coordinate the action to begin the first of the new month. Mission number 2 was on deck, ready to be executed. It was to constitute another thrust into valuable enemy territory, a step on the way to Bologna. (See F.O.'s and Adm. O.'s Annex). Casualties to 1900A on the 27th: 901 casualties of which 203 were killed, 12 missing, the rest wounded. Replacements brought in: 14 officers, 264 EM. Our PW score for the attack now added up to 404.

(28 February 1945): The 28th, the last day of February, was mainly crowded with the details of moving. In way of reliefs, the following were completed at the times indicated: The 1st Bn., 85th was relieved by the 2nd Bn., 1st BEF at (L530178) at MT. GORGOLESCO at 1200A. Earlier in the day at 0600A the 3rd Bn. was relieved by the 3rd Bn, 11th BEF to the right of the 1st Bn. The 1st Bn. of the 87th was relieved on their positions by the 3rd Bn. of the 1st BEF at 2800@5A. As reciprocity the 3rd Bn. of the 87th took the place of the 2nd Bn., BEF, and other elements located in the MT. CASTELLO area, just prior to midnight on the 27th. As a result of these movements, BEF units were ranged along our defensive positions from ROCCA CORNETA, along the northern slopes of MT. BELVEDERE, northeast across the MT. GORGOLESCO positions, and on to emplacements just short of Hill 1083 and the 3rd Battalion defenses on DELLA TORRACCIA. Because of this interweaving of divisions for the purposes of defense at present and future oper-

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ations, the 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry, BEF, had been placed under operational control as of 261800A.

In the afternoon the Division Command Post ceased functioning at LIZZANO-in-BELVEDERE as of 1700A. At the same hour the new Division CP began operation at GAGGIO-MONTANO(L551168). Likewise, as of 1701A, the Headquarters of the 10th Mountain Division Artillery closed at LIZZANO and opened at GAGGIO-MONTANO.

Meanwhile at 1525A word was received from Corps to the effect that the "operation postponed. Details tomorrow". This reference was made to Field Order No. 1 of the 27th.

Enemy operations during the day were concerned mainly with missions of artillery. Except for tactical concentrations against positions held by the 3rd Battalion, 86th Infantry, further German artillery was of harrassing type. Direct artillery attacks were, however, fired on our projected bridge sites in the MALANDRONE Draw.

The Division had come overseas; the day "when" had come and gone. It had been just patrolling for a long time. Yet, in this preliminary form of skirmish, the both had successfully overcome any quirks of training, had settled down to the task of beating the enemy at every turn. And then, near the end of February, the Division was assigned a tough mission, that of breaking the Nazis defensive line across BELVEDERE. The Mountaineers took the objectives like veterans; and virtually eliminated the anchor line of the enemy. The men had met the enemy, felt his strength, and discovered his weakness. A little rest and just plain thinking it over; and the Division was ready to git the enemy again. At the end of the month they were keyed once again for a major attack.

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( NUMBER OF DAYS IN EACH INFANTRY BATTALION IN POSITION NOTED BELOW)

	LINE	RESERVE	TRAINING	REST
1st Bn., 85th Mt Inf -	34	1	5	0
2nd Bn., 85th Mt. Inf -	6	24	5	5
3rd Bn., 85th Mt Inf -	21	1	18	0
1st Bn., 86th Mt Inf -	23	20	8	0
2nd Bn., 86th Mt Inf -	18	19	15	0
3rd Bn., 86th Mt Inf -	31	15	6	0
1st Bn., 87th Mt Inf -	16	11	15	0
2nd Bn., 87th Mt Inf -	25	2	15	0
3rd Bn., 87th Mt Inf -	13	13	16	0

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# SPECIAL-ANNEXES



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HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO 345, US Army

9 February 1945

The enemy held 15 buildings -  
... stone is used. Three  
... has been converted into firing  
... from firing his way into  
... from entering. From the win-  
... the occupants could cover by fire the approaches to the  
... and protect the outposts.

Four outward positions had been constructed. These were so located that they could give timely warning to the main position, and were still close enough to receive machine gun or rifle support from the buildings.

On the night of February 6-7, 1945, the second platoon occupied its night defense positions. This was the second night that this unit was to spend in line. The night before, it had repulsed a small patrol attack and had wounded and captured a German mountain trooper.

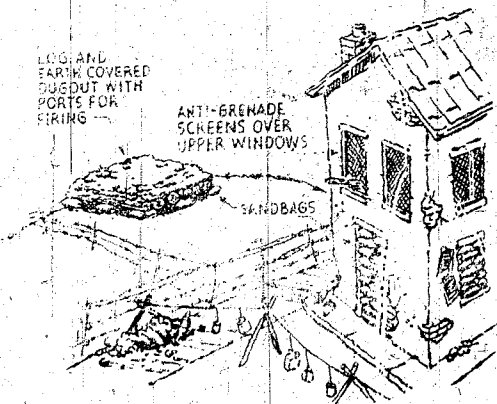
At about 2100 an outpost reported movement on the right flank. A few minutes later the enemy attacked. He had infiltrated into the town and assaulted the buildings with machine pistol fire and grenades. When a flare went up, 15 enemy could be observed on the ridge to the north. Others were between the buildings; an estimated 30 in all. At 2350, mortar and artillery fire was brought down along the front. The enemy retreated at 0045. There were no Americans wounded, but the following morning traces of blood on the road and in the snow indicated several German casualties.

Positions in the defense were mutually supporting. All outguards were manned before dark. No man moved from his location once the fight had begun. By courageously sticking to their guns, these men on their second day of combat effectively repulsed an attack and inflicted casualties on the enemy.

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TF 45, APO 464  
U. S. ARMY

10 February 1945

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RAID ON MT. SPIGOLINO

Force G commanded by Capt OTIS F. HALVERSON left VIZZANETTA (417053) at 042100A and the point squad reached the Eastern crest of MT. SPIGOLINO at approximately 050700A Feb without being observed. The leader of this squad, 2d Lt. HANNU E. TLESMAKI, reconnoitered the northern slope of MT. SPIGOLINO and found the known enemy positions to be in exactly the place expected.

The main body, under command of 2d Lt. JOHN B. CLAYTON formed a base of fire, which was in position as observed by 050750A. Security groups and LMG's were posted (sketch).

An enemy observer was noticed at Point C (sketch) and was fired upon. Fire was returned by the enemy, but friendly fire was so intense and accurate, that total enemy fire throughout the action consisted of 3 wild bursts of LMG fire, several inaccurate rifle shots, and one rifle grenade that exploded harmlessly about 50 yards to the left of the base of fire.

Rcn had disclosed that enemy position had dead space to his right front and an assault team composed of one officer and four enlisted men worked up a draw (sketch) to point near enemy position at about 050830A. In the meantime S/Sgt TROXEL crawled forward under cover of base of fire to a point about 30 y ards above Point A where he fired and threw grenades into enemy position. At this time enemy machine gunner in C attempted to raise up and fire. Converging fire by BAR's immediately blew the top of his head off and the assault group charged, finishing off the enemy at A with SMG's.

One enemy then walked out of dugout and surrendered. When ordered to "BRING YOUR BUDDY OUT" he returned and brought out the second prisoner. S/Sgt MURPHY, hearing sounds in the dugout, threw in two more grenades and the noise ceased. He entered but found nothing (At the PW cage, the 2 prisoners stated that 3 men had been killed at the position, indicating that the third dead was in a dark corner of the dugout).

The dead enemy was searched. Three rifles and 1 LMG 42 were taken from the position:

At this time an outguard (overly) noted 5 man ski patrol approaching (overly) and asked for a LMG. Before the LMG reached his position the patrol started to turn off to the South, increasing the range. The outguard opened fire hitting one man who went down, then picked himself up and started to withdraw. He fired again and believed the man fell again into a bush. At this time, the LMG came up and opened fire. Two men escaped, one other fell and did not move again (was observed for the next 20 minutes) and one other fixed a white cloth to his ski pole. He was motioned forward, and was about half way up to the group when he managed to jump behind a cornice and escape. At this time the group was forced to withdraw with balance of the force. (This paragraph and attached overly are approximate as none of the personnel concerned had maps.)

Entire force withdrew at 050920.

RESULT OF OPERATION:

Losses to enemy were two prisoners, 2 known enemy killed, 2 believed killed, and one possibly dead. 1 LMG 42 and 3 rifles captured. No casualty or loss of equipment to attackers.

FIELD ARTILLERY: None fired, but forward observer was prepared to deliver observed fire at all times.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

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- a. M-1 rifles were dry when taken out. It was found that occasional stoppages would occur after the weapon became heated by firing, and would sweat and freeze. It was advisable to "crack" the bolt occasionally to prevent this.
- b. BAR's were dry and functioned perfectly.
- c. SMG's were dry and functioned well.
- d. Rocket launchers functioned well but were ineffective. Of 23 rounds expended only 1 exploded. Firing was at extreme range (400 yds) and "wobble" of projectiles and poor angle of impact prevented detonation.
- e. Fragmentation grenade with adapter proved too short of range for effective fire and attacking force lacked booster charges. One effective air burst was fired by moving close to enemy position.
- f. Signal Communication - Arty SCR 609 and Inf SCR 300 were loud and clear at line of sight range of 3400 yards. Arty SCR 609 had difficulty keeping up during the climb.
- g. Partisan guides with the party proved valuable aides in maintaining direction, and in selecting routes.
- h. Am vests proved invaluable as they were much less tiring to carry than Am in belts. Long parkas proved tiring as they tend to bind the legs and also lacked pockets on the white side. The cap, pile, alpaca was much favored as it is less irritating than the cap wool, knit but can still be worn under the helmet. The crampons being made locally proved superior for present snow and ice conditions, except for the bindings which occasionally fail, and are very unsuitable when worn with shoepegs.
- i. It was found that gum-chewing cut coughing almost 100%.
- j. It was found that though this climate is bitterly cold at the halt, overheating starts rapidly and the absolute minimum of clothing must be worn at the start of a hard climb.

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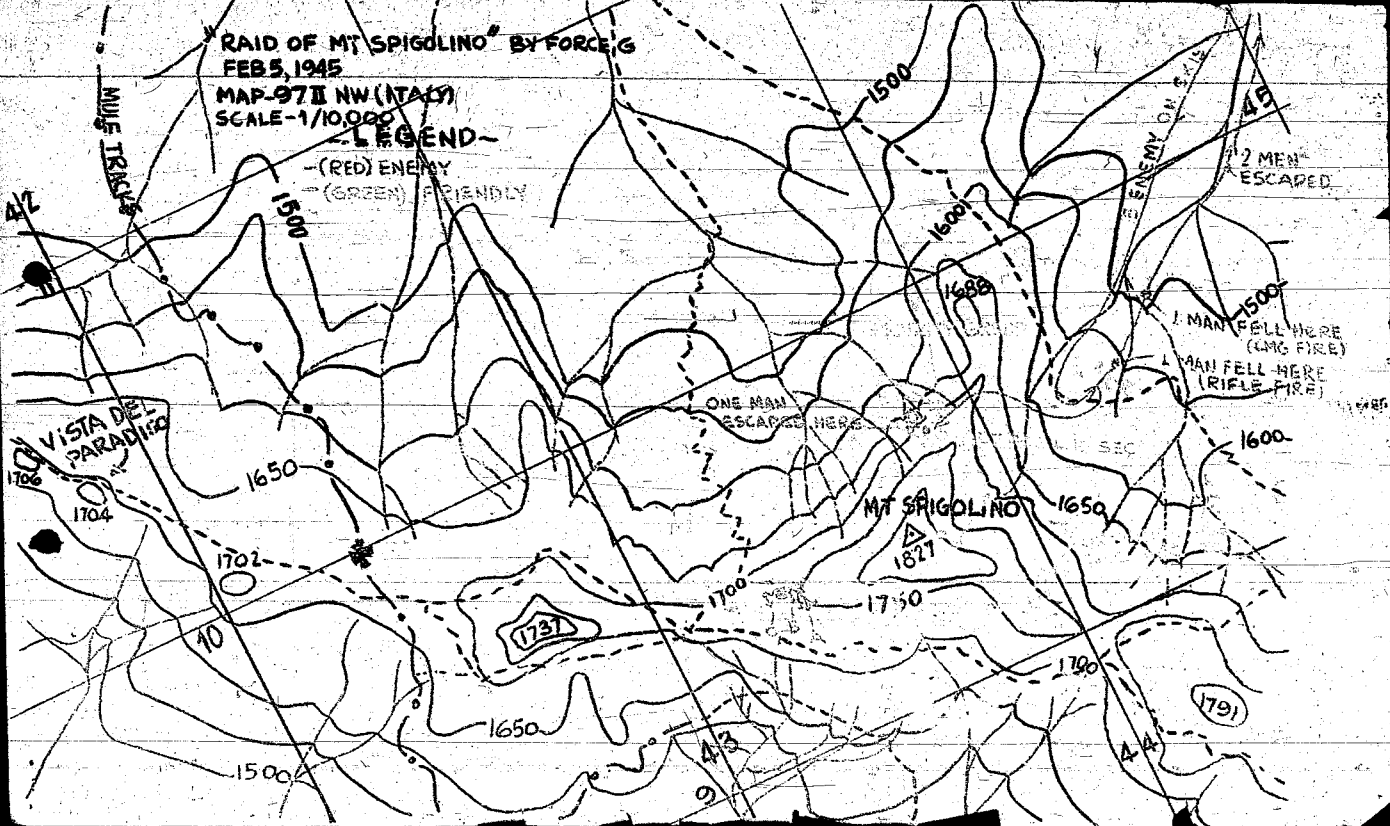
RAID OF MT SPIGOLINO BY FORCE G  
FEB 5, 1945

MAP 97 II NW (ITALY)

SCALE - 1/10,000

LEGEND

- (RED) ENERGY
- (GREEN) FRIENDLY





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Hq. 8550  
CAMPO TIZZORO, ITALY

Memo to S-2, 8550K

THE USE OF PARTISANS

1. Definition: Any person not belonging to a recognized military force who takes up arms against our enemy is designated "Partisan". Partisans normally operate behind enemy lines, sabotaging factories, destroying bridges, disrupting communications and inflicting casualties. Numerous bands of partisans are still operating in the mountains in this manner. Others have been passed through by our forces and are now located behind our own lines. These have been organized under the direction of OSS officers and are used to supplement our forces and to gather intelligence.

2. Methods of Fighting: Partisans are Italian patriots fighting to liberate their homes. They are unpaid, poorly armed, underfed and poorly clothed. Their methods of fighting are not similar to ours, as their life has often depended on their ability "to run away to live to fight another day". If our patrols with partisan guides are ambushed, partisans can not always be expected to remain and fight it out. For the penalty of capture for them is death. Generally, the partisan uses guerilla tactics, strikes in force where the enemy is weak, and retreats before the enemy can muster his forces.

3. Coordination and Liaison: When our troops contact the partisans, the problem of proper coordination and liaison arises. Partisan guides and patrols should initially be obtained through the OSS officer in your sector. As few partisans speak English, it is valuable to have an Italian speaking soldier in your patrol. It is essential that the partisans be treated as an ally if he is expected to continue his important work.

4. Use:

a. Partisans are now being used to hold portions of our front line. Generally, they occupy difficult terrain and prevent enemy patrols from penetrating our defenses.

b. Partisans have been used to conduct raids and have obtained numerous PW's. Due to their limited over-snow equipment, they are no longer able to conduct large scale raids in areas with deep snow.

c. Partisans have been used successfully as guides. Until a new unit becomes acquainted with the terrain, partisan guides are invaluable. They should generally be taken in pairs. The majority of our partisans are from this vicinity and are thoroughly familiar with the trails.

d. Partisans are also used to obtain information. They may be sent behind enemy lines to contact other partisans and to return with

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valuable intelligence. All partisan reports can not be accepted at full value, for, being underfed, the partisan is tempted to exaggerate to obtain a good meal.

5. Organization:

a. In this area there are several hundred active partisans. Each group has a partisan leader who is responsible for his men. This leader is responsible to the OSS detachment in his sector.

b. The OSS detachment is responsible for feeding, clothing, arming, and providing medical attention for the partisans. As funds are inadequate to accomplish this task, the partisans are usually cold and hungry. This condition is not the responsibility of the unit using the partisans, and no distribution of rations will be made.

c. Army personnel are not obliged to clothe or pay partisans. Giving them our uniform is prohibited. However, to prevent accidental killing, it is necessary that partisans, accompanying a patrol, be clothed in a uniform similar to the patrol. Some type of white clothing must be provided when our troops wear camouflage uniforms.

d. OSS headquarters are located at:

BAGNI di LUCCA	(2696)	Captain Sabatini
SAN MARCELLO	(4301)	Lieutenant Seidner
LIZZANO	(5112)	Captain Rovzer

Units assigned to this area will contact these headquarters for additional information, and will contact the officer named above prior to use of any partisans.

By command of General Hays

SPECIAL REPORT TELEPHONED BY KEYSTONE 2, 220230A, Feb., 1945.

EXCERPTS THEREFROM FOR HISTORICAL RECORDS ANNEX NO.

ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

The enemy can:

1. Defend along present front line, using main and local reserves for the purpose of counterattacking to restore positions lost, and for sealing off penetrations.

2. Stage one or more attacks, in up to Division strength, within 24 hours (from 212000A) for the purpose of regaining key terrain features.

3. Fight a delaying action along present front line, and on successive delaying positions in rear thereof.

DISCUSSION:

The enemy's main line of resistance in the M BELVEDERE - M TORRACCIA area has been pierced, and he has committed elements of his local reserves in attempts to stem our advances. He has not launched any large-scale coordinated counterattacks, but there are evidences that his efforts will be increased. The arrival of 741 Jaeger Regt (whose timely entrance is believed to be the result of a normal relief, since the unit left the Lake Commchio Area some seven days ago), and its immediate commitment in a counterattack role indicates the seriousness of our threat to the German main line defenses to the Po Valley. Phot int and ground reports reveal that the enemy's main defensive positions on the 8th Army front have been generally south of Bologna and that his defenses to the southwest of this city do not show an equal amount of strength. That our advance has passed through his crust of prepared positions on the above mentioned key feature is bound to cause him considerable anxiety, since we have an easier route to the Lucative Po Valley than that offered by up Highway 64....

If the enemy considers our advance to be dangerous enough to disrupt his plans for the eventual withdrawal from Italy, for such plans he must have, any of his units which are free may be diverted to this front.

CONCLUSIONS

Capability (2) is favored.

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By authority of  
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Initials: JJD  
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APO 464, U. S. ARMY  
CAMPO TIZZORO (496991)  
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MAPS: ITALY, scale - 1:50,000, GSGS, 4229 sheets 97-I, II, III; 98-III, IV.

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. Overlay.

2. The 85th Mt Inf is attached TF 45 upon arrival (Authority: VOOO, FIFTH ARMY and IV CORPS), and will occupy sectors indicated overlay, relieving one sector from the 86th Mt Inf.

3. a. 85th Mt Inf will occupy, patrol and be prepared to defend all of the Task Force 45 area except that occupied by 86th Mt Inf (See overlay). Continue training under existing instructions, to include Recon patrols and raids in the regimental sector. Specific missions are:

(1) One Bn, 85th Mt Inf, will relieve elms, 86th Mt Inf in vicinity of BAGNI DI LUCCA and will:

((a)) Organize, occupy and be prepared to defend battle positions in the area, and deny the enemy the MT MOSCA - MONTEFEGATESI - BAGNI DI LUCCA ridge line as an aid to his advance.

((b)) Deny, by vigorous patrolling and liaison with Partisan elements, the battalion sector to the enemy.

((c)) Protect the left (west) flank of TF 45.

((d)) Maintain contact with the 92nd Inf Div.

((e)) Protect the BAGNI DI LUCCA - LA LIMA road by maintaining a road patrol from BAGNI DI LUCCA to LA LIMA, relieving 1-ton truck and half-track, M-16, patrols of the 86th Mt Inf effective 1200, 22 Jan 1945.

(2) One battalion, 85th Mt Inf, will occupy the vicinity of GAVINANA. This battalion will:

((a)) Reconnoiter and be prepared to reinforce any sector of TF 45.

((b)) Furnish one rifle company to the Provost Marshal, TF 45, for close-in defense of TF 45 headquarters, commencing 1200, 22 January 1945.

((c)) Prepare to maintain a road patrol from PIASTRE (4695) to FONTE della VENTURINA (5908), to relieve the Recon Co (3rd Plat), 894 TD Bn, to operate under instructions of the Provost Marshal, TF 45.

((d)) Relieve the 86th Mt Inf of the LA LIMA bridge guard at LA LIMA (4102) effective 1200, 22 Jan 1945.

(3) One battalion, 85th Mt Inf, will occupy the vicinity of PIASTRE and PRUNETTA (4395). This battalion will:

((a)) Reconnoiter and be prepared to reinforce any sector of TF 45.

b. 86th Mt Inf will continue missions assigned under Operational Instructions No. 11, this headquarters, 12 Jan 1945, except that elements west of boundary shown overlay will be relieved by 85th Mt Inf.

(1) Selected personnel now operating the M-16 road patrol on the BAGNI DI LUCCA - LA LIMA road will remain to instruct personnel of the 85th Mt Inf.

(2) Reinforce the VIDICLATICO sector with not to exceed one rifle company.

(3) Restrictions as to maintaining a reserve to be committed only on TF 45 order are rescinded.

(4) Personnel of the 86th Mt Inf now detailed to headquarters guard at CAMPO TIZZORO, will be relieved by 85th Mt Inf, effective noon, 22 Jan 1945.

4. See Adm O No. 1, Hq, TF 45, 19 Jan 1945.

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5. See overlay. SCI index item No. 1 8-4, Hq, 45th AAA Brigade, 17 Jan 1945.  
Radio: See amendment 15 to Operational Memorandum No. 4, Hq, FIFTH ARMY, 7 Dec 44.

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ANNEXES:

- Annex 1 - Opns Overlay.
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- Annex 3 - Opns overlay, 92nd Inf Div.

DISTRIBUTION:

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- 5 - CO, 86 Mt Inf
- 1 - CO, 68 AFA Bn
- 1 - CO, 71 HAA
- 1 - CO, Rcn Co, 89th TD Bn
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HQ, TASK FORCE 45  
CAMP. TIZZONO (498991)  
19 January 1945

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 2 TO ACCOMPANY M.C. NO. 2

MAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY, 1:25,000 - 97 IV SW, SE, 97 III NE, NW, SE, SW, 97 II NE, NW, SE, SW, 97 I SW, SE, 98 III NW, SW.  
G.S.G.S., ITALY, 1:100,000 - Sheets 87, 88, and 96 to 99 inclusive.

1. Summary of Enemy Situation

Enemy holds positions to our front with elms of the 232d Inf Div. The line from our W Bd to the sea is occupied by the 148th Div reinforced by elms of SAN MARCO, ITALIA, and MONTE ROSA (Italian) Divs. The line W of the M. CIMONE - M. GENNAIO Ridge (3617 to 4706) to our W boundary is occupied by the 232 Fuselier Bn. The line E of the ridge to our E boundary is held by the 2d Bn 1044 Inf. These battalions have conducted a passive defense, reacting only to our deepest patrols. Few of the enemy's patrols have reached our lines and these were easily repulsed. Many of his positions on the ridges, which he formerly occupied, have been abandoned because of severe weather, and his defense, generally, consists of holding the roads and easier avenues of approach, and observing from the high ground with small observation patrols.

2. Essential Elements of Information

- a. Determine the exact location of trs on enemy MLR.
- b. Determine location of enemy res.
- c. Verify identifications.
- d. Locate and develop roads and trails to further future operations.

3. Reconnaissance and Observation Missions

a. Aviation: Cub planes may be used for reconnaissance missions, for briefing battalion and company commanders, and for briefing patrol leaders on important patrols.

b. Infantry:

(1) To develop information concerning dispositions, strength and composition of enemy forces as a basis for future action, all units will patrol vigorously in their assigned sectors. These patrols will be numerous, aggressive, and continuous, both day and night. Reconnaissance patrols will predominate, but effective use will be made of combat, ambush, security, and contact patrols. Ambush patrols will be used on routes which previous reconnaissance has shown to be used by the enemy. Patrols must not become stereotyped as to size, method of operation, or routes.

(2) In addition to routine security and contact patrols, there will be a minimum of three patrols each 24 hours per battalion.

(3) Every effort will be made to capture a minimum of one PW per battalion per week, and well planned raids will be organized for this purpose. It is essential that PWs be obtained from scattered areas rather than from a few points.

(4) Contact patrols will be sent to adjacent units.

(5) Patrols will be dispatched during the period 23-30 January to accomplish the following missions:

- (a) 85th Mt Inf:
  - 1. Recon route to FABELLO (319132) and capture PWs.
  - 2. Recon route to PICHIASASSI (3114) and capture PWs.
  - 3. Recon route to M. BALZO DELLE ROSA (3011) and capture PW.
  - 4. Recon route to M. NUDA (2614) and capture PW.
- (b) 86th Mt Inf:
  - 1. Recon route to MARNE (508183).
  - 2. Recon route to ROTTARA (502185).
  - 3. Recon route to M. LANCINELLO (456133).
  - 4. Recon route to M. C. PPEL BUSO (471168).

(6) Patrol Plans:

(a) Overlays of patrol plans on 8 by 10 1/2 second sheets covering the period 0600 to 0600 will be submitted on the preceding day at 1400.

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(b) above and below will include the following:

1. Patrol number.
2. Composition (Os, EM, and Partisans).
3. Mission (Generally single mission).
4. Time and date of departure.
5. Estimated time and date of return.
6. Destination and proposed route.
7. Who briefed patrol (Co Cdr, S-2, IPW, PI, etc).
8. Supporting fires. (Will arty FO accompany patrol?)

(c) Special or emergency patrols too late to be included in overlay above will be phoned in without delay.

(7) Patrol Reports:

(a) Regimental S-2 will immediately report by phone, as each patrol returns the following:

1. Time out and time in.
2. Observation of enemy territory.
3. Civilians observed.
4. Information from civilians or partisans.
5. Condition of trails.
6. Weather.
7. Results of friendly or enemy artillery.
8. Enemy contact, enemy observed, PWs.

(b) If a route was followed other than that in the patrol plan, or if information is too detailed for telephone reports, a written report on overlay will be submitted without delay.

(8) Patrols, General:

(a) Partisans will be used whenever they can further our mission. They should be used principally as guides, in pairs.

(b) Officers will be sent on patrols only when the size of the command justifies an officer, with the following exceptions:

1. An officer will command a small patrol when the mission is of such importance as to warrant one.
2. Officers will command patrols until all company officers are familiar with the terrain in the vicinity of their units.

(c) All patrols will be thoroughly briefed. The Task Force PW Interrogator and Photo Interpreter are available for this purpose.

(d) Important combat patrols and raids should be thoroughly rehearsed on similar terrain, coordinated with all supporting arms, and briefed in detail.

• Observation Posts:

Each regiment and battalion will maintain a minimum of one observation post. This OP will have supplementary positions to be occupied in case of poor visibility.

d. Artillery:

(1) All artillery targets of opportunity engaged will be reported through artillery channels to G-2 without delay.

(2) Shell reports will be reported by all units to G-2 without delay.

#### 4. PWS and CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

New identifications will be reported to this headquarters by urgent message including time and point of capture. PWs will be tagged showing point of capture by coordinates only, and escorted to MF 45 PW cage at CAMPO TIZZORO by most expeditious means. Prisoner will be searched for weapons only. Documents will be left on the person of the prisoner.

#### 5. Maps and Photographs

a. Standard map distribution has been completed. A limited number of basic cover aerial photos have been distributed. Further distribution is available on request. Units being relieved in an area will turn over maps and photos to the relieving unit.

b. Interpretation results of aerial photos will be furnished interested units as obtained, including annotated copies showing located targets. Requests for search for suspected enemy mortars, artillery, or other target areas will be forwarded to G-2. Results will be furnished by fastest available means.

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c. Special coverage for a particular mission, either oblique or vertical, may be obtained through G-2.

6. Counter-Intelligence

a. All civilians entering our lines from enemy territory and all civilians attempting to cross from our lines into enemy territory will be captured and turned over to CIC. Empty AM and ration trks should be used to expedite evacuation of civilians to rear areas. After screening for enemy agents, CIC will turn friendly civilians over to OSS for questioning on combat intelligence.

b. All members of this command will be warned of the grave danger presented by the large numbers of Italian nationals employed by the enemy to obtain combat intelligence. It is the duty of all personnel to apprehend all civilians that act in a suspicious manner. More enemy agents have been captured in this sector than in any other part of Italy.

c. Until further notice, no shoulder patches will be worn. Vehicle markings, CP signs, baggage, etc., will in no way indicate the divisional or regimental designation of the infantry unit. Every precaution will be taken to prevent civilians from learning the designation of newly arrived units or from determining the size of the units moving into this area.

d. Troop movements in forward areas will generally be made at night. Troop movements under enemy observation will be made on foot at night. Light discipline will be rigidly enforced. Movements will be made by infiltration when possible.

e. Intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies are located at:

	CIC	OSS
W Sector	Mr. Ellison BAGNI DI LUCCA (2696)	Capt. Sabatini BAGNI DI LUCCA (2696)
Center Sector	Mr. Marino S. MARCELLO (4301)	Lt. Seidner S. MARCELLO (4301)
E Sector	Mr. Lemler TAVIANO (5905)	Capt. Rovzar LIZZANO (5112)

7. Reports and Distribution

a. Intelligence Summaries will be phoned by regiment to G-2 office at 0530A, 1300A, and 1730A covering routine enemy activity during the period. Unusual enemy information will be reported as obtained.

b. G-2 periodic reports will be published at 1500A daily covering previous 24 hour period up to 1330A.

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Annexes:

- Annex 2a - Order of Battle Report
- Annex 2b - Enemy Defenses, Air and Ground Sources.



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Hq TF 45  
 Campo Tizero, Italy

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 2a TO ACCOMPANY FO #6

ORDER OF BATTLE REPORT

232 Inf Div  
 148 Inf Div  
 Monte Rosa Div  
 San Marco Marine Inf Div  
 Italia Bersaglieri Div  
 4th Mountain (Hochgebirgsjaeger) Bn

232 INFANTRY DIVISION

CG: Maj Gen von Gablenz  
 G-3: Col Herre  
 G-4: Maj Essbach  
 Adj: Maj Hermann  
 AFO: 30103

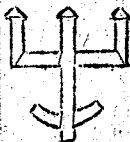
The Division was trained and formed at WILDFLECKEN, Germany, out of personnel who had been on leave from the Russian theater and from excess personnel of various units previously employed on the Eastern front; because of this the Division was known as the "OSTURLAUBER" Division. The Division was shipped to ITALY in early September. Prior to this commitment in mid-October, it was stationed in the GENOVA area. The Division was encountered N of CRETTA. The troops had maintained their positions well despite the high average wind which prevails in all the Cos. The offensive potential is not high but the Division does occupy a very large front in a satisfactory manner.

Division Insignia:

Members of the Division wear a red flash across the epaulet of the right shoulder and each Regt or separate Bn wears a distinguishing color across the left epaulet.

Blue - Fus Bn  
 White - 1043 Inf Regt  
 Red - 1044 Inf Regt  
 Yellow - 1045 Inf Regt

Division Insignia



Component Parts:

232 Fus Bn	232 Eng Bn
1043 Inf Regt	232 AT Bn
1044 Inf Regt	1232 Ass Gun Bn (?)
1045 Inf Regt	232 Sig Bn
232 Arty Regt	Div Rear Serv

<u>232 Fus Bn:</u>	Col:	Capt Weas
	Adj:	2d Lt Pfeiffer
	AFO:	17818 A-E
	Orgn:	4 Cos of 3 Lt and 1 hv plat each
	Wpns:	Par Co - 9-12 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm Mortars.
1st Co	Co:	2d Lt Duschinski
	In Cos:	2d Lt Frinzi
	Strength:	30-40 men on 29 November
2nd Co	CO:	2nd Lt Fischer
	Strength:	110-120 men on 24 December.

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3rd Co	CO:	2d Lt Bodenschatz
	In Co:	2d Lt Hermann
	Strength:	120 men on 3 January
	Orgn:	3 platoons of 3 squads each
	Wpns:	4 x 81mm mortars, 2 HMGs, 2 LMGs, 9 M/Ps.
<u>1043 Inf Regt:</u>	CO:	Maj Siegfried
	Orgn:	2 Bns, 13th and 14th Cos
	Wpns:	Per Bn - 4 rifle Cos of 3 lt and 1 hv plat each Per rifle Co - 9 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm morts.
Hq Co	AFO:	32066
	Strength:	75 men on 18 November
1st Bn	CO:	Capt Straube (trfd)
	Adj:	2d Lt Fritz
	AFO:	31879 A-B
1st Co	CO:	2d Lt Glowinke
	Strength:	40 men on 21 November
2d Co	CO:	1st Lt Nellen or Mellen
	Strength:	130 men on 14 November
3d Co	CO:	1st Lt Prinz
	Strength:	60-70 men on 21 November
4th	CO:	2d Lt Wabron
	Strength:	60-80 men on 21 November
2d Bn	CO:	Capt Seibel
	AFO:	32034 A-E
5th Co	CO:	1st Lt Wagner
	Strength:	80-100 men on 29 November
6th Co	CO:	2d Lt Bauer
	Strength:	100 men on 29 November
7th Co	CO:	2d Lt Wirsing
	Strength:	70 men on 29 November
8th Co	CO:	2d Lt Petzki
	Strength:	30 men on 14 November (?)
14th Co	CO:	1st Lt Sieghauser
	Strength:	70 men on 14 November
<u>1044 Inf Regt:</u>	CO:	Maj Winkelmann
	Orgn:	2 Bns, 13th and 14th Cos
	Wpns:	Per Bn - 4 rifle Cos of 1 hv and 3 light plats Per rifle Co - 9 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm morts
1st Bn	CO:	Capt Pfeffer
	Adj:	2d Lt Hansen
	AFO:	34114 A-E
1st Co	CO:	Capt Springer
	Strength:	60-70 men on 17 December
2d Co	CO:	2d Lt Kruobner
	Strength:	150 men on 23 December
3d Co	CO:	1st Lt Preis
	Strength:	100 men on 15 November
4th Co	CO:	2d Lt Hess
2d Bn	CO:	Capt Knoebleuch
	AFO:	34584 A-E
5th Co	CO:	1st Lt Lorrrie
	Strength:	70 men on 15 December
6th Co	CO:	2d Lt Post
	Strength:	80 men on 12 December
7th Co	CO:	2d Lt Simon
	Strength:	100-110 men on 19 December
8th Co	CO:	2d Lt Jupp or Job
14th Co	CO:	2d Lt Apfel
	In Co:	2d Lt Jaeger
	Strength:	120-140 men on 26 November

1045 Inf Regt:

CC: Lt Col Strauss  
 Orgn: 2 Bns, 13th and 14th Cos  
 Wpns: Per Bn - 4 rifle Cos of 3 light and 1 hv plat  
 CO: Per rifle Co - 9 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm mortars.  
 Adj: Capt Reifenstein  
 1st Bn 2d Lt Muegelsen  
 In Bn: 1st Lt Nordmann  
 AFO: 41897 A-E  
 1st Co CO: 2d Lt Schneider  
 Strength: 70 men on 2 December  
 2d Co CO: 2d Lt Notmann  
 Strength: 50 men on 2 December  
 3d Co CO: 1st Lt Reinhardt  
 Strength: 60 men on 3 December  
 4th Co CO: 1st Lt Siemelt or Siemell  
 In Co: 2d Lt Schneider  
 Strength: 100-120 men, 50% Austrian & Volksd on 16 Dec.  
 2d Bn CO: Capt Straube (H)  
 AFO: 16194 A-E  
 5th Co CO: 1st Lt Loch  
 Strength: 60-70 men on 22 November  
 6th Co CO: 2d Lt Rudolf  
 Strength: 90 men on 24 November  
 7th Co CO: 2d Lt Agisor  
 Strength: 75 men on 20 December  
 8th Co CO: 2d Lt Baurass (?)  
 In Co: 2d Lt Bornauer  
 Strength: 112 men on 17 December  
 14th Co CO: 2d Lt Knackstedt  
 Strength: 120 men on 22 November

232 Arty Regt:

CC: Col Droist  
 Adj: 2d Lt Bunke  
 Orgn: 2 light and 1 hv Bn of 3 btrys each  
 Wpns: Per hv Bn - 9 x 150mm hows, light Bn 9 x 105mm G/H.  
 CO: Capt Ritt  
 1st Bn Sig Off: 1st Lt Giller  
 1st Btry CO: 1st Lt Albrecht  
 In Btry: 2d Lt Riege  
 AFO: 39918-B  
 4th Btry CO: 1st Lt Buenger  
 5th Btry CO: Capt Fleus  
 6th Btry CO: Capt Voss  
 In Btry: 2d Lt Backhaus  
 AFO: 20792-D

232 AT Bn232 Engr Bn

Wpns: \* large number of bazookas and 2 x 75mm AT guns  
 CO: Capt Kaltenbrandt  
 Strength: Per Co 140 men on 3 November  
 Orgn: 3 Cos  
 Strength: 40 men on 3 November  
 Hq Co CO: 1st Lt aulbe  
 1st Co AFO: 22069-B  
 3d Co CO: 1st Lt Jung (W)

148 INFANTRY DIVISION

CG: Brig Gen FRETTER-PICO  
 Adj: Maj Ebersbach  
 G-3: Maj Schulz  
 J4: Dr. Dietz  
 G-4: Capt Liebich  
 in G-1: Lt Stuhlmann  
 in G-2: 2d Lt Picot  
 Adm: Dr. Hochne  
 Dr. Straube  
 Dr. Flotscher  
 AFO, Hq: 29722

After Seventh Army broke through from the coast, in Southern France, the Division was forced back towards the ITALY-FRANCE frontier where it eventually came under the command of LXXV Corps. It completed its interrupted transition from a Reserve Division to a Field Division in the GENOA area. Although, from the administrative viewpoint, the division was somewhat disorganized when the invasion started, (its actual orders for upgrading having arrived only two weeks before), the division fought well in the withdrawal. Despite its low category personnel and heterogeneous collection of weapons, common to Reserve Divisions in their dual function as training and tactical reserve units, the Division was well on its way to reorganization as a normal division of the answer type. The infantry components of the division are built around a nucleus of the remnants of the 239th Inf Div, which was partially destroyed in Russia. The 327th, 372 and 44th Regts of the 239th Inf Div, became reserve infantry battalions bearing the same numbers in the 239th Res Inf Regt. 8th Res Inf Regt was formed from the 7th, 28th and 164th Grenadier Bns. These two original regiments of three battalions each, as one of the steps in the upgrading process, were each to give up one of their battalions for the formation of a third regiment, thought to be numbered 252, but which, pending authorization from OKH, was tentatively called Regt "Kessler." The three regiments finally formed have a basic organization of 2 Bns and a 13th Co and 14th Co each. The first two are numbered 281 and 286. The third Regt which has not been contacted, is reported (although unconfirmed) to be the 285th Inf Regt. The 661st Ost Bn, which was attached to 239th Res Inf Regt, is not believed to be an organic part of it. The 8th Res Arty Regt which was composed of two battalions of French, Czech, Yugoslav and Italian guns of varying calibers was to be expanded into four battalions, the fourth to be formed from the Army Coast Defense Bn 1196 which, in keeping with the cosmopolitan origins of the regiment was to be armed with 12 x 152mm British Howitzers. The 148th Fus Bn, formed just before the invasion, seemed to be destined for a normal organization of men and weapons. The former 1048th Mob Bn consisted of a reconnaissance company and an AT company only, which while unusual, may have formed the basis for the completion of the fusilier battalion as well as for the formation of a divisional AT unit. The 148th Res Engr Co has undoubtedly grown into an engineer battalion and a signal battalion has already been reported. 148th Field Repl Bn was functioning during the late summer in the distribution of replacements to other divisional units. While the auxiliary parts of the Division have not been contacted their reorganization must be assumed complete at this time.

Component Parts:

148 (or 1048) Fus Bn	148 (or 1048) Arty Regt
281 Inf Regt formerly 8 Res Gran Regt	148 (or 1048) AT Bn
285 Inf Regt (?)	148 (or 1048) Engr Bn
286 Inf Regt formerly 239 Inf Regt	148 (or 1048) Repl Bn
	148 (or 1048) Sig Bn

For additional information concerning the division as encountered in France see Appendix "A" to IV Corps G-2 Report No. 144.

<u>281 Inf Regt:</u>	CO:	Col Holzheimer
	Court Martial Officer:	2d Lt Gestauer
	Orgnt:	2 Bns, 13th and 14th Cos
	Wpns:	Per Bn - 3 light and 1 hv Cos
		Per light Co, 9 LMGs and 1 or 2 x 50mm or 81mm morts
		Per Hv Co, 4-6 hv MGs, 8 x 81mm morts
Hq Co	CO:	2d Lt Bontrok
	Strength:	180-200 men on 26 November
	AFO:	65516-A
1st Bn	CO:	Capt Burhardt
	Aaj:	2d Lt Teller
	Strength:	50% Poles and 25% Czechs
1st Co	CO:	2d Lt Eder
	Strength:	80 men on 22 November
	AFO:	00187-B
2d Co	CO:	Capt Seila
	Strength:	70 men. 70-80% Volksdeutsche on 27 November.
3d Co	CO:	1st Lt Merbach
	Strength:	90 men - 25% Volksdeutsche on 27 November
	AFO:	00187-D

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4th Co Strength: 50-60 men on 22 November  
 2d Bn CO: Capt Daniel  
 MO: Dr Siebert  
 CO: Lt Binock  
 5th Co In Co: 2d Lt Mills or Mehle  
 Strength: 60 men on 14 December  
 AFO: 14653-B  
 6th Co CO: 1st Lt Buehne (?)  
 7th Co CO: 1st Lt Lane or Lauo  
 Strength: 70 men on 5 December  
 8th Co CO: Capt Boensch  
 In Co: 2d Lt Demmer  
 Strength: 100 men on 14 December  
 14th Co CO: 1st Lt Rieger  
 Strength: 80 men. 60% Volksdeutsche on 24 November  
 Equip: 3 x 75mm AT guns, 6 x 37mm AT guns  
286 Infantry Regt CO: Col. Hahn  
 Orgn: See 281 Inf Regt.  
 Wpns: See 281 Inf Regt.  
 Personnel: Turkestan troops are used for carrying supplies for the rest.

1st Bn CO: Capt Schotkowsky  
 Adj: 2d Lt Seitelmann  
 1st Co CO: 2d Lt Bruening  
 Strength: 60 men on 14 December  
 AFO: 09852-B  
 2d Co CO: 1st Lt Ludynia  
 Strength: 70 men on 9 December. 70-80% Volksdeutsche.  
 CO: Capt Huss  
 3d Co CO: 1st Lt. Bqueschke  
 4th Co CO: Capt Seabisch  
 2d Bn Adj: 1st Lt Tied  
 AFO: 30486 A-E  
 Strength: approximately 90 men on 6 January  
 5th Co CO: 1st Lt Reichsberger  
 6th Co Strength: 50 men on 4 January  
 CO: 1st Lt Gröger  
 7th Co Strength: approximately 75 men on 6 January  
 CO: 2d Lt Riessmann  
 8th Co

1048 Arty Regt: CO: Lt Col Niedlich  
 Orgn: 4 Bns  
 3d Bn Orgn: Hq Btry and 3 gun btrys  
 Wpns: Fer gun btry - 4 x 105mm gun hows  
 7th Btry CO: 1st Lt Stachowitsch  
 In Btry: 2d Lt Hochstein

MONTE ROSA ALPINE DIVISION

CG:	Gen Carloni
German Off:	Gen Licket
Div Staff:	Maj Poroldo, Maj Della Vallo
Asst G-2:	Maj Telo
Anti-Artisan Off:	Lt Col Farinacci
CO Div Hq. Co:	Capt Sacco
Trans Officer:	Capt Giusteto
Med Officer:	Lt Col Fracasal
Chaplain	1st Lt Don Vanni

The Div was constituted at MUNSINGEN, GERMANY, in March 1944. Its personnel was drafted from various internment camps in Germany. After a rigid 4 months training period, the Division was sent to ITALY in late July. Here it became a part of the LIGURIAN Army and was committed to guard the coast between GENOA and LA SPEZIA. On 3 October 1944 elements of the division rested at CHIUVARI for 20 days and on 22 October the unit moved into line in the SERCHIO Valley. Since

most men in the division were forced into service from internment camps in GERMANY the morale of the troops has always been low. With their induction into the Republican forces the men had more hope as a return to ITALY meant that they could desert more easily. FW's estimate that 50 percent of the Div have deserted since late July when they entered ITALY. Most deserters join partisan bands. Those who live in enemy occupied territory do not return to their homes after deserting because they fear the Militia. Each Co in the division units has a small number of German NCO's assigned to them who are to watch the Italians.

Uniform:

The troops of the division wear Italian blue green uniforms and the alpine hat. Their branch of service is designated by the insignia worn on the cap. The insignia for alpine troops is: crossed rifles with an eagle above the rifles. In the center of the center of the trimming, the numerical designation of the regiment is shown. The color of the pompon on the left side of the alpine hat indicates the bn to which they belong. The 1st Bn wears a white pompon, the 2d a red one and the 3d Bn a green one.

Div Reserve Bn:

- IVREA Bn
- SALIZZO Bn
- VESTANE Bn

Division Insignia:



A metal button pinned on the left side of the Italian Alpine Hat. The letters, figures and borders are green. Background is yellow.

Component Parts:

- 1 Alpine Regt
- 2 Alpine Regt
- 1 Alpine Arty Regt
- Rcn Bn
- AT Co
- Engr Bn
- Sig Bn
- Div Services

Att: 183 German Liaison Unit (Deutsches Verbindungskommando)

Rcn Bn:

- CO: Lt Col Gandolfo
- German LO: Capt Weinz
- Adj: 1st Lt Loccarino or Roccarino
- AFO: 81590 A-D
- Orgn: Hq Det, 2 light (1st and 2d) and 1 hv (3d) Co
- 1st light Co - 3 light and 1 hv plat
- 1st hv Co - Engr plat, Inf How plat, AT plat
- 2nd light Co - 9 LMGs, 2 x 81mm morts, 2 HMGs
- 2nd hv Co - 2 x 37mm AT Guns, 2 x 75mm Pack Hows, 1 x 75mm AT Gun, 2 HMGs, 3 LMGs.

Hq Det

In Det: 2d Lt Valperaiso

1st Co

- Strength: 20 men on 18 December
- CO: 2d Lt Roimer
- German LO: Lt Elser or Lt Reimann
- In Co: 2d Lt Cavicchia, 2d Lt Corasciolo

2d Co

- Strength: 40 men on 16 December
- CO: 1st Lt Ziren
- German LO: 2d Lt Leiter
- In Co: 2d Lt Fenniss

3d Co

- Strength: 25 men on 16 December
- CO: 1st Lt Albers
- In Co: 2d Lt Massa, 2d Lt Reiter, 2d Lt Faresse
- Strength: 30 men on 16 December

1 Alpine Regt:

CC: Lt Col Chiarici  
 Adj: Capt Santolini  
 German Adj: Col Heithingen  
 S-4: 1st Lt Cabati  
 Regt Insignia: A feather with a colored cloth button indicating the Bn, and Regt number (worn on hat).  
 Red button - AOSTA Bn  
 Green button - BASSANO Bn  
 White button - INTRA Bn

Orgn: 3 Bns, AT Co  
 1st Bn - 5 Cos

AOSTA Bn

CC: Maj Guardin  
 Adj: Capt Apoggia  
 Unconfirmed report 12 November indicates possible absorption by TIRANO Bn.

BASSANO Bn

CC: Capt Ferraresco or Capt Apoggia

INTRA Bn

Adj: 1st Lt Trivoro  
 AFO: 8692 A-F  
 Orgn: 3 light and 1 hv Co and a support Co  
 Per light Co - 3 light and 1 hv plat  
 1st light Co - 12 LMGs, 2 x 50mm or 81mm morts

11th Co

Wpns: 1st Lt Tessinary  
 CO: 1st Lt Molino  
 Ex Co: 2d Lt Marchelli, 2d Lt Scippaccola  
 In Co: 2d Lt Marchelli, 2d Lt Scippaccola

12th Co

Strength: 90 men on 22 November  
 CO: Capt Cantore  
 In Co: 2d Lt Barbiero, 2d Lt Chiozzo

13th Co

Strength: 50 men on 9 November  
 CO: 1st Lt Di Fiero  
 In Co: 2d Lt Broggi, 2d Lt Capovilla, 1st Lt Mezza

14th Co

Strength: 90 men on 16 November  
 CO: 1st Lt Oliviero  
 In Co: 2d Lt Gatto

15th Co

Strength: 55 men on 3 December  
 Orgn: 1 mort plat, 1 H&G plat  
 Wpns: 4 H&Gs, 6 x 81mm morts  
 CO: 1st Lt Riccardi or 1st Lt Raffico  
 In Co: 2d Lt Ricci, 2d Lt Lomi

AT Co

Strength: 90 men on 6 December  
 Orgn: How plat, mort plat, sig plat  
 Wpns: 2 x 75mm Inf Hows, 3 morts  
 Equip: 3 radios  
 CO: 2d Lt Giorgi  
 In Co: 2d Lt Spaca, 2d Lt Bernabei, 2d Lt Leonardi  
 AFO: 83286  
 Strength: 110 men on 24 November  
 Orgn: 1 AT min plat, 2 bazooka plats  
 Wpns: 3 x 75mm AT guns, 24-40 Bazookas, 3 LMGs  
 NOTE: The Co was reported as 101 AT Co.

2 Alpine Regt:

CC: Lt Col Lasquali  
 Regt Insignia: A feather with colored cloth button indicating the Bn, and Regt number (worn on hat).  
 Green button - BRESCIA Bn  
 White button - MORBEGNO Bn  
 Red button - TIRANO Bn

BRESCIA Bn

Orgn: 3 Bns (Brescia Bn, Morbegno Bn, Tirano Bn) and AT Co  
 CO: Capt Ferraresco  
 Adj: 1st Lt Benetti or 2d Lt Marchesini  
 Supply Co: 1st Lt Scocci  
 German Co: 1st Lt Weinberger  
 AFO: 81428 A-F  
 Bn Strength: 400 men on 21 December  
 Orgn: 3 light and 1 hv Co, and 1 support Co  
 Wpns: Per light Co - 9 LMGs, 2 H&Gs, 2 x 81mm morts

1st Co CO: Lt. ...  
 German Co: Lt. ...  
 In Co: 2 Lt. ...  
 Strength: 90 men on 21 December  
 Orgn: 2 plts. of 4 squads and 1 hv plst

2d Co CO: Lt. ...  
 Strength: 30 men on 21 December

3d Co CO: Capt. Venuti  
 In Co: Lt. ...  
 German LO: Lt. ...  
 MO: Dr. Ciampelli  
 Strength: 70 men on 21 December  
 Orgn: 2 plts

4th Co CO: Lt. ...  
 In Co: Lt. ...  
 Wpns: 4 MGs, 6 x 81mm mrt

5th Co CO: Capt. Naffi  
 In Co: Lt. ...  
 Strength: 200 men on 12 December  
 Orgn: Sig plst, Engr plst, Inf How plst, Mort plst  
 Wpns: 2 x 75mm pack Hows, 6 MGs, 8 x 81mm morts  
 Equip: 3 radics

1 Alpine Arty Regt: CO: Col Grossi

VIACENZA Bn Orgn: 3 Btrys  
 Wpns: Per btry - 4 x 75/13 pack hows

BERGAMO Bn CO: Capt. Giacomelli  
 German LO: 1st Lt. Walt  
 AFO: 87705 A-D  
 Orgn: 3 Btrys  
 Wpns: Per btry - 4 x 75/13 pack hows

4th Btry CO: 1st Lt. Baldeneo  
 In Btry: 1st Lt. Cavalli, Lt. Allasia, Lt. Liacomodi

5th Btry CO: 1st Lt. Berdenica  
 In Btry: 2d Lt. ...  
 Strength: 150 men on 1 November

6th Btry CO: Capt. Giovannetti or Lt. Fiaschi  
 In btry: Lt. Florin, 2d Lt. Bonatti  
 Strength: 180 men on 25 November

VERONA Bn Orgn: 3 Btrys  
 Wpns: Per btry - 4 x 75/13 pack hows

MANTOVA Bn CO: Maj. Pace  
 Adj: 1st Lt. Legostena  
 In Bn Hq: 1st Lt. Savini  
 AFO: 81687 A-E  
 Strength: approximately 350 men on 31 December  
 Orgn: 3 btrys  
 Wpns: Per btry - 4 x 105mm gun hows and 2 LMGs

10th Btry CO: Capt. Sanzo

11th Btry CO: Capt. Scerlatta

12th Btry CO: Capt. Volpazi  
 Ex Co: Malvicini  
 In Btry: 2d Lt. Saibene  
 CO: Capt. Bucciuz

AT Co German LO: 1st Lt. Petrick  
 In Co: 2d Lt. ...  
 AFO: 86420  
 Strength: 150 men on 8 November  
 Orgn: 3 plts  
 Wpns: 12 x 75mm AT guns, 4 LMGs, 12 Panzerfaust



Engr Bn	CC:	Capt. [unclear]
	German I/O:	1st Lt. [unclear]
	Adj:	Capt. Libani or Bernadini
	TC:	Capt. Carbella
	S-1:	Capt. Caralle
	Strength:	325 men on 29 November
	A/C:	8244 A-D
	Orgn:	3 Cos of 3 plts each
	Wpn:	Per Co - 2 x 81mm morts, 2 MGs
	Equip:	Per Co - 3 rubber boards, explosives
1st Co	CC:	1st Lt. Derriso
	In Co:	2d Lt. Gnechchi, 1st Lt. Longo, 2d Lt. Aicco
		1st Lt. Ficrini
	Strength:	60 men on 11 December
2d Co	Strength:	60 men on 11 December
Sig Bn	CC:	Capt. Janies
	German I/O:	1st Lt. Apum
	Orgn:	2 Cos
1st Co	CC:	1st Lt. Ravelli
	Orgn:	4 Plts
2d Co	CC:	1st Lt. Suardi
	In Co:	2d Lt. Abbiati
	Orgn:	4 Plts
	Equip:	24 radio sets (80 Watt)

Attached:

183 German Liaison Unit:

The unit provides:

1. For each of eight Infantry Bns and five Artillery Bns - one officer, five NCO's and 14 EM.
2. For Sig. Bn - two officers, seven NCO's and 20 EM.
3. For Engr Bn - same as for Sig. Bn.
4. Clerks

Each bn is provided with four to five interpreters, mostly NCO's. Officers maintain liaison between German headquarters and Italian units. They do the interpreting for German and Italian officers and, at the same time, supervise the latter. Under exceptional circumstances they may assume command. All men are responsible to Brig Gen FICKER. Their replacement unit is the Dolmetscher Kompanie (Interpreter Company) Wehrkreis VIII, MUESLAU.

Personalities:

Brig Gen Ficker	CG and liaison officer at division hqs.
1st Lt Klingler	Aide de camp to Brig Gen Ficker
2d Lt Felder	Liaison officer 1st Co, IVREA Bn.
1st Lt Appun	Div Sig Co.
2d Lt Weigel	Asst Div Sig Co.
2d Lt Hey	3d Co. ACSTA Bn, 1st Alpine Regt

\*) The allotment seems to provide also men for reserve bns in the division.

SAN MARCO MARINE INFANTRY DIVISION

CG:	Gen Farina
In G-1:	Capt. Piazza, 2d Lt. Balicetti,
	Maj. Disler (Ger) Maj. Schomme (Ger)
In G-3:	Maj. Beretta, Capt. Grumelli,
	1st Lt. Mascolo
In G-4:	Maj. Trodorani
In G-2:	Capt. Dr. Corrado
JA:	Col. Farinacci
Interpreter:	1st Lt. Berger (German)
MC:	Col. Pirani
Gen Aid:	1st Lt. Grandi

The division, one of Mussolini's Italian Republican units, was formed and trained in GRAFENWOERH, GERMANY. Officers and enlisted men who were interned by the Germans after the Italian armistice and sent to camps in GERMANY, comprised most of its personnel. The unit, fully equipped and trained, reentered ITALY between 20 July 1944 and 5 August 1944 and was sent to guard the coast in the SAVONA area, where the bulk of the organization has been since. Elements of the division were attached to the MONTE ROSA Div and were committed on the IV Corps sector on 28 October 1944.

Reportedly the division contains one Bn formed by volunteers; this is reportedly the Arditi Bn (Assault Bn). It has never been committed in the frontlines. At the beginning of November the unit was engaged in fighting partisans. Their insignia is the death head with swords.

Uniform and Insignia:

Inf, Engr, Med and MT personnel wear grey-green paratrooper uniform and berets. Cav Sqn wear khaki tunics, trousers with leggings and berets. All carry on a Gorget patch the Lion of S Marco, with closed beak, surrounded by a wreath of Laurel, and a wreath of oak leaves. Arty personnel wear cross guns on sleeves with a yellow anchor in the center.

Component Parts:

ARDITI Bn (Assault Bn)	AT Bn
5 Marine Inf Regt	Engr Bn
6 Marine Inf Regt	Sig Bn
3 Arty Regt	Div Rear Serv
ATT: 182nd German Liaison Unit	

ARDITI Bn (Assault Bn):

CO: Maj Marclenet  
 Orgn: 2 Bcy Ron Cos and 2 Cav Sqds

5 Marine Inf Regt:

CO: Col Seraglia  
 Orgn: 3 Bns

1st Bn  
2d Co

CO: Capt Barnabe  
 AFO: 86155 (?)

6 Marine Inf Regt:

CO: Lt Col Tortora  
 Adj: Capt Battistella  
 CO Med Det: Capt Leone  
 Orgn: 3 Bns of 3 light, 1 hv and 1 support Cos  
 Per light Co - 3 plats  
 Per hv Co - 2 plats  
 Per Support Co - Inf Gun Plat, Engr Plat, Mort Plat  
 Wpnns: Per light Co - 6-9 LMGs  
 Per hv Co - 12 HMGs, 7-10 LMGs  
 Per Support Co - 2 x 75mm pack hows, 8-12 x 81mm mortars  
 Equip: Per Support Co - a great amount of anti-personnel mines

Regt Hq Co

CO: Capt Mangio  
 AFO: 84168

1st Bn  
4th Co  
5th Co

CO: Capt Gallo  
 CO: Capt Lanson  
 In Co: 2d Lt Staffieri, 2d Lt Guadagni, 2d Lt Roatta,  
 2d Lt Scarpa

2d Bn

CO: Maj Luigi Uccelli  
 Ex O: Cnpt Bergonzi  
 Adm. O: 1st Lt Natale  
 German LC: 1st Lt Ritter  
 AFO: 83623 A-F  
 CO: Lt Tolamo

6th Co

In Co: 2d Lt Pistolozzi  
 Strength: 30 men on 31 December  
 Orgn: 1 plat  
 Wpnns: 4 LMGs

7th Co CO: 2d Lt Arzuffi  
 In Co: 2d Lt Arzuffi  
 Strength: 50 men on 31 December  
 Orgn: 2 plats

8th Co CO: Lt Fiorani  
 In Co: 2d Lt Arzuffi, 2d Lt Romanelli, 2d Lt Sett  
 Strength: 60 men on 31 December  
 Orgn: 2 plats

9th Co CO: Capt Borgonzi  
 In Co: 1st Lt Colcaterra, 2d Lt De Carli, 2d Lt Slose  
 German LO: 2d Lt Sett  
 Strength: 90 men on 31 December  
 Orgn: 3 plats

10th Co CO: Capt Messina  
 In Co: 2d Lt Caroni, 2d Lt Callisi, (missing) 2d Lt  
 German LO: Martinola, 2d Lt Constantini  
 Strength: 2d Lt Kullwein  
 Orgn: Approximately 170 men on 31 December  
 Alarm plat (25 men), Engr plat (25 men), gun plat  
 (25 men), 2 Mort plats (45 men ea)

Wpns: 1 x 75mm pack how, 8 x 81mm morts  
 AFO: 82223

3d Bn

3 Arty Regt:

CO: Maj Viviani  
 Asst CO: Capt Ten  
 Ex O: Maj Andriani  
 Adj: Maj Marcia  
 German CO: Capt Laikoff  
 Orgn: 4 Bns of 3 Btrys each

1st Bn CO: Capt Andriani  
 Adj: Lt Romano  
 Wpns: Fer btry - 4 x 75/13 pack hows

2d Btry CO: Capt Saranzini  
 2d Bn CO: Capt Testa  
 Wpns: Fer btry - 4 x 100/17 hows

4th Btry CO: 1st Lt Angelina  
 3d Bn CO: Capt Rosta  
 Wpns: Fer btry - 4 x 149/19 hows

8th Btry CO: 1st Lt Raghetti  
 4th Bn CO: Capt Dani  
 Adj: Lt Dr Venti  
 AFO: 82572 A-D  
 Wpns: Fer Btry - 4 x 149/19 hows

10th Btry CO: 1st Lt Tirelli  
 In Btry: 2d Lt Costa

11th Btry CO: 2d Lt Ciampolillo  
 In Btry: 2d Lt Simoncini

12th Btry CO: 2d Lt Togliaccini

AT Bn:

In September the bn had three cos, each with 4 AT guns of unspecified caliber, however, this unit has also been reported as being of only company strength.

Engr Bn:

CO: Maj Rossi  
 Orgn: 3 Cos

Sig Bn:

Orgn: 2 Cos

Attached:

182d German Liaison Unit: See 183d German Liaison Unit attached to MONTE ROSA Alpine Div.

ITALIA DIVISION

CG: Brig Gen MAINARDI  
German LO: Gen Ostken  
C. of S.: Maj Autilia  
A C of S: Capt Vittorio Tascione  
Estimated Strength: 12,500 men

Unlike the other Republican divisions, the ITALIA Div is composed of draftees and a few volunteers who answered to the Republican draft call of March 1944. The recruiting center for the division was at VERCELLI (J-6354) under the supervision of Maj Gen DIAMANTI, a Blackshirt. In March and April 1944, the component elements of the division were formed at VERCELLI and NOVARA (J-8065) from Italian recruits between the ages of 19 and 24. Among those recruited, there were numerous ex-partisans who were captured by Fascist Brigades in Northern Italy. In May, the ITALIA Div reached its organic strength and was then transferred to a training camp near SINGMARINGEN, GERMANY. Here, the troops received weapons and other equipment in preparation for their training which began in early June 1944. During the following months, the ITALIA Div trained 10 to 12 hours a day under Fascist and German officers and NCOs. All troops received basic infantry training in addition to the specialized training their particular unit required. The training program also included field exercises and weekly practice on the firing range. The troops received no leaves or passes to neighboring towns. Their recreation was limited to the confines of the camp. They were served good food and, on occasions, they also received wine which was sent from ITALY. On 23 November 1944, after six months of training, the first elements of the ITALIA Div began moving into ITALY. The Engrs, who were among the first troops to reenter ITALY, travelled via the BRENNER PASS to MANTOVA where they detained on 6 December 1944. Due to Allied bombings, the train was delayed four days in the BRENNER PASS near VIFITENO (W-0415), on about 1 December 1944. PW did not expect to be sent to the front immediately since the entire division was promised a short rest at MILANO before its commitment in ITALY. The Engr Bn is believed to be in CASTELNUOVO (L-1308). The Ron Bn and the Arty Bn were in bivouac near COLLECCHIO (L-0180) on about 8 December 1944. The other components of the ITALIA Div have supposedly re-entered ITALY. The troops of the ITALIA Div have German weapons with the exception of the Artillery Regt which has some Italian pieces.

Uniform:

The soldiers of the ITALIA Div wear the Italian blue-green uniform. They do not wear any special Divisional insignia. The Bersaglieri (Infantry men of the 1st or 2d Regt) can be recognized by the array of "cock-feathers" which they wear on the left side of the helmet and on the Bersaglieri "Fes" (a special cap worn only by Bersaglieri troops in place of a field cap. The feathers on the Bersaglieri headgear should not be confused with the single feather worn by Italian Alpine troops). The soldiers branch of service can be recognized by the "collar patch" he wears on the lapels of his field uniform. The Republican authorities have adopted a new design and a new system of coloring the "collar patch." This has been done to distinguish Italian Republican uniforms from those of the Italian Royal Army. The engineers wear a black "collar patch" with a red border; the artillery men wear a three-pointed yellow patch, and the Bersaglieri wear a three-pointed crimson patch. The troops wear the Italian helmet and carry the Italian gas mask, model 35. Every soldier in the ITALIA Div carries a green identification booklet similar to the German Soldbuch."

Component Parts:

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1 Bersaglieri Regt | Ron Bn |
| 2 Bersaglieri Regt | AT Bn  |
| Arty Regt          | Sig Bn |
| Div Rear Services  |        |

1 Bersaglieri Regt: CO: Col Zelli or Col Frigiotti  
Crgnt: 3 Bns of Hq Co and 3 rifle Cos each  
Wpns: Fer rifle Co - 81mm mortar, LMGs, MP38, rifle 98, pistol 38.

2 Bersaglieri Regt: CO: Col. Spadolin  
 Orgn & Wpns: 1st Bers Regt

Arty Regt: CO: Col. Pedd  
 Orgn: 3 Bns of 3 Btrys each  
 Wpns: Fer btry - 3 x 75mm guns, 1 x 105mm gun how.  
 1 x 81mm mort, 1 x 150mm Nebelwerfer.

Rcn Bn: CO: Lt Col Gandini  
 Strength: 700 men on 18 December  
 Equipment: German and Italian bicycle and German MGs

AT Bn: Wpns: 76.2mm model 36 and 76.2mm pack guns, MGs 42.

Engr Bn: CO: Capt Bin  
 Adj: Capt Casetti  
 Ex C: 1st Lt Comparetti  
 German LO: Capt Glamens  
 Supply C: Capt Maffei  
 APO: 86789 A-D  
 Orgn: Hq Co and 3 Cos of 3 plats each  
 Wpns: 9 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm mortars.  
 Strength: Fer Co - 200 men

1st Co CO: Capt Benleri  
 2d Co CO: 1st Lt Guido  
 German LO: 2d Lt Gabler  
 3d Co CO: 1st Lt Macuglia

Sig Bn: Orgn: 3 Cos  
 APO: 80505 A-C

4TH MOUNTAIN BATTALION

(Hochgebirgsjaeger Bn)


























History: The Battalion was formed in Austria in November 1943, from convalescent personnel from Russia, (1st Mt Div), and men around 18 years of age. Shortly thereafter the Battalion moved to Italy and was contacted on the Cassoni front, fighting under command of 5th Mountain Div and 44th Inf Div. In midsummer 1944 the Battalion moved to NW Italy. On August 24, 1944, 130-150 replacements arrived at Genoa for the MEER - ALPEN Regt. By September 14, 80 of those men had moved to the 4th Mt Bn CP at ENTRACQUE (N-7539) where they joined the Arty Btry, the balance of the men going to the 4th Mt Jgr Cos. During late September and early November the unit moved to VINADIO (N-5648) and from there to FIUMALBO (L-3215), arriving there on October 16. On November 23, the Bn was committed in the ABETONE (L-3311) area. Organization: FWs claim that the Bn is organized with the 1st Arty Btry, equipped with 4 x 75mm and 4 x 105mm Mt Hows, and 4 Mt Jgr Cos. This organization does not seem likely as it would indicate a complete reorganization of the Bn. It is believed that an organization of 4 Mt Jgr Cos (1st - 4th), a Hq Co (5th) plus a newly added Wpns Btry (6th) would be more logical. The APO number given by the FWs for the 1st Arty Btry was 58675-G, indicating an increase in size of the unit since May when the block A-F sufficed.






















4th Hochgebirgsjaeger Bn:  
(Attached to 232 Inf Div)

CO: Capt Schoenleben  
 Strength: Per Jgr Co - 110 men on 17 Dec.  
 Hq Co Engr Plat - 25 - 30 men on 17 Dec.  
 Recon Plat - 20 men on 17 Dec.  
 Orgn: 4 Jgr Cos (1st - 4th), 1 Hq Co (5th) and possibly  
 1 Arty Btry (6th).  
 Per Jgr Co - 3 light and 1 hv plat.  
 Hq Co - 1 Sig plat, 1 Engr plat, and 1 Recon plat.  
 Wpns: Per Jgr Co - 9 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm morta.  
 Note: PWs state that the Bn is attached to 232 Inf Div

1st Co  
 2d Co  
 3d Co  
 5th Co

CO: 1st Lt Hoedlein  
 CO: 1st Lt Eichwalder  
 CO: 2d Lt Erle  
 CO: Capt Jaeger

 C. D. Gun  
 Dual Purpose Gun  
 Field Gun  
 Hy. AA Gun  
 Lt. AA Gun  
 Mobile Single Gun  
 Fixed Single Gun  
 Mortar  
 N. Nebelwerfer  
 Strongpoint  
 Gasemate  
 A.T. Gun  
 Fillbox  
 A.G. Position  
 A.T. Ditch  
 A.T. Wall  
 Tank Traps  
 Road Block  
 Road Cratered  
 Weapon Pits  
 Trenches  
 Emplacements  
 Dugouts  
 Vehicle Pit  
 Mines

 A. T. Mines  
 Wire  
 Searchlight  
 Radio Station  
 Radar  
 Military activity  
 Track activity  
 Unoccupied  
 Under Construction  
 Constr. Activity  
 Underground  
 Enemy occupied  
 Excavations  
 Prepared for Demolition  
 Damaged  
 Blown  
 Dump (Fuel)  
 (Supplies)  
 Barracks  
 Hospital  
 Cultural Monument  
 Tents

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MAPS: ITALY, scale - 1:50,000, GSGS, 4229 sheets 97-I, II, III, IV; 98-III, IV.

1. No change.

2. Present boundary between 85th Mt Inf and 86th Mt Inf from 400000 - 320100 - 320120 is moved to 534015 (point on rear boundary) - 530020 - 420130 effective upon relief of the 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf by the 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf.

3. a. 85th Mt Inf: 3rd battalion, 85th Mt Inf, will relieve the 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, commencing at 1900, 26 Jan. Head of truck column 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf, will arrive at 410048 at 1900, 26 Jan.

(1) 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf upon relief of the 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, will have the following missions:

(a) To hold battle positions in the area, and to prevent enemy movement south in LA LIMA Valley.

(b) To protect the BIGNI di LUCCA - CAMPO TIZZORO road in the sector.

(c) To maintain contact with the battalion on the left (west).

(d) To protect the occupation of the LA LIMA switch position in the event such occupation is ordered by CG, IV Corps.

(2) 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf will relieve 86th Mt Inf positions at MORESCA and ORSIGNA, completing relief by 1000, 27 Jan.

b. 86th Mt Inf:

(1) 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, upon relief, will revert to regimental reserve in the vicinity of PRUNETTI (4395), with the following missions:

(a) Training.

(b) Reconnoiter, and be prepared to reinforce or counterattack in any sector of TF 45.

(2) 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, will relieve the 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf during the night of 27 Jan. No vehicles, other than organic, baggage, and normal supply, will enter the present 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf area. No change in missions assigned under Operational Instructions No. 11, this Hq, 12 Jan 1945, applying to the 86th Mt Inf sector.

(3) Upon relief, 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf, will revert to regimental reserve in the vicinity of DOCCIA (445013), with the following missions:

(a) Training.

(b) Reconnoiter, and be prepared to reinforce or counterattack in any sector of TF 45.

(c) Preparation for future operation.

(4) Battalion Anti-tank Platoons will remain in position. AT Plat, 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, will be attached to 85th Mt Inf upon completion of the relief in that sector.

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4. a. 15 2½-ton trucks will be furnished each by C.O., 86th Mt Inf and C.O., 85th Mt Inf to report to C.O., 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf vicinity FRUNETTA at 1600, 26 Jan to move 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf to 410048. Same trucks will move 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, to FRUNETTA upon relief.

b. Not to exceed 45 2½-ton trucks will be furnished by C.O., 85th Mt Inf, to C.O., 86th Mt Inf at 1200, 27 Jan, to report at time and place to be designated by C.O., 86th Mt Inf. Trucks will be returned to C.O., 85th Mt Inf upon completion of relief of 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf.

5. No change in regimental or TF 45 CP's.

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Annex 1 - Opns Overlay.

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- 1 - CG, BEF
- 1 - CG, 92 Inf Div
- 1 - CG, 10 Mt Div
- 1 - HRA, 62 AA Bde
- 5 - CO, 85 Mt Inf
- 5 - CO, 86 Mt Inf
- 2 - CO, 87 Mt Inf
- 1 - CO, 68 MFA Bn
- 1 - C of S, 10 Mt Div
- 5 - AC of S, G-3, IV Corps
- 1 - G-3
- 1 - G-1 (route)
- 2 - Historical Records)
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MAPS: ITALY ROAD MAP 1:200,000, Sheet II  
ITALY, 1:150,000, VIAREGGIO AND LUCCA, Quads. I and IV.

- 1. a. See Intelligence annex.
- b. No change.

2. a. 87th Mt Inf (less 1st Bn) will relieve the 86th Mt Inf (less 2nd Bn) in sector TF 45 during night 2-3 Feb.

b. 1st Bn 87th Mt Inf will relieve 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf in CUTIGLIANO sector during night 4-5 Feb.

c. 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf when relieved will relieve 2nd Bn 86th Mt Inf during night 4-5 Feb.

d. The 86th Mt Inf upon relief will close in training area of 87th Mt Inf at 4115854.

- 3. a. 87th Mt Inf.

(1) 2nd Bn 87th Mt Inf will relieve 3rd Bn 86th Mt Inf commencing 1800A 2 Feb 1945. Head of truck column of Bn 87th Mt Inf will arrive detrucking point L956121 near CASTELLUCCIO at 1800A, 2 Feb. Troops will detruck at this point and effect relief under cover of darkness.

Mission: (a) To hold battle positions in VIDIGLIATICO (500139) area and prevent enemy movement south.

(b) To protect the occupation of switch positions CASTELLUCCIO (5411) - MONTECUTO delli ALFI (5110) by other units in the event such occupation is ordered by CG, IV Corps.

(c) Conduct vigorous patrolling and secure prisoners of war.

(d) To maintain contact with the battalion on the left (west).

(2) 1st Bn 87th Mt Inf will relieve 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf at CUTIGLIANO (404065) commencing 1900A, 4 Feb. Head of truck column of Bn 87th Mt Inf will reach detrucking point L10048 at 1900A, 4 Feb. Reliefs will be effected under cover of darkness.

Mission: (a) To hold battle positions in the area, and to prevent enemy movement south in LA LIA Valley.

(b) To protect the BIGNI di LUCCA - CAMPO TIZZORO road in the sector.

(c) To maintain contact with battalion left (west).

(d) To protect the occupation of LA LIA switch position in the event such occupation is ordered by CG, IV Corps.

(e) To conduct vigorous patrolling and secure prisoners of war.

(3) 3rd Bn 87th Mt Inf will replace 1st Bn 86th Mt Inf vicinity L0CCIA (445013) and constitute regimental reserve on 2 Feb.

Mission: (a) Training.

(b) Reconnoiter and be prepared to reinforce or counter-attack in any sector TF 45.

(4) Forward echelon of 87th Mt Inf will open in S MARCELLO (432015) upon relief of elements of 86th Mt Inf.

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b. 86th Mt Inf.

(1) Units of 86th Mt Inf when relieved will proceed to training area vicinity Q115854.

Mission: As outlined in current training directive.

(2) Forward echelon CP 86th Mt Inf will open in training area upon arrival first elements of its command.

c. 85th Mt Inf. Defend near areas indicated overlay. No change in BAGNI di LUCCA sector.

(1) 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf when relieved by Bn 87th Mt Inf will in turn replace on 5 Feb, 2nd Bn 86th Mt Inf at PRUNETTA (438960)

Mission: (a) Training.

(b) Reconnoiter and be prepared to reinforce or counter-attack in any sector TF 45.

4. a. Transportation.

(1) The following trucks from sources indicated, will report CG 87th Mt Inf at Q115854 on 2nd and 4th Feb 45, at times and via routes specified by division transportation officer. Division transportation officer will act as control officer for entire relief operation and will designate routes for movement of all convoys.

(a) To report 2 Feb 45.

30	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks	10 Mt CM Bn
8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks	126 Mt Engr Bn
20	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks	10 Mt AT Bn
15	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks	604 FA Bn
16	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks	616 FA Bn
5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks	605 FA Bn

(b) To report 4 Feb 45.

30	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks	10 Mt CM Bn
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(2) Upon relief by elements of 87th Mt Inf, attached transportation will be utilized by units relieved as follows:

(a) 3rd Bn 86th Mt Inf -- Entruck near CASTELLUCCIO at (1556126) and proceed to training area vicinity 115850.

(b) 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf -- Entruck north of LA LIMA at (410048) and proceed to PRUNETTA (438960).

(c) 1st Bn 86th Mt Inf -- Entruck at DOCCIA (443015), proceed to training area vicinity Q115854.

(d) 2nd Bn 86th Mt Inf (utilizing attached transportation of 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf) entruck at PRUNETTA and proceed to training area vicinity Q115854.

(3) Commanders of units are responsible that attached transportation is held intact and turned over to next using unit.

b. Upon completion of relief of elements 85th and 86th Mt Inf and movement of 86th Mt Inf to training area vicinity Q115854, transportation attached for this operation will revert to furnishing unit.

5. SOP reports required on opening and closing CPs.

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- Annex 1 - Operations Overlay
- Annex 2 - Intelligence annex
- Annex 3 - Training area sketch
- Annex 4 - Sketch of road nets.

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- 2 - CG, IV Corps
- 1 - CG, B&F
- 1 - CG, 92 Inf Div
- 5 - CG 85 Mt Inf
- 5 - CG 86 Mt Inf
- 5 - CG 87 Mt Inf
- 1 - CG 68 AFA Bn
- 5 - AC of S G-3, IV Corps
- 1 - CG, IV Corps arty
- 1 - CG, 894 TD Bn
- 5 - CG, Div arty
- 1 - CG, 45 AAA Brig
- 1 - CG, Co A, 760 Tk Bn

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ANNEX NO. 2 - INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO ACCORIAN F.A., NO. 8.

MAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY, 1:25,000 - 97 IV SW, SE, 97 III NE, NW, SE, SW, 97 II NE,  
NW, SE, SW, 97 I SW, SE, 98 III NW, SW.  
G.S.G.S., ITALY, 1:50,000 - 97 I, 97 II, 97 III, 97 IV, 98 IV, 98 III.

1. Summary of Enemy Situation

Enemy holds positions to our front with elms of the newly arrived San Marco and the 232d Inf Div. The line from our W Bd to the sea is occupied by the 148th Div reinforced by elms of SAN MARCO, ITALIA, and MONTE ROSA (Italian) Divs. The line W of M. CLMONE - M. GENNAIO Ridge (3617 to 4706) to our W Bd is occupied by the SAN MARCO DIVISION reinforced by elms of the 232 FUSELIER Bn and elms of a German Mt Bn. The line E of the ridge to our E Bd is held by the 2d Bn 1044 Inf. These battalions have conducted a passive defense, however, strong points in the area of PIANSINATICO (3808) and in the area of M. BELVEDERE (5217) - ROCCA CORNETA (4917) - CAPPEL BUSO (4716) have brought strong action against our patrols. Few of the enemy's patrols have reached our front lines and these were repulsed. Many of his positions on the ridges which were abandoned have been re-occupied because of our aggressive patrols. His defense, generally, consists of holding the roads and easier avenues of approach, and observing from the high ground with small observation patrols. The ability of the Italian trs, reinforced by a few Germans, to counter a small frontal attack has been definitely proven. However, when taken by surprise in flank or rear or when forced to fight in hasty positions, the Italians will readily surrender.

2. Essential Elements of Information

- a. Determine exact location of trs on enemy MIR.
- b. Determine location of enemy res.
- c. Verify identifications.
- d. Locate and develop roads and trails to further future operations.

3. Reconnaissance and Observation Mission

a. Aviation: Cub planes may be used for reconnaissance missions, for briefing battalion and company commanders, and for briefing patrol leaders on important patrols. Phone requests to G-2.

b. Infantry:

(1) To develop information concerning dispositions, strength and composition of enemy forces as a basis for future action, all units will patrol vigorously in their assigned sectors. These patrols will be continuous both night and day. Reconnaissance patrols will predominate, but effective use will be made of thoroughly planned combat, ambush, security and contact patrols. Ambush patrols will be used on routes which previous reconnaissance has shown to be used by the enemy. Patrols must not become stereotyped as to size, method of operation or routes.

(2) In addition to routine security and contact patrols, there will be a minimum of three patrols each 24 hours per Bn.

(3) It is essential that every effort be made to capture PWs, and well planned raids will be organized for this purpose. It is vital that PWs be obtained from all battalion sectors rather than from one point.

(4) Contact patrols will be sent to adjacent units.

(5) Special patrols from the relieving units will be dispatched during the period 2-5 February to provide continuous reconnaissance during the period of relief of the 85th and 86th Mt Inf.

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- (a) One Platoon from 2d Bn, 87th Mt Inf, will be Attached for administration and operations to the 3d Bn, 86th Mt Inf, from 2100, 1 Feb, until relief is completed. Platoon will be issued one ration by own Orgn prior to movement. Movement under cover of darkness.
- (b) One Platoon from 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf, will be Attached for administration and operations to the 3d Bn, 85th Mt Inf, from 2100, 3 Feb, until relief is completed. Platoon will be issued one ration by own Orgn prior to movement. Movement under cover of darkness.
- (c) These platoons will be oriented by the battalion being relieved and key personnel of the platoons will accompany experienced patrols prior to conducting their own patrol operations.
- (6) Patrols will be dispatched during the period 6-14 February to accomplish the following missions:
- (a) 85th Mt Inf.
1. Observe and Recon routes to M. BALZO DELLE ROSE (2911). Locate enemy positions and raid positions to capture PWs.
  2. Observe and Recon routes to M. GOMITO (3109). Locate enemy positions and raid positions to capture PWs.
  3. Recon routes to Hy #12 S of FAIDELLO (3113). Observe activity on Hy #12 and organize small raids on traffic to capture PWs or obtain identifications.
- (b) 87th Mt Inf.
1. Observe and Recon routes to PIANSINATICO (3808), RIVORETTA (3709), and MELO (3909). Locate enemy positions and raid positions to capture PWs.
  2. Observe and Recon routes to ROCCA CORNETTA (4917), C. FLORIC (5017), and CORONA (5117). Set ambushes and capture PWs.
- (7) Patrol Plans:
- (a) Overlays and complete plans for patrols on 8 by 10-1/2 sheets covering the period 0600 to 0600 will be submitted on the preceding day 1500A.
- (b) Above overlay will include the following:
1. Patrol number.
  2. Composition (Co, ECo, and Partisans).
  3. Mission (Generally single mission).
  4. Time and date of departure.
  5. Estimated time and date of return.
  6. Destination and proposed route.
  7. Who briefed patrol (Co Comdr, S-2, IFW, PI, etc).
  8. Supporting fires. (Will arty FO accompany patrol?)
- (c) Special or emergency patrols too late to be included in overlay above will be phoned in without delay.
- (d) Detailed plans for raids will be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the operation.
- (8) Patrol Reports:
- (a) Regimental S-2 will immediately report the following by phone, as each patrol returns:
1. Time out and time in.
  2. Observation of enemy territory.
  3. Civilians observed.
  4. Information from civilians or partisans.
  5. Condition of trails.
  6. Weather.
  7. Results of friendly or enemy artillery.
  8. Enemy contact, enemy observed, PWs.
- (b) If a route was followed other than that in the patrol plan, or if information is too detailed for telephone reports, a written report or overlay will be submitted without delay.
- (9) Patrols, General:
- (a) Partisans will be used whenever they can further our mission. They should be used principally as guides, in pairs.

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- (b) Officers will be sent on patrols only when the size of the command justifies an officer, with the following exceptions:
1. An officer will command a small patrol when the mission is of such importance as to warrant one.
  2. Officers will command patrols until all company officers are familiar with the terrain in the vicinity of their units.
- (c) All patrols will be thoroughly briefed. The Task Force PW Interrogator and Photo Interpreter are available for this purpose.
- (d) Important combat patrols and raids should be thoroughly rehearsed on similar terrain, coordinated with all supporting arms, and briefed in detail.
- (10) Observation Posts:  
Each regiment and battalion will maintain a minimum of one observation post. This OP will have supplementary positions to be occupied in case of poor visibility.
- (11) Artillery:  
(a) All artillery targets of opportunity engaged will be reported through artillery channels to G-2 without delay.  
(b) Shell reports will be reported by all units to Div arty S-2 (Box 2).

#### 4. PWs and CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

New identifications will be reported to this headquarters by urgent message including time and point of capture. PWs will be tagged showing point of capture by coordinates only, and escorted to TF 45 PW cage at CAMP TIZZORO by most expeditious means. Prisoner will be searched for weapons only. Documents will be left on the person of the prisoner.

#### 5. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

- a. Standard map distribution has been completed. A limited number of basic cover aerial photos have been distributed. Further distribution is available on request. Units being relieved in an area will turn over maps and photos to the relieving unit.
- b. Interpretation results of aerial photos will be furnished interested units as obtained, including annotated copies showing located targets. Requests for search for suspected enemy mortars, artillery, or other target areas will be forwarded to G-2. Results will be furnished by fastest available means.
- c. Special coverage for a particular mission, either oblique or vertical, may be obtained through G-2.

#### 6. Counter-Intelligence

- a. All civilians entering our lines from enemy territory and all civilians attempting to cross from our lines into enemy territory will be captured and turned over to CIC. Empty AM and ration trks should be used to expedite evacuation of civilians to rear areas. After screening for enemy agents, CIC will turn friendly civilians over to OSS for questioning on combat intelligence.
- b. All members of this command will be warned of the grave danger presented by the large numbers of Italian nationals employed by the enemy to obtain combat intelligence. It is the duty of all personnel to apprehend all civilians that act in a suspicious manner. More enemy agents have been captured in this sector than in any other part of Italy.
- c. Until further notice, no shoulder patches will be worn. Vehicle markings, CR Signs, baggage, etc., will in no way indicate the divisional or regimental designation of the infantry unit. Every precaution will be taken to prevent civilians from learning the designation of newly arrived units or from determining the size of the units moving into this area.
- d. Troop movements in forward areas will generally be made at night. Troop movements under enemy observation will be made on foot at night. Light discipline will be rigidly enforced. Movements will be made by infiltration when possible.

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e. Intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies are located at:

	<u>CIC</u>	<u>OSS</u>
W Sector	Mr. Allison BAGNI DI LUCCA (2696)	Capt. Sabatini BAGNI DI LUCCA (2696)
Center Sector	Mr. Marino S. MARCELLO (4301)	Lt. Seidner S. MARCELLO (4301)
E Sector	Mr. Lemler TAVIANO (5905)	Capt. Rovzar LIZZANO (5112)

7. Reports and Distribution

a. G-2 periodic reports will be published at 1500A daily covering previous 24 hour period up to 1330A.

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- Annex 1a - Order of Battle Report
- Annex 1b - Enemy Troop Disposition
- Annex 1c - Enemy Defenses, air and ground



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ANNEX 2a - ORDER OF BATTLE REPORT

For additional information see Intelligence Annex No. 2a to accompany FO #6,  
"Order of Battle Report."

MONTE ROSA ALPINE DIVISION

1st Medical Co.

The first Medical Co is one of the two medical companies with the MONTE ROSA division. It was sent to the front with other elements of the division on 30 October 1944. The 1st Medical Co. has furnished first aid men and litter bearers for front line units and is responsible for the evacuation of battle casualties to hospitals in rear areas.

ORGN: 4 Plats.

TOTAL STRENGTH: 150 officers and men

1st plat: litter bearers and first aid men

2nd plat: litter bearers and first aid men

3rd plat: Surgical personnel for minor operations

4th plat: pharmacists and personnel who operate division dispensaries

Co. Transport: 4 ambulances, 1 truck

1st Co: CO: Capt Mucci  
In Co: Capt Looni, physician  
Capt Gamaliere, physician  
1st Lt Mariani, physician  
1st Lt Potito, pharmacist  
2nd Lt Toni, dentist  
1st Lt Basilo, in charge of dispensary  
MO: Lt Col Fragassi  
Asst MO: Capt Raccholo  
OO: Capt Girotto, surgical group  
Capt Migliani, Surgeon  
1st Lt Gabbinti, surgeon

SAN MARCO MARINE INFANTRY DIVISION

5th Marine Inf: OO: Col Sordi  
3rd Bn. CO: Maj Blotto  
EX O: 1st Lt Viniazza  
Adj: 1st Lt Sirola  
APO: 83451 A-F  
12th Co: CO: 1st Lt Alvino  
In Co: 2nd Lt Basilio, 2nd Lt Lorenzoni  
13th Co: CO: Capt Manzotti  
Plat Leaders: 2nd Lt Omaccio (killed 30 Jan)  
2nd Lt Ogore  
Strength: Appr. 100 men on 31 Jan  
14th Co: CO: 1st Lt Poli  
In Co: 2nd Lt Randazzo  
15th Co: CO: Capt Sestito  
In Co: 1st Lt Nbe, gun plat. leader  
1st Lts Cotri, Lapomardo, Mortar plat ldrs  
CWO Tacola, Sig Plat leader  
Wpns: 4 LMG's, 3 M/P's, 6x81 mm mortars,  
4 x 37 mm AT guns, a number of bazookas.

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ITALIA BERSAGLIERI DIVISION

The division is composed of the 1st and 2nd Bersaglieri Regts (3 Bns and one AT Co in each Regt), one Arty Regt with 4 Bns, a Ron Bn, an Engr Bn, a Signal Bn, a heavy divisional At Co, 2 Medical Cos, and a transportation group. The 2nd Bersaglieri Regt is a "Blackshirt" Regt as it is composed of 80% veterans or former members of the "M" Bns. The other units in the division are composed of soldiers forced to serve in the Republican Army. All units in the ITALIA Div, except the Engr Bn, do not have their quota of weapons and a smaller percentage of their transport at the time of desertion of PW's, (7 Jan 45). The division which is expecting additional weapons and equipment has received none since it left Germany. The 1st Bersaglieri Regt lost about 600 men through desertion and about 200 killed during the engagements with partisans during its first month in Italy. (Source: Fifth Army IPW Report No. 948 dated 22 Jan 1945)

<u>1st Bersaglieri Regt</u>	CO:	Lt Col Zelli or Iozelli
3rd Co	CO:	1st Lt Pozzan
	In Co:	2nd Lt Grolla, 2nd Lt Bottigliero
4th Co	CO:	Capt Solino or Solima (Capt Solima is an ardent Fascist and has been known to shoot recaptured deserters personally in the presence of deserter's families)
	CO:	Capt Valento or Valontini
5th Co	In Co:	2nd Lt Nori, 2nd Lt Marini, 2nd Lt Montanari
		1st Lt Bologna
In 1st Bn Hq:		
<u>2nd Bn</u>		1st Lt Ghinazzi
In 2nd Bn Hq:		1st Lt Mattaloni
	APO:	86136 A-F
9th Co	CO:	1st Lt Muchaglia
10th Co	CO:	1st Lt Nanni
	In Co:	1st Lt Marti, 2nd Lt Dontico, 2nd Lt Cavallotti
<u>AT Co</u>	CO:	2nd Lt Capocasalo

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ENEMY DISPOSITION OVERLAY  
ANNEX 26 TO FO#8 HQ TF45  
31 JANUARY 1945  
MAP: ITALY 97 III, IV  
SCALE: 1/20,000

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MAP: ITALY 97 1:250,000

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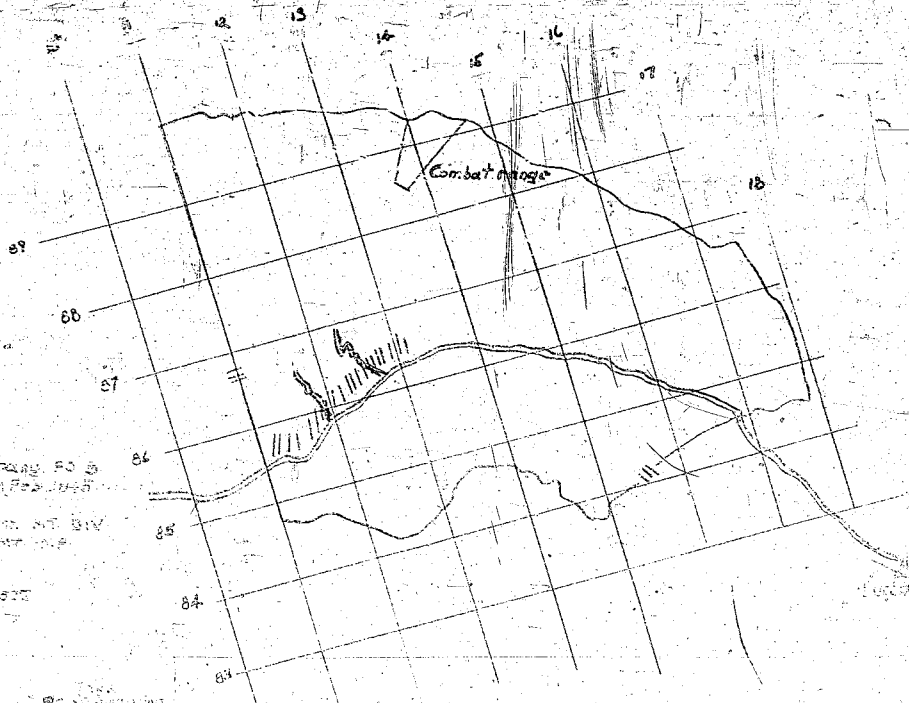
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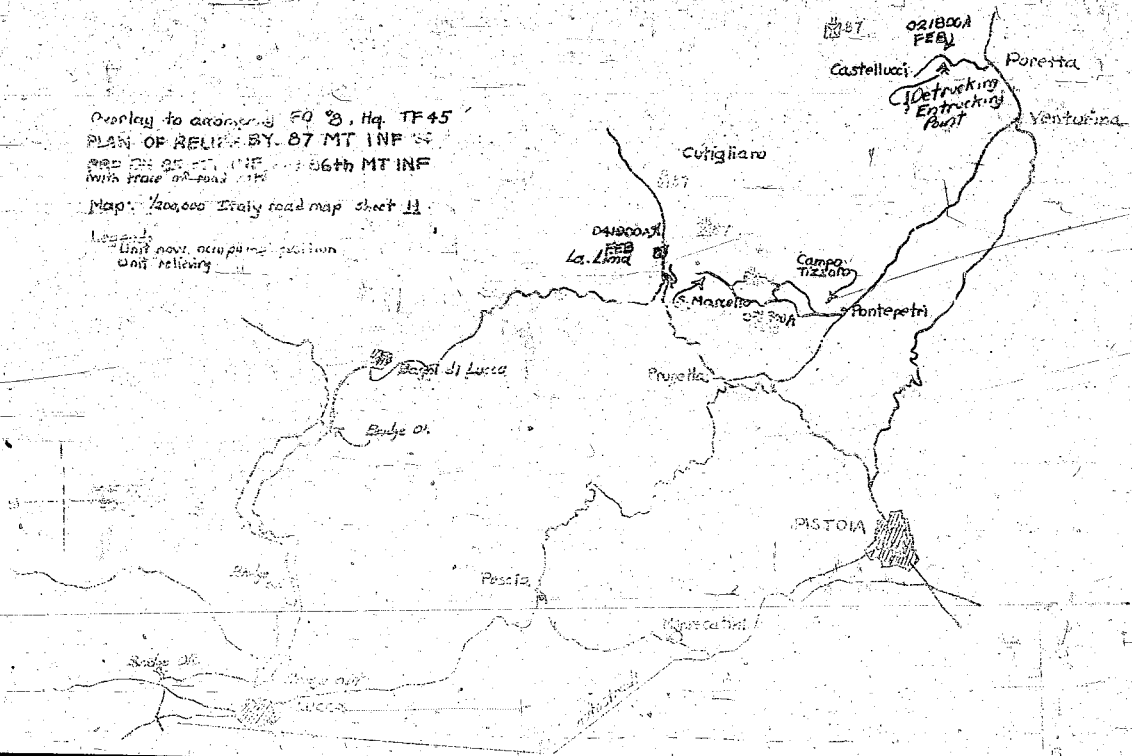
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Overlay to accompany FO 8, Hq. TF 45  
 PLAN OF RELIEF BY 87 MT INF 84  
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 WITH STATE OF ROAD LINES  
 Map: 1:200,000 Italy road map sheet 11

Legend:  
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A amendment to Intelligence Annex No. 2 to FO No. 2 dated 1 February 1945

1. Par 3b (6) (a) is recinded and the following paragraph substituted:

(a) 85th MT INF  
Obs and Recon routes in the direction of M. BALZO DELLE ROSE (L2911)  
and M. GOMITO (L3109). Locate enemy positions. Prepare and submit  
to this headquarters for approval plans for raids on positions to  
capture PWs.

2. Par 3b (9) (b). Add subparagraph 3.

2. Officers will command patrols until all men are trained in patrolling  
and familiar with the terrain. No patrols composed of inexperienced  
men will be dispatched without an officer.

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: Maj Gen Hays :  
: Initials: :  
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APO 464, U.S. ARMY  
CALPO TIZZORO (496991)  
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MAPS: ITALY 97-I, SW, SE, 98 IV SW, 1:25000

1. a. See Annex 2, Intelligence.

b. IV Corps supports atk Par. 2 below with 424th FA Group. When atk has reached HILL 1053 (547188), the 1st Div, BEF, will attack MT COSTELLO (5619). See annex 1.

2. 10th Lt Div will attack on D to seize, occupy, organize, and defend the MT BELVEDERE - MT della TORRACCIA ridge, prepare for further action to the NE. D and H to be announced.

3. a. 85th Lt Inf:

(1) Attack 2 bns abreast on D. Zone of action, boundaries, LD, assembly area, objectives - see overlay.

(2) Seize and defend initial objectives prior to daylight D day and advance rapidly at daylight to final objective.

(3) Organize and defend objectives taken.

(4) Maintain contact with 87th Lt Inf on left (west).

(5) Prepare for further action to the North.

b. 86th Lt Inf:

(1) Div Pos.

(2) Pursuant to previous instructions seize and hold MT MANCINELLO - PIZZO di CALPIANO ridge, protect left (west) flank of Div, and assist by fire the advance of the 87th Lt Inf.

(3) Prepare to repulse counterattack in Div Z.

(4) Prepare for commitment in Div Z to further attack.

(5) Attack in Z indicated overlay on order this Hq. Maintain contact with 85th Lt Inf on L, 1st BEF on R.

c. 87th Lt Inf:

(1) Attack with 2 bns abreast on D. Zone of action, boundaries, LD, assembly area, objectives - see overlay.

(2) Seize and defend initial objectives prior to daylight D day.

(3) Occupy, organize and defend positions in Zone of action generally along Phase line 2.

(4) Support by fire the advance of the 85th Lt Inf.

(5) Upon Div order relieve elements of the 85th Lt Inf on MT BELVEDERE (5217) and MT CORGOLESCO (5317) and occupy and defend same.

(6) Be prepared upon Div order to seize ROCCA CORNETA 494172.

d. Div Arty - See annex 4, Field Arty

e. 10th Lt AT Bn. Prepare, with 10th Lt Cav Rcn Tp atchd, to relieve 86th Lt Inf on MT MANCINELLO - PIZZO di CALPIANO ridge, and defend Div left (west) flank.

f. Air - see annex 3, Air

g. Engineers - see annex 6, Engineer.

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h. 10th Mt Cav Ren Tp

- (1) See Per. 3 e
- (2) See Annex 2, Intelligence.

i. Co B, 751st Tk Bn. Direct support 85th and 87th Lt Inf.

j. Co C, 894th TD Bn, attached Div Arty. (See Arty annex).

- xi. (1) All ground occupied will be held at all cost.
- (2) Prompt report will be made to this Hq of the seizure of each objective. Make hourly reports on the hour of the progress of the attack.
- (3) EEL: Determine and report location, concentration, movement of enemy reserves.

4. See Adm O No. 3.

- 5. a. (1) SOI use current index.
- (2) ~~Radio - normal radio activity chart.~~
- (3) See annex 3, Signal.

b. Co C, 10th Mt T Bn, is attached Hq, Sp Trs, 10th Mt Div, effective on start of move of CP, 10th Mt Div to LIZZANO in BELVEDERE, for CP security.

- c. CP, 10th Lt Div - LIZZANO in BELVEDERE (517128)
- CP, 10th Lt Div Arty - LIZZANO (517128)
- CP, 85th Lt Inf, Trail, Amalica 635 (51801315)
- CP, 86th Lt Inf, (1,2302417)
- CP, 87th Lt Inf, (51753525)
- CP, 126th Lt Engr Bn - C/S/LTS (520138)
- CP, 10th Lt Div Sp Trs - LIZZANO (517128)

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- Annex 5 - Signal
- Annex 6 - Engr

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- 1 - CG, 92 Inf Div
- 5 - CG, 85 Lt Inf
- 5 - CG, 86 Lt Inf
- 5 - CG, 87 Lt Inf
- 6 - AC of S/G-3, IV Corps
- 2 - CG, IV Corps Arty
- 2 - CG, 894 TD Bn
- 5 - CG, Div Arty
- 1 - CG, Co D, 760 Tk Bn
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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX 2 TO FO 9

I. Summary of Enemy Situation:

- a. Order of Battle: Annex 2a
- b. Enemy dispositions: Annex 2b
- c. Enemy holds line from FIZZO di CAMPANO - M. SPIGOLINO ridge (L4817 to L4309) to CASTELNUOVO (L5624) with 4 Bns of the 23rd Div. In this area there are 3 Bns of light and 1 Bn of medium arty centered around MONTESE (L5524). The total number of guns of all types capable of influencing our action is 83. Enemy's reserves consist of the 23rd Fus Bn (L4418) 1st Bn 1045 Inf Regt (L5528), 1st Bn 1043 Inf Regt (L5394) and 4th Sep Mt Bn (-) (L2816).
- d. In the past, the enemy has strongly resisted any attempt to seize M. PULVEDERE. We can be expected to defend our present positions and attempt to recover the commanding terrain by counter attack. Counter-attacks of Fiat tanks can be expected 2 to 3 hours after daylight, D-day, of Bn size 6 to 8 hours later.

II. R. T. I.

- a. Observe for mvmt of trs S or E of FANANO (L4418).
- b. Observe for mvmt of trs S and SW of MONTESE (L5524).
- c. Determine identification, strength, and dispositions on enemy main defensive position.
- d. Observe for indications of enemy withdrawal.
- e. Rpt promptly location of hostile arty and mort positions.

III. Reconnaissance and Observation Missions:

- a. Tac Rcn Sq.
  - (1) D-1
    - Oban roads: PAVULLO - FANANO (L4732 - L4418)
    - FUMALBO - FANANO (L3215 - L4418)
    - FANANO - OSPITALI (L4418 - L4313)
    - for mvmt enemy trs. also mvmt E of road FANANO-OSPITALI towards FIZZO di CAMPANO - M. SPERRASICCA ridge (L4817 - L4615), and N of line FIZZO di CAMPANO - M. BELVEDERE (L4817 - L5217).
  - (2) D-day
    - Oban roads: PAVULLO - MONTESE (L4732 - L5524)
    - FUMALBO - PAVULLO (L3215 - L4732)
    - FUMALBO - ROCCA CORITTA (L3215 - L4917)
    - for mvmt enemy trs. also mvmt S and SW of MONTESE (L5524).
- b. 10th Mt Rcn Tr.
  - Establish CP's on NW slope LA CASTILLINA (L4713); VIDIGIATICO (L5013); and at QUERCIOIA (L5116) by D-2. Prepare, establish Div CP's on M. SPERRASICCA (L4615) and M. PULVEDERE (L5217).
- c. 85th Mt Inf.
  - Observe mvmt trs S and SW of MONTESE.
- d. 86th Mt Inf.
  - Observe mvmt trs N and E of FANANO.
- e. 87th Mt Inf.
  - Observe mvmt trs S of RA'OCCHIO (L5326) and E of FANANO.
- f. 126th Mt Engr Bn.
  - Rcn roads in Div Z to locate supply routes. Mark and rpt locations of minefields.

IV. PWs and Captured Documents.

- a. PWs will be held the minimum time necessary for Regt interrogation.
- b. PW will be searched for overlays of enemy dispositions, FOs and other important papers which will be tagged with PWs name. Other documents such as pay-books will remain on the person of the PW.

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V. Maps and Photomaps.

a. Maps 1:25,000 and 1:50,000; Photomap 1:12,500; Enemy defense overprint 1:25,000; and basic cover have been distributed. A limited number of 1:12,500 maps on 8" by 12" sheets will be reproduced for a particular area upon request to Div G-2.

b. Interpretation results of aerial photos will be furnished interested units as obtained, including annotated copies showing located targets. Requests for search for suspected enemy mortar, arty, or other defenses will be forwarded to G-2. Results will be furnished by fastest available means.

c. Additional or special coverage, vertical or oblique, may be obtained on request.

VI. Counter Intelligence.

a. All civilians entering our lines or passed through by our trs, or those attempting to cross into enemy territory will be captured and evacuated through PW channels.

b. C.I.C. will screen civilians for enemy agents and then turn them over to OSS for questioning on combat intelligence.

c. All CP signs will be left in place. New CP signs will be erected on D-day.

d. All tr mvmts to assembly areas will be at night. Vehicular traffic will be kept to a minimum during the day, and trs will remain concealed when exposed to enemy observation. Light discipline will be rigidly enforced.

e. CP 10th C.I.C. at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE (LS112). Opens on D-1.

VII. Reports and Distribution.

a. Intelligence Summaries will be published by G-2 at 0600, 1330, and 1800A. covering routine enemy activity during the period. G-2 periodic rpt will be published at 1800A daily covering previous 24-hour period up at 1330A.

b. Rpt info as obtained. Negative every 2 hours starting 0600A.

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ANNEXES: 2a Order of Battle  
2b Enemy Dispositions  
2c Terrain Estimate  
2d Mine Overlay

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 2a TO ACCOMPANY FO 9.

ORDER OF BATTLE REPORT

232 Inf. Div.  
 94 Inf. Div.

4th Mountain (HOCHBERGSSJAEBER) Bn.

232 INFANTRY DIVISION

CG : Maj Gen von Gablene  
 G-3 : Col. Kerre  
 G-4 : Maj Esbach  
 Adj : Maj Hermann  
 APO: 30103

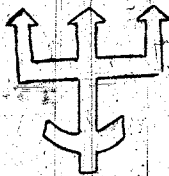
The Division was trained and formed at WILDFLECKEN, Germany, out of personnel who had been on leave from the Russian theater and from excess personnel of various units previously employed on the Eastern front; because of this the Division was known as the "OSTERLAENDER" Division. The Division was shipped to Italy in early September, 1944. Prior to this commitment in mid-October, it was stationed in the GENOA area. The Division was encountered N of FORRETTA. The troops had maintained their positions well despite the high age average which prevails in all the Cos. The offensive potential is not high but the Division does occupy a very large front in a satisfactory manner.

Division Insignia:

Members of the Division wear a red flash across the epaulet of the right shoulder and each Regt or separate Bn wears a distinguishing color across the left epaulet.

Blue - Fus Bn  
 White - 1043 Inf Regt  
 Red - 1044 Inf Regt  
 Yellow - 1045 Inf Regt

Division Insignia



Component Parts:

232 Fus Bn	232 Eng Bn
1043 Inf Regt	232 AT Bn
1044 Inf Regt	1232 Ass Gun Bn (?)
1045 Inf Regt	232 Sig Bn
232 Arty Regt	Div Rear Serv

94 INFANTRY DIVISION

CG : Maj Gen Steinmetz  
 C of S: Lt Col Mueller  
 G-3 : Maj Strachwitz (?)  
 G-1 : Maj Duven  
 Sig O: Capt Vitshum

The Division was originally formed in September 1939 and included numerous Saxons and Sudeten Germans. After seeing some action in the French campaign the unit was sent to southern Russia where it experienced severe losses in the withdrawal from STALINGRAD. After reforming in FRANCE the division came to ITALY in August 1943 and was contacted in the TYRRENIAN coastal sector in October. The division suffered losses when we attacked across the GARIGLIANO in January and was almost destroyed in our May offensive. The battered remnants moved across ITALY, fighting as battlegroups when the enemy's withdrawal was jeopardized and

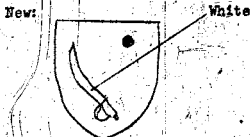
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finally reached RAVENNA. In August the remaining personnel were absorbed by the 305 Inf Div and the Headquarters moved to northeastern ITALY where they began to reform and re-equip the division. The personnel of the division consisted of men discharged from hospitals, men returning from convalescent leaves, and included a large number of Volksdeutsche, in some cases as many as 15 Russians per Co being encountered. These men came from the replacement division "SCHLESIER".

94th Inf Div was reconstituted around 10 October 1944, in the VERGATO (I-7026) sector. Replacements have been erratic of late consisting mostly of personnel returning from hospital and the bns are believed to be of average to medium strength (250-300). Non Germanic elements were reported removed to rear details during the first week of November. It is believed that this was only done in battalions south of the RENO.

Division Emblem:



4TH MOUNTAIN BATTALION

(Hochgebirgsjaeger Bn)

History: The Battalion was formed in Austria in November 1943, from convalescent personnel from Russia, (1st Mt Div), and men around 18 years of age. Shortly thereafter the Battalion moved to Italy and was contacted on the Cassoni front, fighting under command of 5th Mountain Div and 44th Inf Div. In midsummer 1944, the Battalion moved to NW Italy. On August 24, 1944, 130-150 replacements arrived at Genoa for the MEER - ALPEN Regt. By September 14, 80 of those men had moved to the 4th Mt Bn CP at ENTRAQUE (N-7539) where they joined the Arty Btry, the balance of the men going to the 4th Mt Jgr Cos. During late September and early November the unit moved to VINALDO (N-5649) and from there to FIUMALBO (I-3215), arriving there on October 16. On November 23, the Bn was committed in the ABETONE (I-3311) area.

Organization:

4th Mt Bn is composed of 5 Cos, 4 rifle Cos and one Support Co. Each rifle Co consists of 2 or 3 platoons (2d Co only 2 platoons) of 3 squads each. The support Co has 1 Engr plat, 1 Comm. plat and the Hq plat.

Weapons:

Each rifle Co has 1 LMG per squad, 4 x 81mm mortars and 2 HMG's. The support Co according to PW has no Hv weapons organically but he stated that when the Bn is in the line they usually have 2 Btry's of Artillery attached to them. He did not know what type guns those were.

DISPOSITION OF UNITS

I. Front line units (left to right)

232 INFANTRY DIVISION:

2nd. Bn., 1044 IR

Strength: 570 men  
Location: Marne (L508182)

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1st. Bn., 1044 IR	Strength: 415 men. Location: Castelluccio di Stabia (L532202)
2nd. Bn., 1045 IR	Strength: 640 men. Location: M. Balgare (L598283).
2nd. Bn., 1043 IR	Strength: 400 men Location: La Spiaggia (L687228)

94 INFANTRY DIVISION:

1st. Bn., 267 IR	Strength: 350 men. Location: Susano (L670275)
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II. Reserves (left to right)

4th. Mt. Bn.	Strength: 425-500 men. Location: Pievepelago (L300190)
232 Fus. Bn.	Strength: 350-400 men. Location: Fanano (L441182)
232 Eng. Bn. (Possible)	Strength: 420 men. Location: La Vacchio (L488305)
232 Repl. Bn. (Possible)	Strength: 400 (?) men. Location: La Vacchio (L488305)
1st. Bn., 1045 IR	Strength: 280-300 men. Location: Semflano di Sopra (L582283)
1st. Bn., 1043 IR	Strength: 290-310 men. Location: M. Spicchio (L528246)
2 Mt. Bns. ???	Strength: 1,000 (?) men. Location: Sestola (L422207)
94 Fus. Bn.	Strength: 350-400 men. Location: Roncuollo (L2231)
267 IR (-)	Strength: 900 men. Location: Lissano (L5928)
274 IR	Strength: 930 men. Location: Sanguoneda (L7029)

ARTILLERY POSITIONS

(Ref. FI Hostile Battery List #30)

I. Field Guns (75mm)

2	-	L520199
2	-	L530182
1	-	L530191
2	-	L533227
3	-	L621271
3	-	L566254
1	-	L577243
2	-	L628281
2	-	L577243
18		Total

II. Light Guns (105mm)

1	-	L519189
2	-	L532334
3	-	L545331
1	-	L548261
2	-	L663230
2	-	L593237
2	-	L591252
3	-	L596255
3	-	L552257
3	-	L561223
3	-	L579244
1	-	L624284
2	-	L616282
3	-	L620234
4	-	L674281
35		Total

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III. Medium Guns (150mm)

3 - L48227  
3 - L56222  
3 - L57224  
1 - L592252  
10 - Total

IV. Misc.

2 - S.F. (88?) - L542257  
2 - Hv AA - L697355 (May be used as AT and Inf weapon.)

V. Summary Arty pieces

Field Pieces 18  
Light How's 35  
Medium How's 13  
Self-prop 9  
Hv AA 4  
75 - Total

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INTELLIGENCE ANNET NO. 3c TO ACCOMPANY FO 9.

TACTICAL STUDY OF THE TERRAIN

I. Purpose and other limiting considerations.

Purpose is to study the terrain bounded by the Reno and Loo Rivers in the vicinity of Mt. Belvedere in the northern Apennines of Italy with a view to determining the suitability of this area for offensive action by our forces. The forward limit of this study is a line approximately east and west through Cannovaccia.

II. General Topography.

a. Drainage System

Reno River on SE  
Loo and Panaro Rivers on NW

Dardagna, Silla: flowing out of saddle between Mt. Grande and Mt. Belvedere.

b. Ridge System.

Cimone, Cima, Tauffi, Gornajo - Backbone of range.  
Spigolino, Scerrassiccia, Gappel Busè - Range.  
La Nuda, Grande, Belvedere, Della Torraccia - Range.

(Belvedere - Gorgolesco Mountain will hereafter in this report be referred to as Mt. Belvedere.)

c. Routes.

1. Route 6629 - Good MSR, but not full 2-way road. Surface good, but has very sharp curves.
2. Route 64 - Excellent MSR - Two way good condition.
3. Porotta, Cadi Battista, Panigale di Sotto, Silla. This is for the most part about 1-1/2 way. Main route for access to the Lizzano-Vidiciatico area.
4. Lizzano, La Masera, Querciola Road - A two way road.
5. Querciola, Albarcelli, - Possible supply route to support advance.
6. Querciola, Gaggio Montano, Cannovaccia.
7. Crociale, Gaggio Montano.

d. General Nature of Terrain.

Rugged and rough with communication routes difficult. Not so difficult, however, as most of the surrounding terrain. Belvedere and the ridge running to the NE are commanding ground controlling the main route to the Bologna area.

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III. Military aspects of the terrain.

a. Avenues of approach and lines of communication.

1. Route 6629. - Good MSR, but not full 2-way road, Surface good, but has very sharp curves.
2. Route 64 - Excellent MSR. Two way, good condition. Maintained as far as Riola by 255th Engineers at present.
3. Forotta, Cadi Battista, Penigale di Sotto, Silla. This is for the most part about 1-1/2 way. Main route for access to the Lizzano - Vidiciatico area.
4. Lizzano, La Masera, Querciola road. A two way road, hard surface.
5. Vidiciatico, Poggiolorato, etc - passable for vehicles to R.J. 918. Vehicles only beyond this point, except Poggiolorato branch open for vehicles all the way.
6. Vidiciatico, Chiesina - wheels only.
7. La Masera, Rocca Coroneta to Fanano - two way traffic, except that bridges will require repair beyond Rocca Coroneta.
8. Querciola, Albarelli, Cannobbaccia. Not much is known of this road at present. Probably poor.
9. Querciola, Gaggio Montano, Terminale. At present undamaged, but covered with snow.
10. Crociale, Gaggio Montano. Two way road.
11. Silla, Bombiana. Cart Track - passable to 1/4 tons; light tanks with difficulty.

b. Obstacles.

Snow - continuous removal may be needed. Numerous narrow, deep gullies which are scattered throughout most of the area. Most of these are tank obstacles. Silla River intermittently passable to tanks. Area West of Dardagna River and South of line Lt. Serrasiocia, Vidiciatico, Lizzano, Castelluccio, unsuited to tank action. Balance of area generally suited, except for gullies already mentioned.

c. Concealment and Cover

Concealment generally lacking, except for local small shrubs which do not provide much concealment. Cover may be had high up, in Dardagna and Silla Rivers, but these are rather inaccessible. Other cover is very limited and found only in small local areas for our troops. For the enemy there is considerable cover behind Lt. Belvedere.

d. Observation.

Observation is excellent throughout most of the area from numerous possible vantage points on the south side of the Silla basin and upper Dardagna River. Especially from points in or near Vidiciatico, Lizzano, Castelluccio, and Cadi Battista. Our observation is limited, however, to the ground south and east of the Belvedere, Terraccia Ridge. Enemy observation is superior in all respects. He has command of our entire area of operations, from the Belvedere, Terraccia Ridge. If we capture the ridge Serrasiocia - Cappel Buso we will have friendly command of the area in the rear of Belvedere.

## c. Fields of Fire.

In general, fairly good - terrain has a few scattered patches of woods but these are not dense. Most of terrain is relatively open, leaving fairly good fields of fire. Grazing fire is possible in many areas of this sector. This applies to enemy fields of fire as well as to our own.

## IV. Critical terrain features.

- a. The most critical terrain feature in the entire area is Mt. Belvedere, and the high ground leading along the saddle up to Mt. Della Torraccio. This feature is important because it affords superior observation of almost the entire area under consideration. The fact of this observation enables the holder of this ground to place artillery fire wherever he chooses in the entire area covered by this study. It also enables him to observe our movements through this area.

The second most important feature is the Seriasiccia - Cappal Buso Ridge. This feature does not provide observation of as much of the area as does Belvedere, but it does have excellent observation of the West portion of the area and especially on Belvedere itself. The observation of this feature is especially valuable since it also has observation on most of the area behind the Belvedere - Della Torraccio ridge.

- b. Mt. Grande is a critical terrain feature in that it also provides controlling observation. However, since its top is a little far from Belvedere and it does not look behind Belvedere, this high point is not so critical as the Seriasiccia - Cappal Buso Ridge.

## V. Tactical Effect of the Terrain.

- a. The terrain in the area under consideration is such that it becomes highly desirable for a force attacking Mt. Belvedere to first secure the Seriasiccia - Cappal Buso Ridge in order to gain its observation. It is desirable to also place artillery on this ridge if possible although this is not absolutely necessary as long as observers can get on the ridge.
- b. If heavy resistance were met in trying to take this ridge it would become advisable to delay the main attack until superior observation could be attained.
- c. The superiority of enemy observation from Mt. Belvedere makes attack of this mountain difficult to conceal. It will be especially difficult to achieve surprise. Camouflage of troop positions, gun positions, troop movement and motor movements will be necessary.





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ANNEX 3 TO F.O. 9

1. a. Intentions

- (1) To harness hostile reserves in the vicinity of or moving toward the area of operations.
- (2) To destroy the enemy tactical, supply, and administrative installations.
- (3) To provide immediate information of the enemy through continuous reconnaissance.
- (4) To provide close support for attacking troops by destroying or neutralizing points of enemy resistance.

b. Bombing Assignments - D day

- (1) Castelluccio di Stabia (L523200)
- (2) Albanello (L546209)
- (3) Occupied buildings (L545210)
- (4) Occupied buildings (L548229)
- (5) Caserno (L550229)
- (6) Occupied building (L544235)
- (7) Riva di Sicilia (L538232)
- (8) Montepocciolo (L514242)
- (9) Rococchia (L532267)
- (10) S. Martino (L541257)
- (11) Salto (L540261)
- (12) Montese (L558245)
- (13) Occupied buildings (L537231)
- (14) Iola (L567215)
- (15) M.O. in buildings (L572230)
- (16) Occupied area and CP (L567235)
- (17) CP (L593234)
- (18) Occupied buildings (L589241)
- (19) Occupied buildings (L593256)
- (20) Villa G.iano (L591273)
- (21) Scalmna Sopra (L586255)
- (22) Castel D'Alcerno (L588256)
- (23) Occupied building (L622247)
- (24) Occupied buildings (L643260)
- (25) Occupied buildings (L650276)
- (26) Occupied buildings (L633286)
- (27) Occupied buildings (L619285)
- (28) CP and occupied village (L621272)

c. Tactical Plan

(1) Daylight Plan

Route #1 - VERGATO - Hwy 64 N to CASL - LACCHIO, W to BALZANO, S to S. VIGLIO and CASTEL D'ALCERNO, thence E to VERGATO.  
Route #2 - LODERNA, thence SE to CASTELFRANCO, S to LAZZANO, S to PAVULLO, thence N on Hwy 12 to LODERNA.  
Route #3 - Secondary road not in area bounded by CASTEL D'ALCERNO to S. ZAMO, S to PAVULLO, thence SE to CASTEL D'ALCERNO.

(2) Daylight Plan - Close in orders D-1 and D day. (See Intelligence Annex #2, FO 9, Par. 3.2.)

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(3) Night patrols over above routes (Par. c (1)).

d. Armed Recon - over above routes to begin at dawn and continue until dusk.

e. Air Alert

(1) Mobile air ground communications party, (ROVER JOE) present in division sector to coordinate close support missions.

(2) Fighter bombers on air alert in division sector from dawn to dusk.

(3) Prior to 1200 D-1, 1 SCR 192 radio with 4-ton truck to each of 85th and 87th Art Inf and 1 to Btry C, 605 F. Bn.

(4) Regiments will request air support direct to ROVER JOE installations.

f. Administrative.

(1) Btry C, 605 F. Bn will be prepared on call from ROVER JOE to mark targets in division sector with white phosphorus, red, or purple smoke.

(2) Emergency targets to be referred to ROVER JOE after 0800 hours D day.

(3) COM 3 RTTY LINE - (1490185) (1619190) (1640253) (1670283)

(4) Hqs Div Art will provide air OP for ROVER JOE commencing 0800 D day. (air obsv from other sources)

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(500010) (500140) (523140)

FIELD ARTILLERY ANNEX  
ANNEX 4 TO FO 9 12TH MT DIV  
FIELD ARTILLERY

1. a. See Division Order  
b. Supporting Artillery; IV Corp Artillery
2. See Overlay
3. a. 604th FA Bn  
(1) D-1, Gen Support  
(2) D, D/S 85th Inf  
b. 605th FA Bn  
(1) D-1, D/S 86th Inf  
(2) D, D/S 88th Inf and Gen Support  
(3) One gun 105-mm to mark Air Corp targets by smoke on call.  
c. 616th FA Bn  
(1) D-1, Gen Support  
(2) D, D/S 87th Inf  
d. 175th FA Bn: 1 Btry 1125 FA Atchd  
(1) D-1, Gen Support  
(2) D, Gen Support, Reinforcing fires of 616th FA Bn and 604th FA Bn  
e. 894th TD Co  
(1) D-1 to D-4  
(a) 1 Plat vicinity of Gaggio Montana, Def against mecz attack and direct fire support exclusive to crest of Mt Belvedere - Mt Terraccia Ridge.  
(b) 1 Plat vicinity of Vidiciatico, def against mecz attack  
(c) 1 Plat, ros, vicinity of Li-zano in Belvedere. Move to vicinity of saddle between Mt Belvedere - Mt Gorgolesco after Mt Belvedere is taken.
- x. (1) Firing Chart - Battle Maps, 1/25,000 m  
(2) Registration - Restricted, with the following exceptions:  
605th FA Bn - unrestricted  
175 Th FA Bn. - initial registration on 18 Feb.  
(3) Survey  
(a) Position Area - Div Arty control to all Bns.  
(b) Target Area - Battle Map - V 25,000  
(4) Organization of Position  
(a) Dug-in, camouflaged, all around protection established  
(5) Circulation  
(a) See Div Order  
(6) Am  
(a) 150 rds per gun, per day for all wpns used in Arty role.  
(b) Maintain Am level at the gun positions of;  
200 rds per gun of 105-mm  
300 rds per gun of 75-mm  
(c) No VT Fuze to be fired, except on Div Arty order  
(7) Air Obsn  
(a) Air OP will maintain continuous air obsn during daylight hours as follows;  
(1) D-1, 605th FA Bn - one (1) plane  
(2) D, 604th FA Bn and 616th FA Bn - one (1) plane each.  
(3) Div Arty and Gen support Bn planes available on call to Air Strip.
- (8) Changes of position  
(a) D-Day, on seizure of initial objective 604th FA Bn will displace on order to previously reconnoitered positions in vicinity Gaggio Montana 616th FA Bn will displace on order to previously reconnoitered positions on Mt Belvedere.
- (9) Metro Msgs beginning on D-1  
(a) Day - Light - upon request, one hour before time needed  
(b) Night - one (1) every two hours
- (10) Inf. Gun Plat's (75 m/m How)  
(a) 1 Plat, 85th Inf atchd 604th FA Bn  
(b) 2 Plat, 86th Inf atchd 605th FA Bn  
(c) 1 Plat, 87th Inf atchd 616th FA Bn

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Annex 4 to FO 9 10th Mt Div (cont'd)

4. Sec Adm Order
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  - a. Sec Special S. O. I.
  - b. Axes of signal communication: axes of advance of support-  
ed units.
  - c. Upon seizure Campiano - Fusco Ridge, OPs. as indicated  
below, will be established in areas shown on overlay;  
606th FA Bn - one in each area shown (OPs will be far  
enough apart to be used as Flash Base in Fanane Sector)  
616th FA Bn - Two in area shown (to be discontinued  
when OPs are established on Mt Bolvedere.)
  - d. Command Posts - see Overlay.

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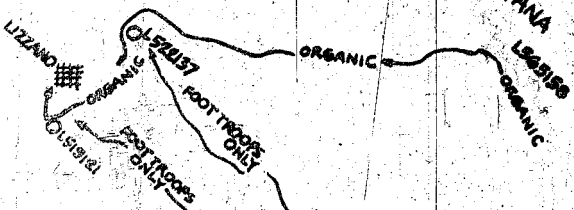
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ORDER #5 TO FIELD ORDER #9 -- SIGNAL PLAN

PARA. DAILY, 1:50,000

1. a. See F. O.

1. Lines of Signal Communication:

- (1) 10th Lt Div: LIZZANO; GAGGIO MONTANO
- (2) Div Arty CP: LIZZANO
- (3) 85th Lt Inf CP: (51801515) Report other locations.
- (4) 87th Lt Inf CP: (51051585) Report other locations.
- (5) 86th Lt Inf CP: (48301117) Report other locations.  
1st Bn 86th CP: (48301117)  
3rd Bn 86th CP: (5031143)
- (6) 10th Lt Col In CP: VALLIARRE (600085)
- (7) 126th Lt Engr Bn Cpt: C. SALE (520138)

c. Special Communications:

- (1) Wire Communications will be established as follows:  
Div Mailhead at PISTOLA  
D.O. at PISTOLA  
Traffic Control: LIZZANO - SILLA  
Traffic Control: PISTOLA  
Div C.P. at VINCIGIATICO  
Lateral to HQ: PORRETTA TELA  
Engr Line (T road): LIZZANO to 555126

d. The following wire circuits are allotted for use by the Div Sig Co:

- (1) Two circuits on one (1) 3P-4 from LIZZANO to PORRETTA TELA,  
thence to C. PO TIZZORO via open wire. For Mr Ech.

2. The Div Sig System will be installed by 180600 Feb.

3. a. The 110th Lt Sig Co will install, operate and maintain the Div Sig System as follows:

- (1) Msg Cons: Adv CP at 180600 Feb.  
Mr Ech - Routine
- (2) Psg Services: SOP
- (3) Radio: SOP. Prepare to operate Spec Purpose Nets.
- (4) Visual Coms: All hand and Pyro temps alerted.
- (5) Wire: SOP, except as follows - (See par 1c)

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(NOT TO BE TAKEN OUT OF LINE CONTAINING THE POINTS (250980) (330006)  
(404061) (500016) (500140) (523110)

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3. b. Other Units: SOP.

- Y (1) Radio: Units moving into new area will not transmit until 11 Hour. Units in new area prior to 160100 will continue normal activity.
- (2) Subd ops within Div will interrupt all phone calls when necessary to establish connection for Air Support Party. The phrase "ROVER JOE PRIORITY" will be used to obtain this priority.
- (3) The Telephone Directory Code Name for 10th Pz Div will be RECALL after 170600 Feb.

4. a. Div Signal Supply: PISTOL.

- b. Sig Co will establish supply dump at Sig Co bivouac for one (1) day signal resupply for Pzd units.
- c. Sig Repair: LIZZANO.

5. Current Index to SOI: Ia-9, dated 18 Feb 45.  
Sig Officer at Pzd CP.

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ANNEX 6 TO F.O. 9

ENGINEER PLAN

1. MISSION: To support the attack and subsequent operations of the 10th Mountain Division.

2. MEANS AVAILABLE:

- a. Troops: 126th Mountain Engineer Battalion, supported by Corps Engineers (see paragraph 4).
- b. Equipment on hand:
  - 1 - Road grader, mtzd
  - 1 - 2 1/2 ton snowplow
  - 2 - 1/4 ton snowplows
  - 2 - Aircompressors, mtzd
  - 3 - D-7 bulldozers
  - 4 - R-4 angledozers
  - 22 - Trucks; 2 1/2 ton cargo
  - 36 - Trucks, 2 1/2 ton dump

3. ASSIGNMENTS:

- a. Company A (plus 1 R-4 angledozer): in direct support of 85th Mountain Infantry, starting D -1.
- b. Company B (plus 1 R-4 angledozer): one platoon in direct support 3rd battalion 86th Mountain Infantry, starting D -3; Company (minus one platoon) initially in battalion reserve.
- c. Company C (plus 1 R-4 angledozer): in direct support of 87th Mountain Infantry, starting D -1.
- d. Company D (plus 1 R-4 angledozer): construct and operate tram to top Monte Cappel-Buso; direct support 1st Battalion, 86th Mountain Infantry, starting D -1. Move one platoon, 3 trucks; 2 1/2 ton w/trans, 1 angledozer, w Vidiciatico night D -2 - D -1. Remainder of company to PIANACCIO (500100) night D -2 - D -1.

4. SUPPORT BY CORPS:

- a. 235 Engr C Bn (minus not to exceed 1 company, in support EEP) in direct support 126th Mt Engr Bn, starting D -4.
  - b. Route Maintenance as follows:
    - Loop: Porretta - Silla - Lizzano - Ca di Batista (556126) by 235 Engr C Bn by D -4.
  - c. Fifty cubic yards primary crushed rock daily furnished and loaded vicinity Porretta, starting D -4. Two Brockway trucks each with 45 foot treadway available on 6 hour call.
  - d. Construction of Bailey Bridges at (506162), (553169), (563178).
  - e. Two platoons 84th Engr Bn (Camouflage) to supervise necessary camouflage of installations.
5. DISCUSSION: 10th Mountain Division MSR, SILLA - GAGGIO MONTANO - ABETAILA to be developed when feasible.

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OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS NO 12

MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000, GSGS, sheets 97-I, II, III, 98-III, IV.

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.  
b. Overlay.
2. a. 473rd Inf Regt (less 1st Bn) will relieve the elements of the 10th Mt Div in the TF 45 Sector during the night 15 - 16 Feb.  
b. 1st Bn, 473rd Inf will remain at MONTECATINI until further orders.
3. 473rd Inf:
  - (1) 473rd Inf will establish CP at (L48004) 15 Feb.
  - (2) 2nd Bn, 473rd Inf will relieve 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf at CUTIGLIANO (404065) commencing 151830A Feb. Head of truck column of 2nd Bn, 473rd Inf will reach detrucking point (410048) at 151815A Feb--reliefs will be effected under cover of darkness.

MISSION: (a) To hold battle positions in the area and to prevent enemy movement South in LA LIMA valley.  
 (b) To protect the BAGNI DI LUCCA - CAMPO TIZZORO road in the sector.  
 (c) To maintain contact with battalion left (West).  
 (d) To protect the occupation of LA LIMA switch position in the event such occupation is ordered by CG, IV Corps.  
 (e) To conduct vigorous patrolling and to secure prisoners of war.  
 (f) To occupy OP at MALANDRENI, positions at CALIGI and LA LIMA.

(3) 3rd Bn, 473rd Inf to relieve 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf in BAGNI DI LUCCA sector night 15 - 16 Feb. Head of truck column to arrive detrucking point (L287969) at 151830A, relief to commence at 151830A.

MISSION: (a) Organize, occupy and prepare to defend battle positions in the area, and deny the enemy the MT MOSCA - MONTE FEGATESI - BAGNI DI LUCCA ridge line as an aid to his advance.

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- (b) Reconnoiter and be prepared to reinforce any sector of TF 45.
- (c) Maintain a road patrol from FIASTRE (4695) to PRACCHIA (L5301)
- (d) Maintain road patrol from BAGNI di LUCCA (L3697) to LA LIMA (L4102).

87th Mt Inf:

(1) 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf upon completion of relief will move to positions vicinity POPIGLIO (3900) and be prepared to move on Division order.

85th Mt Inf:

(1) 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf: Upon completion of relief will await orders at BAGNI di LUCCA and be prepared to move on Division order.

(2) 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf: Elements of 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf relieved at positions at BAGNI di LUCCA will move to GAVANANA (456013) upon completion of relief.

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6 - AC of S G-3 IV Corp  
5 - CO, 85 Mt Inf  
5 - CO, 86 Mt Inf  
5 - CO, 87 Mt Inf  
1 - CO, 751 Tr Bn

1 - CO, 701 Tr Bn  
5 - CO, 10 Div Arty  
1 - CO, FEB  
1 - CO, 92 Inf Div  
1 - CO, Co D 760 Tr Bn  
2 - CO, 473 Inf Regt

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ANNEX NO. 1 - INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO ACCOMPANY OF NO. 12.

MAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY, 1:25,000 - 97 IV SW, SE, 97 III NE, NW, SE, SW, 97 II NE, NW, SE, SW, 97 I SW, SE, 98 III NW, SW.  
G.S.G.S., ITALY, 1:50,000 - 97 I, 97 II, 97 III, 97 IV, 98 IV, 98 III.

1. Summary of Enemy Situation

Enemy holds positions to our front with aims of the newly arrived San Marco and the 232d Inf Div. The line from our W Bd to the sea is occupied by the 148th Div reinforced by aims of SAN MARCO, ITALI, and MONTE ROSA (Italian) Divs. The line W of L. CRIONE - M. GERNAIO Ridge (3617 to 4706) to our W Bd is occupied by the SAN MARCO DIVISION reinforced by aims of the 232 FISCHER Bn and aims of a German Lt. Bn. The line E of the ridge to our E Bd is held by the 2d Bn, 104th Inf. These battalions have conducted a passive defense, however, strong points in the area of PLANSINATIOO (3606) have brought strong action against our patrols. Few of the enemy's patrols have reached our front lines and these were repulsed. Many of his positions on the ridges which were abandoned have been re-occupied because of our aggressive patrols. His defense, generally, consists of holding the roads and easier avenues of approach, and observing from the high ground with small observation patrols. The ability of the Italian trs, reinforced by a few Germans, to counter a small frontal attack has been definitely proven. However, when taken by surprise in flank or rear or when forced to fight in hasty positions, the Italians will readily surrender.

2. Essential Elements of Information

- a. Determine exact location of trs on enemy IIR.
- b. Determine location of enemy res.
- c. Verify identifications.

3. Reconnaissance and Observation Mission

a. Infantry:

(1) To develop information concerning dispositions, strength and composition of enemy forces as a basis for future action, all units will patrol vigorously in their assigned sectors. These patrols will be continuous both day and night. Reconnaissance patrols will predominate, but effective use will be made of thoroughly planned combat, ambush, security and contact patrols. Ambush patrols will be used on routes which previous reconnaissance has shown to be used by the enemy. Patrols must not become stereotyped as to size, method of operation or routes.

(2) In addition to routine security and contact patrols, there will be a minimum of three patrols each 24 hours per Bn.

(3) It is essential that every effort be made to capture PWs, and well planned raids will be organized for this purpose. It is vital that PWs be obtained from all battalion sectors rather than from one point.

(4) Contact patrols will be sent to adjacent units.

(5) Patrol Plans:

(a) Overlays and complete plans for patrols on 8 by 10-1/2 sheets covering the period 0600 to 0600 will be submitted on the preceding day 1500A.

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- (b) Above overlay will include the following:
1. Patrol numbers.
  2. Composition (Co, Bn, and Partisans).
  3. Mission (Generally single mission).
  4. Time and date of departure.
  5. Estimated time and date of return.
  6. Destination and proposed route.
  7. Who briefed patrol (Co, Bn, etc., etc., etc.).
  8. Supporting fires; (Artillery, etc., etc., etc.).
- (c) Special or emergency patrols too late to be included in overlay above will be phoned in without delay.
- (d) Detailed plans for raids will be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the operation.
- (e) Patrols for the 473d Inf will be numbered as follows:
1. 1st Bn 100-200
  2. 2d Bn 200-300
  3. 3d Bn 300-400

- (6) Patrol Reports:
- (a) Regimental G-2 will immediately report the following by phone, as each patrol returns:
1. Time out and time in.
  2. Observation of enemy territory.
  3. Civilians observed.
  4. Information from civilians or Partisans.
  5. Conditions of trails.
  6. Weather.
  7. Results of friendly or enemy artillery.
  8. Enemy contact, enemy observed.

- (b) If a route was followed other than that in the patrol plan, or if information is too detailed for telephone reports, a written report or overlay will be submitted without delay.

(7) Observation Posts:

Each regiment and battalion will maintain a minimum of one observation post. This OP will have supplementary positions to be occupied in case of poor visibility.

(8) Artillery:

- (a) All artillery targets of opportunity engaged will be reported through artillery channels to G-2 without delay.

- (b) Shell reports will be reported by all units to G-2.

4. PW's and CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Now identifications will be reported to this headquarters by message including time and point of capture. PW's will be tagged showing point of capture by coordinates only, and escorted to TF 45 PW cage at LAKEWOOD by expeditious means. Prisoner will be searched for weapons only. Documents will be left on the person of the prisoner.

5. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a. A limited number of basic cover aerial photos have been distributed. Further distribution is available on request. Units being relieved in an area will turn over maps and photos that apply only to that area to the relieving unit.

b. Interpretation results of aerial photos will be furnished interested units as obtained, including annotated copies showing located targets. Requests for search for suspected enemy mortars, artillery, or other target areas will be forwarded to G-2. Results will be furnished by fastest available means.

c. Special coverage for a particular mission, either oblique or vertical may be obtained through G-2.

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6. Counter-Intelligence

a. All civilians entering our lines from enemy territory and all civilians attempting to cross from our lines into enemy territory will be captured and turned over to CIC. Empty AM and ration trucks should be used to expedite evacuation of civilians to rear areas. After screening for enemy agents, CIC will turn friendly civilians over to OSS for questioning on combat intelligence.

b. All members of this command will be warned of the grave danger presented by the large numbers of Italian nationals employed by the enemy to obtain combat intelligence. It is the duty of all personnel to apprehend all civilians that act in a suspicious manner. More enemy agents have been captured in this sector than in any other part of Italy.

c. Troop movements in forward areas will generally be made at night. Troop movements under enemy observation will be made on foot at night. Light discipline will be rigidly enforced. Movements will be made by infiltration when possible.

7. Reports and Distribution

G-2 periodic reports will be published at 1500A daily covering previous 24 hour period up to 1330A.

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APO 464, U.S. Army  
Campo Tizzoro (494991)  
16 February 1945

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3 to accompany FIELD ORDER NO. 9

Maps: Italy, 1:50,000, sheets: 97I, 97II, 98III, and 98IV

1. SUPPLY

a. Rations:

- (1) Class I: All elements in forward area draw from DQM at Pistoia. All elements in rear draw from DQM at Campo Tizzoro.
- (2) Distribution: Unit distribution at Pistoia and Campo Tizzoro.
- (3) Resupply daily to elements in assembly area. Reserve rations will be consumed only when resupply cannot be accomplished.

b. Ammunition:

- (1) Distribution: Unit distribution at ASF.
- (2) Daily resupply as required.
- (3) Ammunition trains carrying basic load, separated by type of ammunition on trucks as far as possible, will remain in ammunition train park at Pistoia, loaded and available for immediate dispatch on call when not engaged in daily resupply.

c. Engineer Supply:

- (1) No dump to be established in forward area except small amounts of materiel stocked in engineer companies' respective areas.

d. Gas and Oil:

- (1) Distribution with Class I supplies at Pistoia and Campo Tizzoro.

2. EVACUATION

a. Casualties:

- (1) Collecting company shown on overlay to support all units initially. Two remaining collecting companies to be prepared to move from present location on short notice after 0800, D-1.
- (2) Clearing Station: Advance clearing station: See overlay. Remainder of clearing company remain at present location until developments permit moving to Lizzano.

b. Burial:

- (1) Insofar as tactical and supply situation will permit without undue interference, organizations will evacuate direct to 5th Army Graves Collecting Point, located north of Pistoia, Q-524870, utilizing rearward bound organic supply vehicles.
- (2) When tactical and supply situation precludes the execution of above procedure, evacuation will be accomplished by Division Quartermaster. Under such conditions organization commanders will:
  - (a) Designate an assembly point for bodies (point must be adjacent to roads leading to rear).
  - (b) Properly process and deliver bodies to the designated assembly point referred to above.
  - (c) Notify periodically G-1, this Headquarters, as to location of organization assembly point for bodies, number of bodies thereat, and other pertinent data.
- (3) No Division cemetery will be established. Isolated burial is prohibited, except when authorized by Commanding General.
- (4) Bodies are evacuated from Fifth Army Graves Collecting Point, by Army, to Fifth Army Cemetery at Castelfiorentino Q-550507.

c. Captured Materiel and Salvage:

Organization supply officers will establish dumps for captured materiel and salvage. Location of these dumps reported daily to G-4, this Headquarters, giving information of approximate contents.

d. Prisoners of War:

- (1) Capturing organizations evacuate to Pz Inclosure utilizing rearward bound empty supply vehicles where possible. 10th Mountain Division Provost Marshal evacuate to Fifth Army Pz cage at Scandicci Q-727670.

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3. TRAFFIC

- a. Circulation: See overlay
- b. Restrictions: Complete black out north of light line. No movement of supply vehicles prior to daylight on D day, in or out of area to west and north of Forretta Terme, except under cover of darkness (only exception, emergency resupply of ammunition.)
- c. Control: Convoy Traffic Control Officer located G-4 office forward CP. Rear Convoy Control Officer located at Class I supply point at Pistoia.

1. SERVICE TROOPS AND TRAINS

- a. All organizations limited to absolute essential prime movers, necessary minimum tactical vehicles, and pack animals, in the area. Medical and Engineer organizations limited to the minimum essential operational vehicles. All other vehicles, except resupply vehicles of organizations will remain in rear assembly areas.
- b. Movement in the forward area of all vehicles, other than prime movers, command vehicles and the necessary ambulances, under control of the Forward Convoy Traffic Control Officer. Movement of resupply vehicles from Pistoia north under control of rear Convoy Traffic Control Officer.

c. Quartermaster Pack Companies:

- (1) 5th Italian Quartermaster Pack Company attached to 85th Infantry, 0600, 15 February, will close in initial assembly area, Q-536142 by 1800, 16 February. Only minimum essential pack animals will be taken forward of this point by 85th Infantry previous to night of D-3 and 2. Entire pack company will be moved to 85th Infantry assembly area night of D-3 and 2. 85th Infantry will be responsible for movement not interfering with movement of other troops.
- (2) 17th Italian Quartermaster Pack Company will close in initial assembly area Q-536142 by 1800, 17 February. Effective 1800, 17 February two squares of 17th Italian Quartermaster Pack Company attached to 86th Infantry. 17th Italian Quartermaster Pack Company (-) hold in Division reserve and will move to assembly area at Q-535107 on D day.
- (3) 10th Italian Quartermaster Pack Company detachment, consisting of two sections, upon relief of present assignment, will move under Division control to initial assembly area at Q-536142.

5. PERSONNEL

- a. Mail: Distribution daily with Class I supplies at Pistoia.
- b. Strength Reports: Routine G-1 reports for period 2400 to 2400, to G-1, this Headquarters by 0200, by phone or messenger.
- (1) Replacements:
  - (a) Requisitions: Organization personnel replacement requisitions will be prepared as required and submitted to this Headquarters (AG, Rear) for consolidation and forwarding.
  - (b) Assignment of current infantry overstrength: Enlisted personnel currently assigned to Infantry Regiments as overstrength will be separated from companies to which assigned prior to the attack and used in service roles.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Signal Repair: Signal repair unit located initially at Lizzano.
- b. Ordnance Repair: Ordnance contact party with each Infantry Regiment. One 3/4-ton parts truck and one 4-ton wrecker stationed in Lizzano for emergency repair.

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Amend FO 9, Hq TF 45, 152400A, to extend the zone of action of the 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf to include objective "M" at MAZZANCANA (552183). Objective "M" will be seized and held until relieved by elements 1st BEF on order this Hq. In order to expedite relief, CO, 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, will notify promptly the adjacent commander of 1st BEF of seizure of objective "M".

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Maps: Italy, 97 I SE, NE; 98 IV S., NE, 1:25,000

1. a. See Annex 2, Intelligence.
  - b. IV Corps supports attack paragraph 2 below with 424th FA Group, Co A, 760th Tk Bn; Co B, 701st TD Bn; 84th Cml Bn; 1108th Ingr C Group. 1st Inf Div, B.F. attacks on right (LSE).
2. 10th Mountain Division will attack at 0700Z, 1 March, 1945, to seize, occupy, organize, and defend the area enclosed by Hill 968 (553214), Hill 928 (557226), C.M. PO D'IL SOLI (572224), MT GRANDE D' ALIANO (5826), CASTEL D' ALIANO (607256), SACCOCCO (605244), PIETRA COLORA (595220), MT DELLA VEDETITA (566222); prepare for further action in the direction of MT DELLA CASTELLANA (6224) and T DILLI, CROCE (6122), and to the NE. Phases (see overlay) are for purposes of coordination only; advance boldly, consistent with protection of the flanks.
  3. a. 86th Mountain Infantry
    - (1) Attack two battalions abreast at 010700Z. Zone of action, boundaries, LD, assembly area, objectives--see overlay.
    - (2) Seize successive objectives shown overlay.
    - (3) Occupy, organize, and defend objectives Able, George, How and Jig. (553214).
    - (4) Protect the left (west) flank of the Division north of Hill 968.
    - (5) Prepare for further action to the north.
  - b. 87th Mountain Infantry
    - (1) Attack in column of battalions at 010700Z. Zone of action, boundaries, LD, assembly area, objectives--see overlay.
    - (2) Seize successive objectives shown overlay.
    - (3) Occupy, organize, and defend roadblock vicinity PIETRA COLORA (595220), and objectives King, Love and Mike.
    - (4) Maintain contact with 1st Infantry Division, B.F. on right (east), and 86th Mountain Infantry on left (west).
    - (5) Protect the right flank of the Div II of the LD.
    - (6) Be prepared for further action to the NE or E.
  - c. 85th Mountain Infantry
    - (1) Division Reserve.
    - (2) Prepare to repulse counterattack in Div Z.
    - (3) Prepare for commitment in Div Z to further attack.
    - (4) Prepare, on Div O, to occupy, organize and defend Div objectives, Able; Easy (to include roadblock at PIETRA COLORA (595220)) and Item.
    - (5) 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf, will initially relieve elements 86th Mt Inf and protect L (west) flank of the Division between 3rd Bn, 11th Regt, B.F. and Hill 968 (553214). Prepare to relieve elements 86th Mt Inf on objective Able to include Hill 928 (557226).
  - d. Division Artillery--See Annex 4, Field Artillery.
  - e. 10th Mountain Inf TF Bn.
    - (1) Present position, support, and attachments: No change.

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(2) Prepare to follow up, on Div C, 10th MT Div elements on LT. Cells: 10th MGCL (5520), and protect the left (west) flank of the Division.

f. Air--See Annex 3, Air.

g. 84th Cal Bn. Bn (-): General support.

(1) Co C, D/S, 86th TK Inf.

(2) Co B, D/S, 87th TK Inf.

h. Engineers--See Annex 6, Engineers.

i. Force J, consisting of Co A, 760th TK Bn, and Co B, 701st TD Bn, under the supervision of Major Cecil J. Madden, 751st TK Bn, will render D/S as follows:

(1) Co A, 760th TK Bn, less one platoon, reinforced by Co B, 701st TD Bn, less one platoon, will advance in Z of action of 86th TK Inf to provide AT protection and direct fire missions at targets of opportunity.

(2) One platoon, Co A, 760th TK Bn, reinforced by one Platoon, Co B, 701st TD Bn, will advance in Z of action of 87th TK Inf to provide AT protection and direct fire missions at targets of opportunity.

x. (1) All ground occupied will be held at all cost.

(2) Prompt report will be made to this Hq of the seizure of each objective. Make hourly reports on the hour of the progress of the attack.

(3) ELL. Determine and report location, concentration, movement of enemy reserves.

4. See AAM 01.

5. a. COI: Use current index.

b. See Annex 5, Signal.

c. (1) CP, 10th MT Div (MGCL) (560167) opens 280900, Feb 1945.

(2) Report CP's subject to support this operation to this Hq without delay.

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6. ANNEXES:

- Annex 1 - Opns Overlay
- Annex 2 - Intelligence
- Annex 3 - Air
- Annex 4 - Artillery
- Annex 5 - Signal
- Annex 6 - Ingr

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| 2 - CG, IV Corps   | 6 - AC of S G-3, IV Corps | 3 - 424 F. Group           |
| 1 - CG, B.F        | 2 - CG, IV Corps Arty     | 1 - 10 Med Bn              |
| 1 - CG, 92 Inf Div | 2 - CO, 701 TD Bn         | 1 - CO, 10th MT AT Bn      |
| 5 - CO, 85 TK Inf  | 5 - CO, Div Arty          | 1 - CO, 10th MT Cav Ren Tp |
| 5 - CO, 86 TK Inf  | 1 - CO, Co A, 760 Tk Bn   | 1 - CO, 751 Tk Bn          |
| 5 - CO, 87 TK Inf  | 2 - 84th Cal Bn           |                            |

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LIZZANO IN BELVEDERE  
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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX 2 to FO 1.

I. Summary of Enemy Situation:

- a. Order of battle: Reference Periodic Reports #10, dated 26 Feb 45 (114th Jr Div and Mitt Bn), and Intelligence Annex #2, FO 2 (232d Inf Div).
- b. Enemy dispositions: Annex 2a.
- c. Enemy holds line ALBARELLI (L5420) - M TERMINALE (L5621) - S MARIA (L6121) - CASTELLALUCCIO (L6222) with 2 Bns 1043d Regt and 2 Bns 1045th Regt. His prepared positions, in the main, are along this line, with scattered strong points to a depth of 3000 meters to the N. The total number of guns of all types known to be capable of influencing our action is approximately 96, composed in part of 2 Bns of medium arty and 3 Bns of light arty in the vicinity of Montese (L5524). Enemy's reserves consist of remnants of the Mittenwald Mt Training Bn in the vicinity of M COVERAIE (L547221), the 114th Rcn Bn, believed to be in the vicinity of MASERNO (L5522), and the 721st Regt whose location is unknown.
- d. In our initial action, the enemy strongly resisted our attempts to seize the commanding ground. He can be expected to continue his resistance with strong points on commanding terrain and attempt to recover high ground lost by counter-attacking. Our objectives lie behind his present MLR. This, added to the fact that our left flank will be exposed, creates the possibility that his counter-attacks may come from the NW, N, NE and SE. Counterattacks of Plat or Co. strength may be expected 2 to 3 hours after H-hour on D-day; of Bn strength 6 to 8 hours after H-hour; of Regt strength 5 to 6 days after D-day.

II. E.E.I.

- a. Determine identification, location, strength, and disposition of enemy forces NE and E of M della TORRACCIO (L5520).
- b. Observe for movement of troops in vicinity of M COVERAIE (L547221), MONTFORTE (L5522), MASERNO (L5522), MONTESE (L5524), CASTEL d'ALIANO (L5025), and S MARIA (L6121).
- c. Observe for indications of enemy withdrawal to new positions.
- d. Report immediately location hostile arty, and mortar positions.
- e. Location, number, and movement of enemy armor.

III. Reconnaissance and Observation Missions:

- a. Tac & Rcn  
(1) D-2, D-1, D, and D + 1. Oban road net: CASALECCHIO (L8346) - BAZZANO (L6850) - MONFESTINO (L4442) - PIEVEPALA GO (L2918) - SESTOLA (L4331) - CASTEL d'ALIANO (L6025) - CASALECCHIO (L8346) for mvmt and concentration enemy trs.
- b. A rty Air OP's.  
(1) Oban for mvmt of enemy trs from W, NW, and N towards our flank and front.  
(2) Oban for mvmt of enemy trs from S, SE and E towards our flank.
- c. 85th Mt Inf.  
Observe mvmt trs.
- d. 86th Mt Inf.  
Observe mvmt trs on our NW flank.

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- e. 87th Mt Bn.  
Observe for mvmt trs on our SE flank.
- f. 126th Mt Engr Bn.  
Rcn roads in Div Z to locate Sup routes. Locate and mark minefields and demolitions.

IV. PW's and Captured Documents.

- a. PWs will be held the minimum time necessary for Regt interrogation.
- b. PWs will be searched for overlays of enemy dispositions, FOs and other important papers which will be tagged with PWs name. Other documents such as paybooks will remain on the person of the PW.

V. Maps and Photographs.

- a. Maps: GSOS, Italy 1:25,000; GSOS, Italy 1:50,000. Air Photo, USAAF 1:5,000.
- b. Enemy defense overprint No. 6, 1:25,000, supplemented by Annex 2a, FO #1, contains the latest information on enemy defenses derived from photo interpretation.
- c. Additional or special coverage, vertical or oblique, may be obtained on request.

VI. Counter Intelligence.

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- b. C.I.C. will screen civilians for enemy agents and then turn them over to OSS for questioning on combat intelligence.
- c. All CP signs will be left in place. New CP signs will be erected on D-day.
- d. All tr mvmts to assembly areas will be at night. Vehicular traffic will be kept to a minimum during the day, and trs will remain concealed when exposed to enemy observation. Light discipline will be rigidly enforced.
- e. CP 10th C.I.C. at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE (L5112).

VII. Reports and Distribution.

- a. Intelligence Summaries will be published by G-2 at 0600, 1330, and 1800A, covering routine enemy activity during the period. G-2 periodic rpt will be published at 1600A daily covering previous 24-hour period up at 1330A.
- b. Rpt info as obtained. Negative every 2 hours starting 0600A.

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ANNEX: 2a Additions to Enemy Defense Overprint.

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a. Tac A Rcn

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b. A rty Air OP's:

(1) Oben for mvmt of enemy trs from W, NW, and N towards our flank and front.

(2) Oben for mvmt of enemy trs from S, SE and E towards our flank.

c. 85th Mt Inf.

Observe mvmt trs.

d. 86th Mt Inf.

Observe mvmt trs on our NW flank.

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- e. 87th Mt Engr. Observe for enemy trs on our SE flank.
- f. 126th Mt Engr Bn. Run roads in Div 2 to locate Sup routes, Locate and mark minefields and demolitions.

IV. PW's and Captured Documents.

- a. PWs will be held the minimum time necessary for Regt interrogation.
- b. PWs will be searched for overlays of enemy dispositions, FOs and other important papers which will be tagged with PWs names. Other documents such as paybooks will remain on the person of the PW.

V. Maps and Photographs.

- a. Maps: GSGS, Italy 1:25,000; GSGS, Italy 1:50,000. Air Photo, USAAF 1:5,000.
- b. Enemy defense overprint No. 6, 1:25,000, supplemented by Annex 2a, FO #1, contains the latest information on enemy defenses derived from photo interpretation.
- c. Additional or special coverage, vertical or oblique, may be obtained on request.

VI. Counter Intelligence.

- a. All civilians entering our lines or passed through by our trs, or those attempting to cross into enemy territory will be captured and evacuated through PW channels.
- b. C.I.C. will screen civilians for enemy agents and then turn them over to OSS for questioning on combat intelligence.
- c. All CP signs will be left in place. New CP signs will be erected on D-Day.
- d. All tr mvmnts to assembly areas will be at night. Vehicular traffic will be kept to a minimum during the day, and trs will remain concealed when exposed to enemy observation. Light discipline will be rigidly enforced.
- e. CP 10th C.I.C. at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE (L5112).

VII. Reports and Distribution.

- a. Intelligence Summaries will be published by G-2 at 0600, 1330, and 1800A, covering routine enemy activity during the period. G-2 periodic rpt will be published at 1600A daily covering previous 24-hour period up at 1330A.
- b. Rpt info as obtained. Negative every 2 hours starting 0600A.

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ANNEX: 2a Additions to Enemy Defense Overprint.

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(516127)  
272400, February 1945

AIR ANNEX 3 TO FO 1

1. Armed Recon:
  - a. Mission - to attack and disrupt enemy movement on road not adjacent to zone of contact.
  - b. Area - CAS. LECCHIO (8346) - BIZZANO (6350) - PAVULLO (4732) - CASTEL D' ALINO (6025) - CAS. LECCHIO.
2. TnC Recon: - see Intelligence Annex
3. Preplanned Missions:
  - a. Mission - to attack and destroy known enemy supply, administrative, and tactical installations and to cut communications at vital points.
  - b. Schedule:
    - Feb 28 - MONTESE (L558245)  
ROAD BRIDGE (L448274)  
ROAD BRIDGE (L462254)  
RANOCCHIO (L532267)  
MASERNO (L550228)  
PAVULLO (L4732)  
CASTEL D' ALINO (L600257)  
ZOCCO (L600331)
    - March 1 - MONTESE (L558245)  
CASTELLUCCIO (L522201)  
MASERNO (L550229)  
RANOCCHIO (L532267)  
S MARTINO (L540256)  
ZOCCO (L600331)  
VILLA D' AIANO (L593273)  
CASTEL D' AIANO (L608257)  
( Report road bridges listed on 28 Feb if bridges not out )
    - March 2 - MONTESE (L558245)  
CASTELLUCCIA (L522201)  
MASERNO (L550229)  
RANOCCHIO (L532267)  
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CASTEL D' AIANO (L608257)  
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4. Close Support Missions:
  - a. Mission - to neutralize or destroy points of enemy resistance to immediate front or flanks of attacking echelons.

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- b. Rover Joe present in Div Sector for entire operation.
- c. 1 Flight per half hour.
- d. 1 SCR 193 to each of 86th, 87th, 1st Inf and 1 SCR 193 to FCG, Div Arty.
- e. Ground OP to be established vicinity L della TORRACCIA.
- f. Air OP to be provided by 3 L5 furnished by 22nd TAC based on Div Arty Air Strip. Div Arty to furnish two air observers for entire operation.
- g. Units to request missions direct to Rover Joe.

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FIELD ARTILLERY ANNEX  
Annex 4 to FO #18 10th Mt Div

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\* Date: \*  
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1. a. Sec Div Field Order.  
b. IV Corps Artillery will render general support.
2. a. Artillery with the Division will fire a preparation in support of the attack.  
b. Mass of fires - See Overlay.
3. a. 604th FA Bn.  
(1) G/S initially reinforcing the fires 605th FA Bn. D/S 85th Inf when committed.  
(2) Positions - See overlay.  
b. 605th FA Bn.  
(1) D/S 86th Inf.  
(2) Positions - See overlay.  
c. 616th FA Bn.  
(1) D/S 87th Inf.  
(2) Positions - See overlay.  
d. 6175th FA Bn.  
(1) G/S reinforce the fires of the 616th FA.  
(2) Positions - See Overlay.  
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(1) Firing chart - Battle Map.  
(2) Div Arty Check Point - as designated by Div Arty Survey Officer.  
(3) Registration - No restrictions.  
(4) Survey  
(a) Div Arty control to Bn Position Area.  
(b) Target Area - Battle Map.  
(5) Positions - Dig in and prepared for all around defense.  
(6) Circulation - See Div circulation plan.  
(7) Preparation - H - 20 to H. See fire plan for details.  
(8) Air Observation - (a) Div Arty Air OP will provide each direct support Bn with a plane over its sector continuously during daylight hours.  
(b) Additional planes will be available to Bns upon call to Div Arty S-2.  
(c) Planes will operate on "D" Channel.  
(9) Displacement - (a) 616th & 604th FA will be prepared to initiate position area reconnaissance in areas to be designated by Div Arty.  
(b) Displacement to be made on Div Arty order only.  
(10) Metro Messages - (a) Daylight - on call 1 hour before time needed.  
(b) Night - Message every 2 hours.  
(11) Infantry Howitzers - (a) 3 platoons 85th Inf attached 604th FA.  
Revert to control 85th Inf on call CO 85th Inf.
4. a. Sec Division Administrative Order.
5. a. Current SOI holds.  
b. Axis of Signal Communication: axis of advance supported unit.  
c. Command Posts - see overlay.

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ANNEX #5 TO FIELD ORDER #1 -- SIGNAL PLAN

MAPS: ITALY, 1:50,000

1. a. Sec F. O. #1
- b. Areas of Signal Communication:
  - (1) 10th It Div: GAGGIO MONTANO; ARETELLA, CANEVAGGIA (587236),  
GASPEL d'ALINO
  - (2) Div Arty CP: GAGGIO MONTANO
  - (3) 85th It Inf CP: TO BE REPORTED
  - (4) 86th It Inf CP: " " "
  - (5) 87th It Inf CP: " " "
  - (6) 10th It AT (+) CP: FARNE
  - (7) 10th It Mtn Tpt: FOGGIOLFORATO
  - (8) 126th It Engr Bn: TO BE REPORTED
  - (9) 10th It Mtd Dn: " " "
- c. Special Communications:
  - (1) Wire communications will be established as follows:  
Div Mailhead at PISTOLA  
DLO at PISTOLA  
Lateral to BEF at FORGETTA TERRE  
Div Sig Supply: FORGETTA TERRE
  - d. The following wire circuits are allotted for use by Div Sig Co:
    - (1) Two circuits on one (1) SP-4 from LIZZANO to GAGGIO MONTANO for Fwd. Tch.
2. The Div Sig System will be installed by 280900 Feb.
3. a. The 110th It Sig Co will install, operate and maintain the Div Sig System as follows:
  - (1) Mgr Cens: Fwd CP opens GAGGIO MONTANO at 280900  
Rr Ech: NO CHANGE
  - (2) Mgr Serv: SOP
  - (3) Radio: SOP. Prepare to operate Spec Purpose Nets.
  - (4) Visual Communications: Panel and Pyro teams alerted.
  - (5) Wire: SOP, except as follows - (See par 1c)
- b. Other Units: SOP.
  - (1) Radio: Silence until "H" Hour "D" Day, except for Units in contact who will continue normal activity.
  - (2) Air Support Party, called "ROVER JOE" first priority all wire circuits within Division.
4. a. Div Sig Supply: FORGETTA TERRE
- b. Sig Co will establish supply dump at Sig Co bivouac at GAGGIO MONTANO for one (1) day supply for Fwd Units.
- c. Sig Repair: Third Echelon at GAGGIO MONTANO
5. Current Index to SOI: Ia-10, 25 Feb 1945.  
Sig Officer at Fwd CP after 280900 Feb.

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ANNEX 6 TO F.O. 1

1. MISSION: To support the attack of the 10th Mountain Division.
2. MEANS AVAILABLE:
  - a. Troops: 126th Mountain Engineer Battalion, supported by Corps Engineers (see paragraph 4).
  - b. Equipment on hand:

1 - Road grader, mtzd	4 - D-7 bulldozers
1 - 2 1/2 ton snowplow	4 - R-4 angledozers
2 - 1/2 ton snowplows	22 - Trucks, 2 1/2 ton cargo
2 - Aircompressors, mtzd	36 - Trucks, 2 1/2 ton dump
3. ASSIGNMENTS:
  - a. Company A: in direct support of 85th Mt Inf, starting D - 1.
  - b. Company B: in direct support 86th Inf, starting D - 1, to include removal of obstacles, AT mines, on Route 1228 (Div M.S.R.) when in sector 86th Inf., in cases not covered by D Co., 126th Engrs.
  - c. Company C: in direct support of 87th Inf., starting D - 1, to include removal of obstacles, AT mines, on Route 1228 (Div M.S.R.) when in sector 87th Inf, in cases not covered by D Co., 126th Engrs.
  - d. Company D: in direct support Task Force A, starting D + 1, to include removal of obstacles, AT mines, on Route 1228 and all laterals, to facilitate advance of mech. elements.
4. SUPPORT BY CORPS:
  - a. 235 Engr C Bn in direct support 126th Mt. Engr Bn.
  - b. Route maint.: Present road net plus improvement of Route 1228 to Class 40 behind advance.
  - c. Additional support: Crushed rock, camouflage.
5. CP's D-1: 126th Mt. Engr. Bn

A Co.	CASETTA 554164
B Co.	GABBA 535154
C Co.	BORRE 551146
D Co.	GUANELLA 575181
	CASETTA 554164
	PORRETTA 582124
235th Engr Bn.	PORRETTA 582124
6. ENGINEER SUPPLY DUMPS

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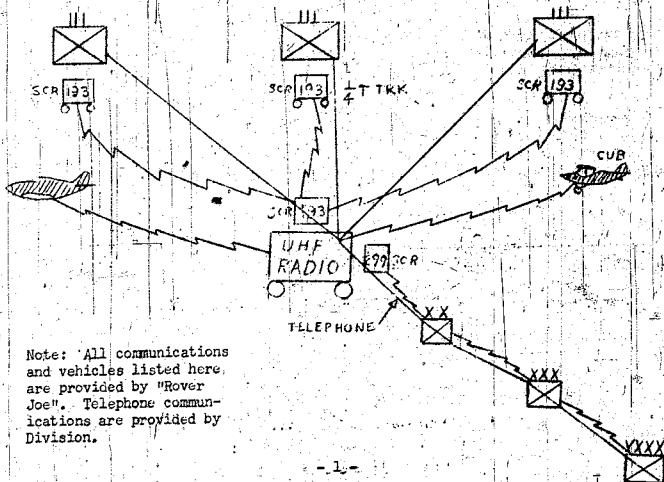
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Subject: Mobile Air-Ground Communications ("Rover Joe") System of 5th ARMY.

To: All Unit Commanders, TF 45.

1. "Rover Joe" is a mobile Air-Ground Communications installation that controls and directs air in close support of ground troops. This roving communications system for directing air support of a continuing ground action has had a long and distinguished career. Originated by the British and responsible for much of their success in North Africa, it has been further developed by our Army and has scored conspicuous successes on the western front and in 5th ARMY operations in Italy. Not only has it proven itself offensively but defensively as well (German counter-offensive in Sorchie valley some months ago). On whatever front or sector "Rover Joe" has appeared, it has given the Regimental and Division Commander a potent weapon that has meant success.

2. A schematic outline of the communications hook-up of Ground with Air through "Rover Joe" is shown below:-



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TF 45, AFG 464, U. S. Army: Mobile Air-Grd Comm ("Rover Joe") System of 5th ARMY  
...to all Unit Commanders TF 45...dated 14 February, 1945.

3. For the Battalion or Regimental Commander to use "Rover Joe" effectively, two fundamental considerations must be kept in mind--

a. Pin Point target and describe accurately. Keep in mind that a target that is easily located from the ground may be impossible to find in the air. Describe your target in terms of aerial observation.

b. Report exactly the position of your most forward troops in relation to the target. "Rover Joe" will give support as close as 500 meters to front line troops - he will not fly the mission if uncertain as to their location.

4. Normally, the use of Smoke and Panels in Air-Ground Communication is unnecessary, but there will be occasions when it will be of the most vital importance that all echelons of command understand thoroughly the current SOI on Air-Ground Communications. These smoke and panel signals are prescribed by 5th ARMY and are few in number and easy to remember.

5. If understood and used properly, "Rover Joe" can give the Regimental and Battalion Commander all the striking power of Corps Artillery concentrated on a narrow front, and reconnaissance of enemy areas to a depth impossible to obtain from organic sources.

By command of Major General HAYS:

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THE DIVISION NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1945

The operation outlined in Field Order Number 1, issued on the 27th of February "By the Commanding General", 10th Mountain Division, was postponed on the last day of February by a 14th Corps message of 1525A. On the morning of the 1st of March, in field message No. 1 of 011000A those paragraphs of field Order Number 1 which read 010700A were rescinded and changed to read 020700A. Thus, the attack scheduled for the 1st was changed to the second day of the month.

Paragraph 2 of the Field Order (changed as indicated) read: "10th Mountain Division will attack at 0700A, 2 March 1945, to seize, occupy, organize, and defend the area enclosed by (Hill 908) (L583214), (Hill 928) (L557226), CAMPO DEL SOLI (L572234), MT. GRANDE D'AIRO (L5426), CASTEL D'AIANO (L607256), SACCO (L608244), PIETRA COLORE (L595220), MT DELLA VEDETTA (L586222); prepare for further action in the direction of MT. DELLA CASTELLARA (L6124), and MT. DELLA GROCE (L6122), and to the NE."

The enemy's disposition ran along a line from ALBARELLI (L5430) northeast to CASTELLACCIO (L6222). 4 battalions, two each from the 1043rd and 1045th Regiments held prepared positions in the zone of attack. Behind these troops in reserve were the Littenwald Training Battalion, the 114th Reconnaissance Battalion and the 721st Regiment. In accordance

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with experience gained from our first attacks against the enemy in the MT. DEL VIGNANO sector, his protracted stand on commanding ground was expected. Counterthrusts to retake such ground if lost were taken into consideration. These counterattacks would increase in strength as time elapsed, during which "Jerry" might muster greater forces.

Our artillery was to open with preparation fire. Thereafter the battalions would support in the manner prescribed: 600th with the 85th, after completing reinforcing fire mission with the 605th. The 605th Field Artillery meanwhile would fire for the 86th Infantry; the 616th would support again the 87th Mountain Infantry. Supporting the infantry regiments also would be the various companies of the 126th Mountain Engineer Battalion. Company "A" would be in direct support of the 85th Mountain Infantry when committed. Company "B" would be attached to the 86th Mountain Infantry, up route 1228, (division Mt.). Company "C" would aid the 87th Mountain Infantry in removing road obstacles, clearing mines, generally performing the functions of combat engineers.

Activity during the 1st of March was relatively quiet. Patrol action continued, especially on the front of the 10th Anti-tank and 10th reconnaissance Troop along the PIZZO DI CAMPANO Ridge. To the northeast of these positions, considerable enemy movement was spotted by our outposts. On the main sector (MT. GOROLESCO - MT. DELLA TORACCIA) enemy

artillery hit areas spasmodically. In an effort to better communications between the 86th Mountain Infantry and the Division, regimental and signal company wire crews worked supplementary lines. Their progress was hampered by artillery fire and rough terrain.

At OLIVONA, the commanding general notified the regiments and battalions that the operation outlined in Field Order Number 1 was postponed for another twenty-four hours.

Meanwhile shelling by the enemy was reported from the 2nd Battalion of 87th Mountain Infantry. 360 shells dropped in their area within ten minutes. Our casualties as a result began to mount in this sector. Counterbattery was fired in an effort to silence the guns.

During the evening, in the sector held by our troops, there was a quiet period. On the left (west) flank patrol activity continued as in the past. In those sectors east of the bar positions, moderate artillery continued throughout the period. In the Division Command Post at GAGGIO-MONTANO, between 020320A and 020558A seventeen rounds of heavy calibre artillery were dropped in the area.

(140000Z 1945): Under another clear sky, the front remained quiet. Late in the afternoon and through the early evening a counterattack developed on the west flank, along the GAGGIO-MONTANO line. A concentration of mortar fire from the 10th and 11th battalions slowed the enemy and eventually

dispensed his counter-thrust. At 021700A Field Message Number 2 was issued. In it Field Message Number 1 was rescinded. The result was the postponement of the operations outlined in Field Order Number 1 another twenty-four hours.

As dawn closed in, heavy fog filled the valleys and covered many of the enemy positions just north of no-man's land. A biting snow-rain fell during the night as the units moved into assembly areas and prepared for the morrow's action.

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The line-up on the morning of the 3rd of March ran from west to east (left to right): the 86th Mountain Infantry (ALABAMA) and the 27th Infantry (MT. DELLA CASELLINA) sector of attack. Behind the 86th Mountain Infantry in their initial reserve areas were the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 10th Mountain Infantry (FORAGE - G. ZOLFO vicinity). The Division Artillery positions were in a southerly direction from the 10th Mountain Infantry in the area of LA CA and southward from the road. Just to the east (right) of the Division Artillery was the initial reserve area for the 2nd Battalion of the 16th Mountain Infantry, behind the 1st BCF positions.

The 2nd Battalion of the 16th Mountain Infantry had closed into its assembly area at 060218A on the western side of Mt. CASMILLO (1507182), in preparation for the crossing of the IB, which ran from FCR20 (on the western edge) northeast

to C. 40110, southeast to LE BOMME and SERRA and on to a  
point just below (south) of SERRAVALLO. That section which  
had the position was approaching was near SERRA. The 751st  
and Battalion had meanwhile established its CP at (L570175).  
At 0630 the Division field Artillery battalions had fired  
and rounds against enemy mortars as introductory harassing  
missions.

At 0600 the quiet of the morning was broken as the  
artillery, both Corps and Division, opened up with the  
"softening up" barrage. The sky was dotted with occasional  
flashes, as the enemy felt the impact of guns up to calibre  
81mm. Both regiments were all set to go in the attack at  
0630, awaiting the jump-off time of 0700. When the  
hour came, Company "K" of the 27th Mountain Infantry crossed  
the LD. In a column of companies, Company "L" crossed the LD  
at 0700, receiving artillery and mortar fire. This fire soon  
increased in heavy proportions. Likewise to their rear the 2nd  
Battalion of the 27th Mountain Infantry was slowed by intense  
artillery and mortar fire.

To the west in a column of battalions, the 1st of the  
27th Mountain Infantry crossed the LD at the appointed hour.  
They were met, but no artillery fire greeted their advance.

The 2nd Battalion followed to the immediate rear. Flanking  
the 2nd Battalion, Company "M" of the 27th was on

Objective "A" (Mt. Tumulale) at 0800A with Company "G" on (Hill 853). The 1st Battalion at 0820A had passed (Hill 1011); the southern part of Objective "A" on its leftmost (western) part of the attack sector, and had passed through mine fields without any casualties. 25 PW's were taken from the 11th Company of the 21st Regiment. As of 0855A the 1st Battalion was to have etc. (all 300), having suffered only slight casualties, and the Battalion meanwhile was pushing on from the assembly area of Hill 853 against Objective "D" (north of Hill 853). The 1st Mountain Infantry, therefore, "Phase I" was almost completed.

Company "K" of the 17th Mountain Battalion was in position of Objective "C", just east of CIMON Hill. Company "L" was held up by machine-gun fire from the enemy. The 3rd of the 17th, moving through to their objective, received assistance and thereupon continued on their way. The General requested that the Battalion be ordered to come down the column to take the first objective. The Battalion was at 1130A moving along the column, and the Battalion, with the 1st Battalion of the 17th, in the assembly area. Objective "C" (Hill 972, 989) was reached at 1105A. Thereupon Company "L" moved on to Objective "D". The first Battalion moved out of its assembly area to join the column of Battalions. As yet no reserves had

was employed in the attack.

The artillery observer meanwhile had uncovered some  
in the main process of war. "Observed 4 Germans running  
toward our lines and 3 toward our lines at 030915A. "Well  
toward our lines. What makes 3 run?"

1st Battalion, 1st Battalion of the 88th Mountain Infantry  
successfully gained Objective "A". The 2nd Battalion  
was stalled in front of IOLA. Orders were given to bypass  
the resistance and leave it to rear elements. Tanks and tank  
destroyers were on their way up to lend support. At 1025A  
Company "A" took Hill 928 (northern portion of Objective "A").  
1st Battalion of the 88th Mountain Infantry thereupon began  
the bulk of these units.

Supply and movement was not easy through this stage of the  
operation. In 1115A-D, the draw, the bridge had gone out after  
only five tanks had passed over. The AP's however, were doing  
the best possible to direct the flow of traffic both to and  
from the front lines. The tanks at 1110A were dispersed. Two  
were in the vic (L574214). At the same time two tanks and  
two tank destroyers were moving up the road to IOLA.

Working from west to east across the active front, Company  
of the 88th Mountain Infantry was drawing up to join  
Company "D" in the attack on Objective "B". Company "E" of the  
had been decimated at noon after facing heavy enemy

opposition. The question of taking (Hill 931) (west of  
Montarone) by the 1st of the 86th was raised at this time,  
and future operations. The 3rd of the 86th was moving  
out at 1300A while their officers reconnoitered Objective "G".  
At 1300A, at 1300A, Company "L" of the 87th Mountain  
Infantry was on one-third of Objective "E" (RP. DELLA VEDELLA).  
Plans to secure the flank against any serious enemy counter-  
attack, sufficient defenses were to be established at the  
block at PIANA COLONA (L88520).

Objective "D" (Hills 930, 921, 920) was taken by Companies  
"I" and "G" of the 86th Mountain Infantry by 1300A. Holding  
the line for a number of soldiers pursuing the attack, the  
battalion was heavily hit with enemy artillery. At 1505A,  
General Hays told Colonel Harrison to push the 3rd Battalion  
to take Objective "G", the 1st Battalion against Objective "F"  
(RP. DELLA VEDELLA) and the 1st Battalion to Objective "H"  
(RP. DELLA VEDELLA). The 3rd was to attack "G" at 1500A. Mean-  
while at 1300A the relief of the 1st Battalion of the 86th  
was completed, thereby releasing it for more offensive  
operations in the northeast. Flexibility of plans developed as  
the situation moved along. However, by 1300A General Hays  
and his staff decided it best to consolidate and button up  
the line on the right, until the attack could be renewed with greater  
force in the center. At 1400A the 3rd Battalion of the 86th

Company "B" (CAPO Del. 303E, Hills 869, 864), and the  
 Battalion took objective "G" (HARRISON, Hill 816).  
 Company "C" (Del. 303E), the 2nd  
 Battalion of the 7th Mountain Infantry was to move to  
 objective "H" (Del. 303E) and then button up for the night also.

The Brazilian Expeditionary Forces had moved along in  
 their sectors, taking over Hill 882 (L585211) at 1120A and  
 specifically 300A FICP/1A at the same time. For this coordin-  
 ation of movement, General Hays congratulated the commanding  
 officers of the 2EF.

In a review of the attack up to 1900A, over 4000 yards of  
 ground had been taken from the enemy. By 1815A 303 PW's had  
 been evacuated. Of this number 7 were officers, including  
 the ground battalion staff. The enemy prisoners were on the  
 scale of few people. In this respect, enemy plans and dispo-  
 sition were then to our advantage. "Jerry" was surprised by  
 our attack. The newly arrived 721st Regiment had begun a  
 relief of the 10000 on the line during the night of 2nd and  
 3rd March. A completion of this relief was impossible  
 because of our attack. Caught off balance once again, his  
 troops were oriented to positions entirely new to them,  
 and unable or unable, even though local counterattacks  
 began to occur. Our superiority in the air gave him little  
 chance of movement thereby to retreat counter our offensive



also held strong. The capable strength that the enemy might expect was established. The results of our action had meant the crossing up of almost an entire regiment.

Main dumps of supply had been located around GAGGIO-  
MARRAO. Pack mules were being largely employed in the front-  
line movement of supply. In respect to medical evacuation,  
Lt. Col. Brown, Division Surgeon, contradicted rumors and  
stated that evacuation was proceeding satisfactorily.

On this first day of the operations outlined in Field  
Order 1, the air support (Dover Joe) was excellent. Coordi-  
nated with ground elements, planes damaged and destroyed  
important positions, the principle targets being troop con-  
centrations and gun positions. P47 fighter-bombers succeeded  
in disabling artillery pieces and mortars that were harassing  
the advance of the attacking elements. Strafing by these  
planes started fires, exploded small ammunition dumps and gen-  
erally aimed down enemy troops trying to stem the tide of our  
advance. This help, combined with invaluable reconnaissance,  
had an important bearing on the rapid development of the attack.

Our casualties for the period of 030700A through 2400A  
were 130 in number, 124 being wounded and 36 killed. The  
others were missing in action.

(Continued next): As another day, a chilly day dawned with only  
clouds along, units prepared to renew the attack in which

... and been caught off balance and steadily pushed back ... in many sectors. Prior to the ... the 10th Mountain ... their movement from the ridge ... being released ... by the BCF. Company ... of the 10th Mountain Quartermaster Battalion was detached ... and Company "A" ... the battalion was to take over the area occupied ... of the 11th Brazilian Regiment, to ... replacing 85th elements there.

Plan for the attack called for the 1st of the 86th Mountain Infantry to get Objective "H" and "J". The 3rd of ... to relieve the 1st of the 85th Mountain Infantry ... with the 3rd of the 85th ... Objective "A" (MONTREFORTE). In the 1st Mountain Infantry, the 1st Battalion under Lt. ... Objective "L", north of ... Battalion, under Lt. Col. Nations ... Objective "H" in the "Phase IV" line, to the west of ... from PIZZO CCLORA to ...

... Objective "H", ... after the fifteen-minute

Artillery preparation, the 1st of the 87th Mountain Infantry  
 moved off on the 25th. The 2nd Battalion branching to the  
 east of the objective. The 3rd of the 17th had been assigned  
 the task of taking HILL 882 and (Hill 882) to the east,  
 moving off at 1700. In this divergent attack towards Ob-  
 jective "B", progress was slow because of heavy mining  
 in the area. The artillery preparation was short in range  
 and of little effect of importance. By 1845A Company "B" was on  
 the line "L" (L 08700 - 100000), while to the southwest,  
 Company "A" was taking up positions on

the main battery sector, to the west of this  
 objective. The 1st Battalion was pushed against the enemy at  
 0900A. The 3rd, in accordance with the  
 plan, relieved Company "C" of the  
 1st Battalion. Company "B" had made contact with  
 the enemy at 1100A. At 1200A, the 1st Battalion was  
 ordered to move on Objective "B", a short distance south  
 of SASSONIA. Although resistance mounted, the companies  
 continued to keep moving and maintain the offensive.  
 At 1300A, the 1st Battalion was relieved by the 2nd Battalion. By 0450A,  
 Company "B" were on the west of the summit of  
 (Hill 882), and the platoons were in similar manner on the  
 east side. At 1400A the 1st Battalion was on the  
 line of Objective "B" (SASSONIA). Units were

positions to the east of the rest of the objective. At 1100A SASSI ALARI had been cleared and an advance of the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry from an OP 1537A, the 1st of the 1st Battalion of the west of the offensive was ordered to Hill 733 of Objective "J", although their commander, Col. [redacted], had been hit in this attack and succeeded. Col. [redacted] led the Battalion forward. The 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry was ordered south of Objective "K" - MADNA DI BRASNA. The front lines of the 1st Battalion, 87th, extended from (L5907) to L4136. At this time reports reached [redacted] to the effect that at 1245A the 2nd Battalion had brilliantly wrested from the Germans the area "I". This development included Hill [redacted], [redacted] units were relieved by the 1st by [redacted] and [redacted] for the Battalion under [redacted] Col. [redacted] PIZANA COLONA, 1st and of the 87th overran Objective "H" (MADNA DI BRASNA and Hill 926) at 1800A. Orders for future action came down later in the afternoon, to the effect of putting the 1st Battalion in a defensive position with displacements on Objective "L" (BACUCU) and the 2nd Battalion holding Objective "K" (L590248). On the east side of the attack, at 1555A, Company "C" was east of SASSI ALARI at Hill 854, cleaning up Objective "J" (Hill

Company "A" of the 86th was on  
Company "B" holding the other hill, 848, of the  
objective "J".

Front lines of C2800A ran in line with the follo-  
ing coordinates: (L48200) - (L457220) - (L56222B) - (L578227)  
(L59224) - (L602250) - (L610225) - (L620218). In manner of  
pass, as of 01:30A the number of PW's taken since the divi-  
sion had been in contact numbered 1181. During both days of  
this attack, Lt. General Truscott had come to the division area  
to confer on the progress of the passes under consideration,  
first departing at 10:00A on the 4th.

From the general standpoint, the main problems, aside from  
organic transportation movement, had revolved on the ability  
of the respective Battalion supply officers keeping abreast the  
forward movement of their units. The collecting station had  
moved from 0210 1001A30 early in the evening to a new location  
near 0210 111. A tragedy for the medics occurred during the  
previous night when the quarters of Company "C" had been blown  
up in what was either booby trap detonation or enemy shelling.  
The ambulance had been captured intact by the 3rd Battalion  
of the 10th Mountain Infantry, including two SS's. Also taken  
were two 100mm Italian guns of 1917-style in the LE BOMBE

Passengers of war bus of 1300A totalled 939 for the present  
operations, with every prospect of running into a thousand by

The following are from 040001A - 041000A of 15V of our troops  
were recorded as casualties, with 125 of these wounded.

Traffic during the day was very heavy in our rear areas,  
especially near ST. MARCELLE, where traffic jams became fre-  
quent and hindered the continued flow of traffic to and from  
the front.

The air operations during the 4th were especially active.  
The repeated threat of air observation and attack cut down  
considerably the chances the enemy forces could find for group-  
ing for counterattacks. Planes bombed and strafed buildings  
and other positions, starting a number of small fires.  
13 missions were flown by Rover Joe during the day - once  
over 45 minutes. The visibility for the most part was good.

Patrol contact by the 80th Mountain Infantry was to be  
made on the night of the 4th at 1945A, in location (L595254),  
since no contact between elements of the 87th and 80th Mountain  
Infantry had been made. During the night, which was other-  
wise quiet, the 3rd Battalion of the 87th received very heavy  
shelling from the east, and found it advisable to move to a  
new location in the general vicinity of PIETRA COLONA.

The Brazilian troops had meanwhile watched our actions in  
the area and were thrust to BOLOGNA and were coordinating their  
extensive patrol actions with our movements. Their plans for  
the day were drawn up with our disposition and intentions in  
mind. On our west flank, the Brazilians planned to take

... (L01289). Patrols were to be sent forward from these new installations. Our own intentions for the 5th were outlined by General Hays as follows: "85th Mountain Infantry will attack at 050800A from LD, road junction 839 (L009251) - Road Junction (L009239) to seize Objective "Nan" (L01125). 1st Battalion on "L" (NW) will seize Hill 916 (L01125) and advance to seize Queen Mt. DELLA SPE (L0126). 2nd Battalion on "R" (SE) will seize (Hill 866) (L018248), advance and seize Oboc (L0274). 1st Battalion, 87th Mountain Infantry will, after seizure of Queen, Nan and Oboc by the 85th Mountain Infantry, seize "Mike" (L0025). A twenty-minute artillery preparation commences 050740A."

(5 March 1945): At 050800A the 1st Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry crossed their LD for the first commitment of that regiment for the "Phase II" operations of the 10th Mountain Division sector. On the west of the attack, the 1st led off in a column of companies in order of "A", "D", "B", "C". The 2nd Battalion to their right flank attacked with two companies abreast. This advance by the two battalions elements carried on through to a line from CA DI GUILLIO (L014350) to CAROLLE (L018245). At 0915A the 2nd Battalion had established itself on the eastern half of Objective "R" (Hill 866, just west of TOA). At the same time the 1st maneuvered into locations in the draw between (Hills 816 and 839). Five minutes later all of Objective "R" (Hills 838,

051, 910) had been taken. Carrying the brunt of the third day's attack, the 85th Mountain Infantry moved on to more strategic heights to the northeast in the middle of the attack, aimed at M DELLA SPE. At 051415A the 2nd Battalion was moving on against Objective "O" (M. DELLA CASTELLANA), bypassing TORA in doing so. A half hour later DELLA CASTELLANA was taken, units being located on (Hills 1005 and 1008). One other company was designated to hold location (L630250).

As of 050845A the front lines for the 87th Mountain Infantry ran as follows: 1st Battalion (L616249 - L617247); 2nd Battalion (L594261 - L594256); and the 3rd Battalion (L599258 - L600261). By 1125A the 2nd Battalion had cleaned out MONTE-CASTEL D'AIANO, west of Objective "M". The 1st was pushing on against CASTEL D'AIANO at 1400A. In accordance with the plans outlined by the Commanding General the evening before, the 2nd maneuvered to the north to outflank Germans along the road (L599258) in MONTICIANO. From this position they could encircle to the east the Objective "M" location, and cover the battle for that stronghold. This action was to take place in the early evening hours. As a point from which to launch this push, the 1st Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry took (Hill 805) at 1100A. At 1240A Company "A" had driven into CASTEL D'AIANO, while Company "C" was occupying the (Hill at L600261). That created a gap, however, between the two companies. Hence, Company "B" moved up to fill in and consolidate these newly



taken positions. In the attack on CASTEL D'ALIANO tanks had moved in ahead to spearhead the push. This vulnerable center section, arrow-like jab into enemy territory, was heavily shelled. The 1st Battalion in combination with the 1st's flanking operation had cut off the ground around Objective "K". The other Battalion was located at PIZMA COLORA, sensitive to the German thrusts that might be made against the side of the 1st's attack had effected. The western flank of the 1st, exposed to enemy attack, was being defended by the 1st Mountain Infantry - ranged along advantageous positions northeast of LOLA. The 3rd was on the southernmost sector, with the 2nd and 1st deployed in that order northeast of them.

To the south, the 10th Anti-Tank and 10th Reconnaissance were closely closed into the area at (L565215) and were digging in. At PIZMA the 10th Ar was attached to the 3rd of the 85th Mountain Infantry, the reserve in the northern sector to be used in emergency only. German Artillery on Objective "Q" (L565215) had been especially effective. Enemy guns continually shelled rear areas, where our engineers were busy with the repairing project. Our batteries concentrated on the 1st's main guns. The 1st Battalion of the 11th BAR had been working out in the overall operations. All activity had unfortunately been limited after the German decision against CASTEL D'ALIANO because of the poor

visibility prevailing over the valleys throughout the day. (6 March 1945): "Phase II" had been completed successfully with the taking of MT. DELLA SPE by the 1st Battalion of the 88th Mountain Infantry, and CASTEL D'AIARO by the 1st of the 17th Mountain Infantry on the previous day. Four vicious German counterattacks against MT. DELLA SPE had developed already. Identification of prisoners of war from the 19th Panzer Grenadier Division, whose CP was thought to be at Speca, led to immediate preparations for a counterattack in the area. At 1600H the 2nd Battalion of the 88th had secured a bridgehead over VALDUNA and another BELVEDERE. In addition to this consolidation of front lines, general mop-up operations were foremost on the list of day's activities around the 6th.

Artillery and mortar fire had been harassing our front line positions, as the enemy tried to zero in on our advance positions. Especially heavy was the shelling of the area. The presence of this heavy artillery made maintenance of the C.P. at CASTEL D'AIARO more advisable. In the afternoon, CASTEL, ARTIGLIO, and TOLA were cleared out by the 1st Battalion and completely mopped up the areas around them. The 1st during the afternoon was busy clearing up around BELLA CASTELLANA. Demolitions were placed on the highway north of CASTEL D'AIARO. In the evening this

own was shelled by the Germans with white phosphorus.

Prisoners of war as of 1300A on the 6th totalled for the recent attack 1155, with 97 of these the bag of the day's contribution. Casualties for the operation totalled 549 from the 1st Inf. Gr. Of this total 107 had been killed in action and 23 were missing.

(7 March 1945): The forward movement of the Division elements ceased for a while. The problem of defense became the prime consideration. Wire entanglements, mines, road blocks were all constructed to ward off enemy counterattacks when and if they might develop. The Germans meanwhile poured in heavy artillery, especially in front line sectors at CASTEL D'ALIANO and DELLA SPE.

Patrols out during the day of the 7th did not encounter much sensitivity on the part of the enemy. One patrol from the 10th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop did find two abandoned German guns, mine breach blocks, thought to be 105's at (L548222). Air was restricted to six missions and twenty-six sorties for the day. Weather continued to hold bright and clear, with no indication of a change to the worse.

Casualties on our side remained relatively light for the operations: no lesson had been gained; wire communications constituted the main and most certain means of contact between echelons in mountainous country. To maintain that wire it became necessary to lay the wire away from trails and roads to prevent its being cut by the advance of armor and supply vehicles. In retro-

spect, the comment for the past four days of fighting was "a most successful limited objective attack".

The positions of the regiments: 85th - 1st Battalion consolidating positions on the right sector in the vicinity of CANOLLE (L610252), north to MT. DELLA SPE (L616264); 2nd Battalion holding the sector on the right flank running from (L634230) north to MT. SPICCHIONE (L630250); the 3rd Battalion remaining in position on the left flank. 86th - 1st Battalion consolidating newly won ground on MT. GRANDE ALARO (L693264) south to MAROTTA (L685255); the 2nd Battalion holding the areas at PIANI DI SOTTO (L687254) on center to (L680240); the 3rd Battalion, prior to being relieved the following night, continuing to remain in position on the CAMPO DEL SOLE ridge and south to (L665224). 87th - The entire 87th remained in the center of our frontline sector.

(8 March 1945): The sector quieted down once again as positions were less penetrable by the enemy, whether counterattacking in force or only seeking information from patrolling. Our patrols were primarily sent out to destroy enemy equipment discovered in the reconnaissance of the previous day. From observation by our forward elements, it was deduced that the next line of the enemy was located to the north, along the ridges, with a center being at LUNTA. Contact was made with the BFP at M DI COBRA (L634229).

As of 081800A 1192 PW's for the present operations made a total of 1457 for the Division since entering the line. In a G-1 analysis of the situation, the replacements were excellent, and

regiments were building up overstrength. Killed in action during the day were 21 of our troops. There was no air coordination throughout the day.

(9 March 1945): Now that the front had quieted down after the recent attack, a schedule for rotation through COLLECATTINI and Campo RIZZARO of battalions for rest was initiated. (Note under Field Orders and Administrative Orders Field Messages outline this plan.) Beyond unit patrolling there was no immediate operations calling for the employment of all organizations. In accordance with this approved schedule, the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry relieved the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry on position at 090200A. The Battalion thereby relieved moved back to Campo RIZZARO for a three-day rest.

In respect to relief during the 9th, the 3rd Battalion of the 87th moved into frontline positions of the 3rd Battalion, 85th, at 40115N, whose CP had moved to (L608211). On the west flank, the 10th Mountain Anti-Tank Battalion reinforced positions in the vicinity of Mt. VALAURA (L645244) and Mt. BELVEDERE (L65242) to the east. These movements of Battalion strength were all made without incident. The battalions still on the line concentrated on the development and consolidation of the defensive positions in which they were operating. Considerable enemy artillery fell on frontline positions.

As darkness closed, a reconnaissance patrol from the 1st Battalion of the 86th had a thorough combing of the ground to determine in respect to passability of troops and materials. Out

at 061000 they crossed to the north side of the ridge at (15410040), and on under the crest to the west of them. As the ground passed further on, the enemy dropped 12 rounds from position to the northwest in the line of approach. The deepest penetration which the group made was in the vicinity of (15762858). The ~~draw~~ draw along which they passed was ~~draw-like~~ draw-like, the stream at the bottom being swift.

Civilian reports and PW interrogation indicated that in the vicinity of ZOCOCO (15552857) and SALTU (15482802) the enemy had ~~draw-like~~ draw-like trenches and was preparing varied defenses in the general sector.

(15482802): During the early morning hours, the 2nd Battalion of the 85th extended its boundaries of its defensive perimeter so as to include that portion which the 1st Battalion of the 85th was consolidating. This form of relief was completed without incident at 100300A. Thereupon the 1st Battalion, 85th, moved to CASPOLAN (15382842). The other two battalions of the 85th remained in on the division west flanks in the 85th ~~sector~~ sector. The 1st and 2nd Battalions strengthened their hold-down ~~sector~~ northeast sector while the 3rd Battalion went to ~~consolidated~~ consolidated rest area at RUCO CATINI. The 1st of the 85th consolidated its ground in the northwest sector as the 2nd Battalion ~~consolidated~~ consolidated its position in depth to the north, the 3rd remaining in ~~sector~~ sector at CASPO TIZZUO.

Enemy activity during the 10th was limited to scattered

...artillery fire. To the east of the 1044th German  
...elements of the 741st Regiment. Within  
...defensive sector were remnants of the 1043rd and  
1042nd, which remnants had been badly mauled in our recent  
... The 104th and Mittenwald battalions were in the front  
of this sector also. To the rear of these units the 258, 256,  
and 257th Field Artillery battalions had gun positions.

(15 March 1945) The 15th Panzer Grenadier Division had  
...to interfere by capturing German defenses. On its  
...the 71st Regiment had taken over. To the center  
...Lt. Col. Pollock had committed the 15th Regiment with  
...of engineers. The rest of the 29th Panzer  
...center was manned by British remnants of the  
... (see above). The rest of the enemy facing the batta-  
...of the 10th of that line.

One patrol, out at 091000 and back within four hours, from  
... 8th, had contact with the enemy (L57902585) at  
... From their reaction the Germans appeared to consider  
themselves under attack. The patrol thereupon received mortar,  
machine gun, and small arms fire. Other patrols carried out re-  
connaissance missions in enemy territory. Plans were made to use  
additional patrols to protect wire-laying crews. Broken and low  
clouds failed to lift rapidly by early evening, making observation  
very unhelpful.

(16 March 1945): Once again the hours before dawn were  
... of battalions along the front. The 1st Batta-

110400A. Meanwhile the 3rd Battalion of the same regiment had been relieved by elements of the 2nd at 110400A. The other organizations remained static. The entire sector was very quiet throughout the day. The PW score for the Division to this date: 1716.

The 14th Mountain Division CP moved at GAGGIO-MONTANO at 110600A. Advance details opened a new Division CP at ROCCA PIETRA (141000Z85) on the next hour.

Enemy activity was limited on the 11th. The 2nd Battalion, 14th, captured a ~~2nd~~ a Nebelwerfer (probably Nebelwerfer #41) from its positions. Our 40mm battery silenced the German mortar positions and reconnaissance patrols, routine in character. Our own reconnaissance missions as planned without physical contact with

(141000Z85): On the 11th of March, the 1st Battalion of 14th Mountain Division moved to hold its positions on the Division right flank. The 2nd Battalion remained in rest at ROCCA CATINI. In the afternoon the 1st and 2nd Battalions assumed defensive positions in the Division northwest and north sectors. The 3rd Battalion moved along into a reserve area at 121300A in the general area of ROCCA CATINI (140000Z85). Late in the day the 3rd Battalion moved from ROCCA CATINI to CAMPO TIZZORO for a rest period. At the same time the 1st Battalion trucked from PIETRA CATINI to ROCCA CATINI for the same purpose. The 2nd Battalion of 14th Mountain Division remained in the line.

The weather still held cold and the scattered clouds did not clear, causing precipitation within the next few



... shells, ... shelling hit our forward position.

A patrol from Company "1", 87th Mountain Infantry, set up observation post initially at (L570240). Later, in the process of observation, the men were in a house when Germans entered the front yard. The enemy inquired the whereabouts of ... The patrol failed to reveal their ... without contact. Other patrols were active ... in fire fights.

(13 March 1945): The situation along the front in respect to ... remained static throughout the 13th. Enemy artillery was very slight. Five-to seven-mile visibility made observation of close-in German movement comparatively easy. Interrogation of civilians continued and aided in determining the strength of the enemy at key locations.

A patrol action a patrol out at 121900A ran into an enemy patrol. A fire fight ensued during which two Germans were killed and wounded before withdrawing. Of interest in respect to ... was the report of a PW taken near 2041235 (L560240). The captured men on patrol were anxious to surrender, but needed an advantageous fire fight in which to do that.

(14 March 1945): Another relatively quiet day was marked by increased enemy artillery fire. The 3rd Battalion of the ... Division reserve at PASALONE (L619233), opening a ... In the 26th, the 1st Battalion went to a rest ... Of the 27th the 1st Battalion moved into

of FERRA SOLERA as the 3rd Battalion was in reserve in the vicinity of Mt. MANTALBA. The front lines remained unchanged. Artillery continued its periodic fire of destructive missions. A patrol out to 1830A hit the enemy at (L601238). The Germans, during the night, threw grenades at the members of the patrol. The leader was wounded. During the withdrawal, another man was severely wounded and missing at the rendezvous point. A reconnaissance patrol was sent out thereupon. Other patrols sought out enemy positions along the front.

(10 March 1945): The 1st Battalion of the 27th moved into position in reserve in FERRA SOLERA as of 151715A as the 3rd Battalion was in Division reserve in the vicinity of MALANDRONE at 151700A. At noon the 51st Tank Battalion had opened a CP at (L60041). Although broken clouds hung over the front during the day, the sky cleared by 0945A. Persistent enemy activity was received on Mt. SALLA SPA (L6126). Patrol activity consisted of reconnoitering of territory to the immediate front and reconnaissance activity. The 10th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron contacted a 20-man enemy patrol at (L339249) at 151700A.

(11 March 1945): Movements during the 10th were carried out in accordance with the plan. At 180415A the 1st Battalion of the 25th was relieved by the 3rd Battalion of the 25th and entered MONTICOLA area at 18064. The 3rd Battalion thereby took over positions in the vicinity of (L6125) and (L6126). In the 26th the 1st Battalion relieved the 1st Battalion at 180042A. The

The search trucked to ~~the~~ ~~initial~~ for a rest period in accordance with the Division rotation schedule. Positions occupied by the 8th Battalion of the 80th ran between (L5825) and (L5925). At 1700 hours the Battalion of the 87th was relieved on position ~~the~~ ~~attention~~ and sent back to Division reserve at ~~the~~ ~~CP~~ (L 5110). The effective assigned strength for the Division at 1700 hours was 105%.

The 1st ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~sector~~ held by the Mountaineers to rotate artillery during the day. Heavy 105-shelling poured on the area (L6126), 70 rounds within a 45-minute period. One of our tank destroyers located at (L606252) was knocked out by a direct hit.

(17 March 1945): For the 17th of March our positions remained unaltered. Five infantry battalions and 1 anti-tank battalion supported by 1 Reconnaissance troop remained in the front line with 2nd ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~infantry~~ battalions in Division reserve. Two other infantry battalions and an artillery battalion were in rest areas assigned to the Division.

In patrolling activities groups continued to comb the enemy positions. Mines were laid, but the Boche failed to bite. Two of our patrols ran into enemy and received considerable small arms and machine gun fire. Our PW score to date totalled 1725.

At 170005A an outpost of Company "A", 10th Anti-Tank, at ~~the~~ ~~position~~ spotted six enemy on the slope below him (L65845). The 6 tanks were traversing in file from east to west. The outpost heard a grenade and alerted the company. As the enemy

ward successive outposts heard the patrol and opened on it. The Germans thereupon headed back north over the same route, unable to infiltrate.

10. A 4-1 report (No. 284) of IV Corps, covering the period 162000A to 172000A, Appendix "A" dealt with captured enemy documents. (Special Annexes). The interrogation of a PW (American) from the 60th Mountain Infantry, captured on the 25th of January near CASALOLA, was included. In this annex the German IPW presented the entire history and breakdown of the Division, as obtained from the prisoner. This breach of security gave the enemy information of which he had had no previous confirmation.

(13 March 1945): In the 60th Infantry, the 1st Battalion moved from MONTECATINI to CROCELE DI SOTTO (L604219) to become Division reserve and release the 2nd Battalion of the 87th for rest. Other movement by our troops was restricted to probe action. German artillery continued to harass our forward positions, the bulk falling on MT. DELLA SPIA (L6126).

Corps called at 1100A and requested that the Division put stronger, more aggressive patrols against the enemy the coming night to take prisoners. A belief that major shifts were being effected by the Germans made the capture and interrogation of prisoners highly desirable.

(14 March 1945): The 2nd Battalion of the 87th left CROCELE DI SOTTO (L604219) at 190000A in order to go to the Division rest area, MONTECATINI, reaching there by noon. Also arriving there at noon was the 616th Field Artillery Battalion. At 191000A the 1st Battalion of the 60th closed into Division re-

serve in the vicinity of FIERCA COLERA (L6022). The 1st Battalion of the 85th reached the reserve area at PASSATORE (L6222) at 191945A. L. DELLA SPE was again the target of moderate artillery and mortar fire.

At 0340A in the morning of the 19th, Company "B" of the 10th Anti-Tank engaged Germans threatening the outpost line. One of the guards was killed. A squad was thereupon dispatched to investigate this action on Hill 488 (L658244). Despite the request from Corps for prisoners, patrols out the night of 18/19 March failed to take any prisoners. In particular a patrol from Company "E" of the 85th ran into enemy but failed to make physical contact, withstanding fire. In all patrolling our men were shelled between LAZZOLO (L668255) and BAGO (L665255). A number of these shells gave off a grayish-black smoke, what these men believed might possibly have been some form of gas was probably cordite, and therefore a strong irritant. Other patrols made contact at pre-designated points.

(20 March 1945): The enemy front lines as of the 20th of March are the following coordinates: (L550215), (L558232), (L568245), (L669250), (L574254), (L580255), (L583260), (L590265), (L600269), (L617270), (L627286), (L642287), (L671271), and (L673280).

Patrols during the early morning hours slashed deep into enemy territory in search of prisoners and German emplacements. During at 141940A, one such patrol from Company "I" of the 87th under Lt. Jones and a platoon in strength, followed the planned

route to Hill 778 (L503250). As they reached the base of the hill, the members of the patrol moved to the north. A maneuvering force thereupon crawled up the south-facing slope to positions just short of the buildings on the hill. At 182300A friendly artillery laid a box barrage on adjacent localities for fifteen minutes. While shells pounded BARTOLINO (L573253) and CANALLO (L60282), thus isolating Hill 778, the maneuvering force moved into the houses and caught the Germans off-guard. As the last round of our artillery pocked the ground, the platoon assembled at the rally-point. 30 prisoners from the 2nd and 3rd Companies of the 74th Regiment were netted in the assault. (See G-2 Periodic Report # 34, 22 March 1945).

(21 March 1945): The relief of the 2nd Battalion, 85th, by the 1st Battalion of the 85th in the Division right sector was completed at 210020A. Fifty minutes previous the 2nd Battalion had moved into Division reserve at PASSARONE (L620229). The 1st of the 85th remained in front line positions in the Division northeast sector. In the 86th Regiment the 1st Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion, finishing that relief at 210015A. Lt. Col. Stinson's men thereupon started to MONTECATINI. The 3rd Battalion of the 86th held positions in the Division northwest sector. The 87th units remained in the positions occupied two days previous. Moderate enemy artillery and mortar fire continued to hit our lines, concentrating again on MT. DELLA SBE (L6126).

A patrol from Company "K" of the 87th passed through the contact line along prescribed routes. A brilliant moonlight en-

aided, excellent observation, the patrol reached its objective, #1111 at (L531245). The members of the patrol split at this point as they made contact with the enemy. The maneuvering elements were contacted by Jerry. A fifty-minute fire fight ensued. Direct artillery and mortar fire from our sections made possible the maneuvering of the patrol. The Germans did not pursue our men as they withdrew to friendly outpost lines.

The 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance patrol #1116 ran into a fire fight with Germans defending EL PALAZZO (L644263) at 210100A. Using machine guns, machine pistols, and grenades, the enemy wounded two of our patrol. The dog accompanying the patrol from the 17th Quartermaster War Dog Platoon was killed.

(21 March 1945): Units on the line continued to hold positions. The 17th Company, Alpine Quartermaster Mule Pack Battalion, was attached to the 85th, the 17th Company(-) was assigned to the 80th, the other section of the 17th Company having been attached to the 87th. Enemy artillery and mortar shelling increased in tempo slightly during the early morning before daylight.

Outpost patrols and reconnaissance patrols ran across considerable enemy activity. This same enemy movement was noted by the CP's. The weather continued to hold, the moonlight at night aided observation excellent. Our own artillery batteries fired upon designated and spot targets.

(22 March 1945): As of the 23rd of March the 1st Battalion of the 16th Cavalry was in the line on the Division right sector. The

2nd Battalion was resting at MONTE CATINI. North of the 1st Battalion sector the 3rd Battalion was holding positions of deep defense. In the 3rd the 1st Battalion remained on line in the Division's rear sector with the 3rd Battalion in the northwest area. The 2nd Battalion was at MONTESAPALINI for its share of rest from combat activities. The 1st Battalion of the 27th constituted Division Reserve at FIANINA SOLENA, to be joined by the 2nd Battalion when it moved from the rest center at MONTESAPALINI. The 3rd Battalion held standard positions on the Division west sector.

Considerable enemy movement was noticed in positions just to the rear of the front lines as heavy mortars and field guns sent down a steady rain of fire. A new enemy disposition was now taking form. The 1st Battalion (in respect to our front); 100th Infantry Regiment at CASTELLUCCIO DI MORSEDA (L522292), now the 2nd Battalion being in training at S MARTINO (L541257) probably; the 2nd Battalion of the 74th Regiment of the 114th Cavalry Division at (L545247); the 1st Battalion of the 74th at (L542253); the 2nd Battalion of the 71st Panzer Grenadier Regiment at (L572222); the 1st Battalion of the 71st at (L604265); and the 283rd Infantry Division relieving the Panzer Grenadiers at 3014 08140.

(L 2000 1545): Positions remained unchanged except for the relief of the 10th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and the 10th at. Reconnaissance Battalion in position by the 1st Battalion, 87th, at 2000 without incident. The 2nd Battalion of the 27th remained in Division Reserve at CROCCALE DI SOTTO (L6021). In the artillery the 616th secured fire positions as of 230600A, thereupon



The 1st Battalion proceeded to rest at MONTE CARRE.

The forward portion of German artillery and mortar fire continued to fall on the DELLA SPA. In answer to questions concerning the heavier forest, it is appearing on our front in fire fights, it is explained a description of the tubular HE grenade and its use.

Patrol # 315 from Company "E" of the 85th left (L617263) at DELLA SPA and moved northward down the forward slope of MT. DELLA SPA, to the road at (L614268). Thereupon one man went ahead to the end of the houses at 781 (L612269). The scene burst into conflict as the patrol was hit with two grenades and rifle shots. The patrol was engaged with small arms fire and hand grenades. One man was killed and another was hit in the chest. The patrol withdrew to a shell-hole and took refuge to the rear. In returning the men were hit by the two rear guards at (L614269). One of our men was killed and another seriously wounded. After applying first aid to the wounded, the men left the area and reported in. This action was a direct result of poor patrolling tactics and a failure to follow the principles of the evacuation of wounded. From it lessons for future operations should be emphasized.

(10 March 1945): In the 10th the 1st Battalion remained on the line in the 294th sector while the 2nd Battalion moved to the rear at MONTE CARRE to Division reserve at PABIA (L6024) at 1200. With the 1st Battalion, the 2nd Battalion moved to the northeast sector. The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 85th moved to the 1st (cont.) of the 85th positions. The 2nd Battalion, 85th constituted Division reserve at PISTRA COLONA.

through the battalion of the 27th. The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 7th remained on the Division west flank.

Artillery and mortar fire was light during the period of the afternoon and night, by daylight the Germans were seen to withdraw and to a degree. Around a patrol from Company "E" of the 1st of the 27th put up a particularly stiff resistance. One soldier killed her, the remaining men going on the way back. The action took place on Hill 270 (L12200). One of the men was wounded and one missing in the afternoon. Another of the men was ambushed at (L17524B), and remained for three days. Close observation of enemy movements in the area was made by ground and air OP's throughout the period.

(3 March 1945): The front battalions remained unchanged except that the 2nd of the 27th moved the original position, the 1st of the 27th (L4695) for training purposes. The entire area remained at a comparative quiet with only sporadic artillery. During the afternoon the first heavy rains for over a month began to fall from low hanging clouds. Neutralization of the area by the 27th kept the enemy movement at a minimum.

(7 March 1945): In accordance with the G-3 schedule, the 2nd Battalion of the 27th moved to Position A at 271900Z, being re-

aligned on their front line positions by the 2nd Battalion of the 100th. The remainder of the front remained static beyond vigorous contact during. Advanced elements of the 1st Battalion, 305th Infantry considered forward terrain in the area of the 3rd Battalion of the 100th, which battalion was to move to CAMPO TIZZONO for operations. At 220500A preliminary reliefs were enacted, the complete relief of positions being effected at 220300A. Thereupon, as of 220000, the 1st Battalion of the 105th was attached to the 100th for operations. Generally the sector remained quiet. Contact between the 1st Army Reconnaissance Squadron was established by the 1st Battalion of the 100th at 220300A.

(21 March 1945): The relief of the 1st Battalion, 87th, by the 100th Anti-Tank and Reconnaissance Troop at 221825A was the only change in front line positions. German artillery fire increased during the day on front line positions. Patrolling activity was limited to artillery support, 12 missions by the 60th and 1st Battalion, 112th, and the 15th riding party was very active.

(22 March 1945): During a relatively quiet day, as rains lifted, the 100th Artillery shells hit Mt. GIOIELLI (L6826), Mt. DELLA MONTANA (L6834), and CASAL SABBIO (L6835).

Operations at 220001A, elements of our patrols moved out of CASTEL SABBIO to the junction of the road and the large draw at the base of Mt. GIOIELLI. One squad broke off and moved along the road to the left and a company searched for the other squads surrounding the area at (L68262). The six occupants claimed that they had seen no Germans since the 10th of March, leaving six men to guard the

... six other men moved in and took positions with a machine gun on high ground (L60802631) at ORODA. The remaining ... on the road against the house at ALBERTO. Using draws ... of approach, the group surrounded the objective. A check ... for communication wire and the bottom floor of the build- ... searched. There was no German position in the vicinity. No ... upon the patrol during the maneuvering. The area seemed ... of enemy or points of resistance.

(27 March 1945): In the 85th the 1st and 2nd battalions con- ... positions in the division center sectors, North and ... Their right was the 14th Anti-Tank Battalion. The 3rd ... of the 85th followed heading at ... In the 86th ... 1st and 2nd battalions held the Division north and northwest ... while the 3rd remained at ... for training purposes/

... 1st and 2nd battalions of the 7th constituted Division re- ... in the vicinity of ... as the 3rd trained at ... On the west flank of the Division was the 1st Battalion, ... 85th Infantry, 92nd Division. A patrol from Company "... 85th, ... into a fire fight with the enemy short of (L610274). Plans ... were passed on to organizations by G-2. On the 30th ... allocation was made as the animals were ready for the organ- ...

(31 March 1945): Changes on the last day of the month con- ... of the 1st battalion of the 86th closing into ... COL- ... (L6081) at 1700 as reserve and the completing of the re 1141 ... 1st Battalion, 86th, by the 2nd Battalion, 86th, at ...

Our recent offensive at the beginning of the month had forced the enemy to use much of its mobile reserve, the 29th Panzer and other Division. After the action in which these elements were hit badly, they withdrew to reorganize and receive what replacements were available. In the meanwhile the 334th Infantry Division appeared, probably in a relief role. The shifting that took place during the month resulted in the 334th Division being employed in contact and central sectors while elements of the 114th Jaeger Division were drawn up on our west front.

The men of the 10th had fought through a quick battle with our aggressiveness and coordination that augured well for the future operations of the Division. The difficulties had been ironed out, morale was good; and the ability to attack, sustain that attack, and hold ground gained had been maintained during the period.

(NUMBER OF DAYS IN EACH INFANTRY BATTALION IN POSITION NOTED)

	LINE	REG AVE	TRAINING	REST
1st bn, 23th Lt Inf	23	4	0	4
2nd bn, 23th Lt Inf	20	6	0	5
3rd bn, 23th Lt Inf	19	5	4	4
4th bn, 23th Lt Inf	23	4	0	4
5th bn, 23th Lt Inf	23	4	0	4
6th bn, 23th Lt Inf	19	2	5	4
7th bn, 27th Lt Inf	11	18	0	2
8th bn, 27th Lt Inf	11	16	0	4
9th bn, 27th Lt Inf	18	7	4	2

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HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO 345, U. S. ARMY

4 March 1945

Subject: Effect of Air Support on Enemy Artillery Fire.

To : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 1464, U. S. ARMY.  
(Attention: Air Support Control)

1. Extracted from G-2 Periodic Report O11330A March 1945 - O21330A  
March 1945, par 2c. OPERATIONS OF COMMON MOUNTAIN ELEMENTS:

(1) Artillery: Between O11100A and O1115A, 2 rounds of 155mm fell at (1584182A); at O11330A, 2 rounds of undetermined cal arty fell at (1510182); at O11410A, 10 rounds 150 mm fell at (1571197); at O11445A, 10 rounds of what was believed to be heavy cal fell at BOMBIANA (1584182); at O11542A to O11546A, 15 rounds medium arty fell at (1574920A2); from O11650A to O11655A, 35 rounds of undetermined cal fell at (15733198A); at O11655A, 7 rounds of 150mm fell near BOMBIANA (1584182). A delayed report stated that 300 rounds mixed medium arty and mortar fire fell at (15720) and (15721) from O23355A to O11425A. 30 rounds medium arty fell at BOMBIANA (15721A) from O23355A to O11400A. Scattered arty fire fell on CAPIANG (1445172) at O2015. 80 rounds arty of undetermined cal fell at (157520A) from O12310 to O2046A. At GAGGIO MONTANA (15516), 17 rounds medium arty fell between O20320A and O20558A. From O20545A to O20555A, 35 rounds harassing mixed mortar and arty fire fell at (1539209); thought to come from southeast of 1500 mile from (1539203).

2. Extracted from G-2 Periodic Report O21330A Feb 1945 - O11330 March 1945, par 2c. OPERATIONS OF COMMON MOUNTAIN ELEMENTS:

(1) Artillery: Moderate arty fire continued to fall near BOMBIANA (15721A). 15 rounds fell at (15721A). From 282320A to 282340A, 21 rounds fell in the Div CP area (1551160); at O10015A shells fell at (1549163). The following enemy fire was also reported: Between O11400A and O10615A, 7 shell medium cal, fell at (1572198); O11655A and O11055A, 30 rounds medium cal at rounds medium arty at (1582178); at O10400A, 6 rounds medium cal fell at (1582177), (1584176) and (1584177).

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Hq 10th Lt Div, APO 345, U. S. Army, letter dated 4 March 1945, to Fifth Army re Effect of Air Support on Enemy Arty Fire, cont'd.

3. From the above quotations, it can be seen that on 2 March, when air was not present in support of our troops 543 (+) rounds of enemy artillery fell in our area as contrasted to 106 rounds on 28 February when air was in close support. This is not an exaggerated example but is a conservative indication of the relief from artillery fire experienced by our troops when the Air-Ground team is in our sector. This indicates the efficiency of the Air-Ground team and also points the way for a use of air which is negative out which aids the ground effort immeasurably - that is, the air patrol. In this particular theater where air superiority is unquestioned and in this sector where anti-aircraft fire is relatively light - the air patrol, able at a moment's notice to switch from a negative to a positive role, grants to attacking troops an immunity from artillery and mortar fire which allows them more rest and thus raises their combat efficiency to say nothing of the casualties saved by this form of air support on an active front such as our present one.

4. This is presented to you in order that this type of air action be considered in future Air-Ground operations irrespective of known or suspected enemy locations in the zone of attack.

For the Commanding General:

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Col, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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RESULT OF AIR OPERATIONS  
4 MARCH 1945

Rover Joe Missions  
RESULT

TOI	Location	TOI	RESULT
1	Enemy strong point Bassomalare L585242	0800	Fighter Bombers, all bombs target area, 2 strafing passes. observed large column black smoke target area. No movement seen, No AA
2	Enemy strongpoint L612221	0846	Fighter bombers, all bombs target area, fires started. 2 strafing passes, area well covered, <del>observed many slit trenches.</del> observed many slit trenches. No movement seen, No AA. <span style="float: right;">8</span>
3	Enemy strong point L600248	0906	Fighter bombers, all bombs target area. Fires started. 4 strafing passes area well covered. Obscured by smoke. No AA.
4	Arty, Arty OP L637240	1011	Fighter bombers, 4 hits target area. 2 direct hits gunpits. 2 short. Recce for 20 motor transports moving S L619286. No movement seen. Strafing 15 enemy trs L618378, some destroyed. strafed and dived 4 enemy trs L660519.
5	Enemy strong point L608254	1147	Fighter bombers strafed and destroyed 1 bldg L634283. Strafing L558245, fire started. Strafing 16 enemy trs L641282 No results observed. Recce for trs L588247. No movement seen.
6	Enemy strong point L608257		Fighter bombers 1147A 7 bombs target area, 1 bomb L602260. 4 rockets target area. 2 strafing passes No results observed, no movement seen, No AA. Recce for 15 tanks MONTESE, CASTEL D'AINES. No movement seen.
7	Mortar and SP gun L587262	1215	Fighter bombers, 4 bombs target area. 2 short 150 yds, 2 long 300 yds. 2 strafing passes. Strikes on bldg. No results observed, no movement seen, No AA.
8	guns L619269	1304	Fighter Bombers, 6 near misses, 2 wide. 6 rockets near misses, 2 target area. 2 strafing passes pit well covered. observed guns in pits. No movement seen No AA
9	Mortars and trs L586284	1342	Fighter bombers, all bombs target area. Observed and strafed 6 Motor transports L579267, 2 flamers, 1 blew up, 1 probably destroyed. 2 camouflaged motor transports destroyed. No AA.
10	Enemy personnel guns L614268	1437	Fighter bombers all bombs target area. Gun destroyed 612257. Observed and strafed 2 tanks 636277 1 exploded, 1 damaged. Strafing and dived 1 motorcycle and driver, both destroyed L613267. No AA. 2 motor transports and 1 motorcycle destroyed L60031.
11	Trs L558245	1515	Fighter bombers 4 bombs short, 2 target area, 2 150 yds N. 2 strafing passes fires started in town. 1 motor transport destroyed L 612260. Observed ambulance picking up casualties L613267. Complete recce all roads N pinpoint. No movement seen. No AA.



12 Arty L639231	1618	Fighter bombers, all bombs target area. 2 large bldg flammers. Rockets damaged or destroyed remainder target area. 5 strafing passes. No movement seen. No AA.
15 Enemy tra L609258	1643	Fighter bombers, 4 bombs target area, 2 over 2 a/c. 1 strafing pass target area. Strikes. Strafed 3 motor transports, 1 destroyed 2 damaged L598258. No AA.

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Results of ABO Missions

L600266 150mm Guns	0830	Fighter bombers 3 bombs target area no claims
L657354 Guns	0815	Fighter bombers 1 direct hit house 30 yds S. Strafed in pits. No results observed. 1 motor transport and trailer flamer L726500.
L695325 <del>xxxx</del> La CAVENELLO	1210	Fighter bombers 1 very near miss large bldg. Flames and smoke to 500 feet. Strafed.
L697328 11 POZZIO	1250	Fighter bombers, 2 bombs target area. 1 very near miss 8 bldg target area. Area well strafed.
L6325	0840	Fighter bomber, 3 large fires in woods. Strafed and rocket in area. Damaged 1 bldg.
L585242 SASSOMALARE	0745	Fighter bombers, 6 direct hits, 2 near misses target area. 2 bldg flames and others smoking.
L687327 Guns	0955	Fighter Bombers, direct hits. 4 bombs target area. Strafed bldg E t target area. Fire started
L690338 Guns	1120	Fighter bombers, 1 near miss large explosion white smoke to 500 feet 8 Strafing runs.

Fighter bombers on ARMY targets today: 19 missions 76 sorties.

Fighter Bombers claims 4 March: Motor transports, destroyed 22, damaged 20. Buildings, destroyed 49. Bridges, destroyed 1 damaged 2. Medium tanks, destroyed 1, damaged 1. Destroyed 1 light AA gun. Destroyed 1 field gun. 24 track cuts. 2 roads cratered.

RESULTS OF AIR OPERATIONS  
6 MARCH 1945

"ROYER JOE" MISSIONS

TOE	Location	TOE	Results
1	159227	Enemy trs 0825	Fighter bombers, 4 bombs target area. 1 wide, 1 long. 3 fires started target area. 2 bombs town 159227. 3 strafing passes pinpoint. Fires started. No movement seen. 1st AA 159226. Moderate 1st AA 1591276. Strafing and destroyed 1 horse drawn wag 3 of 200CA.
2	1656267	Mortar and tr positions 0905	Fighter bombers, 6 bombs target area. 2 H target area town afire 1 strafing pass 3 in area. Moderate 1st AA at pinpoint. Observed many slit trenches and possible gun pits 1656266. Strafing 3 in area. No results observed, no movement seen.
3	1583280	105mm guns 0951	Fighter bombers, all bombs target area. All but one bldg burning 2 strafing passes area well covered. No pits seen Strafing 2 motorcycles 1621272. No results observed, intermittent 1st AA.
4	1615269	2 88mm guns 1110	Fighter bombers all bombs target area. Probably destroyed. Houses afire still burning 1145A. No movement seen. 1129A 17 field pieces and rocket launchers 1594276. All bldgs target area well covered by rockets. No guns seen. 3 strafing passes along rd and area N. Ran to mortar transports 1577266. No movement seen. Ran rd N. CASTEL DAENO. Observed a motor transport 6 miles N. Intermittent 1st AA from area. Observed and strafed 4 men at 1294276. No results observed.
5	1565249	Trs. 1205	Fighter bombers, all bombs target area. Fires started. 3 strafing passes. Bldg target area well covered, no movement seen. Int 1st AA
6	1620283	2 hvy guns 1515	Fighter bombers, 7 bombs target area. 1 overshoot NW. 1 strafing pass Strikes in area. Observed 2 gun pits 30 yds N pinpoint. Well covered by rockets. Observed and strafed 4 men at 1594276. No results observed.
7	1621272	Mortars 1408	Fighter Bombers, 6 bombs target area. Houses afire. No hits observed pinpoint. 2 strafing passes. No movement seen. Intermittent light AA.
8	1616270	Trs 1515	Fighter Bombers, 6 bombs target area destroyed all bldgs. 2 direct hits camouflaged pits 1614269 Observed and strafed well camouflaged tank or SP gun 1591299. No hits. Observed 3 guns and 4 trs in pits, 1599293. Strafing, Area well covered. No results observed. Intermittent light AA.
9	1591299	Trs & trs 1601	Fighter bombers, all bombs 1585307 town afire. Strafing and destroyed 3 1st AA guns 2869 1596297. Strafing and destroyed 3 more 1st AA guns 1557599. Strafing 1591299 town afire. Ground report tank destroyed pinpoint. Intermittent 1st AA.
10	1558245	Trs 1651	Fighter bombers, all bombs target area. 3 fires started rd 3 town. 1 fire N town. 3 strafing passes area well covered. Moderate 1st AA. No movement seen.

**AIR OPERATIONS FOR 7 & 8 MARCH**  
**ROVER JOE MISSIONS 7 MARCH**

TOF	Location	TOF	Results
1	1602295	Magbar 1545	Fighter bombers, bomber and strafed 7 bombs target area. 1 short. observed strafed and destroyed 1 motor transport in town before attack. 6 strafing passes 1602295 houses afire. Strafing enemy trs 1592299. Destroyed 1 motor transport. Observed 20 mm guns. Strafing and allowed area 1594318. Strafing road NV 1602195. Strafing 20mm guns tower town 1602295. Succeeded. Ground reports 1 direct hit on church and mortar transport burning now. Intermittent 10 AA. 16120.

No 'Rover Joe' Missions 8 March.

Fighter Bomber claims on Army targets today: 6 Missions, 26 Sorties.

HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO 345, U.S. ARMY

12 March 1945

MEMORANDUM: Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division.

1. Following is the complete tabulation of captured and destroyed enemy equipment and material since beginning of our operation in this theater to include phase just completed:

a. Infantry Weapons:

65 Bayonets  
762 Rifles  
115 Pistols  
24 Machine Pistols  
14 Escopets  
11 Grenade Launchers  
223 IWS  
6 50mm Mortars  
23 81mm Mortars  
1 AT Gun, 37mm  
40 Stick Grenades  
20 Egg Grenades  
6 Automatic Rifles  
9 Mortar Sights  
3 Tripods, Mortar  
14 M2 Barrels

b. Artillery Weapons:

1 75mm Inf Howitzer  
2 80mm Guns  
3 75mm Guns  
1 20mm Gun  
1 Artillery Piece Sight  
6 Small AA Guns (Probably 20mm)  
11 Field Pieces (Cal not given)

c. Signal Supplies:

15 Radios  
1 BC Scope  
8 Field Glasses  
2 Field Telephones  
1 Signal Operation Set  
2 Periscopes  
4 Telescopic Sights

(List of Captured and Destroyed Enemy Material, 12 Mar 1945 cont'd)

27 Flare Pistols  
1 Switchboard

d. Miscellaneous Supplies:

38 Gas Masks  
28 Blankets  
28 Canteens  
24 Shelter Halves  
15 Entrenching Tools  
15,500 Rounds, M2 Am  
5,000 Rounds, 75mm Am  
50,000 Rounds, Rifle Am  
3 Am Boxes and Belts  
200 Stock Mines  
2 Teller Mines  
200 Sahn Mines  
1 Pack  
1 Helmet  
10 Hales  
6 Mule Carts  
41 Horses  
208 Rockets  
3 Chemical Tanks  
1,000 Rounds, 81mm Mortar Am  
16 Ps Faust  
3 Tanks (Mark IV)  
2 SF Guns (1 88mm, 1 75mm)  
1 Truck  
2 Motorcycles  
1 Stretcher  
2 Horse-drawn carts

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Maps: Italy, 97 I SE, NE; 98 IV SW, NW, 1:25,000.

1. See G-3 and G-2 Periodic reports, 6 and 7 March 1945.

2. 10th Lt Div will occupy, organize and defend area of resistance shown overlay, refit, prepare for further action.

3. a. 85th Lt Inf:

(1) Occupy, organize and defend area of resistance shown overlay, with two battalions in line, one battalion in reserve.

(2) See par 3c below. Upon relief by 3rd Bn, 87th Lt Inf, 3rd Bn, 85th Lt Inf, will revert to Regt Res. in Regt area.

(3) 10th Lt Cav Rcn Tp is detached 3rd Bn, 85th Lt Inf and atchd 10th Lt AT Bn effective 061800A.

b. 86th Lt Inf:

(1) Occupy, organize and defend area of resistance shown overlay with two battalions in line, one battalion in reserve.

(2) 86th Lt Inf, by readjustment within Regt 2, will relieve 1st Bn, 87th Lt Inf during the night of 9 - 10 March.

(3) See par 3c below. Upon relief by 2nd Bn, 87th Lt Inf, 3rd Bn, 86th Lt Inf, will move to Div rest area, vicinity C.M. PO TIZZORO.

c. 87th Lt Inf:

(1) Occupy, organize and defend area of resistance shown overlay with two battalions in line, one battalion in reserve.

(2) 3rd Bn, 87th Lt Inf will relieve 3rd Bn, 85th Lt Inf during the night of 8 - 9 March.

(3) 2nd Bn, 87th Lt Inf will relieve 3rd Bn, 86th Lt Inf during the night of 8 - 9 March.

d. 10th Lt AT Bn and atchd elms: Present mission, no change. 10th Lt Cav Rcn Tp will furnish patrols on call from CO, 87th Lt Inf.

e. Div Arty: 604th FA Bn: D/S 85th Lt Inf; 605 FA Bn: D/S 86th Lt Inf; 616 FA Bn: D/S 87th Lt Inf; 175th FA Bn: General Support, Mass fires on route of approach to CASTEL D' ALANO (6025) and from MONTESE (5524).

f. 84 Cml Bn: Co B, D/S 85th Lt Inf.  
Co C, 1st Plat D/S 86th Lt Inf.  
2nd Plat D/S 87th Lt Inf.

g. 751st TK Bn and 701st TD Bn Elms: Support Inf elms in sectors from present positions.

x. (1) Priority of construction.

- (a) Covered automatic weapons positions and covered foxholes.  
(b) Protective barbed wire.

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- (c) A-Mecz minefields.
- (d) Camouflage.
- (2) Conduct active patrolling to front of Regt Z's; secure prisoners.
- (3) Locate reserves in defilade in general areas indicated overlay.
- (4) Report contemplated position dross, fire plans, command post locations, by overlay without delay.

4. See Adm O'l.

5. Current SOI index.

Rad: Radio silence effective 071200A.

CP's: To be reported.

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Operations Overlay

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - CG, IV Corps
- 1 - CG, BEF
- 1 - CG, 92 Inf Div
- 5 - CO, 65 Lt Inf
- 5 - CO, 66 Lt Inf
- 5 - CO, 67 Lt Inf
- 6 - AC of S G-3 IV Corps
- 2 - CG, IV Corps Arty
- 2 - CO, 701 TD Bn
- 5 - CG, 10 Div Arty
- 1 - CO, Co A 760 TK Bn
- 2 - CO, 84 Cml Bn
- 2 - CO, 175 FA
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt Lcd Bn
- 2 - CG, 424 FA Group
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt AT Bn
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt Cav Ren Tr
- 1 - CO, 751 TK Bn
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt G. Bn
- 1 - CO, 126 Lt Engr Bn
- 1 - CO, 1125 AFA
- 1 - Air Officer
- 1 - West Sector BEF.
- 1 - CO, 1108 Engr C Group

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Maps: ITALY, 97 I SE, NE; 98 IV SW, N., 1:25,000.

1. a. See G-2 Periodic report, 8 March 1945.  
b. Overlay
2. 10th Lt Div will occupy, organize and defend area of resistance shown overlay, refit, prepare for further action.
3. a. 85th Lt Inf:
  - (1) 10th Lt AT Bn (10th Lt Cav Ren Tp) atchd effective 060700Z March 1945.
  - (2) Occupy, organize and defend area of resistance shown overlay with one battalion in reserve.
  - (3) Maintain contact with 81st Cav Ren Sq on right (east), with 86th Lt Inf on left (west).b. 86th Lt Inf:
  - (1) See FO 2, this Hq, 071200Z March 1945.
  - (2) Readjust left (west) Bd with 87th Lt Inf during the nights of 8 - 9 and 9 - 10 March 1945.
  - (3) Maintain contact with 87th Lt Inf on left (west).c. 87th Lt Inf:
  - (1) See FO 2, this Hq, 071200Z March 1945.
  - (2) 3rd Bn, 87th Lt Inf and class 2nd Dn; 87th Lt Inf, will be relieved by two infantry battalions, 1st Div, BEF, during the night of 10 - 11 March 1945. CO, 87th Lt Inf., will provide guides and necessary liaison.
  - (3) Maintain one battalion in line, 2 in Regt Res.
  - (4) Maintain contact with 1st Div BEF on left (west).d. 10th Lt AT Bn: See Par 3a (1).
- e. Div Arty: No change.
- f. 84th Cnl Bn: No change.
- g. 751st TK Bn and 701st TD Bn Elms: No change.
- x. (1) A rest area schedule will be published prior to 092400Z March.  
(2) Division reserve areas will be designated prior to 091800Z March by this Hq.

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- 4. See Adm O.L.
- 5. Current SOI Index.
- Radio silence.
- CP's: To be reported.

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- 1 - CG, BEF
- 1 - CG, 92 Inf Div
- 5 - CO, 85 Lt Inf
- 5 - CO, 86 Lt Inf
- 5 - CO, 87 Lt Inf
- 6 - AC of S G-3 IV Corps
- 2 - CG, IV Corps Arty
- 2 - CO, 701 TD Bn
- 5 - CG, 10 Div Arty
- 1 - CO, Co A 760 TK Bn
- 2 - CO, 44 Cal Bn
- 2 - CO, 175 FA
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt Med Bn
- 2 - CG, 424 FA Group
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt LT Bn
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt Cav Ren Tr
- 1 - CO, 751 TK Bn
- 1 - CO, 10 Lt QI Bn
- 1 - CO, 126 Lt Engr Bn
- 1 - CO Btry A, 1125 AFA
- 1 - Air Officer
- 1 - West Sector BEF.
- 1 - CO, 1108 Engr C Group

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10 March 1945

CHANGE NO. 1 to ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1

Maps: No change

1. SUPPLY

a. Rations

- (1) All elements in forward area draw from DQM near Porretta (L581128) effective 12 March. Daily telegram for issue on 12 March will be submitted to DQM, above location, by 1800, 11 March. Emergency changes in quantity and types of rations may be submitted as late as 0900 on the day of issue. All elements in Campo Tizzoro area draw from DQM in Campo Tizzoro.
- (2) Unit Distribution: Porretta and Campo Tizzoro.
- (3) Resupply daily, tactical situation permitting.
- (4) Organizations will stock two reserve rations as per Memorandum No. 42, this Headquarters, dated 8 March. Reserve rations consumed only when resupply cannot be accomplished.

- b. (1) DAO closes Pistoia 0800, 12 March and opens north of Porretta (L581128) same time.
- (2) Unit distribution ASP.
  - (3) Daily resupply as required.
  - (4) Until further notice 60mm mortar, HE, ammunition cannot be drawn except on allocation.

c. Engineer Supply: no change

d. Gas and Oil:

- (1) Distribution with Class I supplies at Porretta effective 1600, 11 March.
- (2) Distribution for rear elements at Campo Tizzoro.

e. Class II

- (1) Sock exchange service, Class II, and salvage service for elements in forward echelon with Class I at Porretta.

f. Water points: (L550168) (L568212) (L581227)

2. EVACUATION

a. Casualties:

- (1) Collecting station located Tamburini (L578229). Collecting station vicinity Castellaccio (L632221), time of opening to be announced later.
- (2) Clearing station: no change.
- (3) Animals: Replacements will be made on direct exchange basis at 211th (Italian) Veterinarian Evacuation Hospital located near Ponzepetri (Q504995).

b. Burial: no change

c. Captured Materiel and Salvage: no change

d. Prisoners of War: no change

3. TRAFFIC

a. Circulation: To be announced later.

b. Restrictions: no change. Attention directed to Memorandum No. 44, this Headquarters, dated 7 March 1945.

c. Control: no change

4. SERVICE TROOPS AND TRAINS

a. Minimum vehicles of service trains permitted in forward area.

b. No change

c. No change

d. Quartermaster Pack Companies.

- (1) 5th Italian Quartermaster Pack Co - no change.

(2) All elements 17th Italian Quartermaster Pack Company relieved from present attachment and the company attached to 38th Infantry Regiment, effective 0800, 10 March.

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(3) 10th Italian Quartermaster Pack Company - no change.

5. PERSONNEL

- a. No change
- E. No change

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Signal Repair: New location to be announced later.
- E. Ordnance Repair: No change
- C. Field Range Repair: Field range repair team available at Division Ordnance Company, effective this date.

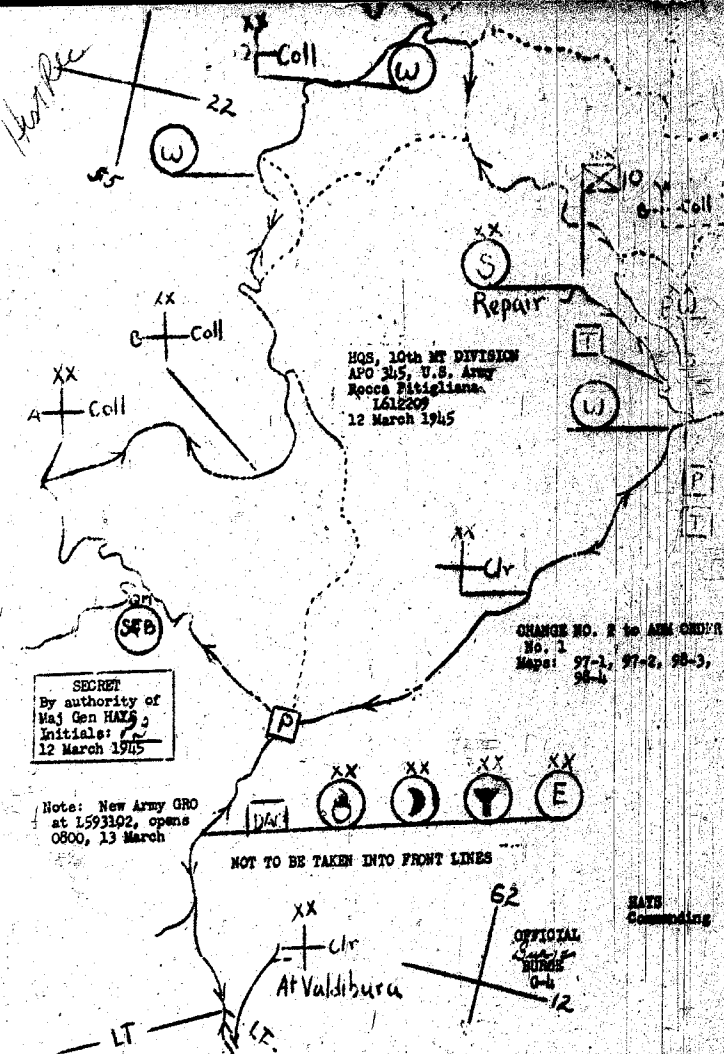
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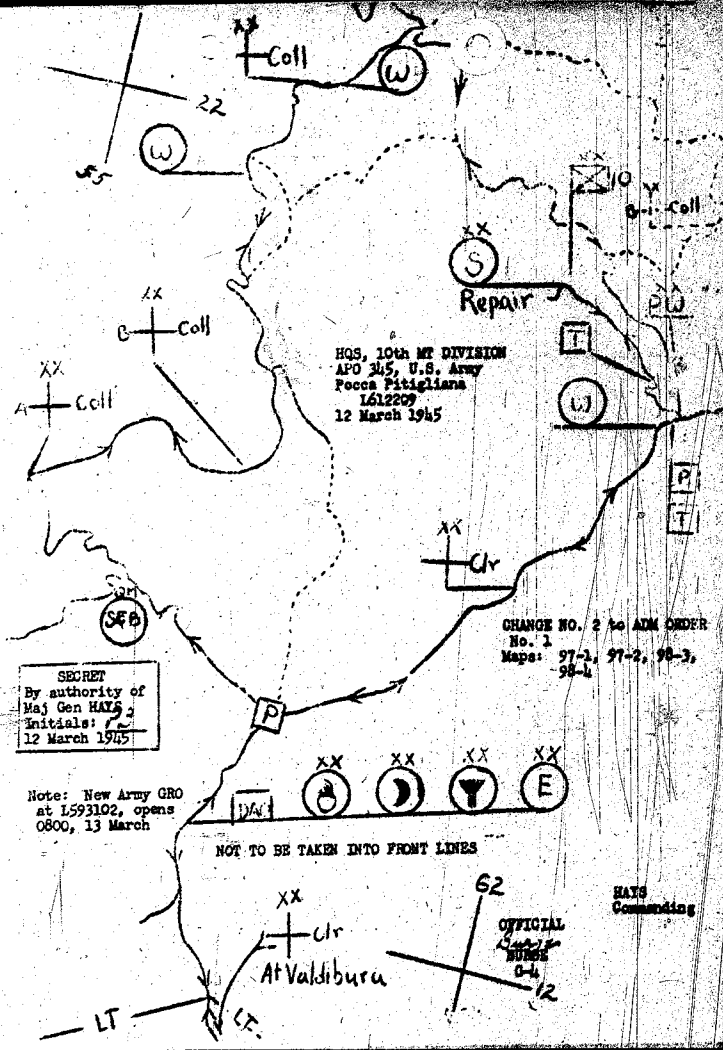
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10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO 345, U. S. ARMY

011000A March 1945

FIELD MESSAGE NO. 1

TO CO \_\_\_\_\_

Par No. 2 and all other paragraphs of FO 1, 272400A Feb this Hq reading  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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APO 345, U. S. ARMY

021700A March 1945

FIELD MESSAGE NO. 2

TO CO \_\_\_\_\_

Field message No. 1 011000A March 1945 this headquarters is recinded.  
Par No. 2 and all other paragraphs of FC 4, 272400A February this headquar-  
ters reading 010700A March will be changed to read 030700A March 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO 345, U. S. ARMY

092400A March 45

FIELD MESSAGE NO. 3

TO CG \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations of the 10th Mt Division will move to rest areas and return according to the following schedule. Organizations to give priority to Battalions with most days in line. CG, Div Arty to arrange schedule for Artillery units.

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>REST AREA</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>	<u>DATE OF RETURN</u>	<u>AREA OF RETURN</u>
86th Mt Inf	CAMPO TIZZORO	9 March 45	12 March	PIETRA COLORA
85th Mt Inf	MONTICATINI	12 " "	15 "	PASSATORE
87th Mt Inf	CAMPO TIZZORO	12 " "	15 "	PIETRA COLORA
86th Mt Inf	MONTICATINI	15 " "	18 "	PASSATORE
85th Mt Inf	CAMPO TIZZORO	15 " "	18 "	PIETRA COLORA
87th Mt Inf	MONTICATINI	18 " "	21 "	PASSATORE
86th Mt Inf	CAMPO TIZZORO	18 " "	21 "	PIETRA COLORA
10th MT Bn	MONTICATINI	21 " "	24 "	PIETRA COLORA
87th Mt Inf	CAMPO TIZZORO	21 " "	24 "	PASSATORE
85th Mt Inf	MONTICATINI	24 " "	27 "	Div Area
126th Engr Bn	CAMPO TIZZORO	24 " "	27 "	

PIETRA COLORA reserve area can serve two battalions, one bn to the East, S of Della VEDETTA, and one to the West, vicinity S. MARIA and AFFRICA.  
PASSATORE reserve area is in vicinity of 620228.

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SCHEDULE OF RELIEFS

DATE	1/85	2/85	3/85	1/86	2/86	3/86	1/87	2/87	3/87	10 AT.
9						MOVE TO CAMPO TIZZERA				
10			DIV. RES. AT MONTICATTINI							
11			MOVE TO MONTICATTINI				DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI		DIV. RES. AT MONTICATTINI	
12							MOVE TO CAMPO TIZZERA		MOVE TO MONTICATTINI	
13						DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI				
14			DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI							
15	RELIEF BY 1/85-NIGHT		RELIEF BY 2/85-NIGHT							
16	MOVE TO MONTICATTINI		RELIEF BY 2/85-NIGHT	MOVE TO MONTICATTINI		RELIEF BY 2/86-NIGHT	DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI	RELIEF BY 2/87-NIGHT	DIV. RES. AT MONTICATTINI	
17								DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI		
18										
19								MOVE TO MONTICATTINI		
20	DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI	RELIEF BY 1/86-NIGHT		DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI	RELIEF BY 1/86-NIGHT					
21	RELIEF BY 1/86-NIGHT	DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI		RELIEF BY 1/86-NIGHT	MOVE TO MONTICATTINI					
22		MOVE TO MONTICATTINI						DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI		
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24						DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI				
25		DIV. RES. AT PIETRA COLOREDI					RELIEF BY 10 AT NIGHT			RELIEF BY 1/87-NIGHT
26										MOVE TO MONTICATTINI
27										

-HQ. 10TH MT. DIV.-

FIELD MESSAGE No 4  
TO CO:

1. - THIS RESCINDS FIELD MESSAGE No. 3.
2. - PIETRA COLOREDI WEST-RESERVE AREA S. OF MT. DELLA VEDETTA.  
PIETRA COLOREDI EAST-RESERVE AREA VICINITY PIETRA COLOREDI S. E. VIGNA.

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HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO 345, U.S. ARMY

211050A March 1945

FIELD MESSAGE NO. 5

TO CO: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Bn 87th Lt Inf will be placed under operational control of the 85th Lt Inf effective 241200A and will operate under 85th Lt Inf until relieved by this headquarters.

All Orgn commanders to include infantry and artillery battalion commanders and commanders Special Troops will attend a critique on operations 10th Mountain Division 271330A March; Div Hq War Room. Commanders will come prepared to critique operations during the period 19 Feb - 10 Mar.

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221600A, March 1945

FIELD MESSAGE NO. 6

TO CO \_\_\_\_\_

1. Infantry Bns of this Div will move to areas vicinity CAMPO TIZZORO (4999) and PRUNETTA (4395) for 3 days additional training according to a schedule to be published by this headquarters.

2. Training Program will include the following subjects:

- a. One battalion parade.
- b. Platoon combat firing exercises.
- c. Weapons firing.
- d. One five hour march.
- e. 1 1/2 hours close order drill.
- f. Anti-malaria measures.
- g. Maintenance of weapons and vehicles.
- h. Emphasize camp sanitation and personal hygiene.

3. Training hours will be from 0700 to 1200 and from 1300 to 1530. Submit training schedules to this Hq by 261800A for 3 days. Bd between Bns for training areas: 98 Northing.

4. For planning purposes, the 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf, will move to vicinity CAMPO TIZZORO and the 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, to PRUNETTA during the early morning of 27 Lerch and commence training at 260700A.

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HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
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251800A Mar 1945

Field Message No. 8

To: CO, 85th, 86th, 87th Mt Inf.

1. Raids to destroy enemy strong points, and to capture, identify or destroy enemy personnel will be carried out as follows:

25 March 1945	-	85th Mt Inf
26 March 1945	-	85th Mt Inf
28 March 1945	-	86th Mt Inf
29 March 1945	-	85th Mt Inf
30 March 1945	-	86th Mt Inf
31 March 1945	-	87th Mt Inf

Raids will be carried out within regimental sectors, boundaries extended. 85th Mt Inf will make all raids in zone West of 85 easting. Raids will be carefully planned and will be amply supported by artillery (3 bns) and mortars. Strength of raid will not exceed 2 platoons reinforced.

2. Except for raids scheduled above, no other patrols will be sent out except for local contact, close-in observation, listening posts, and reconnaissance for raids. Reconnaissance patrols for raids will be strong combat patrols, carefully instructed. All patrols, including the raids of paragraph 1 above, will be night patrols, except by authority of this Headquarters.

3. Where the enemy is known to be in buildings the raiding force will advance under planned artillery and mortar fire. The Panzerfaust and German Rocket Launcher may be used to demolish the side of the building. The raid will proceed in with grenades and accomplish their mission. Regimental commanders will insure that some personnel will be provided with special instruction in the use of these weapons.

4. For information concerning the use of the Panzerfaust refer to G-2 Periodic Report No. 37, Hq 10th Mt Div, dated 25 March 1945.

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FM-NO. 9  
TO CO

271000A MARCH 1945

## SCHEDULE OF TRAINING PERIODS

DATE	1/85	2/85	3/85	1/86	2/86	3/86	1/87	2/87	3/87	3/365	10AT
MARCH 26 MON.	/	DIV. RES. PASSATORE	/	/	PIETRA COLORA (W) RELIEVE	RELIEF BY	/	DIV. RES. PIETRA COLORA (B)	/	/	REST
27 TUE.	/	RELIEVE	RELIEF BY	/	3/86 NIGHT	2/86 NIGHT MOVE TO PIASTRE TNG. AREA	/	/	RELIEF BY	PIETRA COLORA (W)	REST
28 WED.	/	3/85 NIGHT	2/85 NIGHT MOVE TO PRUNETTA TNG. AREA	/	/	/	RELIEF BY 10 AT DAY	/	3/86 NIGHT MOVE TO CAMPO TIZZORDO TNG. AREA	3/87 NIGHT	MOVE FROM COMBATTING RELIEVE 10 AT DAY
29 THUR.	/	/	/	/	/	/	DIV. RES. PIETRA COLORA (W)	/	/	/	/
30 FRI.	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
31 SAT.	/	/	/	/	/	MOVE TO DIV. RES. PIETRA COLORA (B)	/	/	/	/	/
APRIL 1 SUN.	/	/	MOVE TO DIV. RES. PASSATORE	RELIEF BY	2/87 NIGHT MOVE TO PIASTRE TNG. AREA	/	MOVE TO CAMPO TIZZORDO TNG. AREA	1/86 NIGHT	RELIEVE	MOVE TO DIV. RES. PIETRA COLORA (W)	/

— LINE — REST — DIV. RESERVE — TRAINING AREA

- 1.- FM. No. 7 INCORRECTLY NUMBERED 5, 241200A, IS RESCINDED.
- 2.- THE 3RD BN. 365 INF REGT. IS ATTACHED TO 87<sup>TH</sup> MT. INF. UPON ARRIVAL IN 10<sup>TH</sup> MT. DIV. AREA.

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HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO 345, U. S. ARMY

31100A March 1945

HEADQUARTERS NO. 11

TO: G-6

1. 10th Mt Division Chemical Warfare Section will conduct a school in the  
Class Through M2 - 2, period 2 - 19 April 1945.

Location - North of VILLA MURELLI (1A93993)  
Time - 0800 - 1130a; 1300 - 1630a daily  
Attendance- 2 April 66th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
3 April 87th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
4 April 85th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
6 April 66th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
7 April 87th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
8 April 65th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
9 April 66th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
11 April 87th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
12 April 85th Mt Inf 30 officers and /or men  
13 April 10th Mt AT BN 30 officers and /or men  
14 April 125th Regt BN 30 officers and /or men  
15 April 85th Mt Inf 10 officers and /or men  
15 April 87th Mt Inf 10 officers and /or men  
15 April 85th Mt Inf 10 officers and /or men

2. Organization may send officers to the school as part of the number  
slotted.

3. Attendance is compulsory; organizations are responsible for transporting  
the men to and from and for getting the men to the area at specific times.

4. Officer in charge of school; Capt Turkin.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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1- Apr. 45

DIVISION NARRATIVE

The Division sector during the 1st of April remained relatively quiet. Active patrolling continued in all of the Departmental sectors and moderate enemy artillery fell on our front line positions.

In the sector assigned to the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment, the 1st and 2nd Battalions continued to hold and maintain their positions in the Division center sectors, North West. The 3rd Battalion, which remained in training in the vicinity of PIARENZA, was scheduled to move to PASSATORE on the 1st of April.

At 010150A the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment closed into their assigned training area at PIASTRE (11550), following the relief by the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment. The 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry remained on line in the Division North West sector. The 3rd Battalion reverted to Division reserve in the area of PIETRA COLORA (L609219).

The 1st Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry remained in Division reserve at PIETRA COLORA, awaiting movement to CAMPO TIZZONO for training purposes. The 2nd Battalion completed the relief of the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry at 512145A. The 3rd Battalion of the 87th remained in their **CLASSIFICATION** in the vicinity of CAMPO TIZZONO.

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The 10th Mountain Anti-Tank Battalion continued to hold its position on the right flank of the Division while the 1st Battalion of the 365th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Division, remained in position on the left flank.

As a clear and starlit night flooded into the wide valleys, units continued their patrol activity and positions were maintained.

During the following day, under low scattered clouds, the activity at the front remained unchanged. Patrols were again activated they aggressively probed the enemy defenses for valuable information. Moderate-to-heavy artillery and mortar fire continued to fall in our zone. An enemy patrol was engaged in a fire fight in our right sector, and was driven off without incident. No other enemy contact was reported.

The 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment completed its move to CERRACHOLE without mishap, and the 1st Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment moved into Camp SERRANO for their period of training. The 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment in the meantime closed and Division Reserve at PISERA COLORA.

At nightfall once again closed in and found the men with our forward echelons standing guard in their foxholes, watching and waiting for forceful enemy action .... None came.

During the 3rd of April moderate, harassing artillery and mortar fire continued to fall on our front line positions. Active and aggressive patrols made no contact with the enemy.

but machine gun fire was heard by one of the patrols of the 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron.

Broken rain clouds covered the sky most of the day, and it looked as if the long awaited rainfall was on its way. Nightfall came and the sky cleared into a chilly, clear night.

The 1st Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry was relieved without incident by the 3rd Battalion of the same Regiment at ORELOOB, and the 1st Battalion closed into the Division training area at PRUNETTA (L4596 at COGOG). The 2nd Battalion, in the meantime, continued to hold positions in the Division north center sector.

During the same period the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment remained in their training area at PIASTRE (L4596), while the 2nd Battalion remained on line in the northwest sector of the Division's zone. The 3rd Battalion remained in Division reserve in the vicinity of PIETRA COLORA (L609219).

The 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment had its 1st Battalion in the Division training area at CAMPO TIEZORO, and its 3rd Battalion as Division reserve at PIETRA COLORA. The 2nd Battalion remained on line in the Divisions north-center sector.

The stars shone brightly as the early evening patrols began inspecting their equipment for the action to take place later that night. The patrols left and returned without contacting the enemy.

The 4th of April dawned a very clear and beautiful day.

Although no change in positions took place during this period, light-to-moderate artillery and mortar fire harassed our front line units throughout the day.

The Division's adjacent and supporting units, namely the BEF on our left and the 51st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron on our right remained in their relative positions. These units also continued their patrolling activities, and light-to-moderate artillery and mortar fire was received.

Civilian reports continued to filter in during the day. In one instance the civilians reported that shu mines were placed by "Jerry" from (L573279) to (L577374), that two machine guns were located at (L604291), and that at least twenty Germans were in the vicinity of (L536276). A captured German document dealt with the following: The soldier's knowledge of mountain warfare, terrain conditions, alpine distress signals, tactics of the mountain soldier, battle tactics of the squad leader, and particular dangers during winter warfare. (See G-2 Periodic Report, dated April 4).

No apparent changes took place on the following day. Usual patrolling continued with several patrols contacting the enemy. One patrol to BONVIA (L456166) received 800 rounds of artillery and mortar fire, but they withdrew without incident. Another patrol to VIGONI (L493181) received small arms fire and a few hand grenades. They engaged the enemy in a fire fight, but German mortar fire was immediately directed upon them. They withdrew without mishap. One PW

was taken. The patrol to IL MONTE (L519100) did not contact the enemy, but they did find that the town had been well "booby-trapped" by the Germans.

The usual training program was followed by the units in the Division training area, while the 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment was relieved on position by the 3rd Battalion of the 86th. The 3rd Battalion opened their CP at (L594256) at O42318B. The 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry was also relieved by the 3rd Battalion of the 87th, and opened their CP at (L603246) at O42331B. The adjacent Division units remained in their relative positions and aggressive patrolling continued in their sectors.

Scattered enemy artillery and mortar fire was received on our forward positions on the following day, the 6th of April. Patrolling continued, and no change was reported concerning our front line positions. Units in Division reserve continued with their training. The training that was being given to the units in the rear areas was designed to keep the men in the best physical condition possible. It dealt therefore dealt with the following: Unit marches, athletics, orientation, and range firing.

Only broken and scattered clouds covered the sky during the day and the long rainy spell, which had been expected for quite some time, seemed to be in the very far distant.

The Division spent during the 7th of April was relatively quiet. Enemy artillery fire continued to harass our sector as 100 rounds fell on our front line elements. Thirteen PW's

were taken during the period, five of them crossing our lines as deserters, and the remainder were taken prisoner by Partisan units working in our zone.

With our adjacent units: A forceful and aggressive enemy patrol attacked and attempted infiltration in the BEV sector, but it was repulsed after a short but convincing fire fight took place just to the south of VALPIANA (L212184). Only slight artillery fire was reported in the zone of the 81st Recon Bn. Their unit patrolling reported no enemy contact.

Scattered rains covered the mountains all during the day. Late in the afternoon, however, these clouds lifted, and the usual cold, clear and starlit night covered the mountains and valleys throughout our sector. Strained ears listened for enemy action during the night. Several vehicles were heard moving in the wide valleys to our front. No other enemy action was reported.

On the 8th of April light-to-moderate artillery and mortar fire fell on our forward elements; and although much enemy activity was noted by our forward observers, no actual contact with the enemy was reported.

The day was dark and overcast. Light scattered rain was received periodically throughout the day. Visibility was naturally very poor and plane observation, which usually took place during the day, was halted.

Our own artillery, namely the 604, 605 and 616 Field

Artillery Battalions, kept busy firing the usual harassing fire, and several spot targets were fired upon. It was reported later that movement in these areas had ceased.

Patrols moved out just after darkness and returned with valuable information concerning the type of terrain to the front of our forward echelons. The night was very quiet, although several trucks were reported moving in the valley to our front.

Light-to-moderate artillery fire was received by our front line troops during April 9th. The day was comparatively quiet, and our patrols continued active reconnaissance of the possible routes of approach, of various buildings where enemy action had been seen during the day, and of main highways which were thought to be mined.

The sky was clear and low scattered clouds covered the sun during the late afternoon. It did not rain, but aerial observation was halted during the late afternoon and early evening hours because of low overcast sky.

The 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment was relieved on position and moved to Division reserve in the vicinity of PASSATORE (L620229). Their CP was located at (L620229). The 1st Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment remained on line in the Division center sector, while the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment continued their training in CAMPO TIZZORO.

The 86th Mountain Infantry kept their 1st Battalion on

line on the Division right flank, and although patrols operated during the night no enemy contact was reported. The 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry remained in the Division training area at PIASTRE, and the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry continued to hold their positions in the Division north west sector.

Meanwhile, the 1st of the 85th Mountain Infantry accomplished their relief of the 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry in the Division north center sector at OPOCZON. The 2nd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry remained in position on the right of the 1st Battalion of the 88th Mountain Infantry, while the 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry remained at CANOLE (L618246).

On the 10th of April enemy artillery activity decreased, with only a few scattered rounds being reported. Patrolling continued in all of our sectors and no enemy contact was made. An enemy patrol was captured in our left sector, vicinity SASSOMOLANE (L585245), four PW's were taken. They were members of the Regimental Combat Platoon of the 754th Infantry Regiment. It was found that this Regiment sent out one or more patrols every night. Three of the prisoners were German and the fourth was Polish. The PW's also disclosed that the Artillery concentrations placed on their positions during the night had led the higher German officers to believe that a night attack was pending. Because the men captured spent most of their time on night patrol work, they did not know the

extent of damage caused by our artillery. They also stated that the morale of the German troops was very low because of the poor type of food that they had been receiving lately.

The day was clear with low scattered clouds appearing in the sky at various times during the day.

The 10th Mountain Division CP closed at ROCCA PITIGLIANA (L612208) and opened at CAMPIDELLA (L627281) at 101030B without incident.

The 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry was relieved from their position on the right flank of the Division zone by the 6th Armored Infantry Battalion. Relief was completed without incident by 102030B. The 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry was relieved on position by the 10th Mountain Anti-tank Battalion, and then closed in the area of BACUCCO (L6024), with their CP opening at (L597241). This Battalion constituted one of the reserve units of the Division.

A patrol from the 87th Mountain Infantry which patrolled in the area of ROCCA DI ROFFENO (L6327), reported the following: "Route patrolled is usable for future operations and has no mines or trip flares in the area. The trails reconnoitered in the area are not suitable for any type of vehicle as the terrain is very steep."

No change took place on our front line positions during the 11th of April. Light harassing artillery and mortar fire fell into our forward positions, but no serious damage was reported. Prisoners captured during the period of April 10th



confirmed former reports that the 756th Infantry Regiment was on line to the east of the 754th Infantry Regiment. Though the identification of the 756th Infantry Regiment in our sector was made from papers taken from the body of an enemy dead, there was no real indication as to the actual deployment of the Regiment. Enemy patrols, however, were being sent out from both units on line, and also from the units held in reserve.

During the period of April 11, two aggressive enemy patrols were repulsed and driven off by accurately delivered mortar fire. Friendly patrols were again active and all missions were accomplished without contacting the enemy. Two deserters from the 6th Battery, 1st Battalion, 23rd Artillery Regiment were taken in the sector occupied by the BEF. These men were manning a forward observation post at (L518191). They reported that the Infantry Regiments had received orders to hold their positions as long as possible in case the expected Allied attack materializes, but to withdraw to the high ground on the North side of the PANARO RIVER if our attacking force overpowers them.

At 1900B, on orders from IV Corps, the Chief of Staff announced H hour was postponed for twenty four hours. Organizations were notified.

At 2100B the 87th Mountain Infantry Observation Post reported that a seven-man enemy detail was seen, apparently laying a mine field at (L615292), between the house and the

road running to the east.

The day was clear and air reconnaissance proceeded on schedule. Observation Posts enjoyed a good day of observation, and many enemy movement were picked up during the day. This was very unusual as the enemy very seldom moved about during the day.

During the 12th of April our OP's noticed a great deal of movement on the part of the enemy. Several new dugouts were spotted, and considerable enemy movement was noted in these areas. Enemy artillery and mortar fire during the day varied from light to heavy. Considerable enemy vehicular movement was noted during the night, and at several times enemy flares were seen in our north central sector.

Vigorous patrolling continued as usual and no enemy contact was reported although our reconnaissance patrol returned with invaluable information concerning mine fields, trip flares, and various routes of approach to the dominating ground held by the enemy.

Light scattered showers fell during the late afternoon, hampering aerial observation during the late hours. Earlier in the day, however, our air OP's reported considerable enemy movements as they saw well over one hundred vehicles moving east from PAVULLO at 112045H. This large convoy split at (L51332E), some vehicles continued east, and the others turned south. The east-bound convoy was last seen near BIRICUGCOLA (5450). Darkness and overcast sky prevented the determination

The 1st Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry held their positions on the line in the Division east central sector, while the 2nd Battalion remained in Division reserve at PASSATORE (1621236). The 3rd Battalion was in Division reserve, vicinity (1620229).

The day was clear until noon, and then low scattered clouds covered the sky until late that evening. The night was cold and clear with low scattered clouds covering the sky most of the night.

At 1510B a phone call from Corps G-2 stated that they could not say what the motor column (100 trucks observed by plane on 13th) was, but heavy enemy reinforcements were moving to the IV Corps front April 10th, particularly Panzer Grenadier units and Anti-tank guns. "Nothing is moving out, everything is moving in, and the enemy is quite aware that an attack is pending."

At 1850B a phone call was made to all Regimental commanders and to the commanders of the special units attached to the Division, that the Commanding General desired their presence at a meeting held on the night of the 13th of April. During the conference the staff discussed the plan of attack, enemy capabilities, and the various approach routes which would be used by the three Regiments as they pushed the attack.

#### PRELUDE TO THE ATTACK

Our Scheme of Maneuver "The 10th Mountain Division will attack from positions on MT DELLA SPIE, see overlay, Field

Order No 4 dated 4 April, with two Regiments abreast to seize, occupy, and organize the defense of these areas. The 85th Mountain Infantry will be on the left, with the 87th Mountain Infantry on the right. The 86th Mountain Infantry while moving from its present assembly area, see overlay Field Order No. 4 dated 4th April, preparatory to continuing the attack along the axis of advance, will mop up the right half of the objective assigned to the 87th Mountain Infantry. Commencing with H-hour there will be an artillery preparation, with all the artillery in IV Corps taking part.

THE 85TH MT. INFANTRY: "Will seize and occupy, and defend, the area shown here, see overlay Field Order No. 4 dated 4 April. They will protect the left (west) flank of the Division in the Regimental zone and maintain contact with the BEF on the left and the 87th Mountain Infantry on the right."

THE 87TH MT. INFANTRY: "Will seize, occupy, and defend the left (north) of the Division in the zone of action, and prepare to displace, defend and mop up additional area to the north east when passed through by the 86th Mountain Infantry in the attack."

THE 86TH MT. INFANTRY: "This Regiment will mop up the area between the 87th Mountain Infantry on the left and the 1st Armored Division on the right. Proceed then to assembly area, indicated on overlay Field Order No. 4 dated April 4, and be prepared to attack from this assembly area CASA DI BELLO and to seize, organize, and defend these areas."

THE 10TH MT. ANTI-TANK BATTALION: "Initially this Battalion will constitute the Division reserve remaining in the vicinity of BAGUOCO until needed to push the attack."

AIR SUPPORT: "The air support during the current operations will consist of the following: (a) Armored Reconnaissance, (b) Tactical Reconnaissance, (c) Night Bombing, (d) Preplanned Missions, (e) Close Support Missions."

### THE ATTACK

14 April 1945:

Following a 48-hour postponement the attack began at 140945B. The artillery preparation began at H minus 30, and the heavy guns continued to pound the enemy-held ground steadily for the long 55 minutes preceding the attack. During this time some 700 rounds fell on the rock face of the ROCCA ROFFENO.

The immediate objectives of the 85th Mountain Infantry were Hills 909, 983, 915, 960, 898, and 869. The Regiment crossed the LD at 0945B with two battalions abreast, the 2nd Battalion on the right and the 3rd Battalion on the left. The 1st Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment remained in reserve, supporting the attack of the two leading Battalions with heavy machine gun and mortar fire from positions on the forward slopes of MT DELLA SPE.

The 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry moved forward aggressively until they reached the FRA DEL BIANCO basin. Here they met very heavy machine gun and mortar fire.

The Battalion was forced to deploy. The valley floor did not offer a great deal of cover and the advance would naturally become a very slow one if the enemy succeeded in forcing the deployment of the leading elements. The 3rd Battalion took up firing positions and returned the fire in the direction of Hills 865 and 913. Once the enemy had forced the deployment of the Battalion, they immediately concentrated heavy artillery and mortar fire on the attacking echelons. Upon the request of the Battalion commander, artillery preparations on these two Hills were fired; and the enemy was forced to stop firing his heavy artillery pieces. During this period the 2nd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment moved forward rapidly under a heavy artillery barrage occupying Hill 860 at 1015H. This Battalion had also crossed the flat valley floor, but the main force of resistance was being met by the 3rd Battalion, so their advance was not hampered to any great extent. This accomplished, the 2nd Battalion proceeded to offer support to the 3rd Battalion on the left which was still meeting very stiff resistance in the PRA DEL BIANCO basin. The 2nd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry firing on the enemy from Hill 860 managed to button them up long enough to silence the intense fire the 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry was receiving from Hills 865 and 913. This action allowed the 3rd Battalion to continue its advance toward Hill 915. During this phase elements of the 2nd Battalion on Hill 860 received an especially heavy mortar barrage, as the enemy tried to silence the machine guns and

mortars being fired from that hill. It was evident that enemy preparedness had slowed us down, but thus far they had failed to stop us. At 1130B the 3rd Battalion had advanced to within 200 yards of their initial objective, Hill 915. At this point, grazing fire from well camouflaged positions on Hill 915 resulted in heavy casualties for "L" Company. "K" Company was then ordered to pass through "L" Company in order to continue the advance on the strongly fortified position. "K" Company advanced aggressively, occupying Hill 915 at 1330B. During the attack on Hill 915, "O" Company of the 2nd Battalion, had advanced against moderate resistance, occupying Hill 909 at 1200B. The initial objectives, Hills 860, 915 and 909 were now in our hands, and a well coordinated attack against Hills 915 and 909 was now in order. This meant that the advance would be moving in a north easterly direction as both hills were located almost due north of the towns of TORRE IUSSEI and SERRA SARZANA.

The 87th Mountain Infantry, on the right (east) flank of the 85th Mountain Infantry, crossed the LD at 0945B and by 1000B forward elements of the Regiment had entered the village of SERRA SARZANA (L521270), where they were held up by an intense artillery barrage. The initial barrage having lifted, the Regiment advanced, in a column of Battalions, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. During this period enemy machine gun and small arms fire from Hills 909 and 915 pinned down the 85th Mountain Infantry in the PRA DEL BIANCO

basin and also interrupted the advance of the 1st Battalion. Lt. Colonel Wilson said that he would not be able to continue his advance until Hills 909, 913 and 898 were taken by the 85th Mountain Infantry. Upon the capture of these hills by the 85th Mountain Infantry, the 87th Mountain Infantry was allowed to advance toward the village of TORRE IUSSI. The 1st Battalion moved rapidly making use of the small amount of cover afforded by the flat valley floor. The town of TORRE IUSSI was a well fortified position. Bitter house-to-house fighting slowed the attack. The Regimental commander then ordered that the 2nd Battalion, which was to the immediate rear of the 1st Battalion, bypass the town and continue the attack in the direction of Hill 903. This was accomplished, our troops meeting only slight enemy resistance. This hill occupied, the mortar fire falling in TORRE IUSSI ceased; and the town was cleared. The 1st Battalion then moved up to Hill 903 to relieve the 2nd Battalion, as they had been ordered to continue their move forward occupying MT PIGNA by night-fall if at all possible.

Under the command of Lt Colonel Townsend, the 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry crossed the LD at 1030H. They succeeded in reaching the valley floor to the north-east of MT DELLA SPE (L624266) where the Battalion was pinned down by intense mortar fire coming from the rear slopes of Hill 903. Once Hill 903 had been taken by the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry, Lt. Colonel Townsend's Battalion moved forward under a friendly artillery barrage



seizing Hill 868 (L63827E) and the ROCCA ROFFENO by 1648H, ROCCA ROFFENO occupied, the enemy answered in defiance with a heavy artillery barrage. The 2nd Battalion then entered the towns of STRADA and LAMARA (L63827B) meeting only light to moderate enemy resistance. The troops organized and consolidated their positions as the Commanding General had given the order to "button up" at 1900H. This order was given to all of our advancing elements except the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment. They were ordered to proceed to MT FIGNA and occupy it that night, if possible.

The 85th Mountain Infantry, in the meantime, had during the late afternoon and early evening hours, advanced toward the two remaining objectives, Hills 915 and 898. The Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry, under the command of Lt. Colonel Stone, moved forward slowly against a very determined enemy resistance. The enemy was fighting to the last trying to maintain their defensive line, but a coordinated frontal attack by the 2nd Battalion took the Hills at 1930H. With these hills under our control the semi-circular defensive area was complete. The Commanding General then ordered these Battalions to "button up" for the night. The 85th Mountain Infantry immediately sent out contact patrols; and the long defensive line was connected with the 87th Mountain Infantry on their right. The 87th Mountain Infantry in turn sent out patrols and contacted the 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry. The defensive area was now a strong, semi-circular

defense, running from PULLANO, through Hill 915, Hill 915, Hill 928, Hill 905, the village of STRADA, the village of LAMARI, and thence south through Hill 868 on to the ROCCA ROFFENO. Contact was made with the BNF on our left, and the 81st Recon Sqd on our right. Our defensive area was now complete and the troops consolidated their positions for the night, with the expectation that a counter-attack might develop.

The 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry had been recalled and the attack on MT FIGNA was postponed until the following day. This Battalion returned and formed the defense in the area to the left of STRADA.

The delaying action offered by the enemy defense during the day had been thorough, with heavy concentrations covering all possible routes of approach. The main highways had been heavily mined with both anti-personnel and anti-tank mines. It was a slow and deadly process clearing them. During the days action the 85th Mountain Infantry had suffered many casualties, as the most determined German resistance was met in their sector. Their advance had been costly, but the success of the attack had hinged on the taking of Hills 915, 909 and 898.

Tank Platoons supporting the leading elements of the attack had been halted in the valley due to the heavily mined areas.

Instead of advancing in the attack with the leading Infantry units, they were forced to fire direct-supporting missions from the valley floor. The engineers worked steadily,

trying to clear the mine fields; but casualties were high and the process a very slow one.

A minor counter-attack developed in the "D" Company sector of the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment at 1330B, but it was quickly repulsed without further incident.

By 2400B all units had completed contact, and the defense was secure. Positions were consolidated. The forward units awaited forceful enemy action ..... none came.

April 15.

At 0700B on the following day our leading units crossed the LD; the attack was again in motion. The "push-off" was preceded by a 20-minute artillery barrage, which helped greatly in softening the enemy-held ground.

The 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry moving in a column of companies, advanced rapidly against slight resistance to the large draw to the south-east of Hill 668, between Hills 700 and 676. Reorganizing in the draw it was decided that "E" Company would divide and assault the summit of Hill 640 advancing up both sides of the draw and converging at the top. This maneuver put our troops on the summit of Hill 640 rapidly, and after occupying and reorganizing they moved down the south-east side of the slope entering the outskirts of ANORE by 150950B. This scheme of advance proved to be very successful as the enemy positions were quickly over-run. During this action of the 2nd Battalion, the 1st and 3rd Battalions were in reserve at the assembly area in the vicinity of RIOLA.

The 87th Mountain Infantry had also pushed off at 0700Z. They immediately succeeded in taking MT PIGNA at 0810Z. The opposition offered on MT PIGNA had been light to moderate as the main defending force had withdrawn during the night. The capture of the mountain had permitted the 86th Mountain Infantry to attack and occupy Hill 840, which was located to the south-east of MT PIGNA. The two Regiments were well coordinated, and the second days action was going smoothly. Upon reorganization on the south-west side of MT PIGNA, the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry moved quickly toward MT CROCI using the terrain to their advantage. The troops moved forward slowly advancing to the north-east in the direction of MT CROCI. The terrain was rugged. Cover was available and the men advanced carefully forcing the enemy to withdraw or surrender. They had learned their lesson while trapped on the valley floor the day before, and they were now making good use of the rough mountain terrain while attacking the heavily defended enemy positions. The 87th Mountain Infantry had taken Hills 834, 808 and 784 so rapidly that the enemy was completely confused, and surrendered in droves. The resistance had been slight. The enemy was seemingly disorganized, and he could not comprehend the rapid advance of our troops over the exceptionally rugged terrain. The 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry then prepared to attack and occupy M LE COSTE, H-hour being set for 1800Z. At 1155Z it was reported by the 87th Mountain Infantry that the 1st Battalion was on Hill 815.

At 1240E the assault for M CROCI began. Units of the 2nd Battalion moved against M CROCI from the north-west and were met with a heavy artillery barrage as they reached the forward slopes of the mountain. The barrage lasted for twenty minutes. As the infantrymen edged their way up the slope they were met with heavy machine gun and small arms fire. The platoons moved forward wiping out pockets of resistance as they met them. They reached the summit of the mountain twenty minutes after the assault began. The men advanced aggressively along the ridge driving the enemy from the hill. During this attack the other units of the 87th Mountain Infantry advanced in the direction of M LE COSTA. The troops assaulted the mountain from the south attacking over very difficult terrain as they did so. Enemy machine gun and small arms fire was again very heavy, but by attacking from both the front and the flank the enemy was soon forced to surrender. The defense had not been an organized one, as the scattered enemy were quickly flushed from their positions once our troops had reached the summit of the mountain. The dominating terrain running from M LE COSTE south through Hill 815 to MT CROCI was now in our hands. A coordinated attack on Hill 807 and Hill 787 was next in order.

The 85th Mountain Infantry had crossed the LD at 0700E. While moving up under a heavy artillery barrage, they met very stiff resistance just over the LD. The enemy artillery and mortar units located in the vicinity of MT RICHETTE were delivering effective fire on the advancing elements, and

pinned down the 86th Mountain Infantry just after they had crossed the LD. Machine gun and small arms fire was delivered accurately into our leading echelons, and our artillery fire seemed to have little effect. The numerous mine fields encountered by these troops made rapid advances impossible. The enemy defence was a strong one, covering the all important road net running through TORRE IUSZI and north toward CEITERO. Speed was essential but rapid advances was impossible. At 1058B the 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry was reported at (L609284) moving forward slowly against small and machine gun fire. Enemy artillery and mortars were continually concentrating heavy preparations on our approach routes, making movement forward very difficult. At 1200B the Commanding General ordered the 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry to discontinue their advance. They then began consolidating their positions on Hills 909, and 913. The 2nd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry after taking Hill 802 was ordered to discontinue their advance also, consolidating and defending the area enclosed by Hills 762, 801, along a line south-west to LANNA. At this point the reserve unit of the Division, the 10th Mountain Anti-Tank Battalion was ordered to occupy and defend the area running from the left flank of the 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry to CASTEL D'AIANO, tying in with the BDF.

The 86th Mountain Infantry, with MT GROCI controlled by the 87th Mountain Infantry, advanced from ANORE to Hill 787 (L658288) against small arms fire. Light mortar fire was

falling behind them. The Battalion was moving so rapidly that the enemy was unable to direct his fire accurately. At 1205H Hill 787 was taken by "E" Company. "G" Company in the meantime, advanced through light to moderate resistance securing Hill 775 at 1710H. "F" Company then bypassed Hill 775 and took their final objective, MT MARTINO (L669207) at 2000H. Throughout the day the 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry advanced aggressively taking each of their objectives with a minimum amount of time wasted. The defending enemy had been well entrenched and in most cases fought stubbornly until the actual assault began. Major Townsend's 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry, during this period, had driven ahead taking Hill 807 at 1915H against light opposition. The disorganized enemy defending it was quickly routed. As a result, the occupation of the Hill by our troops took only a matter of minutes, and contact patrols were sent out sealing up the front line defense for another night.

The occupation of Hill 807 completed a strong defensive area running from the right flank of the 86th Mountain Infantry on Hill 748 through M LE COSTE, Hill 807, and thence south to MT MARTINO. See overlay #2.

The tanks supporting our Infantry units had been slowed down again by the heavily mined roads and movement forward in most cases was very slow. The Infantry was moving so rapidly in most sectors that the Tanks once again could only offer supporting fire from rear positions rather than move forward

in the assault with the Infantry. The support they offered, however, aided the leading elements as they moved toward the enemy positions.

The line of defense for the night seemed to be secure, but the enemy did not offer any strong counter-attack during the night as it remained untested.

During the day, the BCF had moved forward against light to moderate resistance and they now held Hills 795, 876, 824, 927, 778 and 683.

April 19.

The 87th Mountain Infantry jumped off at 0620H following a 20-minute artillery barrage. The 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry took MT GROCE (L664308) at 1308H. The resistance had been strong and the enemy was now starting his withdrawing action moving to the north east in the direction of MT MOSCA. The 2nd Battalion remained on MT GROCE while the 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry continued the attack toward MT MOSCA. The 3rd Battalion was leading the attack with "L" Company pushing forward on the right and "K" Company leading the assault on the left. "X" Company was in reserve awaiting call to give support to either of the leading companies. The attack was moving down the ridge leading to MT MOSCA. The long ridge was well suited for a "last ditch stand" and it looked as if the enemy would offer a great deal of trouble. In order to allow the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry to push the attack to the north, the 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry had to secure



the high ground leading from MT CROGE (L664508) to the east to MT MOSCA (L698308). The attack along this ridge line moved very slowly as the enemy was defending it to the last man. The Germans realized that with the very important ground in our hands a well planned attack to the north would immediately begin. The resistance became very strong as our units moved into the final assault along the ridge line. The enemy artillery and mortar fire pounded the summit of the mountain constantly, and the attacking troops moved forward slowly beating the enemy back as they did so. The enemy fought desperately to retain their defensive line. Bypassed enemy snipers harassed the troops constantly, and it was a slow process clearing them. Edging forward yard by yard against heavy machine gun and small arms fire the mountain was finally taken at 1416B. Mopping up operations lasted for two hours and the hill was finally cleared at 1600B. Early in the evening the enemy launched ten determined counterattacks all of which were repulsed. The attacks consisted mostly of small infiltrating units who would attempt to work in behind our lines. Bitter fighting followed, the enemy withdrawing or surrendering. Phase #1 has been successful with all objectives taken in record time. Phase #2, the exploitation, was now in order. The ridge line running from MT CROGE to MT MOSCA was the base from which to launch this operation. The attack phase had ended with our troops deeply penetrating the enemy defenses, and the exploiting had to begin with the least amount of time wasted.

The 2nd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry began this maneuver by attacking to the north-west from MT GROCK in the direction of TOLE (L686310). The Battalion entered the town against sniper and machine gun fire. The town had been completely demolished by our constant artillery barrages, and numerous bombing missions. Resistance in the town itself was light, although sniper fire harassed the troops incessantly. With the long ridgeline and the town of TOLE now controlled by us, the attack to the north by the 86th Mountain Infantry was now free to advance without fear of being fired on from the rear.

The 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry crossed the L6 at 1158 attacking generally to the north in the direction of MT MONOSCO. As this Battalion was advancing toward check point #29 (L671328) and #30 (L685358) they received heavy SP gun and artillery fire as they reached a point 200 yards south-east of check point #29. Counter-battery fire was badly needed at this point, and it was immediately brought to bear on both points #29 and #30. The 1st Battalion which had been following the 3rd Battalion now moved up on its right flank. As the regiment attacked through the low rolling hills between MT MOSGA and MT MONOSCO. With two Battalions abreast, the 2nd Battalion followed to the rear as a reserve or a flanking element depending upon the type of resistance met during the advance. At 1750H the 3rd Battalion reported that check point #29 was in their hands, and they already had their forward companies namely "L" and "X", half way to point

#30. The battalion was advancing rapidly against moderate resistance. During the course of the advance the 1st Battalion fell about 400 yards behind. The tanks which had caught up with the 86th Mountain Infantry while the 87th was forcing the enemy to withdraw along the ridge from MT GROGGE to MT MORGA, now attacked with the leading elements of the 86th Mountain Infantry supplying it with the much needed armor and direct fire support necessary to drive the enemy from the high ground. By 1800H it was reported that point #30 (L683336) had been taken by the 3rd Battalion. Although the tanks and tank destroyers had not been able to move forward with the Infantry in the taking of point #30 because of the rugged terrain, they did, however, offer direct fire support from point #29. This greatly aided the leading elements in routing the enemy from the high ground. The 1st Battalion was 500 yards directly south of the 3rd Battalion while the 2nd Battalion was another 1000 yards due south of the 1st Battalion. The advance of the 86th Mountain Infantry during the late afternoon of the 16th of April had secured the high ground including both points #29 and #30. The battalions then began to organize the ground for the night by contacting each of the supporting organizations. The most forward elements established their outposts and the defense was completed.

Units of the 86th Mountain Infantry, during the period, had remained in their relative positions. They began a side-slipping maneuver, which consisted of moving to the north-east relieving elements of the 87th Mountain Infantry as they did so.

The first movement of this type took place on the 16th as the 85th moved to the north-east relieving the 87th Mountain Infantry on Hill 834. The main portion of the Regiment was resting and reorganizing most of the day from their drive through the PRO DEL BIANCO basin. Fresh reserves were now brought up to refill the Regiment and return it to its normal strength. Light artillery and mortar fire fell in their areas during the day, but the enemy seemed to have their "hands full" trying to stop the 86th and 87th Mountain Infantry Regiments.

An enemy smoke screen was laid from TOLK (L485509) to Hill 807 (L6830) at 0900H, and was used as a cover for the withdrawal of elements using the road running from TOLK to the north. Our assaulting forces had broken the enemy's heavily defended line of resistance and had turned the flank of the 756th Infantry. At this time we were well in the rear of the west sector of his 94th Division. German supply lines had been badly cut and his strong artillery batteries had been forced to withdraw to the north. However, he continued to battle fiercely in an attempt to either halt or delay our rapid advance. In an attempt to stem our crush the enemy launched four counter-attacks, ranging from squad to company strength. All were repulsed after short bitter contact.

Low scattered clouds covered the sky during the day, and during the late afternoon a heavy fog covered the mountains, aiding the enemy as he began his mass withdrawing action. See G-2 periodic reports dated April 16th and 17th.

The coordinated attacks of the 86th and 87th Mountain

Infantry Regiments had forced the enemy to begin his withdrawal toward the PO VALLEY. The exploitation stage had ended, and the pursuit was now in order.

April 17.

As the attack continued during the 17th of April our forward elements drove the remaining enemy forces to the north toward the PO VALLEY. The question now became whether or not the enemy would be able to offer a strong enough delaying action to enable the majority of his troops to organize a stronger defense line somewhere in the valley itself.

The 87th Mountain Infantry moved out again with the 8nd Battalion leading the attack toward MT FERRA. The Battalion was attacking with two companies abreast with the third company following to the rear to be used as a reserve if the opposition demanded it. At 1236Z "F" company was reported moving toward MT FERRA meeting very little opposition. The tanks were moving with the leading elements of "F" company in the assault of the mountain. The direct fire support given by the tanks was of great help to the Infantrymen. At 1556Z "F" company was held up 50 yards south of MT FERRA by exceptionally heavy direct fire coming from the north-west, which caused many casualties within the company before they were able to withdraw to cover. While this action was taking place the 1st Battalion bypassed MT FERRA to the east and began the attack on MT S. PROSPERO. The 1st Battalion moved forward rapidly making use of the cover afforded by the low rolling hills. MT S. PROSPERO was taken at 2105Z that evening. The

enemy resistance offered on this objective had been from light to moderate. At no time did the enemy threaten our advance by strong counter-action. The few enemy left on the hill were found to be well dug-in, but they surrendered quickly as our troops assaulted their positions. The attack on MT FERRA continued with "E" Company being sent forward to aid "F" Company in taking the hill. The heavy artillery fire that had been received from the north-west was silenced by our counter-battery, and the hill was taken at 1905B. The enemy artillery supporting the infantry on MT FERRA had been very accurate. The securing of the mountain by our troops had been costly.

The 86th Mountain Infantry had crossed the LD at 0730B and at 0900B they were reported to be just 400 yards south of the town of MONTEPASTORE (LVO35, check point 56. The capture of this town was announced at 0945B. The coordination of the attack was again going very smoothly, and the enemy was not able to offer any strong or determined resistance. The 2nd Battalion moved through MONTEPASTORE rapidly moving in the direction of BIANELLO. The 3rd Battalion in the mean time were attacking to the north-east to ward MT MOSCONO, check point #35. The Battalion moved forward in an assault formation taking the high ground at 0845B. The majority of enemy defending the high peak had withdrawn during the night and the only resistance met was offered by a small delaying force. However, the enemy were in most cases well dug in and it was a difficult job clearing the summit of the

of the hill. The 1st Battalion was following the two leading Battalions clearing out the small pockets of resistance which the leading units had bypassed. The 2nd Battalion continued their advance moving to the north of MONTEPASTORE taking MT FRAMONICO (17334, and PGIO CASTELANCO (17436) by 1800H. The troops were advancing across the low rolling country to the north of MONTEPASTORE knocking out enemy snipers as they did so. The delaying action being offered by the enemy forces was spotty in most cases and did not hamper our advance to any great extent. The harassing effect had slowed us down in several places, but the main force of our attack continued to advance successfully.

The 85th Mountain Infantry during the day had continued sidestepping to the right relieving elements of the 87th Mountain Infantry as they did so. This maneuver allowed the 87th to continue the attack to the north while the 85th was receiving fresh troops. The BCF, in turn, took over the positions of the 85th Mountain Infantry as they moved to the right establishing a strong defensive line covering our left flank and protecting it against any forceful counter-attack which the enemy might attempt from the west.

The forward elements of the Division had moved rapidly over a large expanse of ground. The supporting artillery units were now finding it necessary to displace forward in order to cover our advance with the needed artillery support. This action was completed without incident and the artillery

was once again ready to support the rapid advance of our infantry units.

The Tanks and Tank-Destroyers attached to the various infantry units were now attacking with the infantry as the roads were in good condition and difficulty of terrain was no longer a main obstacle. The infantry was riding the tanks and tank-destroyers mopping up the small groups of enemy as they advanced.

The Division CP moved from CAMPIDELLO to (L057291) at 2110H without incident.

April 12.

The 80th Mountain Infantry resumed the attack the following morning to the north-east in the general direction of EULMONTE (L7038). The 3rd Battalion jumped off at 0930H leading the attacking force for the regiment. By 1230H this Battalion had advanced to SUIMONTE (L7039) and were receiving light resistance, mainly small arms and machine gun fire. Once again the tanks were attacking with the forward infantry units giving them the necessary aid where-ever possible. At 1245H the 3rd Battalion reported that they had taken SUIMONTE. At the same time it was reported that the 2nd Battalion was 1000 yards west of S. CHIARLO, advancing slowly against heavy machine gun and small arms fire. The 2nd Battalion moved forward slowly and with the aid of armor they advanced to a point 600 yards from PILASTRINO (L7187) by 1300H. Their CP at this time was located at MONTEPASTORE (L7035). The 3rd Battalion, in the meantime, had met very stiff resistance



300 yards to the north-west of SUIMONTE, consisting of artillery, mortars, machine gun, and small arms fire. The enemy once again held the high ground and the support that the artillery was offering at this point seemed only to irritate the enemy as he resisted fiercely. At 1900H the fight was still going on, and although the enemy was weakening, he was still offering a very fanatical and thorough defense to any attempt we made to attain the dominating ground. The 1st Battalion, during this period, had continued its push forward and at 1830H held the high ground of Hill 487 (L715388). They had met with only light resistance, as the enemy seemed to be withdrawing to the north in their sector.

The 87th Mountain Infantry had remained in their defensive positions until late that morning, not starting its advance until 1130H. The Regiment moved out in the attack formation of a column of Battalions, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. The forward elements of the 1st Battalion were "A" and "B" Companies abreast, leading the attack. These two companies were reported to be at (L678388) at 1855H. Their route of advance was moving them forward about 1000 yards to the east of the highway.

The 85th Mountain Infantry, during the day, had continued the relief of the 87th Mountain Infantry. This was the main reason for the delayed jump off of the 87th Mountain Infantry. The 85th had once again moved to the north-east relieving elements of the 87th Mountain Infantry. Toward the end of the day the 85th had completely relieved the 87th. The regiment

was thereupon ordered to move to S GHIARLO (17237) where it was to assemble until further orders reached them.

During the day the 86th and 87th Mountain Infantry Regiments had continued the attack against stubborn, spotty resistance while the 86th Mountain Infantry had moved into a reserve area and were now ready to continue the attack by pushing through either of the leading units.

The day had been clear and many harassing missions were flown against the long horse drawn convoys of withdrawing Germans. The march to the PO VALLEY had begun with three well coordinated attacks. A thoroughly defeated enemy was withdrawing as quickly as he was able to toward the large valley to the north.

The numerous mine fields which the infantry had encountered during the first few days of the attack were no longer a hampering element as the troops had passed through the mine belt. In addition, the enemy was withdrawing so rapidly that he did not have time to lay additional mine fields.

Up to this time the Division had captured 2,917 prisoners of war, and they were still surrendering in small scattered groups all along the front. The overwhelming power of the Air Corps, the Artillery, and the strong driving Infantrymen, had convinced the majority of Germans facing us that the fight was becoming a hopeless rout.

The rear Division CP closed at CAMPO TIZZARO and opened at CARPIBELLO at 1400H.

During the period the 86th Division had taken up the attack on our right flank while the 1st Armored was moving through our rear areas in order to continue the attack on our left flank, relieving the BEF in doing so. This constituted a strong attacking force from left to right, the 1st Armored Division, the 10th Mountain Division, and the 86th Division. The 10th Mountain Division thus far had spearheaded the attack by taking the dominating ground to the front of all three Divisions.

April 19.

By the morning of the following day, the 85th Mountain Infantry had moved into its assembly area in the vicinity of S CHIAVO and they were now ready to push through the 86th Mountain Infantry attacking to the north toward MT SAN MICHELE (17444). The 3rd Battalion of the regiment closed into a new assembly area at 0845B at (1715372). They would constitute a mobile reserve in case troops were needed to drive the enemy from the high ground. The 10th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the 85th Mountain Infantry in order to give them ample support if bitter and organized resistance was met. The 1st Battalion crossed the LD at 0830B. At 0910B they were reported to be at (1748410) moving forward without meeting much resistance. The 85th Regimental CP had displaced forward to (173103905) in order to direct the rapid advance of the 1st Battalion. By 0945B elements of the battalion had reached the town of MONTE S GIOVANNI VECCHIO (1738407), and

with the aid of Tanks and Tank-Destroyers was still advancing, overtaking elements trying to withdraw to the higher ground to the north. "C" Company was reported At (L737410), advancing against small arms and sniper fire. "B" Company was moving forward with "C", giving them the driving support necessary when-ever strong pockets of enemy resistance were met. One hour later, however, the 1st Battalion was held up for a short period by organized resistance in the form of small arms and machine gun fire. The tanks moving forward with the infantry surged through the resistance, pocketing several enemy groups. Platoons then moved through the areas mopping up the remaining enemy units. Coordination between the tanks and the infantry was essential throughout this type of a drive as small pockets of this kind could offer a strong delaying action if not immediately wiped out and forced to surrender. By 1135B the driving infantrymen of "C" Company had taken MT SAN MICHELE. After immediately occupying and organizing it, the forces continued the pursuit of the enemy fleeing to the north.

The next objective was GORIZIA (L7642). The tanks had already taken up firing positions and were propelling heavy explosives in the direction of the town. At 1555B the tanks and infantry were reported to be at (L752415) moving forward by fire and movement toward the town of GORIZIA.

At 1440B the situation was as follows: the 1st Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry was located at (L745419) and (L770443), with "A" Company moving up to assault the town of AMOLA (L755437). In the meantime, the 3rd Battalion of the

85th was moving up directly behind the 1st Battalion in order to attack to the left if it became necessary. By 1600B the 1st Battalion had reached (L772455). Thereupon, they requested all of the armor available for the pursuit of the enemy. The pursuit had begun. At 1630B the 1st Battalion reached checkpoint #77 a road junction at (L773459). The remainder of the battalion had been left to protect and offer fire support from MT SAN MICHELE (L7442). The 85th Mountain Infantry then began the battening-up process for the night by establishing a secure defense line along the high ground they had taken during the day.

The 87th Mountain Infantry during the day had pushed the advance by attacking on the left of the 85th Mountain Infantry, their final objective being MT SAN PIETRO. The attack began at 0700B with the 1st Battalion leading the attack. This battalion was stopped by an enemy strong point north-west of SUEMONTA (L7000). The resistance was very determined, but our artillery quickly neutralized the enemy position and our troops again moved forward. The 3rd Battalion was attacking on the left flank of the 1st. At 0910B the 3rd Battalion was reported at (L701400). The 1st Battalion in the meantime had entered the town of MONTEGIORGIO (L508307). Although house-to-house fighting ensued for some time, the troops controlled the town by 1015B. The remaining battalion, the 2nd, was coming forward to be committed on the right flank of the 1st Battalion. All three battalions could advance abreast. The 1st battalion continued the advance moving rapidly against spotty resistance.

At 1045H they had reached a point 200 yards to the north-east of MONTE SPERCHIO (6938). The 3rd Battalion had advanced to CA' DI FABRI (16940) and with the support of the tanks and tank destroyers were still pushing the remnants of the enemy units opposing them. The 3rd Battalion continued its advance moving within 1000 yards of CASTELLO (17169). They were meeting only small delaying action forces. The 1st Battalion, on the right flank of the regiment, had advanced just to the north of MONGIORGIO when a strong counter-attack developed. Although it was repulsed after very stiff fighting, the enemy attempted to retake the town with a force of 100 men armed with machine guns and small weapons. The enemy force remaining after the fight, withdrew, and our advance continued against a stronger type of delaying action. Once the counter-attack had been driven off the 1st Battalion advanced rapidly mopping up the enemy forces still in the area. By 1430H "G" Company was in the small village located at (1700407). At 1500H the 3rd Battalion was meeting momentary resistance from small arms and automatic weapons fire directed from MT SAN PIETRO. Although this fire slowed the forward elements, the enemy was forced to withdraw his major force because the 1st Battalion had advanced to the left of the mountain, thereby flanking the enemy positions from the left. By nightfall the 87th Mountain Infantry had advanced well passed MT SAN PIETRO and was now holding positions from (1697397) through (1733438) to (1735455). The advance of the 87th during the

during the day had been a rapid pursuit of the enemy forces pushing toward the valley. The regiment was now within sight of the PO VALLEY. The terrain was no longer the rugged, mountainous type which they had fought through for so long, but rather a low rolling country with good highways.

The 86th Mountain Infantry had pushed up the right sector of the Division zone. Crossing the LD at 0700B the regiment ran into no immediate resistance. The advance of the 86th was rapid. Although many points of delaying action had been encountered during the day the regiment met the situation quickly forcing the enemy to either withdraw or surrender. During the morning the regiment advanced freely as the enemy opposing them the day before had withdrawn during the night and the securing of the immediate objectives was achieved almost immediately. The afternoon presented a different situation, however, as the enemy had covered all routes of approach with a heavy artillery and mortar barrage. This slowed the advance to some extent, but once our counter-battery had been delivered, the enemy guns failed to reply. Numerous groups of enemy were found entrenched in the area but they were not prone to surrender when our advancing infantry contacted them. The forward positions of the 86th Mountain Infantry during the night of the 19th of April extended from (L760434) through (L748431) to (L754429).

April 20.

During the early morning hours of the 20th of April the orders were received by each regiment concerning their

attack for the following day. The 86th Mountain Infantry received orders to cross the LD at 0700B attacking to the north to PONTE RONCA (L770496), then to the north-west on an approximate azimuth of 340 degrees. The 2nd Battalion was ordered to send one company, accompanied by one platoon of armor, to CRESPELLANO (L7151) to secure the town. The remainder of the 2nd Battalion, plus the 1st and 3rd Battalions, were ordered to drive further north seizing the town of PONTE SARGGIA (L7556) in order to cut highway #6.

The 86th Mountain Infantry received orders to advance within the Division zone in the general direction of PONTE SARGGIA, sending one company to establish a road block at the CR (L796480). They were ordered to hold these positions until the 86th Mountain Infantry had passed through them.

The 87th Mountain Infantry was ordered to drive up the left (west) side of the Division zone attacking and occupying MT AVEZZANO. Proceeding from there they were ordered to push vigorously to the north in the direction of MUFFA and CRESPELLANO.

The Division CP had again been forced to move as the attacking infantry was moving so rapidly that the units directing it and supplying it had to move very often in order to keep abreast with the situation. The CP displaced from (L665265) to (L665337).

The problem of supply had become serious as the supply dumps were forced to move constantly. The crowded highways



presented a very difficult problem and movement forward became a very slow process. Although the roads in most cases were in excellent condition, the heavy traffic caused by the rapid advance of the infantry resulted in a traffic control problem which became very difficult to solve. The long dry spell had made the roads very dusty and driving became a hazardous mission rather than a speedy means of moving men and equipment forward.

A new division boundary was given to the division by IV Corps. It included the terrain running from (L757562) north-east along the stream to (L744396) north-west to (L742480); thence north to (L741507) to (L757562). Corps announced that it would be necessary to change the direction of our attack to the north-west toward MT AVEZZANO.

At 202230Z the 10th Mountain Anti-Tank Battalion was relieved on position by the BKP. Their CP then moved to (L744396).

The entrance of our troops into the PO VALLEY was now at hand. The enemy had withdrawn to the north and would probably organize a new defence line somewhere in the valley. The rout of the enemy from their defenses in the mountains had been very successful. The coordination of the three regiments during the drive had gone very smoothly. The driving power assembled by the infantry and the armor had driven the enemy from their well fortified positions along the main ridges in the APENNINES.

THE PO VALLEY DRIVE

On the morning of the 20th of April the 86th Mountain Infantry resumed the attack, crossing the LD at 0700B attacking generally north in the direction of their final objective PONTE SAMOGGIA. The drive was well under way at 0900B with "A" Company holding check point 76, a road junction located at (L754454). "C" Company had advanced to a point 400 meters to the north-east of check point 77, another important road junction in the foothills of the APENNINES. "D" Company had moved forward in the support of "C" and at 0900B were 300 meters south of check point 77 (L773458). During the morning hours the forward elements did not encounter any small arms or machine gun fire, but were constantly harassed by enemy artillery and mortar fire, falling accurately on the various routes of approach. At 1050B on the morning of the 20th of April our leading elements entered the PO VALLEY in force. Elements of "A" and "B" Company's drove down into the valley ahead of the tanks to establish road blocks at important road junctions within our sector. As soon as the Tanks and Tank Destroyers had joined them about a half hour later, the infantry again moved out, to attack toward highway #9 in the direction of PONTE SAMOGGIA. During their advance across the valley floor they met very little resistance. Whenever they did meet small pockets of resistance they immediately wiped out the Germans with the aid of the supporting armor. At 1500B the 1st Battalion cut Highway #9, severing the main

supply route running from BOLOGNA. By 1900B all three battalions had advanced into the valley and were located just south of highway #9 in the following order: The 1st Battalion (L745855), the 2nd Battalion, (L740827), and the 3rd Battalion at (L739548). About an hour later, the 3rd Battalion announced that they had taken the town of PONTE SANGGIA. This battalion was now holding the objective they had been assigned for the day. They immediately organized their defense by establishing road blocks and outposts protecting the town against enemy action. The 1st battalion was in the vicinity of (L764552). The 86th Regimental CP again moved forward to the vicinity of (L739548). The 87th Mountain Infantry had been advancing on the left flank of the Division some during the day. Although they had not reached the valley at the same time as the 86th Mountain Infantry they played an important roll as they had attacked and destroyed the enemy on the left flank of the 86th, allowing the latter to reach the valley with minimum amount of time wasted. At 1130B the regiment was advancing slowly against heavy artillery and mortar fire coming from a north-westerly direction. The 2nd battalion was reported at (L718445) and was receiving heavy machine gun fire from the north-west. "F" Company was at (L781445) and was reported to be advancing slowly against exceptionally heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire.

By 1235B that afternoon the 2nd Battalion had advanced to MT AVEZZANO (L732455) and was now pushing the attack

toward check point 80, the town of PRADARBINO (L7846). At 1555B the 87th reported that there were 100 enemy in the town. The defense of the little village was well planned in that the enemy had the support of mortars and heavy machine guns. The town was a dominating terrain feature and had to be taken if the attack was to be pushed to the utmost. The wide lanes of fire set up by the enemy aptly covered the main roads and valleys leading into the PO. Counterbattery was immediately brought to bear on the enemy mortars, and although it did not completely disengage the enemy it softened the fortress enough so that our forces were able to take it without many casualties. The town fell at 1640B that afternoon. "G" Company led the final assault on the village, bitter house-to-house fighting ensued for a half an hour, the town finally being cleared at 1711B. The 1st Battalion by this time, had advanced just to the south of LA FORNAGE and were reported still moving forward at 1640B. As the 87th Mountain Mountain Infantry entered the valley, strong delaying forces were met in the towns of C POSCOLO, C FALLI, C GOLLINA, C MARCHESE, but flanking and frontal attacks soon overran the positions. At 2310B that night the three battalions of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment were deployed defensively in the following areas: the 1st Battalion was at (L724498), the 2nd Battalion was in the vicinity of (L719498) extending to (L761462), and the 3rd Battalion was in the vicinity of (L721501).

The 86th Mountain Infantry had jumped off on the morning of the 20th at 0730B attacking on the right flank of the 86th Mountain and thereby forcing the enemy delaying action located in the right sector of the Division zone to withdraw. At 1050B the 1st Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment reached check point 84, a road junction located at (L798480). "A" Company had been the first to reach this point, but "B" Company was following directly behind ready to push through "A" Company if any organized resistance was met. By 1300B "A" Company was at (L786535) still advancing against a light resistance consisting mostly of small arms fire. Later in the day, at 1946B the 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment had reached check point 28, a road junction at (L745507), well out in the valley. By 2100B contact with the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment had finally been made at a road junction (L745507). The first defensive line in flat-land country was organized. The 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment then contacted the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment. The defense was secured for the night. During the day the three Regiments had attacked abreast with the 87th Mountain Infantry on the left, the 86th Mountain Infantry in the center, and the 85th Mountain Infantry pushing up the right sector of the Division zone of attack. Highway #9 had been cut, and all important routes of retreat had been severed much sooner than expected. The enemy was completely disorganized and if the rapid pace could be continued across

the PO VALLEY, the drive would be turned into a rout. The continued success of the three Regiment's was very clear now, as the fleeing enemy had no time whatsoever to regroup his forces in order to attempt to make an organized stand, while the majority of his army withdrew to a stronger defense line further North.

### TASK FORCE DUFF

April 21:

At 0200B on the 21st of April, Field Message #16 was issued and TASK FORCE DUFF was organized and directed to advance North to Bomporto. This would be an advance of well over 25 miles over routes the condition of which were completely unknown. The Task Force consisted of the following: The 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment, Company "D" of the 761st Tank Battalion, One platoon of the 701st TD's, Company "B" of the 126th Engr's and the 91st Armored Recon Bn. The mission given to General Duff, the Task Force Commander, was to march by motor to the town of Bomporto and to secure the bridge crossing the PANARO RIVER. The successful completion of the mission depended upon the speed with which the Force travelled. Rapid advance was a must. The bridge had to be taken in tact, otherwise the advance to the PO RIVER would be greatly hampered. The Force, having been organized, crossed the LD at PONTE SANOCOCIA on the morning of the 21st at 0630B. The Armored column moved rapidly across the pre-

planned route, wiping out small pockets of enemy resistance as they met them, (see overlay Task Force Duff for route followed in reaching Bomporto). No really organized resistance was met, but the column was constantly harassed by the much surprised enemy who had been left to offer a delaying action as our forces passed them. Sniper, machine gun and small arms fire was a constant threat to the leading elements as they drove their way through the various spots of organized resistance. Radio communications was the only type of contact that the force had with the Division during its push, at times this contact was found very difficult to maintain. During most of the day the column was moving so rapidly that reports as to the true location of the force were not received. At 1515B the force was at (L675748) and was said to be moving forward as rapidly as possible in view of the constant threat of enemy action. The prisoners captured during the advance of the column were sent back without guards as every man was essential to the success of the operation. Instead of using guards the PW's were sent marching along the road next to the column and later in the day were picked up by the other advancing Infantry units who were following up behind the force on foot mopping up the area. By 1600B the BOMPORTO BRIDGE had been taken by our troops. The fight for the bridge was very short as the confused enemy surrendered quite readily. After the battle for the bridge approximately 60 prisoners were counted and sent back to the PW cage. The bridge

was found prepared for demolition and the engineers immediately began to remove the explosives. The Germans in strong defiance answered with a very heavy artillery barrage which lasted well over a half an hour. The main objective had been taken, however, and the Task Force had been a success. Its Commander, General Duff, was constantly at the head of the column leading and directing it personally, whenever it met any delaying type of resistance. His courage and great leadership during the action had left every man accompanying the force with a great admiration for their commander. It had been a job well done. The success of this force meant that the drive to the PO RIVER would not be too difficult for the Allied Forces pushing to the North from the APENNINES.

As soon as TASK FORCE DUFF had reached its final objective, BOMPORTO, the order was received from General Hays that the force would continue the drive to the PO RIVER, their final objective being the town of SAN BENEDETTO PO. This meant that the force would have to reorganize during the night of the 21st and 22nd, and be prepared to continue movement to the North the following morning. General Duff and his staff, remained up most of the night planning the trip for the following day.

April 22:

At dawn on the 22nd of April the Task Force once again moved out, with the Tanks and TD's leading the column. Upon leaving BOMPORTO, the column became divided because of a German bazooka team which had allowed half of the column to



pass before they fired on one of the tanks in the center of the Force. This disorganized the column to a certain degree as it separated the Force for a short time, but under the cool leadership of General Duff the Infantry accompanying the Force was immediately detrucked to engage the enemy force. One Company of the supporting Infantry immediately cleaned out the enemy, and the column reorganized and continued on its route of advance. Time, the essential element in such an operation, had been saved. Their rapid advance continued the remainder of the day as they met only slight small arms and machine gunfire. Throughout the entire day the General moved up and down the column keeping it moving at the pace necessary to make possible the reaching of the PO RIVER that night. The Task Force entered the town of SAN BENEDETTO PO just as darkness set in, and immediately set up their defensive ring for the night by establishing road blocks and arranging lanes of fire in order to cover the various approaches to the town. About an hour before the objective had been reached, however, the commander of the force, General Duff, had been seriously wounded by shrapnel fragments from an anti-tank mine that exploded in the near vicinity. (see citations).

The remainder of Division during the 21st and 22nd of April were assigned the job of following the general route of the Task Force, mopping up the areas in which the enemy still insisted on defending. This was accomplished by a

shuttle system which systematically moved the troops forward. Many small groups of enemy still had to be cleared from the large towns and villages that the force had bypassed in their rapid advance. The enemy in most cases were still determined to slow us down. The action met early in the day showed us that they were still a force to be concerned with even though they were completely disorganized. The 87th Mountain Infantry had moved out of the Mountains and into the valley meeting small groups of resistance as they advanced. The 3rd Battalion of this Regiment had encountered very determined resistance at several strong points spaced at one hundred yard intervals. Digging them out was a very slow process.

The tanks and Infantry moved forward while firing directly into the defended positions of the enemy. The process was slow, but by a coordinated frontal and flanking attack the enemy was routed, and thereby forced to evacuate his strongholds. The three Regiments continued following the route of the TASK FORCE all the way to the river where they deployed awaiting the actual crossing. In the meantime the material needed to accomplish such a crossing was sent for. General Hays laid the plans for the crossing. The 87th Mountain Infantry was chosen to compose the first assault wave. For this very dangerous job the 1st Battalion of the 87th was picked to lead the Regiment across.

April 23d

The boating material necessary reached the banks of the river during the early morning hours of the 23rd of April and

was disposed as follows: 30 M-2, 500 lbs, assault boats on the left side of the road spaced at ten yard intervals, and 20 M-2 assault boats spaced at a ten-yard interval on the right side of the road. The boats themselves carried twelve infantrymen plus a crew of three combat engineers. Paddles were the only means of locomotion. Everything was now ready for the actual crossing. The artillery had displaced forward and were now in the vicinity of SAN BENEDETTO PO, ready to support the crossing with a large volume of fire support. Assault boats and then DUKW's were to be used to accomplish the initial crossing. Corps Engr's would follow by building a Pontoon bridge to the beach head.

By 0945B on the 23rd of April all was in readiness for the crossing of the PO. This was the first time that the Division had attempted a river crossing, and the training that the Division had received for this type of a maneuver was limited. The 1st Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry was in position on the south bank of the river running from (586186) West and South along the bank of the river. The 2nd battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry had moved from (L584084) up to the river bank itself in order to extend the defensive line to the road junction at (L580105). The 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry had been alerted to leave their assembly area vicinity (L584084), in order to move up to the river to supply the leading elements with the necessary fire support in order to make the crossing success-

ful. The first assault left the south bank of the river at 1200B. "A" and "B" Companies were the first to cross moving as rapidly as they were able against a continuous rain of 80mm fire. The enemy guns showering the flank on our troops were located at (L583163) and direct fire could not be brought to bear on them as their exact location at the time was unknown. There were also five 82mm guns firing on the troops and they were located at (L581163). The initial barrage lasted from 1157B until 1300B and fell continuously during the entire period. The second barrage began at 1330B and lasted until 1430B. The second barrage was exceptionally heavy and the troops crossing during this period were continually under fire. Although no actual casualties were incurred while the troops were on the water, the casualties on the south bank of the river were heavy. The 126 Engineers suffered heavily during the entire operation as they had to expose themselves continually while the troops were loading into the assault boats. The fire over the river itself was very heavy, flak shells exploding four feet from the water. No casualties were incurred. It was a miracle! The immediate small arms and machine gun fire met by the troops was coming from several key terrain points, namely, CABIANCA (L600104), a sandbar (L582143) a dugout out at (L577158) and a road junction at (L597158). The enemy machine guns covered the river thoroughly, but our counterfire did a good job in silencing them. Although the enemy had numerous emplacements on the North bank of the river very few of them were

manned. By 1300B on the afternoon of the 23rd the 87th Mountain Infantry received a report from its 1st Battalion saying that the beachhead had been secured, and that it would be safe for the other Battalions to follow them across. The 2nd Battalion then started crossing under heavy supporting fire. The 3rd Battalion followed the 2nd Battalion, and the expansion of the bridgehead began. The immediate crossing of the river by the Division had prevented the enemy from organizing his remaining elements and setting up a stronger defense line, which may have proven much more difficult to break. By 1745B the 87th Mountain Infantry had completely crossed the river and had prepared their defensive positions for the night, as a strong counter attack was expected. At 1945B the 87th reported that their position was very vulnerable and that they would need all of the artillery support that could be given them that night.

The 85th Mountain Infantry followed the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment in crossing. Although enemy barrages continued to be very heavy, the 85 Infantry completed their crossing by 1800B on the evening of the 23rd. The formation had been a column of Battalions, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. During the late afternoon and early evening the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment began their crossing, but did not complete the operation until the morning of the 24th.

As of 1800B the Division front lines on the North side of the river ran as follows: (L567144) - (L565158) - (L566171)

(L564175) - (L566173) - (L577177) - (L578164) - (L589159) -  
(L599160) - (L604154) - (L603149) - (L606147) - (L610147) -  
(L617140) - (L615132).

April 24:

On the morning of the 24th of April both the 85th and 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment's continued the expansion of the bridgehead. Very little, if any, resistance was met by either of the Regiments. The movement forward became very swift. (See overlay for details). Artillery and mortar continued to fall throughout the day. Although it was not as heavy as the day before, it was nevertheless, a constant threat to the advancing infantrymen. The artillery was also on the move and were crossing as rapidly as possible so as to give the Infantry the support necessary. The 410st Treadway Battalion, the 404th Quarant Barge Battalion and the 154th Engr Heavy Pontoon Battalion reached the south bank of the river at 240900B. All units immediately began the construction of the bridges, the 401st building the treadway at (L613128) and the 154th building the pontoon bridge at (L588137). The treadway and the pontoon bridges were not completed until the following day. During this period the troops, supplies and equipment were being transported across the river by DUKW's and a Ferry operating at (L586123) and (L622130) respectively. The remaining elements of the 86th Mountain Infantry completed their crossing 1200B. Now the three Regiments were advancing abreast so as to expand the

beachhead to its fullest before the breakthrough to the North was ordered. At 0945B the 85th Mountain Infantry reported that they were sidslipping to the left in order to seize the bridge located at (L553172). The 2nd Battalion of the 85th was at (L613145) and (L633139). The 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry in the meantime had established road blocks at the important junctions in their sector, and had control of the bridge at (L557195). As of 1200B the CP's of the three Battalions of the 85th Mountain Infantry were located at the following points: 1st Battalion at (F613145), 2nd Battalion at (F633139), and the 3rd Battalion was at (F597163). The enemy had again been caught off balance as he had not expected us to attempt a crossing for at least three days. By crossing the PO immediately upon our arrival, we had caught the enemy with a very weak defensive line.

#### TASK FORCE DARBY

Upon reaching the PO RIVER and securing a strong beachhead, the Division was then ordered to continue the pursuit of the enemy forces racing to the North. It was assigned the city of VERONA as its next main objective. The city itself was to be reached without pause in order to cut off all troops retreating toward the BRENNER PASS. At this point Colonel William O. Darby was assigned to the Division as the Assistant Division Commander; he was immediately put in charge of a Task Force to be sent to VERONA.

General Hays called a staff conference on the afternoon of the 24th, with all of the organizational commanders attending. The objective was then given to the commanders and the plan formulated. Task Force Darby was to be set up as quickly as possible so that the rapid advance toward the city would not be hampered.

The plan was then issued and it included the following: "Order of March: The 13th Tank Battalion, Treadway material with engineer personnel for the proper installation, the 86th Mountain Infantry, Company "B" of the 701 Tank Destroyers, Company "B" of the 751st Tank Battalion, the 1188 Field Artillery Battalion, elements of the 188 Engineers and the 10th Medical Battalion". "The 13th Tank Battalion will spearhead the attack. The remainder of the armor will be scattered throughout the column. The 701st Tank Destroyers, and the 751st Tank Battalion will be in position to drop off as road blocks on both flanks in order to cover the remainder of the column. A streamlined Division CP will follow immediately behind the 86th Mountain Infantry maintaining radio communication with the regiments and the other elements of the division; the Commanding General's van will lead the CP group."

"The 87th and 85th Mountain Infantry Regiments will follow the advance column mopping up the areas covered by the Task Force. PW collecting points will be set up every



ten miles. If strong resistance is met the 86th will detruck and immediately begin to wipe it out. The 87th will then be sent for and picked up in its assembly area by the trucks which left the 86th. The process will be repeated for the 85th. In that way any strong enemy thrust can be met immediately by all three regiments." The trestle bridge was completed about noon on the 25th while the pontoon bridge was not finished until 251630B, then only handling Class 24 traffic. By 251800B however, the bridge was handling class 40 traffic.

The 24th of April was spent securing the beach-head and transporting the equipment needed to the troops who had already crossed the river. The expansion of the beach-head began with the 85th Mountain Infantry starting the drive at 0910B on the 24th. By 0930B the 1st Battalion was reported at (L611174) moving forward against small arms and machine gun fire coming from the many stone buildings in the vicinity. The enemy had again left a delaying force behind. Although they were not strong in number they had chosen well protected positions. The process of driving them out was very slow, becoming costly at times.

The 87th Mountain Infantry during the day, started sending strong patrols to the left of the beach-head in order to secure the flank of the Division. By the night of the 24th, the 87th had received sufficient replacements so as to return

it to its normal strength.

The 86th Mountain Infantry during the day had completed its crossing. By the night of the 24th all three regiments had completed crossing and were well protected by the artillery which had crossed during the 23rd and 24th. Plans were laid that night for the break-through from the beach on the following day. The 85th was decided upon and they were ordered to continue active patrolling to the north searching out the general area that the Task Force was to follow during the first few hours of its advance.

Active patrolling by all three regiments took place during the night. The 85th patrolling to the north, the 87th to the west, and the 86th to the east. Reports from the patrols indicated that the enemy was withdrawing to the north as very little enemy activity was noted in any of the areas patrolled by our elements.

April 25:

During the early morning hours of the 25th of April the 1st Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment began its movement forward toward their final objective, the VILLAFRANCA airfield. This was an advance of almost 40 miles. At 0100 this Battalion was reported to be passing through the town of VILLA GARIBALDI (F532221). As yet no enemy were encountered and the roads were said to be in very good shape. The enemy had evidently fled so rapidly that he did not even

have the time to demolish the bridges along the route. By 02:58, the 1st Battalion sent back an urgent request for mine-detecting equipment, claiming they needed it in order to proceed. Continuing their move northward they reached (F560236) at 03:45B, and although no enemy had yet been encountered the road continued to be heavily mined. Early the morning of the 15, 06:45B, the Battalion passing through CHISSOIO (L834279), once again reported that no enemy resistance had been met. The route was in excellent condition at this point. They had evidently passed through the mined region. At 09:00B it was reported that MANTOVA was in the hands of the Partisans, and that the public phone line was in very good shape from SAN VITO to MANTOVA.

The condition of the bridges across the MUNCIO RIVER was then reported to the Division CP as follows: "At (F493223) the bridge is completely demolished, at (F498240) bridge has a 148 foot gap in it but the approaches to the bridge are in good shape, and they are not mined. At (F477248) RR bridge is completely demolished; paralleling vehicular traffic bridge has three very large holes in the decking, measuring from 22 to 28 ft. across, however, the frame-work of the bridge is sound. The MANTOVA city Engineer stated that the material needed to repair the bridge was not available locally. The road from the bridgehead to MANTOVA is in very good condition."

By 09:45B the 1st Battalion had reached their objective,

the VILLAFRANCA airfield. They reported that their forward elements had reached the field and were engaging a medium group of enemy which had been left to protect the base.

In the meantime TASK FORCE DARBY had been held up because the bridging facilities across the PO RIVER had not been completed in time. The Tanks and other heavy armor were therefore unable to join the force on the North side of the river. The armor was the most essential item of the TASK FORCE and they would have to wait until the bridges were completed before they moved out. This task took all morning with the Engineer's working continually. The job was a difficult one, but it was being done in the shortest time possible. By noon on the 25th the bridging had been completed; the heavy armor moved across the river to join the Task Force which was already on the other side. The Task Force then moved out, advancing as far as VILLAFRANCA by nightfall. They then joined the 1st Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry in their defense of the airfield while plans were made for the advance of the Force to VERONA.

The Task Force, with the armor leading, left VILLAFRANCA at 2000B and arrived at VERONA the morning of the 26th at 0745B. Although the road was found to be mined in several places these areas were quickly bypassed and the force continued on its way. They had met no resistance along the way. The remaining two Regiments and the other Battalions of the 85th Mountain Infantry continued to follow the advance of the

Task Force. Several areas were mopped up along the way but the resistance was found to be very light. It was quite evident that the enemy was withdrawing to the ADIGE LINE. He had seemingly withdrawn so very rapidly that he had not even taken the time to destroy the important bridges along the way. These Regiments were slowly shuttled up toward the VILLAFRANCA airbase. Several road blocks were set up at important road junctions in order to keep our flanks well protected as the spearhead advanced.

ANNEX #1

SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL COMMANDERS

262200Z. VILLAFRANCA AIRFIELD

SITUATION: Three or four enemy division attempting to withdraw through defensive ADIGE LINE. The 85th Division is astride that line East of VERONA, and the 10th Mountain Division has been ordered to cross that line to the West of VERONA. The bridgehead of the 10th Mountain Division is withdrawn as of now and ordered to TRENTO. The Germans are moving North to the BRENNER PASS. We shall attempt to disengage entirely, including contact met at BUSSOLENGO.

INTENTIONS: The enemy at present is using routes on both banks of the ADIGE RIVER and the route on the West side of LAKE GARDA for withdrawal purposes. The 10th Mountain Division will attempt to move North along the East edge of LAKE GARDA advancing toward TRENTO. The 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment

is the logical Regiment to start the movement. It is desired that we start a definite program. Each Regiment will march 8 hours a day and rest 16 hours. The maximum advance will be made by each of these units while marching. Reliefs must be arranged to permit all staffs to have at least half time off duty. Strain becoming to great. The desire is to attain the objective with the minimum of effort. The 87th Mountain Infantry will start the advance setting their own 8-hour. The 781st will be attached to the 87th Mountain Infantry. The 86th Mountain Infantry will be shuttled North, pick up armor, and advance for four hours. The 701st will be attached to the 86th Mountain Infantry. The armor carrying and supporting the Infantry will be on 12 hours and off 12 hours. The march assembly areas will be chosen at the end of each "duty" period. By this method fresh Infantry will start every 8 hours. Quote, General Hays, "I hope to advance 60 miles per day, 20 miles per night." The 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment will advance West toward LAKE GARDA selecting the route available until reaching the main highway running North along LAKE GARDA. Do not take all of your weapons, just the weapons attached with your leading elements. Behind the leading marching Regiment we will have one Company of Engineers. The Engineers will operate on the same schedule as the Infantry. The 1125 FA Battalion will follow the marching column closely. 6 guns will be in position and 12 guns will be resting all of the time. The same schedule will be followed by them as that

followed by the Infantry. Corps Commander will establish a gasoline dump here at our present location using Corps Arty vehicles for action. The only supplies needed will be gasoline and rations, as little ammo will be needed. Gas and ration must be on hand at all times. Empty vehicles must be returned as quickly as possible. The 10th AF Battalion and animals of the 10th Mountain Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop are still South of the PO RIVER. The animals cannot be brought, but the 10th Mountain Anti-Tank Battalion will be shuttled forward by their own transportation in easy stages. Desirable to start at 0800B. The 87th Mountain Infantry wants to start at 0800B. The first shift will be from 0800B to 1600B for the 87th; 1600B to 2400B for the 85th; 2400B to 0800B for the 86th. These plans and schedules are subject to revision at any time. There are no Engineers with the 87th now so they will join the 87th by 0800B tomorrow. Motor Transportation Officer will allow 20 miles advance minimum for 8 hour advance period. The length of time necessary to move the 86th Mountain Infantry the 20 miles forward to the point at which the 87th Mountain Infantry will stop their advance remains to be determined. The Motor Transportation Officer will allow 1 hour for loading. Trucks, about 80 needed, to move each Regiment. First take out supply vehicles then allow the rest for troop haulage. Call on Arty for difference between trucks available and the number necessary. Trucks will shuttle the Infantry and Artillery

forward. More trucks will probably be needed. The Armor will be on 12 hours and off 12 hours. The Travel time needed to catch up with the advancing Infantry will be taken out of the rest period. The remainder of the Division will advance forward in one move. As of 1400B each day, decision will be made as to point of head of column. Closing on that point to begin immediately. The CP and Division spare parts to proceed to that point immediately. The column should reach the I.P. at 1400B, as it can predetermined. Partisans report that there are numerous mines along the road, but we can determine this as we go along.

PLAN: When we hit resistance, DUKW's will be used to bypass enemy by going around them by the use of LAKE GARDA. This probably can only be accomplished at night or during a very overcast day. The DUKW's will be following the Infantry columns so that rapid movement around resistance will not be hampered. The DUKW's must have radio contact with the marching column on the shore. It should catch the enemy off his guard as he probably won't expect such a movement.

REVIEW: The 87th Mountain Infantry to bypass the enemy resistance on their way to LAKE GARDA. The road running up the East side of the lake must be cleared as we go. The 88th Mountain Infantry will have 90 vehicles report to it at VILLA FRANCA at 1200B tomorrow. This Regiment will ride to the head of the column of the 87th and detruck to take up the advance from there. The trucks will then return and pick up



the Artillery. This will be repeated and they will then return to pick up the 86th Infantry Regiment. No Regiment to go forward more than 8 hours despite vehicle shortages. Expect to continue North to TRENTO, and on to the Austrian border,

CHANGE: The 701st will get into position to advance with the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment at 0800B tomorrow. The 701st will then have the night shift, the TD's having the day shift.

ENGR'S: Mine detecting equipment and 1 Bulldozer will report to the 87th Mountain Infantry before 0800B tomorrow morning. 1 Engineer Company will be attached to each Regiment, the 4th one being held in reserve. Suggest that the men make use of the resorts along the Lake during their rest periods.

RULE OF MARCH: An interval of never less than two vehicle lengths will be maintained between vehicles and no double banking will be permitted. Vehicles coming to a halt along the road must pull over as far as possible so as to allow room for other vehicles to pass. During the following day the Task Force proceeded on its route meeting only very light resistance. It was reported 1000 yards North of the City of VERONA at 0750. While the Task Force continued to advance against slight resistance, the remaining elements of the Division continued to move forward, advancing in most cases by the shuttle system.

Supplies were brought forward as rapidly as possible in order to keep the troops well supplied at all times. During

the attack the supply system had been perfect to the point where the supply personnel were able to re-equip any lost or destroyed weapon within two hours time. The division system of supply had remained well organized throughout the attack supplying and re-equipping loss with a minimum of time wasted. During the first few days of the attack crowded mountainous roads had slowed the system, but the supplies moved forward with a high priority taking the one way highways to and from the front.

The Task Force received orders at VERONA that it would swing to the West and advance to LAKE GARDA, then turning North moving along the main highway along the East side of the lake. Our main objective now was to break the ADIGE LINE at its West extremity causing the left flank of the line to be rolled back as we advanced North along LAKE GARDA. The ADIGE LINE had been reported to be defended with SS Troops. It looked as though a very strong and fanatical type of resistance be met. The positions defending this line were very numerous, and they covered all lanes of approach with a well planned field of fire. The Task Force moved rapidly from VERONA West to LAKE GARDA meeting very little resistance. Upon reaching the Lake the Force swung to the North following the highway along the lake.

During this period the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment followed the Task Force very closely advancing almost on their left flank. See overlay LAKE GARDA.

The 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment had remained in position around the VILLAFRANCA airfield, and at this point they were closing into assembly areas in preparation for their movement forward in order to assist the 87th Mountain Infantry.

The 86th Mountain Infantry which had moved forward with Task Force Darby, had remained within the vicinity bivouached near VERONA. The 1st Battalion was ordered to push on to FORNACE with the aid of the 1st Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry. The 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry moved from VERONA to BUSSOLINGO and went into bivouac at that point. The 3rd Battalion in the meantime remained in position in the vicinity of VERONA until they were relieved by elements of the 85th Mountain Infantry Division. The troops remained in these areas until the night of the 27th of April.

At this point plans were made for the advance of the troops along the West side of the lake. A leapfrog system was adopted so that the Regiments would pass through each other every eight hours. It was planned so that the division would advance 60 miles a day, each Regiment advancing 20 miles. This rapid advance included the use of trucks, tanks, and TD's. See annex #1.

The Division CP closed at VILLAFRANCA at 1300H and opened at the town of LAZISE (P4462) at 1600H on the 26th of April. At 2100H it was reported that 24 storm boats and two or more Infantry support rafts were being sent forward

to LAZISE. These were for use in an amphibious operation on LAKE GARDA if the opposition called for such an operation.

In the early morning hours of the 27, civilians reported that four tunnels at the following coordinates were prepared for demolition. (F856961), (566998) (A566002) (A573011).

The 27th Mountain Infantry, being in the advance position to the Northwest, was elcted to initiate the leapfrog advance up the east side of LAKE GARDA. The 27th crossed the LD at 0700B. By 1104B the 3rd Battalion reported that they had reached check point 28, (the town of San Zeno (F445670). Thus far they had advanced without meeting any resistance. At 1245B, however, a very strongly defended road block was encountered just to the south of check point 117, the town of BORGO (F435699). If reports received thus far were true the road block was evidently manned by Hitler's SS troops as they had been reported to be in the vicinity.

As the 3rd Battalion advanced along the road, the 2nd Battalion moved to the north-east until they reached the summit of the long ridge. They then advanced to the North cleaning out the small groups of enemy entrenched along the ridge line.

The 1st Battalion during this time was following to the rear of the 3rd Battalion as a reserve element.

The resistance encountered by the 3rd Battalion at the road block was very determined, but after a short, bitter

fire fight the advance of the forward units proceeded unhampered until they were passed through by the 85th Mountain Infantry late that night.

April 28:

After passing through the 87th Mountain Infantry which had last been reported at Check Point 117 (F55699). The 85th Mountain Infantry continued the advance along the highway on the East side of LAKE GARDA meeting slight resistance. Two road blocks were encountered. Both had been defended by SP Guns, covering the long narrow road, which were knocked out by three squads of Infantry who flanked them from the Northeast.

By 0700B on the morning of the 28th of April the 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry was passing through the 85th Mountain Infantry at Check Point 166. The 3rd and 1st Battalions respectively were following the advance of the 2nd Battalion in a column of Battalions. By 1125B that morning the 2nd Battalion had reached Tunnel #1 (F556963) and were engaged in a fire fight in the vicinity of that tunnel. The 3rd and 1st Battalions continued to follow the 2nd Battalion, always on the alert to assist in the fight. It was reported about a half an hour later that Tunnel #1 (F556963) had been badly blown - including the approaches to it on either side. An SP Gun was firing on them continually from the mouth of tunnel #2. Although not many hits were scored, the demoralizing effect was great. Small arms fire continued spasmodically as the leading elements edged

forward toward the second tunnel. Then fire began to fall within the area and was reported as coming from the high ridge to the East and also from the West bank of LAKE GARDA.

It was thought to be 20mm fire and it became very effective once the enemy had found their targets. One of the PW's taken at this time stated that tunnel #3 was strongly defended by 75-100 Infantry and 50-60 SS troops, and that they were waiting for the advance of our troops. They were very well in and around the tunnel itself. TD's were sent for by the Battalion Commander at this time as he felt they would be needed in order to dislodge the enemy near tunnel #3. The enemy had done a very complete job as he retreated. Upon coming out of Tunnel #1 (558965) the leading units found that the two bridges running from Tunnel #1 to Tunnel #2 had been completely blown and it was impossible for our troops to move forward. At this time the DUKW's were sent for to transport the troops by water around the blown area and continue the advance. The troops were still receiving very heavy small arms and machine gun fire from well protected positions in the rock along the East side of the highway. After the main force of the 2nd Battalion had been "Ducked" around the destroyed highway the attack resumed. The movement by water evidently caught the enemy with his guard down and our troops advanced quite freely. By 1545H the 2nd Battalion announced that Tunnels #1,2,3,4, had been cleared of enemy resistance and that the attack was

moving forward slowly against very accurate 80mm fire, still coming from the high ridge to the East of the highway, and from across the lake. Small arms and machine gun fire continued from the rocky bluffs to the East of the road. During the advance of the 2nd Battalion through the last three tunnels the 3rd and 1st Battalion were being "Ducked" around the blown highway just outside of tunnel #1. The other Regiments during the attack on the tunnels by the 86th Mountain Infantry were awaiting movement forward from their bivouac areas. During the period the 86th Mountain Infantry Regimental CP had displaced forward to (F552989).

In the meantime the 87th Mountain Infantry had been ordered to switch its attack to the north-east, advancing up the steep, rocky bluff to the road which ran along the summit of the ridge. Upon reaching the road at the summit they were to proceed north along the road pushing the attack aggressively, cleaning out the enemy on both sides of the road as they advanced. At 1440B they announced that they would move by motor via point 121 and 120 and thence to the north-east; would then continue their advance flanking the enemy enroute. The 87th Mountain Infantry then requested one company of armor and one battalion of field artillery. At 1540B the regimental CP was at (F451706). The 3rd Battalion of the 87th Mountain Infantry was in reserve at (F480741). The 1st Battalion was to move out via PRESINA (F42727) toward CAPRINO (F805735) as soon as the armor reached them. The 2nd Battalion with the I and K platoons attached

was to move to the north-east trying to cross the road on the top of the ridge north and east of (F560700). The route would be reconnoitered by the regimental I and R Platoons before the battalion attempted the advance over the rugged terrain. At 1545B the 87th Mountain Infantry reported that they also were receiving 80mm fire from the west bank of LAKE GARDA. Although it was not heavy it had caused several casualties. At 2200B the regiment buttoned up using a semi-circular defense running generally east and west.

The 86th Mountain Infantry during the night established their defense as follows: The regimental CP was located at (F562987). "A" and "B" Companies were deployed within the vicinity at (F561930), and the 2nd Battalion was on Hill 400 (F566985). The 3rd Battalion was at (F565999) deployed in the defense awaiting enemy counter-attack. None came.

April 29:

On the 29th of April the attack against the strongly defended tunnels began anew with the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 86th Mountain Infantry attacking abreast. The 1st Battalion crossed the LD at 0540B. At 0630B the 1st Battalion was moving along the ridge toward N. BRIGNA meeting no resistance as they advanced. The 3rd Battalion crossed the LD at 0600B. They reported later that during the first hour of their advance they had met with no resistance, but by 0600B they received heavy small arms and machine gun fire from positions around tunnel #8. It appeared that the enemy



had decided to defend the highway instead of the mountainous terrain, as the 1st Battalion was advancing freely against no resistance. By 0926B Tunnels #5 and #6 were taken. Although the enemy around Tunnel #5 were few in number their positions were well placed with lanes of fire covering all approaches. After blasting the enemy from their strongly held positions at Tunnel #5, the 3rd Battalion moved forward slowly bypassing tunnel #6. The advance into the towns of TORBOLE and NAGO was then ordered. By noon of the same day the 3rd Battalion reported that their patrols had entered the town of TORBOLE (A577025) against small arms and machine gun fire. The 1st Battalion sent word that they had been stopped 1000 yards south of the village of NAGO. The advance toward both of these towns was measured in yards as the enemy was fighting very desperately to hold the west end of his defense line. The Germans employed all of their available armor to stem our advance. At 1752B the Germans brought up several SP Guns, firing them at a point blank range into our advancing troops. It was impossible to advance, so the battalions reorganized and following a heavy artillery barrage delivered by our artillery the troops resumed the attack. After fierce hand-to-hand fighting on the streets of TORBOLE our men forced the enemy to either withdraw or surrender. The 1st Battalion was still just short of NAGO moving forward slowly while the 3rd Battalion moved into the town of TORBOLE in force at 2214B.

April 30: At 300050B the Germans launched determined counter-attacks on both towns. The attack was made by armor and supporting infantry. At 0125B the Commanding General ordered that the troops should withdraw to the hills to the east of the towns if necessary. The Commander of the 86th Mountain Infantry, Lt. Colonel Cook, was of the opinion that the troops would be able to hold the town and requested permission to remain in the town fighting a delaying withdrawal if it did become necessary. The General approved. By 0225B the force of the attack seemed to be broken. Our troops were still holding in TORBOLZ, while the troops in NAGO had been forced to withdraw some 1500 yards. Our troops held fast in these positions.

By 0900B on the morning of the 30th German artillery had become a real menace to the troops in TORBOLZ, since the enemy was constantly shelling the town with very high explosive shells. The town was a mass of rubble at the end of the day.

At 1115B the 1st Battalion entered the town of NAGO. They had fought one of the most discouraging actions of the campaign as the approach to the town was over rough rocky terrain, and the only route leading into the town was through a narrow pass. At this point the Germans had their strong defense line. It was impossible to take it without having many casualties. They advanced through the pass into the town the night of the 29th and 30th, and due to the ever-present enemy artillery fire the troops were unable to take the town that night.

The Germans defending the towns of TORBOLE and NAGO had withdrawn during the night. The 2nd Battalion moved swiftly into RIVA and by 1420H our troops had completely occupied the towns of TORBOLE, NAGO and RIVA. These three towns had been the strong point of the defense line for the Germans; our breakthrough left the enemy one alternative, strategic withdrawal. They retreated up the large valley leading toward TRINETO, located about 16km to the north along highway 12. As soon as the troops had been reorganized and the defense system completed the most forward units began sending out large combat patrols to the north, probing the enemy territory for the information needed. The positions of his SP Guns along the highway and the position of the infantry supporting the weapons.

During the action of the 86th Mountain Infantry on the 29th and 30th of the month, the 85th Mountain Infantry had received orders to move one company across the lake to take the town of GARGNANO (402828), making an amphibious landing in the vicinity of (403829). On the morning of the 30th of April at 0130H the operations began with Company "K" of the 85th Mountain Infantry crossing the lake in 2 DUKW's and one storm boat. The force reached the opposite side of the lake about an hour later and secured their landing without meeting resistance. The force proceeded to GARGNANO (402828) and occupied the town without meeting any enemy. The force then settled down, sending patrols to the South to the town of

TOSCOLANO (F550780). The orders were given to the 85th Mountain Infantry concerning their operation were as follows: 1) continue occupation of GARDIANO guarding properties there. 2) reconnaissance to and place road block in the vicinity of TOSCOLANO. Prepare 2nd company for an amphibious operation as they will proceed by DUNK's to the town of PORTO DI TRENOSINE (F488917) landing there about 1500B on the 20th of April. The force will reconnoiter to CAMPIONE DEL GARDA (F510966) and prepare to move north on Division order. At 1905B it was reported that "L" company of the 85th Mountain Infantry had begun their amphibious operation at 1745B. At 1956B they had secured a beachhead against no resistance and had occupied the town of CAMPIONE DEL GARDA (F449008). By 2345B they had patrolled to (F565922) and (F565925) and reported that there were no enemy in the area.

On the 29th of April the 87th Mountain Infantry continued to attack. the 2nd Battalion advanced along the ridge to the north-east and by 0900B they had reached a point at (F355865). At 1000B they had reached (F559850) against scattered resistance, when they received orders to return to the entraining point. The battalion disengaged the enemy and withdrew. During this time the 1st Battalion had attacked the town of SPIAZZI (F449779) against 200 strongly resisting enemy in well prepared positions. The enemy was destroyed and the town was cleared by 1515B. This battalion was ordered to disengage the enemy and return to the Garda highway. The 1st and 2nd Battalions returned by shuttle movement to

the vicinity of TORRE DEL BEMACO (F420743) and went into bivouac at approximately 1700H and 1900H respectively. Since the 85th Mountain Infantry had cleared the last tunnels along the highway, it was no longer necessary for the 85th to continue its push along the ridge.

The month of April had ended. With it had come the breakthrough from the AEMINIUS into the PO VALLEY, the drive across the valley floor, the crossing of the PO RIVER, and finally the breaking of the ADIGE LINE. The Germans had taken a beating throughout the drive, and although a strong resistance had been expected somewhere in the ALPS, it was doubtful if the Germans could collect enough force from their remaining armies to offer this strong defence.

On the morning of May 1, 1945 the 85th Mountain Infantry resumed their amphibious landing operation by moving by DUKW's to (F533980) and landed against no opposition. Company "I" of the 3rd Battalion completed this operation at 0600H and immediately patrolled the area, searching the terrain for enemy forces. None were found. The advance up the highway on the west side of Lake Garda proceeded according to plan as the 85th Mountain Infantry headed toward RIVA, where they were to tie in with the forces of the 86th Mountain Infantry. At 1100H on the 1st of May patrols from Company "I" of the 85th Mountain Infantry pushed into the town of RIVA com-

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FIELD MESSAGE NO. 14

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1. 10th Mt Division resumes attack objectives previously designated at 150700Z, April 1945.

2. Artillery preparation from 150640Z to 150700Z. Organization commanders coordinate artillery preparation with own liaison officers.

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D I V I S I O N   N A R R A T I V E

During the first two days of the Month of May the 10th Mountain Division continued to push the attack to the North in the direction of TRENTO. The Germans were fleeing to the North in the general direction of the BRENNER PASS. Our advancing infantry was moving as rapidly as possible in order to prevent their retreat into Southern Germany.

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(May 3): During the day orders from Army were received and the Division was ordered to form two motorized detachments consisting of the following: One Battalion of Infantry, One Battery of 105's or 75's, One Tank Company, light or medium, One Platoon of Tank Destroyers, One Company of Engineers, and the needed number of Medics. The two forces, both under the command of Colonel Earl F. Thompson, Acting Assistant Division Commander, were to be sent to seize passes leading from Italy into Austria in the Division zone. Their mission was to place troops astride enemy lines of communication in order to prevent their withdrawal from Italy. They were to move out as soon as the road was cleared. The boundary for the Task Forces was as follows: From a point on the border at (A965175), thence to a point on the ADIGE river at (A909530), along the river to (855905), to

MT ALMISSIMO, Hill 3479, on to the Austrian border at (A728014).

At 1545B word was received that the 14th Mountain Division was under IV Corps control as of 030600B.

At 2330B word was received to the effect that the Task Forces advancing to the Austrian border were not to force their way through, but rather bypass any resistance if at all possible, and accept unconditional surrender of the German forces.

The 87th Mountain Infantry received word at 1645B that one of their Battalions would be included in one of the Task Forces leaving for the Austrian border. The 3rd Battalion was selected and its assembly point was the town of RAGO. At 2345B, however, orders were issued to the effect that the assembly area of the 87th Mountain Infantry had been changed. The IP designated was GORDA and they were to cross at 041200B. The various units to be attached to the battalion were ordered to fall into the column as it advanced to the north.

The 86th Mountain Infantry, in the meantime, had sent patrols to LAKE MOLVENO (640300). It was at this point contact was made with the German 51st Mountain Corps. The patrols reported that this unit was willing to surrender unconditionally. German officers moved to



the 86th Mountain Infantry CP to negotiate the surrender terms. At 2200B the 86th was ordered to form the second Task Force, and designated the 3rd Battalion as the base infantry unit. The area assigned as the assembly point was between NAGO (A5903) and the west end of DAGODI LOPPIO (A8102). The time of departure was set for 041100B. The 3rd Battalion was ordered to take rations for five days. One of the companies of the remaining battalions was ordered to occupy the town of ROVERETO (A7004). At this point the commander of the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry, Lt. Colonel John Hay Jr. requested that one platoon of armor be attached to his battalion so that all the road junctions along the route of approach could be checked before the units passed through them. The armor was attached.

The 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment. At 1000B 3 May, Division ordered that one battalion be alerted to move by motor as part of a Division Task Force to Austria. The 2nd Battalion was selected for this operation but at 1245B word was received that the 85th Mountain Infantry would not participate and the alert was called off.

With hostilities at an end activity within the Division centered around the orderly surrender of the German forces in our zone, maintenance of security precautions, overhauling and maintenance of vehicles and

weapons, and the resumption of training in order to maintain a high state of military efficiency.

Many of the men who had been only slightly wounded during the attack on MT BELVEDERE and MT DELLA TORRACCIA slowly began returning to the Division. Several men who had been captured by the Germans were freed by the 1st Armored Division as they advanced through the LAKE COMO region.

(May 4): At 0125B the 10th Mountain Division was ordered by II Corps to establish immediate liaison contact with them. By 0945B word was received that the trucks needed for transporting German prisoners would be sent forward as soon as possible. II Corps also informed the Division that Highway # 12 was available for the use of the Task Forces if it was needed for an alternate route.

At 2140B the Division received word from the 88th Division that their 349th Infantry had reached the BRENNER PASS and had made contact at 1013B with VI Corps of U.S. 7th Army had been established.

At 2055B the 86th Mountain Infantry reported that the Company that they had sent to ROVERETO had the situation well in hand. They also said that the Germans had not turned in their weapons, but were awaiting orders from higher headquarters before doing so. The Partisans in the area had been disarmed. One of the German

Battalions assembled in ROVERETO was a Paratroop outfit.

The 3rd Battalion under the command of Lt. Colonel John H. Hay Jr. had crossed the LD at OSSEB, as Task Force I moving slowly north in the direction of RESIA (V347097). It was in this town that the 3rd Battalion finally settled down. They had met no resistance.

The 85th Mountain Infantry during the period was ordered to send one motorized Company to BOLZANO to protect the Headquarters and Headquarters Encampment of General Von Weitinghoff, commander of the German Southwest Command. Company "F" was sent with instructions to contact Colonel Brisar of the 15th Army Group for special instructions. All Partisans were to be kept out of the encampment and the Partisans leader was to be contacted to have them store their arms. The Company proceeded by way of TORBOLE, MORI, ROVERETO, and TRENTO and arrived in BOLZANO at 2300B 4 May.

Meanwhile Task Force I under the command of Colonel Thompson reached VALPIANO (A8777) at 2100 4 May and the second Task Force group reached BOLZANO at 2200B. No resistance was encountered along the way. At 1120B on the following day, 5 May, Colonel THOMPSON'S group was across the Austrian border and holding PASSO DE RESIA (V3311) after making a truce with the Germans.

The units of the Division not taking part in the

Tank Force Groups remained in their relative areas and continued with their unit training.

(May 5): At 2240B orders were received from II Corps that the Austrian border within our zone should be sealed off allowing no one to cross in either direction without permission of the Commanding General 5th Army. Word was also received that two Czechoslovakian were to report to the Division CP sometime during the night in order to negotiate the turning over of their troops.

The two Task Forces continued the occupation of the areas assigned to them while they received units of the German Army as they surrendered. The other units of the Division continued their training.

At 2305B the following message was received from II Corps. "To clarify the status of units when 10th Mountain Division was attached to II Corps, the following units were detached 10th Mountain Division and attached to II Corps effective 031600B May; 1125 FA Battalion, 84th Chemical Mortar Battalion, 235 Engr Combat Battalion, 37th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, 701 Tank Destroyer Battalion, (less "B" Company), and Companies "C" and "D" of the 751st Tank Battalion. Company "B" 701st TD Battalion and 751st Tank Battalion (less Companies "C" and "D") remain to IV Corps. Effective 060001 B May, Battery D, 630 AAA (less second platoon, is

attached to IV Corps).

During the period the 85th Mountain Infantry's disposition as follows: "F" Company arrived in BOLZANO at 042300B without incident, and contacted Colonel BRISAC of the 15th Army Group for their special instructions. The remainder of the Battalion remained in their initial bivouac area and continued their unit training. Company "A" of the 1st Battalion continued guarding the encampment of General VON VIRDINGHOFF. Company "B" was located in TRENTO. Companies "I" and "L" closed into PROTO DI BREZZONE (492859) at 051740B.

Captain RAMBERG of the G-2 Section, working with the 86th Mountain Infantry, was receiving the surrender of the German forces in Northern Italy. At 2230B he reported that he had contacted General LEMILSON, commander of the 14th Army. General LEMILSON was prepared to group his command, minus the 1st Paratroop Corps, by the 7th or 8th of May and move them into their final assembly area at that time. He commanded the following units: Division of the 14th Army, the 8th Mountain, the 65th Infantry Division, 305th Division, and the 94th and 51st Mountain Corps. They were located on the outskirts of SAN LORENZO when he negotiated with Captain Ramburg. The 26th Panzer Division was located to the South of BOLZANO. The 51st Mountain Corps consisted of the following: The 90th PG Division,

114th JAG Division, the 148th Infantry Division, and the 232nd Infantry Division. Our liaison officer reported that there was plenty of food and water and no need of medical attention. Gasoline, however, was needed for the transportation of the various units.

During the period the Germans continued organizing their units and getting them into assembly areas in preparation for the final distribution. Our liaison parties had been sent out to contact the Germans and to protect them from Partisan activities. Clashes between Partisans and German forces had been stopped. Our forces, by this time had reached the Austrian border south of NAUDERS without opposition and the border sealed according to orders previously received from 11 Corps.

(May 6): During the day the assembling and disarming of the surrendered German troops continued without opposition.

The two Czechoslovakian officers who previously reported to the Division CP turned in the following report: There are about 10 Battalions totaling 3000 men disposed along the ADIGE RIVER from AVIO to MONTAGNO. These troops had no weapons and were ready to move at any time.

During the day our troops ran into the rear of the 19th German Army at the Austrian border. The Germans were being pushed back south by the elements of the 7th Army, 6th Army Group, and would not allow us to cross the border

without opposition as negotiations for surrender were still going on with General BROOKS. The German General was contacted, however, and it was agreed that each unit would post sentries at the border. Some 3000 Germans to the rear of our most forward troops were being evacuated as rapidly as possible in case trouble was caused by the 19th Army.

(May 7): During the period assembling of the elements of the XIV German Army continued, with the major units already reported in their assigned areas. The location of the Major Elements of the XIV Army as of 071200B were as follows:

- a. 51 Mountain Corps (Corps Troops) (566633) MOLVENA
- b. 90th Panzer Grenadier Division (556620) CAMPO
- c. 114th Jaeger Division (elements) (596673) SETTAQUEECE
- d. 334th Infantry Division (elements) (586677) VILPIANO
- e. 148th Infantry Division (elements) (586681) CAROAZZONE
- f. 90th Panzer Grenadier Division  
(elements) (586684) POSTAL
- g. 232nd Infantry Division and Corps  
troops (elements) (586686) GERMES
- h. 14th Panzer Corps (576617) MATTARELLO
- i. 94th Infantry Division (576610) BESENELLO
- j. 86th Mountain Division (576618) ROMAGNANO
- k. 65th Infantry Division (576623) TRENTO
- l. 305th Infantry Division (576626) VELA

m. 1st Para Corps.	(564620)	S. CHROSTO- FORE
n. 1st Para Division	(591617)	LEVICO
o. 4th Para Division	(584615)	COMPREGHERI
p. 26th Panzer Grenadier Division	(593663)	LAIVES

Note: All coordinates are from sheets 2 and 5, 1:200,000.  
For the location of our own troops during this period  
see G-3 Periodic Report dated 6 May.

The Division was assigned their right boundary during  
the day and it ran generally along highway 12 from highway  
11, not including VERONA, to MERANO, to Hill 3469 (V7506)  
on to the Austrian border. ROVERETO (A7105), TRENTO (A7823),  
and MERANO (A8390) were included in the boundary, BOLZANO  
was not.

Reports continued to filter in from Task Force THOMPSON  
during the day and in all cases they reported that the  
situation was well in hand. In most cases the Germans  
were assembling in an orderly fashion and the surrender of  
their troops was proceeding according to plan.

At 1640Z orders were received to the effect that in  
order to prevent the withdrawal of any enemy forces from  
Italy, strong combat patrols were to be sent out on all  
routes of communication running to the International  
Border, and at that point strongly defended road blocks  
were to be set up and close guard established along the  
Italian frontier. This order was immediately complied



with. At 2400B Task Force THOMPSON reported that the evacuation of all German units in the area had been completed except those necessary for collecting stores and administrative work. Scattered German patrols were reported to be continually filtering in, but they were being evacuated as soon as they arrived at their Head quarters.

The Division was assigned a zone of responsibility and the Division in turn assigned various zones to the regiments. In general, patrols were sent into each sector with the mission of patrolling the roads in an effort to locate and assemble the German elements, especially stragglers. The enemy forces were disarmed of all large caliber weapons, but were allowed to retain some small arms for protection and guard duty. Usually German and Italian interpreters accompanied each patrol.

(May 8): The Division informed Corps that all of the German forces in the zone had been evacuated, except those necessary for collecting stores and administrative work. The Czechoslovakian troops were reported to be moving from MATTARELLO (A7716) to the vicinity of FORNACE (F520637). By 1600B these same forces were reported to be assembling in their respective bivouac areas.

During the period concentration of German troops for evacuation continued, with most new groups assembled

between Corps and Army. In most cases a shuttle system was used for their evacuation with our transportation being furnished for the work. The 85th Mountain Infantry, during the period, began its move from the vicinity of MALCESINE and PORTO DI BRENZONE to the training area further South in the vicinity of GARDA. The Regimental CP opened at (427706) at 1800B on the 8th of May. Pending future operation, the second Battalion remained in MALCESINE and did not move to the GARDA region. They did, however, participate in the overall training program which had been ordered by Division.

The 86th and 87th Mountain Infantry Regiments remained in their relative positions and their unit training began to function according to schedule.

May 9): The day was designated an Allied National Holiday in commemoration of V-E Day by the Army Commander. All training except necessary fatigue and guard details were put aside and swimming, boating, ball games, sight-seeing, and relaxation were the order of the day.

The new training schedule calling for 36 hours per week was published by Division to govern the training in the Division area.

During the next four days the Division units followed their respective training programs. For the main part they consisted of field hikes, close order drilling, and the care and cleaning of the equipment.

On May 10th the location of the major elements of the German XIV Army were as follows:

- a. 51st Mountain Corps (Corps Troops)(A6532) (MOLVENO)
- b. 90th Panzer Gren. Div. (elements)(A6583) POSTAL
- c. 114th Jaeger Div. (elements)(A9172) SETTAQUERCE
- d. 334th Inf. Div. (elements)(A9777) VILPIANO
- e. 148th Inf. Div. (elements)(A6581) GARGASSONE
- f. 232nd Inf. Div. (elements)(A9974) TERLANO
- g. 14th Panzer Corps (A7716) MATTERELLO
- h. 94th Inf. Div. (A7309) BESENO
- i. 8th Mountain Div. (A7418) ROMAGNANO
- j. 65th Inf. Div. (A7723) TRENTO
- k. 305th Inf. Div. (A7625) VELA
- l. 1st Para Corps (8620) S. CRISTOFORO
- m. 1st Para Div. (A2116) LEVICO
- n. 4th Para Div. 1 km south of S. CRISTOFORO

For complete strength report see G-2 Periodic Report dated 11 May.

May 13):

OUR RETURN TO THE PO VALLEY

At 0930B orders from II Corps instructed the 10th Mountain Division with attachments to move to the vicinity of the GHEDI AIRPORT AREA. "On the arrival of the Division at this point it was to revert to 5th Army control, prepared to receive German Prisoners."

All of the German Troops in the area controlled by the 10th Mountain Division were concentrated in the designated areas and were awaiting orders for evacuation. The 88th Division began the relief of the elements of the Division, relieving the 3rd Battalions of the 86th and 87th Mountain Infantry respectively.

The units within the Division were informed as to the time of the movement and the preparations necessary were then made.

May 14): During the 14th of May the Division began its movement to the GHEDI airport region. By the end of the day the following units had moved to the assigned area: The 2nd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry closed at (F128575) moving south to its assigned area. The 3rd Battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry also closed at (F129575) and entrucked for the GHEDI airport, the general concentration point for all German forces in the LAKE GARDA zone. The 126th Engineers, the 10th Medical Battalion, and the Division Artillery CP moved on the 14th. The remainder of the Division moved to their assigned areas on the 15th. This included the Division CP, which opened at DESENZANO (F2959) at 1145B.

May 16): During the period the 10th Mountain Division continued preparations for the receipt of German troops who were then concentrated in their initial assembly areas.

The usual training schedule was followed by units within the Division with a few retreat parades being held. May 17): At 0915B all units in the Division were placed on a 48 hour alert status for a possible move to UDINE in Northeastern Italy because of possible trouble developing in the TRIESTE area. The Division spent the period guarding the German prisoners at the airport, while the units not concerned with this duty continued with their training.

May 18): "Effective 180001B May, the Chemical Mortar Battalion and the 37th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon are detached 10th Mountain Division. The 84th Chemical Mortar Battalion reverts to 5th Army control, and the 37th Infantry War Dog Platoon is attached to the 71st AAA Brigade."

At 2010B General Hays informed Lt. Colonel Irvin, G-5, that he should form his advance party that evening. The party was scheduled to cross the IP at 0600B on the following morning. Upon reaching their destination they reported to 8th Army.

At 2015B the 10th Mountain Division was attached to II Corps for their movement to UDINE. II Corps immediately informed the Division Headquarters that its move would begin at once. The Division reverted to II Corps control at 182400B.

May 19): At 0030B the Division G-3 office issued the movement order for the following units: Serial Number #1: The 87th Mountain Infantry; Company "A", 10th Medical Battalion; Company "C", 126th Engineers Battalion - IP at 0600B - tail clear by 0900B. Serial Number #2; 616th FA Battalion; Ip at 0915B - Tail clear by 1015B. Serial Number #3: Anti-Tank Battalion - IP at 1030B - Tail clear at 1100B. Serial Number #4: 86th Mountain Infantry; - (1st Battalion); Company "B", 10th Medical Battalion; - IP at 1415B - Tail clear 1515B. Strict march discipline will be observed. It was reported later that all units concerned crossed the LD on time.

(May 20): The 10th Mountain Division CP closed at DESERZANO (F2959) at 1730B and opened at ZIRACCO (C4925) at 1750B. For the location of our troops in this new area see G-3 Periodic Report dated 21 May.

During the period out units moved into the areas assigned to them sending out contact patrols tying in with our adjacent units. The elements of the Division closed into the sector along Highway #54 from CIVIDALE to the 66th northing.

(May 21): Upon the arrival of the Division into this area each regiment was formed into a Regimental Combat Team. In all cases it consisted of the regiment itself plus attached medics, attached engineers, one battalion

of Field Artillery, and one Platoon of Tanks.

(May 22): The primary mission of the Division in the Udine area was to prevent any additional western movement of YUGOSLAV forces and civilians by peaceful means. The entire area had to be screened and patrolled in order to determine the disposition of all Italian, British, Partisan, and Yugoslav forces and commanders and any changes in their locations and strength. Road patrols were started, and all local commanders were informed that US troops had taken over military control of the area. Each regiment was assigned a zone of operation and contact was maintained with adjoining units. All men were warned to be extremely careful especially when on guard and security during the hours of darkness. Troops were required to carry arms at all times. Every man was informed to use the utmost tact and judgement in his actions and to avoid any semblance of an act which might cause armed conflict.

Aside from the British forces in the area, troops were composed of three distinct elements: Yugoslav soldiers, most of whom left shortly after our arrival; Osoppo (Italian Partisans affiliated with the Christian Democrats) who wore green scarfs; and the Garibaldi (Italian Partisans affiliated with the Communists), who wore red scarfs. All three groups were well armed and

well organized, but very few incidents occurred.

(May 24): The 38th Infantry War Dog Platoon was attached to the 10th Mountain Division as of 1530B.

The usual patrol activity continued throughout the period, and contact with our adjacent units was maintained. Unit training continued.

May 25): Active and thorough patrolling continued throughout the remainder of the month by all of the regiments. Many Civilian and Partisan leaders were frequently contacted so as to maintain an accurate check on the location and strength of all groups and to find out exactly the extent of Yugoslav influence and intentions within the zone. In general the situation remained orderly and quiet. A few minor fire fights between Partisans and Yugoslav elements were reported but no serious trouble arose between the elements of the 10th Mountain Division and the Partisans or Yugoslav groups.

May 26): By May 26th a gradual decrease in the number of Partisans within the Division zone was very noticeable. Many were returning to their home and the more adventure-seekers had left to join Tito's forces.

It was announced throughout the Division that regular training would be resumed, effective immediately. Regiments were instructed to select field firing ranges, submit unit problems, and request ammunition for the



conduct of field exercises. Concurrently with the training both men and officers were granted short leaves to rest centers at Florence, Rome, Lake Como, Lake Maggiore, and Venice.

As the month ended the units within the Division continued to patrol their respective zones, without incident.

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Hq, 10th Mt Div  
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FIELD MESSAGE NO. 20

TO CO \_\_\_\_\_

1. Effective at once, all units will begin training programs based on 4 hour day.
2. All troops not engaged in essential tactical missions will participate.
3. The following subjects will be included in weekly training programs:-

Close order drill.

Physical training.

Zeroing of weapons.

Orientation

Conditioning marches.

Care and cleaning of weapons and equipment.

Campaign studies (critical study of combat experience 10th Mt Div from Bolvedere to Garda with emphasis on units part in operations) - to be conducted by unit commanders.

4. Upon concentration of elements of division in new training areas, more comprehensive and specialized training will be possible.

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HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
APO, 343, U.S.ARMY

20 May 1945

FIELD MESSAGE NO. 22

TO: 827 Commanders.

1. Determine the strength and location of Italian and Yugoslav forces and/or partisans in unit zone.
2. Contact local commanders of such groups and inform them that U.S. troops have now taken over military charge of this zone (point out on a map the unit boundaries).
3. Any westward movement within unit zone of Yugoslav forces and/or civilians is to be prevented, but only if this can be done through peaceful means.
4. Under no circumstances will U.S. troops open fire upon Yugoslav forces and/or civilians, except in case of a direct attack upon the Expedition upon Five Fingers. If such an incident does occur, only sufficient force will be used to disarm and place in custody the actual personnel who have fired on U.S. forces. A complete report of such incident will be made thru Headquarters without delay.
5. Request the local commanders of Italian and Yugoslav forces to establish and maintain liaison with unit Headquarters, in order that they might assist in the control of personnel under their command within the unit zone.
6. There is to be no fraternization with Yugoslav, Catholic, or Italian forces.
7. Local defense is to be maintained by each unit over zone and perimeter, and ground area to prevent surprise.
8. Initiate reconnaissance within zone for firing range, but there will be no firing until 02, 10th Mt Div, gives permission.
9. For zones of responsibility see covering. It is to occupy positions along Highway 54 in their zones and to patrol perimeter of zone, generally from E to W. Purpose of such patrols mainly to determine strength and location of Italian and Yugoslav forces.
10. Upon arrival in area, 10th Mt Cav Reg Bn is attached 87th MT.

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FIELD MESSAGE NO. 23

MAPS: ITALY 1:100,000 Sheets 25, 26, 14, 14A

1. a. Top Secret. To be given commanders later.  
b. 91 Inf Div on R (South) occupies high ground N. DANIELE (C7708) and M. GABRIELE (C7409), and areas TARNOVA (C7909) and SARBASSO (C7904) by peaceful penetration 22 May 1945. H hour 221100Z.

2. 10th Mt Div:

- a. Relieve British Tr within assigned Z and assume command of Z.
- b. Outpost and patrol Hwy 54 within Z, preventing by peaceful means only any infiltration by other troops W of Hwy 54.
- c. Protect right flank of and maintain contact with 5 British Corps.
- d. Maintain contact with 91st Inf Div vicinity TOLINO (C8033) and SPESSA (C5718).

TROOPS

1. 85th RCT: Comdr - Lt Col Wagner

- 85th Mt Inf
- 604 FA Bn
- A Co 126 Mt Engr Bn
- A Co 10th Mt Med Bn
- A Co + 1st Plat Ren Co 701 TD Bn (To be attached upon arrival in area)

2. 86th RCT: Comdr - Col Cook

- 86th Mt Inf
- 605 FA Bn
- B Co 126 Mt Engr Bn
- B Co 10th Mt Med Bn
- B Co + 2d Plat Ren Co 701 TD Bn (to be attached upon arrival in area)

3. 87th RCT: Comdr - Col Fowler

- 87th Mt Inf
- 616 FA Bn
- C Co 126 Mt Engr Bn
- C Co 10 Mt Med Bn
- C Co + 3d Plat Ren Co 701 TD Bn (to be attached upon arrival in area)
- 10th Mt Cav Ren Tr (to be attached upon arrival in area)

3. a. 85th RCT: Carry out Div mission (see Par. 2a, b, d), in RCT Z (for Z see overlay). Maintain contact with 91 Inf Div at C565176.

b. 86th RCT: Carry out Div mission (see Par. 2a, b, c), in RCT Z (for Z see overlay). Maintain contact with 1 Palestine Regt, Jewish Brigade, 78th Div at C678560.

c. 87th RCT: Carry out Div mission (see Par. 2a, b, d), in RCT Z (for Z see overlay). Maintain contact with 91 Div at C788322.

d. 10th Mt AT Bn: Div Ros

x. (1) Determine strength and location of other Tr in area.

(2) Units will not fire unless fired upon.

(3) No Tr will be disarmed nor requests made upon them to disarm unless ordered by this Hq.

(4) 10th Mt Div Tr carry arms except in immediate bivouac areas. Secure arms at all times.

(5) No fraternization with partisans or Yugoslav clams

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CO 10 Med Bn	- 1
CO 126 Mt Engr Bn	- 1
CO 10 Q' Bn	- 1
CO 10 Ren Tr	- 1
CG 91 Inf Div	- 1
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Hq, 10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX to accessory FIELD MESSAGE No. 23.

Maps: ITALY G.S.G.S. 1:100,000 Sheets 25, 26, 14, 14A

1. The JUGOSLAV ARMY

a. Composition:

Believed to be composed of some 50 divisions, with an overall strength of about 400,000 men. There is evidence that the Yugoslav Army is being organized on the Russian model, which entails the disbanding of Corps Hq and subordination of divisions direct to Army Hq. (This has already been largely effected in the case of 4 Army in VENEZIA GIULIA). The average strength of divisions varies between 5,000 - 8,000 men, except in the case of 4 Army where they average 10,000 men; the main weapon of the divisions is still the rifle and the light automatic, and there is believed to be no artillery heavier than 105mm within the divisions. 4 Army is known to have an artillery brigade which is reported to consist of 10x150mm hows, 20x38mm, 25x105mm hows and 80 pack guns, with about 30 anti-tank guns, 57mm. Other armies probably have similar artillery brigades. The only tank brigade known to be in existence (with about 50 Squads) is also with 4 Army, and it is believed to have had losses in the battle for TRIESTE. The Yugoslavs must, however, have acquired considerable quantities of German equipment as a result of the recent surrender of Army Group Southeast. No estimate is available as to how much artillery has in fact fallen into Yugoslav hands, but the Germans had very few tanks and probably none larger than MC III and IV. Since most of the Yugoslav heavy weapons are captured ones supplied by British and American forces, the ammunition will be a limiting factor. We have no estimate as to what extent Russian weapons and stocks have been supplied to the Yugoslavs.

The morale of the Yugoslav Army against the Germans has been generally high. But recent experiences in SLAVONIA show that the Army is not really trained or equipped for pitched battles or for positional warfare. On the whole, it is probably still primarily a skilled and well-trained guerrilla force, though the Russians are likely to exercise an important influence in reorganizing the previous partisan divisions into regular Army formations.

b. DISPOSITION

See attached overlay.

c. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

4 Army, which attacked up the Adriatic coast with 9 divisions and captured SENO, FIUME, and ISTRIA, is now almost entirely disorganized in VENEZIA GIULIA, with Hq in TRIESTE. Its divisions are among the best in the Yugoslav Army, but even so they are under-equipped. It has been joined here by IV Corps from the POSTUMIA area and IX Corps from the TOLMINO area and now numbers about 120,000 men. VII Corps in the LJUBLJANA area is also under its command. 4 Army's present task is the occupation and consolidation of gains in VENEZIA GIULIA as far west as the ISONZO; though there has been some infiltration across the river, this is believed to be more in the nature of small parties bent on foraging for food rather than a deliberate attempt to extend the sphere of the ISONZO; it is not believed to exceed 2,000 though there are considerable numbers of armed Slavona villagers west of the river who would undoubtedly join up with the Yugoslav troops if mischief were intended. The administration of VENEZIA GIULIA is now mainly in the hands of the Yugoslav Army.

In the area of 4 Zone (Jugoslav-Austrian frontier) there are only two divisions of five brigades which moved across the border and are located in KORBOS-MARET. Yugoslav aims as expressed by a Yugoslav officer were to occupy that part of Austria south of the line VILLACH-WOMERTHER-SPILLERSBURG. A reinforcement unit said to be from Tito's Army Hq. told 3 Army on 12th inst. that the Yugoslavs are not present in insufficient strength to occupy this area, they could attack across the frontier. This was done the following day, but 37 Division of paratroopers were intended to build up their strength and then to return. Such reinforcements should soon be available from 1, 2, and 3 Armies advancing from the southern and western German resistance has freed these armies, and 3 Army is already reported in VAREZDIN, while 10 Corps (detached from 3 Army) entered ZAGREB on 16th inst. The situation at MARIBOR is not known. Supervision of surrendered German personnel will undoubtedly tie up considerable numbers of the Yugoslav Army, but even so there is no reason why reinforcement should not be immediately available to 4 Zone.

#### 4. SUPPLY SITUATION

At the moment, little definite information is available on the Yugoslav supply picture. It is believed that Yugoslavia itself has only very limited supplies. How much the Yugoslavs may have been able to build up since they have received from the Allies and to what extent they are being supplied by the Russians, if at all, is not known. Equipment, ammunition and other supplies have been captured from the Germans, but the German supply situation has been thought to have been critical and it seems improbable that large stocks of German ammunition and PG have fallen into Yugoslav hands. Material dumps and important German dumping areas in Northern Yugoslavia, KARLOVA and ZAGREB, are the most important, and LJUBLJANA DEL are now both in Yugoslav hands. It is believed, but as indicated above on the basis of one source only, that the Yugoslavs do not have sufficient supplies to support sustained large scale operations by a force adequately equipped with all types of weapons, supplies to support guerrilla type operations for a considerable period are probably available.

#### 5. POLITICAL HISTORY

Prior to World War I, the general area of SLOVENIA contained a part of the Austrian Empire. It now contains a large percentage of Serbs and Italians and a relatively small percentage of Austrians and other nationalities. The Italians are particularly strong in the cities of TRIESTE and KARLOVA. They are responsible for the development and improvement of these ports, islands, Austrians, and Yugoslavs all have justifiable claims to this area.

#### 7. SUMMARY

(1) The Yugoslav forces have just finished a brief campaign and have not yet had much time to reorganize. The 4 Army still must be considered a guerrilla army and is unlikely to offer prolonged resistance in open combat. In the past, the tactics of this unit has been to strike and then fade away from the Germans. It is apparent that if action is to be taken, such action should be taken as soon as possible before the Yugoslav forces have time to reorganize and build up.

(2) The Yugoslavs have not yet been able to absorb the considerable quantities of German equipment which they must have taken as a result of the recent surrender. Any delay on our part will allow them time for reorganization and training with new weapons. The acquisition of this equipment may necessitate a change of tactics inasmuch as it would not be advisable to continue the "fade away" tactics and thus abandon much valuable equipment. The state of training, particularly with regard to artillery, is believed to be based on the pre-1939 doctrine of the



regular Yugoslav Army. It is further believed that the number of trained personnel available for open or organized combat is limited. With regard to the ammunition situation, there is probably a shortage and no facilities for re-supply inasmuch as nearly all artillery is either lend lease or captured equipment.

(3) Another factor which favors prompt action on our part is that the Yugoslavs have not yet been able to redeploy the 1, 2, and 3 Armies which were engaged in attacking north towards the Austrian border. A considerable part of these armies are now required to guard German personnel but this commitment should not preclude the move of some divisions to VENEZIA GIULIA. At this moment there is no evidence of such movement. We, however, cannot be certain of getting early intelligence of any such move. Prompt action on our part may possibly forestall any large-scale moves from central Yugoslavia.

(4) The Russian attitude on this operation is not known. Russians have yet been contacted in VENEZIA GIULIA. However, the longer we postpone action the more likely we are to encounter Russian troops with the resulting possibility of "Incidents."

It is known that Tito recently visited MOSCOW. There is a possibility that Tito's recent operations have at least an unofficial sanction from MOSCOW. In all probability, the Russians are waiting for the Anglo-American reaction to Tito's occupation of parts of Italy before showing their hand.

There is no reason to suppose that the Russians have any desire to pick a quarrel provided we act at once. However, if we fail to take a firm stand, the Russians are almost certain to give tacit approval to Tito's operations.

#### g. CONCLUSION

The Yugoslav Army is a potentially large fighting force, but it is still primarily trained only in guerrilla tactics. Lack of equipment, shortage of supporting weapons and a probable limited stock of ammunition are likely to prevent the Yugoslavs offering any sustained resistance in open battle. It must be recorded, however, that 4 Army in VENEZIA GIULIA contains some of the most experienced Yugoslav divisions. On the surface, relations at present appear to be as cordial and quiet as can be expected in the face of two rival powers who are vying to occupy the same area, but the possibility of minor complaints being misinterpreted and developing into "incidents" is obviously great.

Prompt and firm action on our part is desirable. Action, if taken now, with considerable force and a firm attitude will have the military advantage of striking before the Yugoslav forces have time to reorganize and consolidate their occupation and will have the political advantage of settling the issue prior to the development of many more complications.

#### h. ORDER OF BATTLE

See Annex A.

### 2. PARTISAN GROUPS

a. GARIBALDI Partisans (Pro-Yugoslav Italians). 3000 Garibaldi owe allegiance to Tito and regard themselves as part of the Yugoslav Army. It is reported that the rank and file are beginning to tire of this allegiance. They are scattered in small numbers in all villages W of the ISONZO up to TAGLIAMENTO. The Garibaldi may be identified by the wearing of a red scarf or a red star on the cap.

b. The OSOPPO (Pro-Italian) Partisans, are an Italian group numbering about 4,500 and are spread throughout the area. They cover the route UDINE-TREVISO, as well as the western side of the lower ISONZO, and are reported as well disciplined, courageous fighters. They may be identified by a green scarf or a green star on the cap.

c. OTHER PARTISAN GROUPS

There are many other groups of partisans with various backgrounds, race, color and political aspects of many shades. In the event that hostilities should open, all civilians will have to be treated with suspicion. It is possible of taking up arms in the support of guerrilla warfare.

3. NON-PARTISAN YUGOSLAVS

a. MIHAJLOVIC CETHNIKS, also known in SLOVENIA as BLUE GUARD who collaborated with enemy against Partisans as part of SLOVENE DOMOBRANCI or Home Defense and NOT part of German Armed Forces. Leaders Major KAREL NOVAK and VOJVODA SREBOSAVIC both closely associated with Italians and Germans. General DIANA MIHAJLOVIC not in this area. Predominantly Serbs.

b. Serb volunteer guard formed in German occupied SERBIA under guidance NEMIC Government and later withdrawn with German Forces to VRSNJA. SERBIA Headquarters of Colonel KOSMA MUSICKI.

c. Slovane WHITE GUARD originally formed in SLOVENIA by former members of Clerical Party to oppose partisans and supplied and supported by German and later Germans for police and garrison work. Headquarters in VRSNJA. Leaders DOMOBRANCI under German control. Leaders Colonel VUKOBRAT, Colonel KOKAL and Colonel ERBE. Some members formerly members of Italian Army. SERB HEADQUARTERS in BOMBE is one of their leaders.

d. Great URSAS and DOMOBRANCI, remnants of Quisling PAVELIC Government. URSAS are Slavonic name persons responsible for SERBIA. DOMOBRANCI concept Great Army, BLUE GUARD.

e. Also possible that members of Quisling PAVELIC Government also in this area having escaped. SERBS. Recently attempted to surrender to Allies but were rejected and Yugoslav Government informed.

4. GENERAL SENTIMENT OF POPULATION.

The ETHNIC line runs generally down the ISUNZO as far as VRSNJA. South of south to BISTRANA. East of this line the country is pro-YUGOSLAV. In the event of hostilities the population would be hostile and easily turned to start traditional guerrilla warfare. West of this line, the population is pro-ITALIAN even though Slovane speaking in parts. The infiltration of partisans in the shape of both regular troops and GARIBALDI Partisans is not considered a grave potential danger.

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HQS, 10th DIVISION  
Ziracco C492248  
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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO to accompany FIELD MESSAGE NO. 23.

Maps: Sheet C, 25I and II, 26III and 26IV, 1:50,000

1. SUPPLY

a. Rations

(1) Class I: C591250

b. Ammunition

(1) DAO: Meduza (C503007)

(2) Supply Point: Meduza (C503007)

c. Engineer Supply

(1) Supply Point: C450251

d. Gas and Oil:

(1) Dump: With Class I at C591250

e. Water Point: Water points in Regimental area under Regimental control.

Division WP (C478238)

Corps WP (C460150)

f. Signal Supply: Ziracco (C492249)

g. QM Class II and IV: C591250

2. EVACUATION

a. Casualties:

(1) Clearing Station: C481245

b. Burial

(1) Evacuation to Army Cemetery near Cormons (C630080)

c. Captured Materiel: Units will immediately place guards on any enemy materiel dumps discovered and report location and description to G-4.

3. TRAFFIC

a. Circulation: MSR: Udini (C410195) Cividale (C650230) Caporetta (C670299) Plezzo (C650498) Tarvisio (C685620)

5. PERSONNEL

a. Mail: Distribution daily at Class I supply point

6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Shower and Bath Unit

(1) Located Remanzacco (C481229)

(2) Schedule for use Shower and Bath Unit through G-4 Office.

b. Ordnance Supply and Maintenance with 710th Ordnance Company, C591250.

c. Division Rear Echelon opens Cividale (C561230) 833000B.

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1. 0300 Rec'd: Fifth Army message re Recognition Signals, d
2. 0300 Rec'd: 8 Ind Inf Div G O No. 39, dated 7 Jan.
3. 0300 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #7, dated 7 Jan.
4. 0300 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY S-3 Report #6, dated 6 Jan.
5. 0300 Rec'd: 8 Ind Div Hq. Moves arranged for 7/8 Jan.
6. 0300 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #6, dated 6 Jan.
7. 0300 Rec'd: HQS IV CORPS Message dated 7 Jan.
8. 0415 Phone fr 900 Bn. SITREP: Suspected fire of brief duration seen at 0400A (517177) at 0140A. At 0410A a trip flare was set off and 2 enemy seen via 515177, were engaged with T/A at 1418A. 2 additional enemy were seen at same location driven off with S/A fire.
9. 0500 TR 45 SITREP #305, submitted.
10. 0500 TR 45 ISUM, submitted.
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11. 0745 Rec'd: Fifth Army AA DEPLOYMENT Statement, dated 5 Jan.
12. 0745 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #14.
13. 0745 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #62, dated 5 Jan.
14. 0830 Rec'd: 755 TR G-3 Report #15, dated 6 Jan.
15. 0830 Rec'd: 900 Bn Operations Instructions; Relief Plan, dated 7 Jan.
16. 0830 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #642.
17. 0830 Rec'd: 73 HAA weekly Intelligence Summary #8, dated 6 Jan.
18. 0830 Rec'd: Phone fr IV CORPS G-3 (Pond): Q: Does TR 45 know when 330 FOT is to be released. A: General Gerow states 330 FOT tentatively set up to move 081500A but would like to hold until 10 Jan.
19. 0830 PATROL PLAN #66, G/339, 1 HQS, 12 EM, 1500A. DESTINATION: PLAN ORANGE (379) 688, to a point at 365080. MISSION: Recce.

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PATROL REPORT #66, C/339, 7 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1355A.  
REPORT: N.T.R.

PATROL REPORT #59, A/900, 8 Jan. Out 1800A. In 2800A.  
REPORT: PRADA (501169) And BUIO (507166) round clear of  
enemy, no evidence of enemy patrols since recent snow.

PATROL REPORT #410, A/434, 7 Jan, Out 0800A. In 1030A.  
REPORT: The patrol encountered a very strong wind after  
leaving VALLI (422054) making it impossible to stand up-  
right. Snow drifts six feet high were encountered in many  
places though the average depth of the snow was about 2  
feet. The wind kept blowing the snow into the faces of the  
members of the patrol making it almost impossible for them  
to see where they were going. All members wore snow glasses  
but these did not help a great deal. Visibility was very  
poor due to the wind-blown snow and the patrol observed no  
enemy. Pigeons were released at 429052 at 0930A. The  
patrol returned to VIZZANETA. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS:  
VIZZANETA (417054), LE VALLI (422054), LAMA (428055),  
429052, and return. All trails were obscured by snow except  
in a very few spots. The average depth of the snow was 2  
feet though in some places the drifts were as high as six  
feet.

PATROL REPORT #459, B/434, 7 Jan. Out 0930A. In 1335A.  
REPORT: The patrol was unable to reach its destination due  
to the snow which varied in depth from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 feet deep.  
Snow shoes were used but the patrol was unable to climb the  
mountain even with the shoes. The snow was waist deep when  
the patrol reached 475036, so the patrol released the pigeons  
and returned to MARESCA. Visibility was good but the patrol  
did not observe any enemy activity. No enemy were encount-  
ered by the patrol. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: MARESCA  
(478007), 476030, 475036, and return. From MARESCA to  
476030 the snow was generally about a foot and a half deep  
and the patrol found traveling not too difficult with the  
aid of snow shoes. From that point on the snow got grad-  
ually deeper and the trail steeper making it very difficult  
to travel either with or without the aid of snow shoes.  
Snow on this portion of the trail varied from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 feet  
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PATROL REPORT #376, F/111, 8 Jan. Out 0930A. REPORT:  
Contact made with 3/8 Punjab's at 1156A without incident.

PATROL REPORT #322, G/110, 7 Jan. Out 0830A. In 1130A.  
REPORT: Observed foot prints in snow of estimated 12 man  
enemy patrol which came from direction of PIAK DI NOVELLO  
(363084) to PIAK DELLA QUERCIA (372008) to CASSA DI FRANZIA  
(374072) and returned toward PIAK DI NOVELLO, no enemy  
contact made.

PATROL REPORT #323, G/434, 7 Jan. Out 1300A. In 1625A.  
REPORT: No tracks in snow, no enemy movement observed,  
received no info on enemy from civilians. ROUTE RECONN-  
AISSANCE REPORT: To TESONE (407077), VALO (403083), LA  
BATTIE (398076), CASA LOUNA (397074), LA CAOV (402074),  
MATTATINO (401071).

PATROL REPORT #64, L/339, 7 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1535A.  
REPORT: Reached objective. Observed no enemy.

PATROL REPORT #63, K/339, 7 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1530A.  
REPORT: Unable to reach objective, came within 400 yds, saw  
no enemy.

PATROL REPORT #69, O/339, 7 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1540A.  
REPORT: N.T.R.

PATROL REPORT #67, E/339, 7 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1515A.  
REPORT: N.T.R.

PATROL REPORT #68, F/339, 7 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1530A.  
REPORT: N.T.R.

PATROL REPORT #65, A/339, 7 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1550A.  
REPORT: Observed tracks of enemy patrol from MT GARDOBO  
down to draw 3775, at 0800A, back to LA SERRA.

PATROL REPORT #58, A/900, 7 Jan. Out 1600A. In 1900A.  
REPORT: Saw no signs of enemy activity. No signs of  
unusual travel on roads or trails. Natives in towns say  
no Germans in town since 1 Nov. 1944. Made no enemy  
contact.

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- 20 1000 Rec'd: 8 Inf Div Morning SITREP.
- 21 1015 Phone fr IV CORPS G-3 (Col Maulsby): - 39 LAA to go to  
PISPOLA but 62 Bde will advise 39. 2 - 2-75mm How now with  
U/167/56 LAA to go to 86 Mt Inf when 86 LAA pulls out.  
(Maj Glenn, 73 HAA Advised.)
- 22 1025 Phone fr 900 Bn: A btry routine road patrol. A.T.R. 1010A  
B btry harassing enemy mortar positions. 0855A enemy para  
vic 51-8176, taken under fire by 68 AFA, 12 rds. II. No  
change. III. No change.
- 23 1045 Phone fr 434 Bn: SITREP: A.T.R.
- 24 1050 Phone fr 39 LAA: SITREP: A.T.R.
- 25 1100 TF 45 SITREP #306, submitted.
- 26 1100 Phone to 434 Bn (Maj Urban): Q: Can you leave 6 to 8 men  
behind with 86 Mt Inf as instructors for M-16? A: Have  
already instructed men to stay behind to teach operation  
M-16. They will be told to remain on TD with 86 Mt Inf  
until 86 relieves them.
- 27 1130 Phone fr 434 Bn (S-2): There will be no contact of A and  
B Btrys today.
- 28 1200 Rec'd: 68 AFA Bn S-2 Report #7, dated 7 Jan.
- 29 1200 Rec'd: 68 AFA Bn S-3 Report #7, dated 7 Jan.
- 30 1225 Phone fr 434 A: Contact made with B/34 at 081150A.
- 31 1320 Phone fr 900 Bn: 1125A 68 AFA 18 rds Arty 305175, sus-  
pect enemy mortar, (no results). 1130A 68 AFA 12 rds.  
arty 31181, suspected enemy mortars (no results).
- 32 1350 TF 45 ISUM #188, submitted.
- 33 1330 PATROL PLAN #80; A/900, 6 EM, 8 Jan. Out 1300A. In  
1700A. DESTINATION: From 491141 to SA CA (484142) to  
TORLAHO (476141) to Bridge 478120 and return. MISSION:  
Check area for enemy activity and check roads and trails  
for unusual movement.
- 34 1730 Rec'd: 62 AAA Bde Operation Order #33, dated 7 Jan.



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35.	1730	<u>Rec'd:</u> 62 AA Bde Location Statement #30, dated 6 Jan.
36.	1830	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS Situation Report as of 080700A Jan.
37.	1740	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS Special Interrogation Report #1, dated 2 Jan.
38.	1630	<u>Rec'd:</u> 434 AAA Av Bn S-2 report #7, dated 7 Jan.
39.	1330	<u>Rec'd:</u> Phantom Summary as of 071500A Jan.
40.	1330	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #215, dated 8 Jan.
41.	1430	<u>Phone fr 39 LAA (Capt Warring):</u> Patrol to MOLTA (3706) to investigate SA gun fire round windows open and footsteps leading to house. Surrounding house and investigated but no enemy. Followed footsteps to PIAN DELLA QUERCIA (3706) but no enemy. Footsteps then led in direction PIAN DE ROVELLO (3508). Footprints were fresh and indicated 15 men enemy patrol. Our patrol came in at 1500A.
42.	1430	<u>PATROL REPORT #379, P/111, 8 Jan.</u> Our 0800A. In 1430A. <u>REPORT:</u> Contacted 3/8 Punjab at 1030A, no info of enemy.
43.	1445	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS SITREP #15.
44.	1500	<u>Rec'd:</u> 751 TK Bn S-3 report #8, dated 8 Jan.
45.	1500	<u>Phone fr 900 Bn:</u> SITREP: Nothing further to add.
46.	1500	<u>TF 45 SITREP #307,</u> submitted.
47.	1550	<u>Phone fr 434 Bn:</u> A Btry reports demolitions checked at 1500A and 1530A. A Btry contacted Btry at 1520A. N.T.R.
48.	1600	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS ISUM #643.
49.	1610	<u>Phone to 39 LAA and 900 Bn:</u> Weather Forecast for period 082400A to 092400A. Low overcast at 1 to 2000 feet over entire front, with snow. Visibility 6 to 9 miles, decreasing to less than 1/2 mile in snow. Min Temp 20 degrees. <u>OUTLOOK:</u> For period from 092400A to 132400A. Low overcast with snow showers over mountains on 10th. Scattered to broken cloudiness with no precipitation on 11th. Visibility good except in snow. Min Temp 19 to 21 degrees.

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| 50         | 1730       |             | Phone fr Capt Humber (66 Ede desires to take over operation of 2 75mm pack howitzers using personnel from 12 LAA Regt. Wants Capt O'Brien to call him regarding this.  |
| 51         | 1730       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS message #284, dated 081200A.  |
| 52         | 1730       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army weather Forecast.   |
| 53         | 1730       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Patrol Intentions CT9, dated 9 Jan.  |
| 54         | 1830       |             | Phone to BEF (Lt1 ADAIR): At Corps request advised BEF of movement of 39 vehicles of 900th Bn through BEF Sector starting at 0700A on 09 Jan.  |
| 55         | 1710       |             | Fr Col Gibbs: After relief Bns will operate directly under this Hqs until further notice when they will operate immediately under Col Tomlinson.   |
| 56         | 1800       |             | TF 45 SITREP #308, submitted.  |
| 57         | 1800       |             | TF 45 ITRM #187, submitted.  |
| 58         | 2130       |             | Phone fr S-3, 339 RCT: Requested 339 RCT be kept informed of progress of reliefs as they are effected during the night - Will do.  |
| 59         | 2130       |             | PATROL REPORTS #374 and 375, both patrols cancelled due to weather.  |
| 60         | 2000       |             | Phone fr Capt Watson (66): Will follow patrol plans of former unit, plans to be forwarded here early morning 09 Jan.   |
| 61         | 2120       |             | Phone fr Col Madison IV CORPS ADV -3: How many vehicles does 339 need to move tomorrow? At 130 2 1/2 ton trucks. When and where do you want them? At Hope that you will tell us that, we would like to keep them as long as possible. OK, will call IV CORPS - 3 and let you know. |
| 62         | 2130       |             | Phone fr S-3, 339 RCT: Requested 339 RCT be kept informed of progress of reliefs as they are effected during the night. Will do.   |
| 63         | 2130       |             | Phone fr Col Madison, IV CORPS ADV -3: 339 to be ready to move not before 0700, 9 Jan, destination unknown. IV CORPS 3 desires to know order of movement. ORDER OF MOVEMENT to be: 1st Bn, Reg Hqs, 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn, AT and Hqs, Cannon Co, Service Co, 910 FA, Medico Co.          |
| 64         | 2135       |             | Phone fr Lt. Col McKay: Relief at BAGNI DI LUCCA completed at 2100A.   |
| 65         | 2230       |             | Phone fr Lt. King (339): Report green flare approx C82217A in CATTIGLIANO area, about 500 yds NW VIZZANATA. Report white flare due North of Cannon Co CP, 600 yds N. of CATTIGLIANO.   |
| 66         | 2240       |             | Phone fr 960 Bns: B-2058A, 1 Mod mortar phosphorous at 513169. A-Routine ski and rd patrol. C-Routine ski patrol.  |

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- 67 2250 Phone fr 434 Bn: I Co, 86 Inf completed relief III Btry 39 LAA vic BAGNI  
 DI LUCCA. K Co, 86 Inf completed relief B Btry 434 on road patrol and vic  
 SAN MARCO. L Co, 86 Inf in reserve vic SAN MARCO. A Btry 434 relieved  
 by units of 2nd Bn 86th Inf.
- 68 2310 Phone fr Col Curtis - Col Gibbs: Relayed to Lt English, 339 by Gen Cerow.  
 You move will be on the 10th, return to same area mentioned today, probably  
 will not be able to take heavy tentage. You may send advanced party to-  
 morrow.
- 69 2230 Phone fr Ka's King: Report of green flare approx 082217A in CATIGLIANO Area,  
 about 500 yds N of VIZZINETA. Report white flare 1025A N of CATIGLIANO.  
 (ASG previously entered.)
- 70 2343 Phone fr 39 LAA: 2115A trip flare was setoff at PIAN DEL ANTONI. 2220A  
 white flare vic PIAN DEL ANTONI. 2225A 2 red flares observed vic PIAN SIN-  
 TICCO. Followed by burst of machine gun fire towards Ontoni (no casualties  
 reported). 2232A, red flare vic PIAN CIANICO, no action.
- 71 2300 TF 15 SITREP #309, submitted.
- 72 2345 Phone fr Lt Harris: 92 Div: Patrol tried to cross CENIALE Canal this  
 AM at 3 points between 906 and 909 Easting but were driven off by str,  
 machine pistol and rifle fire. 79 rds Arty this AM. 93 rds in FM in  
 Coastal Sector several small groups of enemy observed in Coastal Sector.  
 MASSA MARONE arrived at 1635A. 1th Ind Div: Patrols (5) out, no contact,  
 very slight Arty fire. BFP: Sec quiet except for mortar fire vic GAGGIO  
 BORIANCO. Enemy observed vic VALLE (5719) and Hill 803 (568126). II CORPS:  
 Very quiet period with slight and scattered Arty and Mortar fire. 2nd  
 Bn 351 relieved by 2nd Bn 135 and Command of 351 Sector passed to 135.  
 6th South African. N.T.K.

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1. 0005 Fr Maj Bischofeld (900 Bn 6): Present location of elements of 1st Bn, 86th are as follows: A Co, VIDICIATICO; B Co, within one hour of position; C Co, on jeep trail; D Co, closing into LIZZANO. Gen Duns says chances of completing relief tonight look good.
2. 0050 Phone fr 39 LAA 6: 2nd Bn 86 Inf completed relief of units of 39 LAA and 434 LAA vic CUTIGLIANO, CRTONI, VIZZANETTA. 3rd Bn 86th Inf completed relief of units of 39 LAA and 434 LAA vic BAGNI DE LUCCA, LA LIMA, SAN MARCELLO, MARICCA, ORCIGNA. Information forwarded to IV CORPS G-3 at 0105A.
3. 0210 Phone to 900 Bn fr Maj Bischofeld: Co A and Co B have completed relief. Co C should be in position in about 20 minutes. Maj Bischofeld will direct 1st Bn, 86th to assume command when all reliefs are completed and commanders notified.
4. 0435 Phone fr 339 RCT 021: Single white flare observed NE of CUTIGLIANO (405066)
5. 0500 fr 45 SINF #310; submitted.
6. 0600 TF 15 IGO 118; submitted.
7. 0600 Phone fr 434 (at CROZZO, not previously entered): Relief of ORSICMA, BARRERA AND RE patrol CAMPO TIZZONO AND VERTUINA, completed at 1430A.
8. 0720 Phone fr CO 900 Bn: B/900 relieved by A/86 at 0211A. C/900 relieved by D/86 at 0600. A/900 relieved by C/86 at 0420. D/900 relieved by B/86 at 0706A.
9. 0800 Rec'd: IV CORPS SINF #16.
10. 0800 Rec'd: 424 FA Op Operation Instructions #8, dated 7 Jan.
11. 0900 Phone to GU 339 RCT: General Cerow ordered discontinue Alert on.
12. 0900 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #8, dated 8 Jan.
13. 0900 Rec'd: FIFTH ARMY G-3 Report #7, dated 7 Jan.
14. 0900 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARMY G-3 Report #7, dated 7 Jan.
15. 0900 Rec'd: HQS Mediterranean Allied Air Force, Air Intelligence, Weekly Summary #111, dated Dec 1944.
16. 0900 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #645.
17. 0900 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #469, dated 7 Jan.
18. 0900 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #63, dated 6 Jan.

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- 19 0900 Rec'd: IV CORPS CSS DET, Intelligence Bulletin, dated 8 Jan.
- 20 0900 Fifth Army Passwds for period 11 Jan to 17 Jan, dated 3 Jan.
- 21 0900 Rec'd: HQS PIPIN ARMY M. Arty information Bulletin #5, dated 8 Jan.
- 22 0900 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div S-2 Periodic Report #61, dated 7 Jan.
- 23 0900 PATROL PLAN #76, G/339, 1 MCC, 9 EM, 8 Jan, Out 0800A, DESTINATION: 476008 to 477036.  
 PATROL REPORT #76, G/339, 8 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1545. REPORT: N.T.R.
- PATROL PLAN #74, E/339, 1 MCC, 10 EM, 8 Jan. Out 0800A. In ?  
 DESTINATION: 455013 to 455047.  
 PATROL REPORT #74, E/339, 8 Jan, Out 0800A. In 1255. REPORT: N.T.R.
- PATROL PLAN #75, F/339, 8 Jan. Out 0800A. In 7. 1 MCC, 10 EM  
 DESTINATION: 476008 to 478050.  
 PATROL REPORT #75, F/339, 8 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1330A. REPORT: N.T.R.
- PATROL PLAN #73, K/339, 1 MCC, 4 EM, 1 Part, 8 Jan. Out 0800A,  
 DESTINATION: 401065 to 408077, 403061, 398079 and return.  
 PATROL REPORT #73, K/339, 8 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1530A. REPORT: N.T.R.
- PATROL PLAN #77, B/339, 1 MCC, 11 EM, 1 Part, 8 Jan. Out 0800A,  
 DESTINATION: 396068 to 399080.  
 PATROL REPORT #77, B/339, 8 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1330A. REPORT: Obs 2  
 enemy with rifles walking toward PIANSINACTIO at 386082 at 1100A. Also  
 obsd unoccupied foxholes between dam and OB and North.
- PATROL PLAN #57, N/900, 5 EM, 2 Part, 8 Jan. Out 0830. In 1500A.  
 DESTINATION: PIANSINACTIO (503100 to 503060). MISSION: Contact 434 to  
 check areas for signs of enemy activity.  
 PATROL REPORT #57, N/900, 8 Jan. Out 0830A. In 1500A. REPORT:  
 reached approx. 503060 but failed to make contact. Snow very difficult.  
 Saw no signs of enemy activity.
- PATROL REPORT #60, A/900, 8 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1600A. REPORT: No  
 signs of enemy activity. Natives say no enemy in vic for 3 months.  
 Snow was so exhausting that patrol turned back at 471130.
- PATROL PLAN #78, L/339, 1 MCC, 7 EM, ( 8 Jan. Out 0800A. In ?  
 DESTINATION: CUTIGLIARO (403064) to METATING (404071).

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- 23 0900 (Cont'd.)  
 PATROL PLAN #79, G/339, 1 Off, 10 EM, 9 Jan. Out 0800A. DESTINATION: PIERREMENT (379068) to COSTA (372078). MISSION: Recce.
- PATROL PLAN #80, F/339, 1 Off, 9 EM, 9 Jan. Out 0800A. DESTINATION: PIAN OTIAMI (379068) to a point at 363078 and return. MISSION: Recce.
- PATROL PLAN #81, E/339, 1 Off, 5 EM, 9 Jan. Out 0800A. DESTINATION: PIAN OTIAMI (379068) to ERBA (373063) follow trail to 366059 then ridge to 367065 and then trail back to PIAN OTIAMI. MISSION: Recce.
- PATROL PLAN #82, K/339, 1 MCO, 5 EM, 9 Jan. Out 0800A. DESTINATION: LLEBING (420614) to a point at 427068 and return. MISSION: Recce.
- PATROL PLAN #1, D/1/86, 6 Im, 9 Jan. Out 1300A. In 1700A. DESTINATION: SERRUCI (491141) to CA DE CLAMBERI (470133) follow road to 470120 and return. MISSION: Recce for enemy on left flank and look for unusual movement.
- PATROL PLAN #2, E/2/86, 6 EM, 9 Jan. Out 1830A. In 2300A. DESTINATION: LLEBING (469152) to CHILSINA (477153) to houses at 483159 and return. MISSION: Recce for enemy and check for movement.
- PATROL PLAN #72, L/339, 1 Off, 1 Bl, 4 Part, 8 Jan. Out 1100A.
- PATROL REPORT #72, L/339, 8 Jan. Out 1100A. REPORT: CANCELLED.
- 24 0915 Phone fr IV CORPS G-2: G: Request full name, rank, and serial number of Gen. Duff. At Robinson E. Duff, Brig. Gen. O-7388.
- 25 0915 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #16, dated 9 Jan.
- 26 0915 Rec'd: 73 SMA Intelligence Report #46, dated 8 Jan.
- 27 0930 Phone fr G-3 TF 45: Requested an overlay of all positions of 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn. To reach this headquarters as soon as possible.
- 28 1000 Rec'd: 6 Ind Div Morning SITREP.
- 29 1100 TF 45 SITREP #311, submitted.
- 30 1330 TF 45 SITREP #312, submitted.
- 31 1430 TF 45 ISUM #189, submitted.
- 32 1330 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #216, dated 9 Jan.

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- 32 1330 Rec'd: 68 AFA S-2 Report #8, dated 8 Jan.
- 34 1350 Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 081800A Jan.
- 35 1400 Rec'd: IV COMPS G-3 Situation as of 090700A Jan.
- 36 1330 68 AFA S-3 Report #8, dated 8 Jan.
- 37 1445 Rec'd: Hqs IV COMPS Message, dated 8 Jan.
- 38 1445 Rec'd: 8 Inf Div. Moves arranged for 9 Jan.
- 39 1445 Rec'd: 731 TK Bn S-3 Report #9, dated 8 Jan.
- 40 1500 Rec'd: IV COMPS MESSAGE #293, dated 090820A.
- 41 1500 Rec'd: IV COMPS MESSAGE #292, dated 090825A.
- 42 1500 Rec'd: IV COMPS SITREP #17.
- 43 1500 TF 45 SITREP #312, submitted.
- 44 1600 Rec'd: IV COMPS ISUM #046.
- 45 1630 Phone to 2nd Bn 86 Regt: 6' contact patrol to unit on left must be a cross country patrol from vic our left elm. A road patrol via rear is not satisfactory.
- 46 1745 Phone fr 1/86 Mt Inf: SITREP HQ Negative shellrep. At 1700A 12 rds Arty fired at active enemy mortar, S06175. At 1725A 12 rds at active enemy mortar position S0561750. Obs results very good.
- 47 1745 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 48 1600 TF 45 SITREP #313, submitted.
- 49 1900 TF 45 ISUM #190, submitted.
- 50 1630 Phone to 86 Inf Regt and 80 Inf Bn: Weather Forecast for 082400A, to 102400A. Overcast clouds at eight thousand feet with scattered clouds to broken low clouds at two thousand feet moving in by 0600A. Snow flurries over the mountains during morning and afternoon hours. Light rain in coastal sector during morning. Visibility over ten miles. Min temp 24 degree  
OUTLOOK: Scattered low cloudiness over front and no precipitation on the 11 Jan. Similar conditions on the 12th Jan. Good visibility. Min temp 23 to 25 degrees.

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| 51         | 1900       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> 910 RA Bn Daily Air OP Report #9, dated 9 Jan.   |
| 52         | 1925       |             | <u>Phone fr IV CORPS G-2 (Capt Scironis):</u> BEF in a patrol clash at 091000A killed a German Corporal who was identified as from 1 Platoon 2 Co, 4 Mountain Bn vic 626213.   |
| 53         | 1930       |             | <u>Phone fr TF 45 to 1/86 Mt:</u> Please note BEF laid mine at 525140.   |
| 54         | 2000       |             | <u>Phone fr 85 Regt G-3:</u> M-16 are running in pairs on road patrols. We have total of 6 M-16's.   |
| 55         | 2100       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS ISUK #647.  |
| 56         | 2200       |             | <u>Phone fr 3/86 (Blue 6):</u> Patrol 380 contacted Punjab's at 240010A at 1430A. PATROL 381 went to MONTFEGATESI. No enemy contact. Patrol 383 from RILOLO (2699) to LONGOLO (2799) made no enemy contact. Two or three P-47's seen bombing ALPE TRE PONTENZE ridge today at 38009. Enemy replied with MG fire. Seen by patrol 381.   |
| 57         | 2200       |             | <u>Phone fr Lt. Harris; Phantom:</u> 92 Div: Very quiet, no enemy arty. Some enemy movement observed. 3 Ind Patrols between 22 and 25 Easting and N to O6 Northings made no enemy contact; 370 patrol to 100015 made no enemy contact. 20 Enemy entered SOMMOCOLONIA (1906) at 1820A; one plit attacked and enemy withdrew. Few ras Artz in BARGA. Civ reports that 6 Italian soldiers vic 1808 told him that an Arm Div in Lucca, Pistoia front and Allies planning attack up the Coast. Members of MONTA ROSA DIV had been in MASSA 3 weeks ago and said very few troops in that area. |
| 57         | 2200       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> 8 Ind Div Lastlight SITREP, 0552.  |
| 58         | 2200       |             | <u>Phone fr Lt. Harris:</u> BEF: Slight Arty and MF. Patrol to 017213 engaged enemy in fire fight. Enemy combat patrol of plit strength vic APRNICO (626213) at 1000A was beaten off; 1 enemy killed. Insn, 2 Co, 4 Mt Bn, 6 SA; M.T.K. II CORPS. Quiet considerable enemy movement noted. Arty very slight.   |
| 59         | 2300       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> 8 Ind Inf Div Ref #39.   |
| 60         | 2300       |             | <u>Phone fr 2/Bn:</u> Lights seen blinking at 2234A from ORLANDO (388071).   |
| 61         | 2300       |             | <u>Phone fr 1/86:</u> 68 had 12 missions for 368 ras. (grd observed; 2 AOP; and 1 unobserved. Included, included one T.O.T. and pers and 3 pers missions; 2 CB, 1 on MG, 2 Reg, and 3 on mortars.  |



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- 62 2300 Phone Tr 1/86: At 1630A 8 rds mtr received A Co Area (512161) At 1715A at 514164 5 more rds received, followed by S/A from 507159, into A Co Outpost at 506157. Approx 5 man enemy patrol spotted as doing firing. 2 Partisans killed in exchange of fire at 511159. Enemy withdrew after fire exchange.
- 63 2300 Phone Tr 2/86: House 700 yds W of PRATALE (405040) has been observed putting out series of flashes. Patrol 205 will investigate.
- 64 2300 Phone Tr 2/86: 109 at ONTANI saw 3 man party, suspected of being enemy patrol in Area N or MOLTA (3708); came from LA SERRA (3708). Patrol being sent to investigate.
- 65 2300 Tr 45 SITREP #314, submitted.
- 66 2400 Rec'd: Hqs 339 Operational Instructions #7, dated 9 Jan.

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- 1 0550 Phone to 2/86 (Lt. Nichols): C: regarding the 3 men seen N of BOLTA (3706) and reported to us at 092330. What did patrol find? A: The outpost at BOLTA was alerted but no patrol sent out. Nothing happened so alert was called off little after midnight. Nothing else to report.
- 2 0600 TF 45 SITREP #325, submitted.
- 3 0600 TF 45 ISUM #191, submitted.
- 4 0625 Phone fr IV CGARS G-2 (Capt Kondolowski): Through BAF: Civilians rpt that 2-2 any parachutists have been dropped vic 509091 at 071615H, claim they saw two other chutes with equipment dropped with men. An officer of BAF saw 2 parachutes drop in same vic at same time. Patrols sent from BAF to scout Area. LP's alerted at the bridges.  
ACTION: JTO called this information to recall recd at 100635. He said Patrol would be sent to investigate and info called to this hdqs.
- 5 0645 Phone fr TF 45: JTO gave the above information to I/339, TF 45 Sgt of guard and 2/86, and requested that all units be alerted.
- 6 0705 Phone to BAF G-2 Section (Sgt Paul): C: request further info on report from your hdqs of parachutists dropped vic 509091 at 091615H. IV CGARS Coordinates are -wrong. Our patrols found no evidence of parachutists in the area.  
ACTION: JTO informed 1/86, 2/86, IV CGARS of correct coordinates. JTO also called recall 3 (26 next 3) and gave correct info and req recn Co 894 be informed.
- 7 0800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 report #490, dated 8 Jan.
- 8 0825 Rec'd: Headquarters, 15th Army Group, propaganda and Leaflet Reaction report #6. 12.
- 9 0845 Rec'd: IV CGARS 603 BAF, intelligence Bulletin, dated 9 Jan.
- 10 0845 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #, dated 8 Jan.
- 11 0845 Rec'd: SITREP #18, fr IV CGARS.
- 12 0845 Rec'd: IV CGARS G-3 periodic report #9, dated 9 Jan.
- 13 0845 Rec'd: 66 M. Bus Location Statement #27, dated 5 Jan.
- 14 0845 Rec'd: IV CGARS 603 G-3 report #8, dated 8 Jan.
- 15 0835 Rec'd: IV CGARS ISUM #648.
- 16 0830 Phone to 86 Next -3 (Sgt Lamson): Called and asked if Ack Ack personnel had all been released. Recall 2 said as far as he knew they all had been relieved.  
ACTION: Gave above info to IV CGARS G-3 (Liaj Hamilton) who will pass it on to 2nd Detach.

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- 17 0915 Phone fr 86 Aert G-2: I am sending an officer today to Hdqs 365 Inf to arrange patrol contact between 365 and 3 Bn/86.
- 18 0950 Recd: 73 HMA Intelligence report #49, dated 09 Jan.
- 19 1000 FR 66 Aert Mag: Lt. McGowan and Lt. Robertson of Hq Co 60 AFM rptd as instructors for HT Co troops of 86 who will man two 75 mm Pack Hows now vic LILLANO (4104). JFC gave them general picture and then sent them to 73 HMA Hqs to report to Maj Glenn who will send them to the positions.
- 20 1000 PATROL #100, B/1/86 4th Inf, 9 Jan, Out 1300A, In 1650A, REPORT: Negative enr. ROUTE: 499168 to 499169. MISSION: Completed route.
- PATROL #101, B/1/86, 9 Jan, Out 1830A, In 2225A, REPORT: Negative. ROUTE: 499168 to 499169. MISSION: Followed prescribed route.
- PATROL #102, A/1/86, 1 Off, 12 M, 9 Jan, Out 2300A, In 100400A, DESTINATION: 501163, W to road at 505163, up road to house at 501167 and on to high ground 499168 and return by same route. MISSION: To reconnoiter at 501167 and feel out high ground 499168.
- PATROL #103, A/1/86, 1 Off, 10 M, 10 Jan, Out 2100A, In 2330A, DESTINATION: From 501163 (513163) to road (510166) to draw 511169, S to road 511169, return along road. MISSION: Reconnoiter PUMA (510168) for any occupation or activity and also draw at 511169.
- PATROL #104, B/1/86, 6 M, 10 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1430A, DESTINATION: 499168 to 499169 (409167) to 499168 (477121) and return along high ground. MISSION: Reconnoiter left flank to 499168 (477121).
- PATROL #202, G/86, 1 Off, 2 M, 3 Part, 10 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1230A, DESTINATION: 409167 (39088). MISSION: To observe any activity. Route, from Cutigliano (403064) along trail to 409167, W to 400067, N to FIANCINO (401080) to 409167 (399067), S to 402067, E to TESORO (307076) to CALLACCHIA (414070), to return.
- PATROL #203, 10 Partisans, 10 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1300A, DESTINATION: LA SITA (377082). ROUTE: From 353067 (393067) and W to 379072 along trail to 383076, N to LA SITA (377082) and return by same route.
- PATROL #204, 2 G/86, 1 Off, 5 M, 2 Part, 10 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1200A, DESTINATION: To trail junction 351067 from 351067 (379066) to along trail to 351067 (379066) to 351067 (367075) to 351067 (377073) to U. DI FIANCINO (373071) back to 351067. MISSION: To observe tracks of reported; any patrol and any activity.
- PATROL #205, 2 - P Cos/86, 6 M, 2 Partisans, 10 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1100A, DESTINATION: HOUSE A 400067. ROUTE: From 400067 (417053) to 400067 (400067) to 400067, to 400067 (400067) to 400067, return same route. MISSION: To investigate activities of para in house.

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- 20 Cont'd: Patrol team #380, 1st Plt, 1 Co/86, 9 M, 9 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1200A, DESTINATION: 240010. MISSION: Routine contact, troops on left.
- Patrol team #381, 2nd Plt, 1 Co/86, 1 Off, 8 M, 9 Jan, Out 1100A, In 1500A, DESTINATION: 240010 (271025). MISSION: Contact partisans; observation.
- Patrol team #382, 2nd Plt, 1 Co/86, 7 M, 1 Off, 9 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1330A, DESTINATION: 240010 (28016). MISSION: Route recon; observation.
- Patrol team #383, 3rd Plt, 1 Co/86, 7 M, 1 Off, 9 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1300A, DESTINATION: 240010 (278995). MISSION: Contact 2nd Plt; route recon.
- Patrol team #384, 1st Plt, 1 Co/86, 1 Off, 8 M, 10 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1200Z, DESTINATION: 240010. MISSION: Route contact troops on left.
- Patrol team #385, 2nd Plt, 8 M, 1 Off, 10 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1100A, DESTINATION: 240010. MISSION: Route recon; contact 3rd Plt.
- Patrol team #386, 3rd Plt, Co I/86, 1 Off, 8 M, 1 Off, 10 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1130A, DESTINATION: 240010 (272020). MISSION: Contact partisans, obs.
- 21 1515 Phone to 601st AF. (Sgt Mason): Called G-3 in regards to unit changes and overleaf. Overleaf being made up now and will be here by noon today.
- 22 1545 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #17, dated 10 Jan.
- 23 1545 Rec'd: 6th Div SITREP, 100900Z.
- 24 1545 Phone to 601st AF, G-3 Section: JFO (after checking with Lt. Col Irvin informed Sgt Mason, next -3 that SITREPs were due in AF Hdqts at 0530A, 1030A, 1430A, 1730A, 2230A in the usual paragraphs I, II, III, with the 2230A rpt to include paragraph IV. 2 a 3/66 had nothing to report.
- 25 1050 Phone to Tr 45 Switch (Mr. Bussanait): See if you can get SITREP from 1/86. ACTION: Mr. Bussanait called 1/86 and Sgt in 3 Section said things too confused for SITREP but would call Tr 45 Switch.
- 26 1100 Tr 45 SITREP #316, submitted.
- 27 1200 Phone to 601st AF: Advised G-2 of contact point 240010 with unit on left and contact point 500000 between 1st and 3rd Bn patrols. Informed that 1 Co understood that contact with unit on left was to be by cross country patrol.
- 28 1230 Phone fr Major Haban, CCS: 900th Has closed at LOCATICINI except for approx 100 plus men from near Eschelon and mortar platoon.
- 29 1300 Rec'd: IV USAPC G-2 Periodic report #217, dated 10 Jan.

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30 1230 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 10 Jan.

31 1230 Tr 45 IDU #192, submitted.

32 1330 Rec'd: 68 AFA S-2 Report #9, dated 9 Jan.

33 1330 Rec'd: 8 Inf Div Further Interrogation of 1 P.W.'s from 3 and 7 Cos 286 Regt 148 Div, dated 072000A.

34 1330 Rec'd: 4th FA Gp Station List, dated 9 Jan.

35 1330 Rec'd: 68 AFA S-3 Report #9, dated 9 Jan.

36 1400 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #19.

37 1415 Phone fr Tr 45 - 5 (Col Gibbs): Look into possibility of using 1 Plt of med tanks (755) in arty role.

ACTIO: A- JTO consulted Lt. Col Irvin who said OK. B- JTO called Maj Glenn of 73 Hqs who agreed the SPIGNARO (430035) site just vacated by can co 339, OK. C- Lt. Col Irvin called 86 neg asst 3 and directed him to ask Capt Hickman CO Iron 755 Hqs to contact 73 Hqs EIC concerning disposition about 101800A.

38 1435 Phone fr S-2, 86th Inf: 1435A G Co reports two unidentified men sighted on ridge below Teco Basso (413000E0).

39 1450 Phone fr Tr 45 G-3 to S-3 86th Inf: 1. Prepare 2nd Bn to patrol areas and trails N. of Teco Basso. 2. Have 2nd Bn contact Lt. Robertson, 68th AFA, vicinity Teco Basso to receive 75 mm guns from U Trp for instruction 86th Inf Personnel.

40 1455 Phone fr Col Edge: at 1428. 3 shells landed WADICIA SOTTO, est 75 mm. TD's no report. 1400A 3 enemy pers 33217A taken under arty fire. 1E rds. No report. at 1430. 7 rds arty on men on line 510193.

41 1455 Phone fr 68 BRG: I. 2nd Bn occupy positions and patrol as shown (see e overit.--its coming). II. 2nd Bns hold present posns. III. No change.

42 1500 Tr 45 IDU #317, submitted.

43 1600 Rec'd: Hqs G-3 SITREP #19, Subj: Partisan Activities, dated 8 Jan. & 10 Jan.

44 1600 Rec'd: 751 Tr Bn S-3 Report #10, dated 10 Jan.

45 1600 Phone fr S-3 Tr 45 to S-3 IV Corps: What is the strength in anis and men, present disposition of the rule Co attached this command? Col Lacy: 250 working anis, 250 to 470 off line--Italian. They are just east of Lucca (3 miles). They can be walked up. This orgn was attached Tr 45 at 0600, 10 Jan. Col Lacy does not want to return any anis to 5 Army unless Gen Duff absolutely rejects them as anis are hard to get.

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- 46 1730 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 47 1730 Rec'd: IV COMUS 1001 #649.
- 48 1745 Phone fr IV COMUS G-2 (Col works): 3 Bn with snow shoes or ski patrol experience to meet at G-2 Section IV COMUS at 185000 Jan for audition for Home Broadcast. Wants men from 43d Avn Bn. Called Captain Cannon, 43d who will send 3 men up instructed.
- 49 1800 Phone fr 86 Regt: 3 rus sec col arty fired at VADICUTRGO (500012R) at 12234. One 7 rus set it with hit vic 024012L (512163) at 12214.
- 50 1800 TF 45 1001 #310, submitted.
- 51 1800 TF 45 1001 #193, submitted.
- 52 1815 Phone fr 71 Hqs: advised that change over from 73 Hqs. to 71 Hqs. was completed at 1815A.
- 53 1830 Rec'd: IV COMUS 1001 ref. #321, dated 10 Jan.
- 54 1830 Rec'd: 8 Ind Inf Div, moves arranged for 9/10 Jan.
- 55 1830 Rec'd: IV COMUS 1001 G-3 report #79, dated 9 Jan.
- 56 1830 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #65, dated 8 Jan.
- 57 1845 Phone to 86 Regt and Recall Reg: Weather Forecast for period 101800 to 111800A. Scattered to broken cloudiness at 4000 Ft with no rain or snow. Visibility over 10 miles. Min Temp 19 degrees. OUTLOOK: For period 111800 to 131800A. Similar conditions on 12th, changing to broken to overcast cloudiness with snow flurried over mtns on 13th. Snow will restrict visibility to less than 5 miles in mountains. Min Temp 19 degrees.
- 58 1900 Rec'd: Hqs 85th Inf Div, Operational Instructions #1, dated 9 Jan.
- 59 1900 Rec'd: IV COMUS CSJ DST, Intelligence Bulletin, dated 10 Jan.
- 60 1900 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic report #66, dated 9 Jan.
- 61 1900 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #491, dated 9 Jan.
- 62 1900 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #79, dated 9 Jan.
- 63 1900 F. IV COMUS, US: Fifth rule pack Co (Italian) is placed under operational control of TF 45 effective 190000A Jan, 1945.

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- 64 1950 Phone to Asst G-2, 92 Inf Div: Can we send a Ln. Of. direct to your 365th Inf to coordinate fires in vicinity 25 nesting? Permission given by Capt Holbrook, Asst G-2.
- 65 2030 Phone fr G-2, 86: Unidentified plane moving E from OUTIGLINS (405064) at 2005A. Light blinking on course 150 yds N of S. STATION when plane went overhead. Obsd by G Co of 4015A.
- 66 2027 Rec'd: 73 Int. Intelligence report #90, dated 10 Jan.
- 67 2027 Rec'd: JH Int. Intelligence bulletin #96, dated 28 Dec. 1944.
- 68 2030 Rec'd: 2211 Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary #89, 90, 91, & 92, dated Jan. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- 69 2107 Rec'd: IV Corps APO #650.
- 70 2100 Phone fr G-2, 86: At 1940A brilliant constant light was seen from opposite side of ridge at 4020077. Obs from 4175075. Light remained for 4 minutes. Rptd at 2030A.
- 71 2135 Phone fr 86 report: 2100 2130A obsd from 379068, light seen in houses lower end of 40211 (379076).
- 72 2135 Phone fr 86 report: SITREP: R.I.A. Tank State: L: A 33, B 2, C 0, K 0; M-2: A 4, B 0, C 0, K 0.
- 73 1930 TF 45 SITREP #319, submitted.
- 74 2110 Phone fr 86: B Co rpts a rifle shot heard fired in draw vic 379067 at 2200A. Light seen in 2 birds adj to those which B Co occupies at 379067. Being investigated.

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- 1 0600 Phone to 86 Sect TF-3: Called to inquire after SITREP & ISUM reports (No report submitted up to 110630A for period.) N.I.K.
- 2 0600 TF 45 SITREP #323, submitted.
- 3 0630 TF 45 ISUM #294, submitted.
- 4 0630 Phone TF 45-2: (Sgt Hanson) 0445A our front line alerted by slight automatic fire, turned out to be from partisan vic LA MADONIA (535157). Slight S/A fire from our front lines, no enemy observed. (From recall - late because of communication difficulty.)
- 5 0700 RECD: IV Corps 130A #651.
- 6 0740 RECD: M 71 H.M., to TF 45, 110630A, Change over completed.
- 7 1000 RECD: Hqs 3rd Bn, 86th Inf, Subj: Patrol Intentions, 1800A 10 Jan to 1800A 11 Jan, 45
- 8 1000 RECD: REPORT #202, 8/2/86 ACT, 10 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1150A, REPORT: Hvy snow-fall limited visibility until 1100A. Patrol reached LA FRATE (400077), then turned back due to weather and poor visibility.  
  
RECD: REPORT #104, 8/1/86, 10 Jan, Out 1100A, In 1140A, REPORT: Obsd digging to clear snow on ridge at 459143 where cove at PUGGILFORATO (469137 say any hit emplacement for di.  
  
RECD: REPORT #103, 8/1/86, 10 Jan, Out 2100A, In 2300A, REPORT: PRADA (510168) found clear of any and no signs of any activity obsd. Patrol continued to draw 510169 where they noted 2 eny approaching. Our patrol withdrew as 2 eny continued to approach, apparently on skis or snowshoes in view of rapid progress. After turning to outpost at QUERCIOLA (513163) eny were not obsd until approx 0100A, when movement was seen vic woods at 513166. Flares were fired to illuminate area. Co was alerted then bursts of MG fire were placed on area but no evident incident developed.
- RECD: REPORT #105, 8/1/2/86, 10 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1200A, REPORT: 1 MG, 5 di. Report, to investigate flashes from house at 483048. No positive results.
- RECD: REPORT #204, 8/86, 10 Jan, Out 0755, In 1430A, REPORT: No eny observed but one unidentified person observed in vic C. DI FRANCA (373071). Windows in Edgs this open which was contrary to conditions as rptd by last partisan patrol. Snow 2 feet deep, 10000. Snowing and overcast most of time.
- RECD: REPORT #203, 8/2/86, 10 Jan, REPORT: report will be submitted through 86th Inf.



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- 7 Contact: Patrols in Out #304, 1/3/86, 10 Jan, Out 0845A, In 1400A, REPORT: Contact with 36th Regt at 2400A at 1145A. ROUTE RECOMMENDATION: REPORT: Little snow on ground in this vicinity.
- Patrol Report #305, 1/3/86, 10 Jan, Out 1030A, In 1330A, REPORT: Contact made with 3rd platoon at 1100A.
- Patrol Report #306, 1/3/86, 10 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1500A, REPORT: Contact made with partisans at LAUTEPERHICOL. Platoon Ldr reports 3 men German patrol in contact at 1400A. Germans fired on at that date, claimed to have killed 3.
- Patrol Report #307, 1/4/86, 9 Jan, REPORT: Cancelled due to alert resulting from suspected contact with enemy at 1915A.
- Patrol Report: Plans #78 to 82, 9 Jan, REPORT: Cancelled on instructions from Higher Headquarters.
- Patrol #280, 6/2/86, 9 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1200A, DESTINATION: (2 PL, 9 Part) (39406A) to 39407A, to 39407A, to 39407A, to 400069, to start. Mission: none.
- Patrol Report #280, 6/2/86, 9 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1200A, REPORT: No enemy seen but slight observed at RINDEBILIGO (38250885) from PRATE (398076). Snow approx 2 ft deep. Obs conditions excellent. Trails packed.
- Patrol #281, 6/2/86, 10 Part, 9 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1230A, DESTINATION: (390068) to SENTERA (365057), to 343073, to 358062, to SEGACIA (374076) Mission: none.
- Patrol Report #281, 6/2/86, 9 Jan, Out 1400A, REPORT: 3 PL, 1 REG, 1 Part, went to observe 1st Lt. to 42072) to top of 423066 (CUBOLA). Wind 20 mph. Very Cold. ROUTE RECOMMENDATION: Observed five figures moving down from top of 420689. Could not see what uniforms.
- Patrol Report #300, (Confons with Plan #380), 1/3/86, 9 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1400A, REPORT: Contact made with elements of 8th Ind Div.
- Patrol Report #302, (Plan #361), 1/3/86, 9 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1500A, REPORT: No enemy activity observed. ROUTE RECOMMENDATION: REPORT: Very heavy new snow.
- Patrol Report #302, (Plan #362), 1/3/86, 9 Jan, REPORT: Cancelled since available personnel engaged on preparation of positions.
- Patrol Report #303, (Plan #383), 1/3/86, 9 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1300A, REPORT: Contact made with 2nd Plt at LOWJIO at 278995.
- Patrol Plan #105, 6/1/86, 1 REG, 5 PL, 11 Jan, 1200A Out; In 1500A, DESTINATION: U. S. GACCI (#491141) to area junction at 472145 to NAKA (468128) and return. Mission: to reconnoiter left flank of position to 1200A.

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7 Contingents: Patrol #106, 3/1/45, 1 Off, 2 MCO's, 10 M, 11 Jan, Out 2315A, In 120400A,  
DESTINATION: FALGONA (487152) NORTH to 487167, to bldgs 489167 and return  
via draw system and houses at 489167. MISSION: Recon, vic bldgs (489167).

Patrol #107, 4/1/45, 1 Off, 2 MCO's, 10 M, 11 Jan, Out 2300A, In 120400A,  
DESTINATION: Same as 106 of 9 Jan, DESTINATION (512163), to road at 505163,  
up road to house vic 501167, to high ground, 497167 and return by same route.  
MISSION: To recon at 501167 to high ground 499167 and feel out high ground.

Patrol #206, 2 Gr, 1 Off, 10 M, 3 Part, 11 Jan, Out 1800h, In 2400h,  
DESTINATION: LA SETHA (082377), DESTINATION (396067), to ORLANDO (364071) to  
house 377067, to DESTINATION. MISSION: Observe any activity at ORLANDO 1 Hour;  
observe any patrol activity in vic of LA SETHA 1 Hour.

Patrol #207, 2/2 Gr, 9 M, 2 Part, 11 Jan, Out 0600h, In 1300h,  
DESTINATION: FALGONA (440057), VILLAGLIA (417053), to LAMA (428053) to  
LAMA (430053), to 430056, to FALGONA (440057), to 042436, to LAMA to  
LAMA (428053), to LAMA (428053). MISSION: Observe any action, observe 3 hours  
at LAMA (440057).

Patrol #208, 6/2 Gr, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, 11 Jan, Out 0800h, In 1500h,  
DESTINATION: LAMA (390077), CUFFIGLIANO (404064), to LAMA (403071); to  
LAMA, to FALGONA (440057) to LAMA (390077), to LAMA (402076), to LAMA  
(403067), to CUFFIGLIANO (404064). MISSION: To observe any activity at FALGONA  
(390077) on route #12.

Patrol #209, 2/2 Gr, 1 Off, 12 M, 1 Part, 11 Jan, Out 1130h, In 1630h,  
DESTINATION: LAMA (390077), to ORLANDO (364071), to VILLAGLIA (364077)  
to LAMA (390077) to LAMA (340078), to 390075, to CUFFIGLIANO (366074) to  
LAMA (390066). MISSION: Investigate any activity around LAMA area.

Patrol #210, 6/2 Gr, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, 11 Jan, Out 1700h, In 2200h,  
DESTINATION: LA CUCCOLA (413065) to CUFFIGLIANO (404064), to COLLACIA (415070)  
to CUFFIGLIANO by same route. MISSION: Observe any action.

8 Contingents: Fifth Army G-3 Report #18, dated 11 Jan.

9 Contingents: AF 45 MIRA #321, submitted.

10 Contingents: None in Co. Link: 1 MCO: 6 men and staff car observed vic 49169 at 0850A.  
moved to vic 49167, fired 18 rounds into location. Nothing been observed  
vic 49169 at 1045h. Fired  
shots with crew of 4 animals and 6 men observed  
at 1045h, effect 800. Fired 24 rounds 30 Mils M3, 109  
located at 49167. Firing done by sentry at 0630h.  
shots coming from 49167 to 49167 by sentry, 89  
shots at 0630h.

None in Co. Link: None.

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7 1000 Patrol Plan #106, B/1 Co, 1 Off, 2 MCC's, 10 M, 12 Jan, Out 2315A, In 120400A,  
DESTINATION: PIAZZA (48452) NORTH to 48167, to bldgs 489167 and return  
via draw system and houses at 48161. MISSION: Recon, vic bldgs (489167).

Patrol Plan #107, B/1 Co, 1 Off, 2 MCC's, 10 M, 12 Jan, Out 2300A, In 120400A,  
DESTINATION: Same as 104 of y ean, 402.0100A (51163), to road at 505163,  
up road to house vic 501167, to high ground, 499167 and return by same route.  
MISSION: To recon at 501167 to high ground 499167 and feel out high ground.

Patrol Plan #206, 2 GP, 1 Off, 10 M, 3 Part, 11 Jan, Out 1800A, In 2400A,  
DESTINATION: LA SERRA (062377), SERRAIONE (390072), to ORDANO (384071) to  
LA SERRA (370082) to SERRAIONE. MISSION: observe any activity at ORDANO 1 Hour;  
observe any patrol activity in vic of LA SERRA 1 hour.

Patrol Plan #207, B/2 Co, 1 Off, 2 Part, 11 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1300A,  
DESTINATION: PIAZZA (444071), VIGILANTE (417053) to LANA (420053) to  
LA SERRA (430060), to 430056, to PIAZZA (440057) to 045436, to LANA to  
PIAZZA (440057). MISSION: Observe any any action, observe 3 hours

Patrol Plan #208, B/2 Co, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, 11 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1500A,  
DESTINATION: LANA (290097), CUTIGLIANO (404064), to MATINO (403071), to  
PIAZZA (403067) to LANA (400087) to LANA (390097), to PIAZZA (402096), to LANA  
(403067), to CUTIGLIANO (404064). MISSION: To observe any activity at PIAZZA  
PIAZZA (383067) on route #12.

Patrol Plan #209, B/2 Co, 1 Off, 12 M, 1 Part, 11 Jan, Out 1130A, In 1630A,  
DESTINATION: Road of NUOVO (374061), to ORDANO (378068), to VIGILANTE (364077)  
to NUOVO (374061) to LANA (344078), to 353075, to L. PIAZZA (366074) to  
ORDANO (378068). MISSION: Investigate any activity around NUOVO area.

Patrol Plan #210, B/2 Co, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, 11 Jan, Out 1700A, In 2200A,  
DESTINATION: LA CUCCOLA (413065) to CUTIGLIANO (404064), to COLLACIA (413070)  
to CUTIGLIANO by same route. MISSION: Observe any action.

8 1015 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #18, dated 12 Jan.

9 1100 AF 45 SITREP #321, submitted.

10 1110 Report from 48th AF: 1 Bn/Sec: 6 men and staff car observed vic 491189 at 0850A.  
moved to vic 493183, fired 18 rounds into location. Nothing been observed  
since. Track trail of 4 animals and 6 men observed in vic 516199 at 1045A. Fired  
at road, effect good. Fired 125 rds 30 Cal MG, 109 rds 37 M2, 9 rds M1 at house  
located at 493177. Firing done by men of 0650A. 500 rds 50 Cal fired on  
ridge extending from 485173 to 473167 by men Co, 89, 10 Bn at 0630A.

11 1110 Report from 48th AF: SITREP: ...

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- 11 1145 Rec'd: 1st Lt. David R. Power, O-1317015.  
1st Lt. Warren D. Johnson, 3932744.
- 12 1145 Rec'd: 17 Corps SITREP #20.
- 13 1145 Rec'd: 17 Corps G-3 Periodic Report #20, dated 10 Jan.
- 14 1145 Rec'd: 17 Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 11 Jan.
- 15 1145 Rec'd: 17 Corps G-2 Periodic Report #218, dated 11 Jan.
- 16 1145 Rec'd: Overlay of Patrol Intentions of I Co., 86 Inf, Plans #307, 308, 309, dated 11 Jan.
- 17 1225 Phone fr G3 Section (17 Corps): Sgt Golbarbeiter: 5th Co, 4th Mtn PW's were found  
found via 623211. They were casualties from S/A fire and were part of 30  
th patrol which attacked our positions, via 623211. Patrol was repulsed.
- 18 1230 1745 ISM #199, submitted.
- 19 1445 Rec'd: 66 AFM S-2 Report #19, dated 10 Jan.
- 20 1445 Rec'd: 68 AFM S-2 Report #19, dated 10 Jan.
- 21 1445 Rec'd: 66 AFM S-3 Report #11, dated 11 Jan.
- 22 1445 Rec'd: 68 AFM S-3 Report #10, dated 10 Jan.
- 23 1445 Rec'd: 71 Inf. Operation Order #19, dated 9 Jan.
- 24 1445 Rec'd: 17 Corps SITREP #21, 111200. Jan.
- 25 1745 1745 SITREP #322, submitted.
- 26 1745 Phone fr IV Corps and 50th AFM OFFICER: 2 Officers  
reciprocal exchange basis to 6 S. fighter Group at  
base. Date and length of time at our discretion.
- 27 1800 Phone to 86 Regt and 2d Br 86: Fifth Army weather  
recast for 112400A to 122400A.  
Clear over 92 Div Sector. Scattered clouds at 8000  
ft over rest of front. No  
precipitation. Visibility over 12 miles. Min Temp  
19 degrees. OUTLOOK:  
Similar conditions on 13th with increased middle and  
high cloudiness and no  
precipitation. 14th Good visibility. Min Temp 19  
to 21 degrees.
- 28 1945 Rec'd: 17 Corps ISM #152.
- 29 1945 Rec'd: 5th Army weather forecast.

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32. 1730 Sec'd: Fifth Army G-2 report #474, dated 10 Jan.
33. 1730 Sec'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #10, dated 10 Jan.
34. 1730 Sec'd: 9th Inf Div G-2 periodic report #674 dated 10 Jan.
35. 1730 Sec'd: IV Corps G-2 info: military information reported by civilians who have crossed any lines to allied lines, dated 11 Jan.
36. 1800 Sec'd: AF 45 LHM #193, submitted.
37. 1800 Sec'd: AF 45 LHM #196, submitted.
38. 1800 Sec'd: IV Corps G-3 report #10, dated 10 Jan.
39. 1800 Sec'd: IV Corps Staff Operations Instructions #38, dated 11 Jan.
40. 2000 Sec'd: IV Corps Officer: new code name for 1st Inf is 2400A: Change coil to ECUMI.
41. 2000 Sec'd: IV Corps LHM #453.
42. 2000 Sec'd: AF 45 LHM #196: G-1 reports flashes at 2300A. Will check and get number and color, also whether witnesses have observed any activity near there.
43. 2000 Sec'd: AF 45 LHM #196: Out out at 390007 reports flashes of light seen approx 300 meters N of 24 Sect. (270003).
44. 2000 Sec'd: AF 45 LHM #196: 92nd Div: Front line throughout day, main group of 90th observed at 2000A, moving SE of 24 Sect. (270003). Patrol to 901900 killed 3 and captured one. Pl mortar fire during day. Small group of eny observed along entire front. Patrols made no contact. 90th skyline stopped vicinity 24 Sect. at 2300A a trolley got 1 en from 12th front. 90th skyline stopped vicinity 24 Sect. at 2300A a trolley got 1 en from 12th front. Small groups of en observed in 24 Sect.
45. 2000 Sec'd: AF 45 LHM #196: 1st Div: 1st Div report: 1st Div: 1-33, 1-2, G-0, 1-0. 1-5
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12. 1000 Zone Fr 2-2, B&H: Short bursts of auto fire and several rifle shots reported by 1st Co in vicinity of 2510A (251000). Reported at 1030A.

12. 1030 Zone Fr 2-2, B&H: 1st Co vehicle believed to be ration truck moved into area. 1st Co 1st Lt. (251000) at 1030A. Plans to warn up the positions with arty. Will let you know results.

12. 1100 Zone Fr 2-2, B&H: One labor flare at 251020 observed at 2210A. Nothing further observed.

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- 1 0600 Phone fr 45 at 1325, submitted.
- 2 0600 Phone fr 45 at 1325, submitted.
- 3 0600 Phone fr 86 at 1325, submitted. R.T.M.
- 4 0745 Phone fr Lt. Harris, IV CORPS to CO, fr 45: SITREP, IV CORPS: 8th Army, B.F., 1st Bn, 370 relieved by 1st Bn 370. 200 res enj art. during night. No patrol contact.
- 5 0845 Rec'd: IV CORPS 2-3 periodic report #11, dated 11 Jan.
- 6 0845 Rec'd: Fifth Army message #70, dated 112305A, Jan.
- 7 0845 Rec'd: 21 Div Arty, demand for COLT re-activated OP. #1018, dated 3 Dec, 1944.
- 8 0845 Rec'd: IV CORPS 1301, 1654.
- 9 0845 Rec'd: 71 Hqs. location statement, dated 11 Jan.
- 10 0945 Rec'd: 71 Hqs. intelligence report #51, dated 11 Jan.
- 11 1000 Phone fr 86 at Inf: 1/86: 0630... 2 Bn Lt 51419 taken under arty fire of 21 Div.
- 12 1000 Fr Col Gibby: are we getting air CP's lately? if not, what steps are being taken to obtain one?
- 13 1030 Rec'd: 1 Inf. 2-3 Bn/86 sector for fire direction was 04 Jan. Intelligence received by 45C was 1000 10 Jan. B-24's of 424 FA Gp and 68 AFA in operation for col 13615 east of Corretta corps of field (632108). C- Hdqts 424 FA Gp handles missions for all 136 units including 4/68, B/24/71 Hqs. 2-3 Bn Lt 424 FA Gp handles missions for 71 Hqs (-13229 and 325). When they have targets JIC calls 424 before 1800A on day proceeding requests for missions not in emergencies on call. 2-3 Bn Lt 424 FA Gp in this area therefore from 1. 136 Lt Col 424 FA Gp (Lt Col 424 FA Gp) 2-3 Bn Lt 424 FA Gp (Lt Col 424 FA Gp) 2. Hdqts 424 FA Gp (Kellie) 3-3 Bn Lt 424 FA Gp (Lt Col 424 FA Gp).
- 14 1045 Rec'd: #4 755 2-3 Bn/86 report #19, dated 12 Jan.
- 15 1045 Phone to Fifth Army Weather Station: Requested forecast on expected average clear days and weather conditions on L. SPICOLINO (437094) and L. COLITO (315097) and Lt. Brewer will furnish on 13 Jan.
- 16 1100 Phone fr 86 at Inf: SITREP: R.T.M.
- 17 1115 Fr 45 at 1325, submitted.

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- 18 1115 Phone fr AMMUNITION 6 to 3: Col Hampton can use 12 more light MG's and 5 more 4.2 mortars if avail ble. One of the two 4.2 mortars which had been at Ordnance has again broken. Would like to have total of six 4.2's. Col Irvin recommends approval.
- 19 1140 Phone fr IV CORPS G-2: Col. Wells advised us to disregard information pertaining to movement of 105 mm guns of 188 Div into ALETON area. (Ref to message #46, 11 Jan.)
- 20 1150 Phone fr AEB to LHM 3 (Cameron): Will meet Major Gross at BAF Hq in PORGETTA TICS at 1100h tomorrow, 13 Jan. (Capt Cameron will call back if Maj Gross cannot make it.)
- 21 1330 TF 45 LCU #198, submitted.
- 22 1330 Rec'd: IV CORPS Signal #22.
- 23 1330 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation as of 120700h, Jan.
- 24 1330 Rec'd: OSS DEPT, PARTISAN, Intelligence report, dated 10 Jan.
- 25 1330 Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 112800h Jan.
- 26 1330 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic report #219, dated 12 Jan.
- 27 1330 Rec'd: 39 LTR, Subj: Locations, dated 10 Jan.
- 28 1330 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARMY, LHM 3, dated 11 Jan.
- 29 1330 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operations Instructions #1, dated 11 Jan.
- 30 1350 Phone to Maj Allen (Account 3): Col Hall informed Major Allen of weak bridge between Mt. Lina and Mt. Lina. Tanks will not be moved over bridge until further information given to him.
- 31 1430 Phone fr IV CORPS 3, (Curtis): Will try to get 12 MG and some 4.2 Mtrs for 86th. Cannot be optimistic about getting mortars but should be able to get additional light MG's.
- 32 1430 Phone fr AMMUNITION 3 (Allen): SIT: 1. Y.N.
- 33 1430 Fr Capt Gastaldo, CORPS Partisan Officer: Called at CP to discuss Partisan activities with Lt. Col. works. Will provide 2 Italian Army M-1 Officers for 86th Inf if desired. 2 Italian Officers who formerly worked with 107th Gp and Lt. Seidner are still active with it. Seidner. They are Capt Danduzzi and 1st Lt. Calquizzi.



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- 34 1450 Phone to 755 TK Bn (Capt Hickman): Q: What have you done about the question of putting a med tank platoon in an arty role? (TF 45 S-3 asked S-3 86 Regt to contact you regarding this. A: Have no info regarding this plan. No one has brought up the question.  
A: JTD asked Capt Hickman to contact S-3 86 Regt regarding this and call TF 45 regarding result. If deployment of one platoon med tk as arty approved Capt Hickman requested to contact 71 M&A Hdqts for ammo and fire control (tankers right now unable to compute correct firing data quickly.)
- 35 1500 TF 45 SITREP #327, submitted.
- 36 1630 Truck Train to arrive B. SMI MI 1200A 13 Jan, as follows:  
1600A First Serial 50 animals, 1445A 2nd Serial, 1530A 3rd Serial; 1615A 4th Serial  
1700A 5th Serial; 2 abreast, 50 animals to a block, 2 miles per hour. To include 1. trucks. B. SMI MI 1200A to P. S. C. L. Leave P. S. C. L. Lucca 14 Jan--arrive here on schedule shown above--14 Jan.
- 37 1600 Rec'd: 751 TK Bn S-3 report #12, dated 12 Jan.
- 38 1600 Rec'd: 66 AFN S-3 Report #11, dated 11 Jan.
- 39 1600 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #23.
- 40 1600 Rec'd: 66 AFN S-2 report #11, dated 11 Jan.
- 41 1600 Rec'd: IV Corps ILL #655.
- 42 1700 Rec'd: Overlay of Co A Patrols #310 and 311.
- 43 1710 Rec'd: FIFTH ARMY Weather Forecast.
- 44 1700 Rec'd: Overlay for Plans #315 & 316, Co, 1st and 2nd Pl 86 Mt Inf, dated 12 Jan.  
Overlay of Patrol Plans #312, 313, 314, I/Co, dated 12 Jan, 86 Mt Inf.  
Overlay of Patrol Plans #106, 107, 108, & 109, dated 12 Jan, 1st Bn 86 Mt Inf.  
Overlay of Patrol Plans #211, 212, 213, dated 12 Jan, 2nd Bn, 86 Mt Inf.  
Patrol Report #1, recall Blue Ch, 12 Jan, Out 0200A, In 0530A. REPORT: #1's recon patrol. Trail good, night clear and quiet. Good observation. No enemy reported. REPORT #2, recall Blue Ch REPORT: 0230A 2 days outside building shown at on overlay. 0330A met 3 man patrol from recall blue baker at B. Co on overlay, that patrol did not know password but was identified by conversation.
- Patrol Plan #2, recall Blue/C, 2 Regt's 6 Mt, 12 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1600A, MISSION: Patrol return to Provost Marshal Office. MISSION: Patrol and Lt. of Patrol Patrol. Observation from Patrol Patrol at (49-03) on overlay.

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1. Cont'd: Patrol at 0143, Mount Blue/C, 12 Jan, Out 0900a, In 1515a. REPORT: 2 men led by 1/Sgt Anglehart, 2 tommy guns, BAR, 5 M1 rifles. MISSION: To make route recon to PIAZZA DELLA CHIESA from CAMPO TIZIANO. Also observe NE AND NW from start. Deep snow makes walking on foot exhausting. Snowshoes would be much better. This would make return to CAMPO TIZIANO possible in 15 to 25 minutes all the way from PIAZZA DELLA CHIESA. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Route B better than A. 1010 contacted 3 M1 patrol from A Co at CAMPO FILLINO. 1115A at LA GROSSO 1 ft of snow. Sight of many previous Arty bursts. 1215A reached PIAZZA DELLA CHIESA. Low cloud level gave observation only fair. Can see Orsina, MATTEOCA valley and 12 to 3 miles. No evy observed.

Patrol at 0109, 8/1/86, 11 Jan, out 1130a, in 1215a, REPORT: Draw at 472144 believed indicative route of approach for foot troops.

Patrol report #109, 4/1/86, 12 Jan, out 0015a, in 0615a, REPORT: Reached objective and set ambush, waited 1 1/2 hour, no evy obsd. Jeco patrol made effort to attract evy by walking ridge line and making noises. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Depth of powdered snow was with snow shoes varied from 2 ft to 3 ft.

Patrol report #107, 8/1/86, 12 Jan, out 0030a, in 0430a, REPORT: Did not reach objective. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Terrain very difficult due to deep drifts in draws.

Patrol #111 #206, 8/2/86, previously entered

Patrol report #206, 8/2/86, 11 Jan, out 0800a, in 0900a, REPORT: Patrol unable to proceed further than ORSINA (384071) due to deep soft snow. Patrol arrived at ORSINA at 2100a, observed for one hour and found no evy activity. Heard no evy small arms fire. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Snow 2 feet deep. Skis would not be of help on route. Snowshoes would help.

Patrol report #207, 8/2/86, 11 Jan, out 0800a, in 1500a, REPORT: Obsv rock pile for 100 holes and window cover construction at 1400a. LA PIAZZA obsd from PIAZZA without activity. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: 2 1/2 ft snow. Visibility excellent.

Patrol report #208, 8/2/86, 11 Jan, out 0800a, in 1500a, REPORT: Unable to reach ORSINA because of soft deep snow. From LA MADONNA patrol saw fresh tracks from 379071 (394071). Sniper fired at patrol from 383087. Hwy tracks from PIAZZA DELLA CHIESA (379087) to 383087. House at 379086 has hvy trail to CAMPETTI. PIAZZA DELLA CHIESA (379083) had no activity or tracks. Houses on S slope of LA SENTA connect to hvy tracks. At 379081, 3 tracks over ridge to CAMPETTI (382082). Partisans with patrol rpt houses are being occupied higher on LA SENTA than before.

Patrol report #209, 8/2/86, 11 Jan, out 1930a, in 2445, REPORT: MOLETA (374065) found clear. 1 man seen at C. DI FERRUGLIA, comforters hanging out of windows indicate houses are occupied. No activity at NOVANO (354083). No activity at CAMPETTI. Soft snow approx 2 1/2 to 3 feet deep vic NOVANO.

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44 Cont'd: Patrol report #210, 8/86, 11 Jan, Out 1500A, In 2300A, REPORT: Patrol arrived 1829. at 00000A (413065) and observed light flashes from house at (414069). Lights flashed following: ... at 1928. At house located at (417068) following message was flashed; ... at 1943A. ... at 2045A was flashed at house 414069. Left at 2113A and returned to CUTIGLIARO (404064). Had slight fire when mistaken for my patrol. A partisan was wounded in hand and one in rear extremity. METEOROLOGICAL SAUCE REPORT: Soft snow 2<sub>1</sub> feet deep.

Patrol report #213, 8/86, 12 Jan, Out 1830A, In 1355A. REPORT: From LA PADELLA (404070) observed ... (383072) and ... (383069). No activity noted in ... (393062) no activity noted but tracks leading from there uphill to ... (383077) observed. No activity at ... (383077) although several foot tracks noted.

Patrol report #230, 1/31, 11 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1115A, REPORT: Partisan rpt. any parachute mines fired from 12030 at 110530A. Partisan fired on my. who fired. Mine and sent patrol. No further rpt. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Not in trails impossible, visibility good.

Patrol report #310, 8/86, 11 Jan, Out 0856A, In 1510A, REPORT: No eny observed; found 10 ole eny posns at 502012 to 502014--apparently abandoned before snow fall. Posns constructed of rock, wood and earth. Observed C Co Patrol at 1000A. METEOROLOGICAL SAUCE REPORT: rough following contains with average snow fall 15 inches. Impossible for any types of vehicles.

Patrol report #311, 8/86, 11 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1300A, REPORT: No eny action observed. Waist deep snow; impossible for vehicles; mission not accomplished due to depth of snow; passable with skis and snowshoes. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Patrol stopped at 509018.

Patrol report #312, 1/86, 12 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1400A, REPORT: Made contact at 1000A with Co I 365 Inf at 247020.

Patrol report #313, 1/86, 12 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1530A, REPORT: Reached contact point ... (413065); failed to contact ... (413065) patrol #313. METEOROLOGICAL SAUCE REPORT: snow very deep and soft.

Patrol report #308, 1/86, 11 Jan, Out 0930A, In 1800A, REPORT: No eny contact.

45 1849 TF 45 report #328, submitted.

46 1849 TF 45 report #199, submitted.

47 1820 phone fr account 2 (Lanson): 3 and 4. Fits K Co nos at 443014.

48 1915 phone to #6 Bert and 2 in #6: weather Forecast for period 122400A to 132400A. Overcast clouds at 4000 ft over 92 Div Sector. Overcast clouds at 2000 ft over rest of front. No showers over mountains. Visibility of 6 to 8 miles becoming less than 3 miles in snow. Min Temp 20 degrees. CLOUDS: Similar conditions on 14th with cloudiness breaking to scattered at 300 ft on 15th. No precipitation.

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46 Cont'd: Good visibility. Min Temp, 19 to 22 degrees.

49 1930 rec'd: 71 Hq. Intelligence Report #52, dated 12 Jan.

50 1930 rec'd: IV Corps Log #656.

51 2145 phone fr 86th: at 2140A H Co. 86th via 401062 saw flash in sky which may possibly have been magnesium flare in vic 390058.

52 2207 phone fr 434 (Urban): 86 would not release 81 mm mortars of 434 today. Underwood being advised. 434 did not lay any AP mines.

53 2330 phone fr 86 rest 3: Status: I. N.T.R. II. N.T.R. III. N.T.R. IV. TAKES:  
22 - 2 - 0 - 0. 2-8 - 4 - 0 - 0 - 0/

54 2330 LP 45 AFM: #329, submitted.

55 2300 phone fr IV Corps S-2 (Capt. Tribouski): Any in III Corps gave right password to our challenge. Too late to change password but units should be warned to be on high alert.  
Notes: advised HANSON, HANSON, HANSON, HANSON, and C. HANSON GUARD detachment.

56 2330 phone fr Lt. Harris: 92 Div. Movement small groups observed in HANSON Area. Artillery, one patrol contact W 160063. 8 Ind: reported to Army control at 211000. 211: Night Artillery and LP. no patrol contacts. III Corps: N.T.R. III Corps: 237 Inf assumed command 36 and Sector at 111200A.

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Phone Tr 241: At 2200, Amros of H Co fired on one unidentified person at 4730; there sent out patrol to investigate but no one found. One of the men at 4730; there sent out patrol to investigate but no one found. One of the men at 4730; there sent out patrol to investigate but no one found.

Phone Tr 241: 3 on new reports that 27 men sighted by patrol 314 are believed to have been members of 305 Inf. (Account will check to find out basis for this report to task here).

Phone Tr 241: 27 men sighted by patrol 314 were at 2300 and not at 31904. One of the men at 305 disclosed that these men were most probably a party of that size and the 305 that was in the area at the time.

Phone Tr 14 241: 3 (Dechow): Order being issued directing reversion of 755 TK on (Prov) to parent unit. Do not alert until COMPS 3 calls. Will move to GAGLIARDI Sector (48697).

14 45 0100: #330, submitted.

14 45 0100: #200, submitted.

14 45 0100: #1310, Co, 17 Jan, cut 1830, in 2130, report: Reached contact pt but did not contact patrol 305. Tomorrow patrol will have snowshoes.

14 45 0100: #1315, 1/10, 12 Jan, cut 1830, in 2130, report: Did not complete snowshoes tomorrow. Will have snowshoes tomorrow.

Phone Tr 14 241: 2: G. A. 3 rifle shots on left front at GAGLIARDI (24271). At 0100, 6 more shots were heard. 0030: 3 rpts rifle shots to HQ 600 in direction of 0100.

Phone Tr 14 241: G-3 (Dechow): To CG: Move Prov Hdqts and Co A and Co B to GAGLIARDI (24271) coord move move CGC IV COMPS, ADV this Hdqts. on 12 Jan upon arrival units detached from Tr 241 and re-ort parent unit control (order to this effect being out and should be at Tr 241 Hdqts early 13 Jan).

14 0000: 14 0000 G-3 Periodic Report #12, dated 12 Jan.

14 0000: 14 0000 G-3 Station #11, dated 11 Jan.

14 0000: 14 0000 G-3 Station #11, dated 11 Jan.

14 0000: 14 0000 G-3 Periodic Report #19, dated 13 Jan, 1944.

14 0000: Fifth Army G-3 Report #11, dated 11 Jan.

14 0000: IV COMPS G-3, Intelligence Bulletin, 1 Jan.

14 0000: 14 0000 G-3 Periodic Report #11, dated 11 Jan.

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- 14 0700 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #193, dated 11 January.
- 15 0700 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weekly Action Summary, dated 11 Jan.
- 16 0800 Rec'd: IV Corps Ltr #697.
- 20 0820 Phone to Capt Cameron, Luzon: I-44: We arranged to take Maj Cross, B-1, on recon of our position this morn at 1000. What are road and snow conditions your way? C-2: Visibility is poor. Roads are bad. I-44: Copy of the recon please notify the Major. Make it some time tomorrow at 1000. I-44: Capt Cameron: O.K.
- 21 0830 Rec'd: Hqs Fifth Army Ltr, S-20: Evacuation of Artillery and Civilians Residents, dated 8 Jan.
- 22 0830 Rec'd: Fifth Army Operations Memorandum #2, dated 9 Jan.
- 23 0830 Rec'd: VIII Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary #93, 94, & 95, dated Jan 6, 7, & 8.
- 24 1100 Rec'd: 755 TH Air S-3 Report #39, dated 13 Jan.
- 25 1130 TR AD 1130: #391, submitted.
- 26 1130 Phone to Capt Sawyer, 6888 CAV: Reference your report of 10 men stating one of them or his partner is a former member of the German Army. You will take immediate steps to send this man in at 4 P.M. and turn in any others of similar association with the org.
- 27 1145 Phone to 1st Lt. Smith S-2: Advise him of above message and directed he contact Sawyer to obtain P.M. and send back through 1st Channery.
- 28 1145 Phone to 1st Lt. Col Davis to Lt. Col Works: Determine from Artisans if report on evacuation of Artillery is correct. If so, how many houses are occupied by the Germans?
- 29 1200 Phone to Sgt Robert 3 to 1st Lt 45 2: Can we have one platoon of the reserve Co (1) for the road patrol? E Company is making the road with its spare platoon.
- 30 1200 Rec'd: 17 Corps Reserve #351, dated 1300:40a Jan.
- 31 1230 Phone to Fifth Army Weather Officer (Lt. Brewer): Climatic report on terrain features in TR 45 as follows: A: Mt. Conito (31509) (ten year data as recorded in Manila 66 (320156) for either Jan or Feb). Temp: (F) Average 31 degrees, mean max 37 degrees; mean min 26 degrees, absolute max 48 degrees, absolute min 17 degrees. Precipitation: (inches of water) mean 4.8 max 13. Snow: (inches on ground; 16" equals 1" water) average 13.8, cumulative on 1 Feb 42.0. Visibility: Jan best winter month, cloudiness on mountain top, low clouds in Feb. B: Mt. Quielino (42809). (Ten year data as recorded in Manila 66 (475010) for either Jan or Feb). Temp: (F) Average 35 degrees, mean max 42 degrees, mean min 28°

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- 21 0000: Absolute max 37 degrees, absolute min 08 degrees. Precipitation: (Inches of water) average 0.5, max 16.4. Snow: (Inches on ground) 7.9, cumulative on 1 Feb 22.0". Visibility: Gen best. S.W. Wind in Feb. Means cloudiness. Temp drops 3 degrees per 1000 ft rise; snow increases 3" to 1" per 1000 ft rise.
- 32 1300 Phone fr IV Corps G-3 (Col Curtis): A: A representative of 26 LAA (British) will call at 1445 hours in next two weeks regarding use of units of (?) 40 mm guns for ground shooting. B: What has been done to get a Portuguese speaking skill instructor from 86 Atn left for temp duty with BAF? If Portuguese speaking instructor not available an English speaking instructor will do. In any case 1 officer and one non-com from 86 needed.
- 33 1315 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div operations instructions #2, dated 12 Jan.
- 34 1330 Tr: 45 1330 #201, submitted.
- 35 1441 Rec'd: IV Corps G-2 periodic report #220, dated 13 Jan.
- 36 1445 Rec'd: AFM Weekly Intelligence Summary #122, dated 2 Jan.
- 37 1445 Rec'd: IV Corps Signal #25.
- 38 1445 Rec'd: IV Corps Signal #24.
- 39 1445 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Situation report as of 130700h Jan.
- 40 1445 Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 121400h Jan.
- 41 1445 Pln CO, TF 45, to C.G. 86th Inf: Move prof Hq and Cos A and B, 755 TK Bn to vicinity G. G. (2697). C.G., 755 TK Bn (Prov) will report to C.G., Parent Unit on arrival. 755 TK Bn (Prov) is detached IV Corps, TF 45 and 86th Inf on arrival. C.G., 755 TK Bn (Prov) will report closing at vicinity G. G. to TF 45 and IV Corps. Coordinate move through G-4, TF 45. DUFF, C.G. J.S.I., G-3.
- 42 1445 Message fr IV Corps, late 13002h, received, 1300h, Ref No. 351, to TF 45:  
 Secret: Para one. In compliance with Fifth Army Radio, Ref No five four three five, para one two two two four five able, move Prov How seven, seven five five TK Bn, and cos rpt cos three and Baker, seven five five TK Bn rpt tk bn, to vicinity of G. G. paren Joseph eight six nine seven paren. Paren to tare for four five, info to five army, two Corps, Seven Five Five TK Bn rpt TK Bn, Seven Five Five TK Bn rpt TK Bn paren Prov GRITTS, Seven Five Five TK Bn paren. Para three: Coordinate move with 1300h Corps. Para four: Advise this headquarters estimated time of departure and of arrival of these units. Para five: Effective upon arrival, above units are detached Pare Fox four five and 1300h units and revert to parent unit control.
- 43 1445 Tr: 45 1445 #232, submitted.

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44 1530 Rec'd: 794 Lt. M. S-3 report #13, dated 13 Jan.

45 1530 Rec'd: 68 AF S-3 report #12, dated 12 Jan.

46 1530 Rec'd: 68 AF S-2 report #12, dated 12 Jan.

47 1600 Rec'd: IV Corps ISUM #658.

48 1630 Rec'd: Fifth Army weather Forecast.

49 1630 Phone fr 3 to CGS S-3: (Hamilton): Fighting Strength for one battalion Mt Trps is

	Off.	W/U	Eq.	No. of Platoons
Rifle	9	0	369	7
Weapons	3	0	96	3
MM	2	0	74	2
81 mm Mtr	4	0	56	1
Anti-TK	1	0	20	1
Total	19	0	615	

50 1800 TF 45 SITREP #333, submitted.

51 1800 TF 45 ISUM #202, submitted.

52 1815 Rec'd: Fifth Army General Orders #6, dated 11 Jan.

53 1850 Phone fr CG, 86 Mt Inf: CG, 86 Mt Inf recommends use of Hon Co, 894 TD Bn, as follows: 1 Plat patrol CAMPO TIZZORO to POMERELLA VENTURINA; 1 Plat patrol LA LINA to BAGNI DI LUCCA; can bivouac this Plat near BAGNI DI LUCCA. Col Tomlinson, Lt Col Cook, Lt Col Hampton concur in above recommendation.

54 1855 Phone fr CG, FIFTH ARMY to CG, TF 45: 1st Lt SALLIS, FIFTH ARMY Arty, gives authority VOGG, for telephone order of battle, 10th Mt Div. After I took his name as ordering it, he decided he had better get the info elsewhere. (JJD)

55 1900 Rec'd: 62 AA Bde Location Statement No. 31, dated 12 January.

56 1900 Rec'd: 92 Div G-3 Periodic report #70, dated 13 Jan.

57 1900 Rec'd: IV Corps Arty S-3 report #12, dated 12 Jan.

58 1900 Rec'd: 12th Army S-3 report #12, dated 12 Jan.

59 1900 Rec'd: GDS, IV Corps Net Intelligence bulletin dated 13 Jan.

60 1900 Rec'd: GDS Det Ltr., Sub: Partisan activities dated 13 Jan.

61 1900 Rec'd: 92 Div G-2 Periodic report #69 dated 12 Jan.





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Cont'd, TP 45, 450 401, U. S. Army, for period 0000A to 2400A, 14 January, 1945

Per

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1 0535 phone fr Lt. Col works to 755 TH: Q: Your tank status? A: No change.

2 0545 none to 17 1145 3: Ft Lt. Col works, NO CHANGE.

3 0615 TP 45 0120 #335, submitted.

4 0600 TP 45 1001 #282, submitted.

5 0630 Rec'd: IV Corps 0-3 period report #13, dated 13 Jan.

6 0645 Rec'd: IV Corps Signal #26.

7 0645 Rec'd: IV Corps, Fifth Army Passwords for period 13 Jan, to 17 Jan, dated 13 Jan.

8 0645 Rec'd: 71 114 intelligence report #23, dated 13 Jan.

9 0645 Rec'd: Hqs Fifth Army, Subj: Temporary Duty to Lt. Schier and Lt. Col Hall, dated 11 Jan.

10 0645 Rec'd: Hqs 900 AAA Bn Ltr, subj: Minefield, dated 8 Jan.

11 0635 phone fr C.O. 755 TH BR (Prov): Capt Nickman: 755 TH Bn crossed IP on time. IP San Marcello.

12 0630 Rec'd: Patrol Plans nos. 214, 215, 216, 323, 317, 318, 319, 108, 109, 110, 111, 320, 321, 233, 310, 311, dated 13 Jan. Overlays.

13 0645 Rec'd: Overlays of patrol plans nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 217, 218, 219, dated 13 and 14 Jan. Plans #324, 325, 326, 327, 328, dated 14 and 15 Jan.

0645 319, 80 mtn inf, 13 Jan, 0500-0600, patrol as scheduled. Partisans report any activity at 1700A 12 Jan; at 1700A firing upon civilians. Partisans returned fire and org left. Partisans patrol followed. Partisans say their patrol at 2700A. (We could use some mountain equipment.)

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Company, 1st AF, 1st AF, U. S. Army, for period 0600h to 2400h, 14 January, 1945.

For

1st AF

0600h to 0800h, 1/14/45, 12 Jan, Out 0600h, In 1600h, REPORT: 27 unidentified civilians at roadhouse at 1900h. In vic 220055 to 220057 (285037).

0800h to 1200h, 1/13/45, 12 Jan, Out 0600h, In 1600h, REPORT: Contact made. 2 to 3 ft snow on northern slopes and 3 to 4 ft new snow on southern slopes. 1st AF, 1st AF, 1st AF: Trails here, might be possible with mules.

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 86, 17-13 Jan, In 130222h, REPORT: Negative information. 1st AF, 1st AF: From 2200h (2600h) to 2200h (367075) to 2200h (367078), to 2200h (367072) and return 2200h.

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 12 Jan, Out 1525h, In 2200h, REPORT: Arrived top of hill (3807) at 1700h. In vicinity Uercia (383000) at 2005h; waited until 2100h in cabin near houses. 1st AF, 1st AF: Investigate houses but found no traces of recent habitation; no tracks in snow; no any seen; left Uercia at 2130h. Movement difficult due to 2 feet of snow.

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 12-13 Jan, REPORT: Arrived at BUJO (508165) and reconnoitered house, a Partisan guide killed by mistake. Hwy snowfall limited visibility to 20 yds. Complete report to follow.

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 12-13 Jan, REPORT: Believed objective by passed, directed back but failed to find it. Fired on by 2nd AF, 2nd AF, didn't know where shots came from. 1st AF, 1st AF: 15 ft snowing hard. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE 1st AF, 1st AF: From 2200h (4700h) to 2200h (4715h).

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 13 Jan, Out 0730h, In 1800h, 1st AF, 1st AF: Did not reach where they were to contact patrol from 2nd AF. Snow too deep. Could not have reached point before dark.

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 13 Jan, Out 0800h, In 1100h, REPORT: 1 Off, 12 AF, 1 Part. 1st AF, 1st AF: 1st AF (372070) above old tracks filled w/snow. Tracks were not there 1st AF. 1st AF: No any contact at 2200h (375070); there was a trail that appeared to lead up the valley. Trail that appeared to lead up the valley. Trail was also traced and no any contact at 2200h (374071) and no used trails. Snow 2 ft or more at 2200h (363064), 2 ft at 2200h (363064).

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 13 Jan, Out 1800h, In 2200h, REPORT: At 1800h pro- ceeded to 2200h (375070). At 1855h heard German machine pistol fire about 15 mi vic of 2200h (375070), followed by 5 short flashes of light believed to be flashlight. Arrived at 2200h at 1855h and observed, no any activity noted. Movement difficult. Snow 2 to 3 ft deep.

0800h to 1200h, 1/13, 13 Jan, Out 0930h, In 1555h, REPORT: Cleared area of 2200h (413071), 2200h (413071) & 2200h (420067) of civilians from 2200h (413067). Saw in 2200h (220067) one man in green grey uniform standing on top of building for five minutes, then disappeared. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE 1st AF, 1st AF: Snow very deep, route heavily passable for men without skis.

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Company, Co. 45, 2nd Inf, D. S. Army, for period 0000R to 2400R, 14 January, 1945.

For

1st Lt. [Name]

13-0000R: Phone fr 227, 86th Inf, 13 Jan, DESTINATION: Contact made with 1 co, 26  
reg at 1300R. Ice and slush on road.

Phone fr 227, 86 Inf, 13 Jan, DESTINATION: Patrol as planned. Few snow  
6 inches deep. Wind 3 ft deep in valley. Area trail passable. Showing heavily  
to army observed.

Phone fr 227, 1/3/45, out 0900R, in 1430R, DESTINATION: No contact, route  
too steep for snowshoes, skin and poles required.

Phone fr 227, 10 at Inf, 13 Jan, out 0900R, in 1530R, DESTINATION: Waited  
at 2000R but did not make contact.

Phone fr 227, 11 Jan, out 1130R, in 0130R, DESTINATION: Got to objective.  
No search, no any contact. No signs of any occupation or former occupation.  
No buildings, no truck, some buildings were shelled, bridge at coordinates  
2000R has been blown. Patrol sprung a trap fire at 200167. No any reaction.  
Found trail leading from 4900R to high ground at 200168 about one day old.  
Not free of mines.

Phone fr 227, 1/3/45, out 0900R, in 0930R, DESTINATION: Visibility very bad  
and patrol returned. 1400R. 500 yds.

14-0000R: TF 45 status 1330, submitted.

15-0000R: Phone fr 227, line 3: Is it possible to rotate quad from Co L now on  
ground at 1400R to 1300R (Col Irvin).

16-0000R: Phone fr Lt. Col works to account Blue 2: I've checked your patrol plan and have  
the following suggestions: 1. That you coordinate signal flares. That you don't  
use "red" which the army uses for arty concentrations. 2. That you take pigeons if  
for communication in case a signal gets lost. 3. That the partisans wear the  
same uniforms as the 4. That you take a forward observer.  
Action: Blue 6 will consider suggestions.

17-0000R: Phone fr 6-2 to 86th 6-2: 1. When practical, partisans will be dressed in  
silk uniforms as remainder of patrols. These uniforms may be borrowed from  
those not going on patrol. 2. The general is insistent on results from your  
patrols. A suggested remedy is to have patrols turn around and go back if they  
have not accomplished their mission.

18-0000R: Phone fr 6-2, 86th Inf: 3rd on Col 3: 22/006 firing south 1400R to 1500R,  
17 Jan. Col 3, under 4300R firing 2nd, 1400R to 1500R, 14 Jan. 86th Inf  
will notify arty in area. Approved by R, TF 45.

19-0000R: Phone fr Gen Duff: Gen Duff called from 1 Co. He will leave there in about  
twenty minutes to return.

20-0000R: Phone fr Phantom Company asst at 131800R, dated 14 Jan.

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Company, TF 45, AFV 104, U.S. Army, for period 0000h to 2400h 14 January, 1945.

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- 21 1230 Rec'd: IV Corps G-2 Periodic report #221, dated 13 Jan.
- 22 1230 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Situation report as of 0700h 14 Jan.
- 23 1230 Rec'd: 9th Inf Div Operations Instructions #3, dated 13 Jan.
- 24 1330 Rec'd: IV Corps ARTY S-3 report #13, dated 13 Jan.
- 25 1415 Phone fr IV Corps G-2 to G-2: "What about this dead Partisan? A: An investigation is being made and you will be notified later. Q: OK."
- 26 1415 Phone fr Lt. Brewer, 5th Army: January and February, 13 to 16 days of no visibility in valley. Runs above fog; January and February, 7 to 9 days with fog on mountain. March, 15 days per month good visibility.
- 27 1430 Phone fr Col. 86th Inf: Status: B.O.K.
- 28 1500 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #27.
- 29 1500 TF 45 SITREP #329, submitted.
- 30 1500 Rec'd: OR AFV S-2 Report #13, dated 13 Jan.
- 31 1500 Rec'd: 751 4th Bn S-3 report #14, dated 14 Jan.
- 32 1500 Rec'd: OR AFV S-3 Report #13, dated 13 Jan.
- 33 1500 Fr Lt. Gavin (Men Co 894): Men Co 894 (-1 Plt) will move from VIDIACHIQU Sector by infiltration beginning at dusk tomorrow (251800h). Will advise when U.S. Closes at VIDIACHIQU. Plan to move into B.L. GARDENS SCHOOL HOUSE N of Rt 66. Men Co (-1 Plt) has 4 Off, 70 M, 4 L-8; 4 M-20; 10 Jeeps, 1 WC 2 half tracks, 1 2 1/2 ton main; trk, 1 2 1/2 ton Truck for Kitchen, 5 1 ton trailers.
- 34 1500 Phone to S-2, 86th fr Col works: I am giving an intelligence summary of the various European fronts at the regular conference on Tuesday the 16th at 0800h. Maj Emers and S-2's are invited to attend.
- 35 1500 Phone to IV Corps: Is Men Co (-1 Plt) 894th Tn Bn attached to TF 45? Maj Bethow says, "Yes."
- 36 1500 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 37 1600 IV Corps Ltr. #61.
- 38 1700 Fr Capt Brinkwater: Antonio Banshee, partisan leader at TAMBULLIA, told Capt Brinkwater that German patrol came to MLOCHI (270056) yesterday. That Germans occupy CORNELLATA (290073). Brinkwater drove to TAMBULLIA (248020) in jeep.

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- 39 1455 Phone to 86 Regt and 2 Bn: weather Forecast for period 142400a, to 152400a. Overcast at 1000 ft over front. Light drizzle over mountains in morning. Visibility restricted by fog to less than 1 mile along front, with gradual improvement during day. Air Temp 28 degrees. OUTLOOK: Similar conditions with improved visibility and no precipitation on 15th. Broken low cloudiness, no precipitation and good visibility on 17th. Air Temp 25 to 27 degrees.
- 40 1450 FR ANG to G-2: road from Q-228979 to L-247020 1. Q-242993, 1 way jeep bypass (suggest bypass be improved.) 2. Q-243996, 1 way jeep bypass (100' gap suggest fixed bridge). 3. L-246009, 1 way jeep bypass, (120' wet gap, 60' deep suggest Bailey bridge). The bypass at point is in very poor condition, muddy and almost impossible to negotiate. Chains on all 4 wheels and a good driver necessary. I arranged for some Volunteer Italian workers to start work on this bypass Mon. Morning the 15th. NG Jeep bridge over RG stream at this point is also to be strengthened by these people.
- 41 1445 Phone fr IV COMPS (Lsg Callanan): Col Wells gave no instructions regarding grease on bumpers of 894 TD Vehicles. Col works free to do as he wishes in the matter. ACTION: Col works notified 894 TD to remove grease.
- 42 1725 Phone fr 80th: SITREP: N.T.M.
- 43 1800 TF 45 SITREP #338, submitted.
- 44 1800 TF 45 ISUM #205, submitted.
- 45 1905 Rec'd: A.A. Operation Order No 2, 45 Task Force, Copy No 1.
- 46 1905 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic report #70, dated 13 Jan.
- 47 1905 Rec'd: IV COMPS G-2, Intelligence Bulletin, dated 14 Jan.
- 48 2000 Phone fr 71 HAA, (Lsg Maulsby): Q: Does TF 45 have Aerial Photo of 385085?  
A: Yes. Will give it to messenger.
- 49 2010 Pr Sgt Sinn: White flare seen vic San Marcellio from Campo Tizzoro (86 asked to investigate).
- 50 2055 Phone fr Lsg Allen: Can find nothing on flare no one seems to have seen it.
- 51 2235 Phone fr Lt. Harris: 92 Div: Some light arty in 70 Sector. Practically no arty elsewhere. 371 Patrol engaged enemy in fire fight at 911010. One of our patrol members killed. 2 enemy killed. 366 Patrol was ambushed by 7 enemy, location not yet reported. 65 enemy observed moving east single file at 010035 at 1040A; saw numerous smaller groups observed in Coastal Sector. PW Captured yesterday states that an unidentified unit is east of Mt. Della Stella (196085) and that 2 Bns of 286 Regt are committed east of Serchio River. Italian PW States that entire Italian Div has not yet arrived from Germany. 80th Sector extremely quiet.

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- 51 Cont'd: no patrol contacts during day. 6 SA and II CORPS Very quiet, visibility zero due to snow.
- 52 1300 phone fr Both: SITREP: R.I.N.
- 53 1300 12 45 SITREP #339, submitted.
- 54 2300 acc'd: IV CORPS 150L #662.
- 55 2315 acc'd: IV CORPS 150L #660.
- 56 2315 acc'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #43, dated 13 Jan.
- 57 2315 acc'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 periodic report #70, dated 14 Jan.

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TF 45, 1st Lt., U. S. Army, for period 0000h to 2400h, 15 January, 1945.

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- 1 0220 rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #28.
- 2 0430 phone to 85 Regt: Called for reports on patrols 215, 217, 218, 325, 326, & 327. Was advised at 0530 that these reports were not yet available.
- 2 0600 phone fr 71 Hq: Missions completed. A Trp, 1 registration shoot, 6 rds on LAKE WICO (2808). 1 Trp, 1 registration shoot, 12 rds on PIANSIMICO (3808).
- 4 0600 TF 45 SITREP #349, submitted.
- 5 0600 TF 45 ISM #206, submitted.
- 6 0600 rec'd: Fifth Army M. Deployment Statement, dated 12 Jan.
- 7 0600 rec'd: Fifth Army Memorandum, Technical Notes on AX Material, dated 9 Jan.
- 8 0600 rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic report #11, dated 11 Jan.
- 9 0600 rec'd: 1st Technical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary, dated 9 Jan, '96.
- 10 0600 rec'd: IV CORPS, Fifth Army passwords for period 18 Jan, to 24 Jan, dated 9 Jan.
- 11 0630 rec'd: IV CORPS ISM #683.
- 12 0930 rec'd: 71 Hq. Intelligence Summary #54, dated 14 Jan.
- 12 1100 TF 45 SITREP #311, submitted.
- 14 1300 phone fr Capt Bittner: A and B Det of 755 Tr Bn closed vicinity 828985 at 1045A. ACTION: Corps G-3 notified.
- 15 1330 TF 45 SITREP #207, submitted.
- 16 1330 rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation as of 151800h Jan.
- 17 1330 rec'd: 68 AFM S-3 report #14, dated 14 Jan.
- 18 1330 rec'd: 92 Inf Div operatio Instructions #4, dated 14 Jan.
- 19 1330 rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 141800h, Jan.
- 20 1330 rec'd: Fifth Army Ltr, Subj: I. S. T. D. Publications, COMPILATION. Dated 8 Jan.
- 21 1330 rec'd: IV CORPS OSS 501, Intelligence bulletin, dated 15 Jan.
- 22 1330 rec'd: IV CORPS ARMY Hostile Battery list #27, and 28, dated 12 and 13 Jan.



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| 23   | 1530 | rec'd: 68 AF. S-2 Report #14, dated 14 Jan.  |
| 24   | 1533 | rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #222, dated 14 Jan.  |
| 25   | 1415 | rec'd: IV COMPS SITREP #29.  |
| 26   | 1500 | rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.  |
| 27   | 1500 | TF 45 SITREP #312, submitted.  |
| 28   | 1515 | rec'd: IV CORPS ISM #664.  |
| 29   | 1530 | phone fr 86th: H Co CP 413066 reports at 1235A a few bursts of automatic weapons heard from general direction of 121W (397077).  |
| 30   | 1510 | phone fr Col Curtis to Col Irwin: warns that we may lose 8th Co 894 TD in near future.   |
| 31   | 1510 | phone fr G-2 to G-2: 1. Send patrol to H slope of M COMITO at about 102322 to observe activity. 2. Send patrol to RW K27 at 49088 to observe PANARO Valley. 3. Cut out the ambush patrols. Send longer distance recon patrols for gaining contact and capturing prisoners. 4. Patrol #218. Send it back to accomplish mission. 5. Patrol #326 was to have rpt'd in at 1635A. We did not get rpt until 151000A. WHY?<br>ACTION: WILL CHECK. |
| 32   | 1615 | phone fr 86 West: H Co CP shelling appears to be coming from large gully vicinity of 366109.   |
| 33   | 1615 | Patrol #118, 4/1/86, 6 M, 15 Jan, out 0930A In-1500A, DESTINATION: local to 470133. MISSION: recon and obsn L flank.   |
|      |      | Patrol #119, 4/1/86, 15 Jan, out 0800A, In 1600A, DESTINATION: 5010 to 470075. MISSION: recon.   |
|      |      | Patrol #120, 4/1/86, 1 Off, 12 M, 15 Jan, out 2230A, In 0500A, DESTINATION: 508166 to 510160. MISSION: recon by ambush.  |
|      |      | Patrol #121, 4/1/86, 6 M, 15 Jan, out 2100A, In 0130A, DESTINATION: 510160 to 532102. MISSION: Contact enemy.  |
|      |      | Patrol #122, 4/1/86, 1 Off, 9 M, 6 Part, 15 Jan, out 0800A, In 1530A, DESTINATION: 400060 to 400095. MISSION: Obn and draw enemy fire.   |
|      |      | Patrol #123, 4/2/86, 15 Jan, out 1400A, In 0200A, DESTINATION: 399065 to 375090. MISSION: Ambush and observe any activity.   |
|      |      | Patrol #124, 4/2/86, 3 Off, 8 M, 2 Part, 15 Jan, out 0800A, In 1600A, DESTINATION: 421059 to 425098, to 438093.  |

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- 33 Cont'd: PATROL #331, 1/3/86, 1 Off, 9 M, 2 Part, 1 Jan, Out 0300A, In 1500A, DESTINATION: 281994 to 320054. MISSION: route en.
- PATROL #332, 1/3/86, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, 1 Jan, Out 0300A, In 1500A, DESTINATION: 205998 to 291074. MISSION: Combat patrol PW's.
- PATROL #333, 1/3/86, 4 M, 15 Jan, Out 0800A In 2200A, DESTINATION: 423014 to 470003. MISSION: Contact with element of 1st in.
- PATROL #334, 1/3/86, 3 M, 15 Jan, Out 0900A In 1400A, DESTINATION: 4801 to 497002, to 208035. MISSION: Contact 2nd platoon.
- PATROL #335, 1/3/86, 4 M, 15 Jan, DESTINATION: 266970 to 248020. MISSION: Contact with 1 co 365.
- PATROL #330, 15 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1300A, REPORT: Followed given route. No contact with 365 Inf LIAA. WEATHER: Condition of terrain fair with frozen crust.
- PATROL #333, Scheduled to leave at 150000A and return at 160200A delayed by lack of snow shoes (which were in use by 50 men) and raining party. PATROL #333, will however leave at 151200A and return 161700A. MISSION: remains same, contact 365. Condition of road and trail system.
- PATROL #325, 1/8/86, 14 Jan, Out 1600A to In 1800A, REPORT: Missed contact point because of faulty map reading. Drives about 4 ft deep. Average depth to 3 feet. Inpassable to vehicles.
- PATROL #324, 1/8/86, 14 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1300A, REPORT: At contact point 1445 to 1545. No contact made. Snow 3 to 6 ft deep on upper part of trail. Snow shoes necessary.
34. 1710 Phone to 86 cont and 2nd 888: Fifth Army Weather Forecast for period 152400A to 162400A. Clear to scattered clouds along entire front with broken low clouds in weather PG Vallen. no precipitation. Good Visibility. Min Temp 26 degrees. Wind: Increased low clouds and precipitation on 17th. Broken low clouds and no precipitation on 18th. Good Visibility. Min Temp 25 to 26 degrees.
35. 1710 Phone fr 86, 1st Regt: 1/86 contacts: 888 on right at 0030A. 8/86 at 4045A and 391007 spotted 6 men attempting to cross LIAA River at approx 390082 from 8 to 9, did not cross but returned to cover on W bank. 5 man patrol sent to investigate.
36. 1710 Phone fr 86, 1st Regt: 6 or 7 ras Arty believed to be 405, vic 401002 reported at 1545.
37. 1625 Phone fr 72, 1st Regt: 8 ras on CUTCHING appeared to be coming from 3169314990 and may have been placed on it. 888 advised that air OP spotted gun at 302000. Machine will fire on this location also.

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36. 18, 1945, HQ 164, U. S. Army, for period 0000a to 2400, January, 1945.

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TF 45 BIL #343, submitted.

TF 45 ISL #208, submitted.

39. 1930 Report to 124 GP (Lt. Potts at S-3): How about an Air OP to take Sgt Granning (to army photo to service) up over Mt. Belvedere for photos 161200A? At 171100 check field and call TF 45 sometime evening 15 Jan.

40. 1930 Report to HQ (Capt. Granning): Request for Cub to check Aerial photo, COMPS ATTY 161200A, missions.

41. 1930 Report to IV Corps HQ (Capt. Tobin): Can you fly Photo mission? A: Yes. How get account report to Kentucky Strip at 161200. (Sgt Granning advised report to be on hand.)

42. 1930 Report to Hatcher (Sergeant): Please call Kentucky (Capt. Tobin) and give data for mission at 161200 and check tomorrow. Kentucky has promised us AOP 16 Jan. (Sergeant will do.)

43. 1930 Field: 17 0000 ISL 602

44. 1930 TF 45 BIL #344, submitted.

45. 1930 Report from West: 2/80; 1. 1230 F Co reports one white flare seen by 2 pit, 2125A, from vic 3987B at 2125A; followed by one red flare at 2127A. At 2130, 2 pits report one plane flying low over CUI 4100 (405065)--Plane flying low over two rifle snobs heard from 4100 (405085). One red flare seen near 4100 (405085).

46. 1930 Report from West: 2/80, 15 Jan, at 0810A, in 15 min. A: Off: Observed for 40 minutes. 1. 1230 F Co (423085). Saw one enemy; one man in white seen in light up budget. Highly camouflaged entrance to C on other side of ridge behind about at 423085. He has white hood over head; his face visible. Partisan/reporter 123085 is eating on E slope of this ridge. They have ammo for a mg emplacement. Went by way of 421062 as prescribed.

47. 1930 Report from West: 2/1/46, 16 Jan, at 1800a, in 0225A, HQ: Off: Changed intent- 1800a, 0225, 1800a, to 0225A (599176), 1800a: To determine presence of enemy and 0225. At 1800a, in 0225A. Negative--got to stream F0250 (Della. 1800a (599173) found ridge out and ravine 15 to 20 ft deep with almost vertical sides, no overhanging snowdrifts. Hunt along ravine to about 50 Northing and 2. returned to 599173, set ambush and waited 1 hour--heard nothing. Saw no signs of enemy except 2 light vic 1800a (599173) crossed no fresh trails. Zip-zagged widely on return trip, searching for--found nothing. No mines, no wire, no emplacements, tripped one flasher stick at 50 Northing. No enemy reaction. He overlay to follow. Report from West: 1800a: More snowshoes, saw alternately crushed and powdered snow. Saw C to E. Very noisy on front (crushing of snow made noise.)

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- 1 0000 Phone fr 86 Regt: 1/339 just received bombing of upper Bailey bridge at BAGNI. 2 bombs dropped; one big hit and no other damage at 0010A. JTO checked with Hdqs at 0500A, they assume one plane dropped bombs.
- 2 0000 Phone fr 86 Regt - 21: At 0030A, 3rd plane flying in at 5000 ft dropped white parachute flare at 31399.
- 3 0000 Phone fr 86 Regt: one or two motorcars, unidentified flying 2 to 3 of San Marcello at 0040A. disturbance noted in town (dogs barking and animal calls.)
- 4 0200 Phone fr 86 Regt: At 0200A. Plane over head in San Marcello Area.
- 5 0300 Rec'd: 14 Comm's 8114 430,
- 6 0530 Phone fr 86 Mtn Reg Hdqs: M.I.A.
- 7 0600 TF 45 8114: 2345, submitted.
- 8 0600 TF 45 8114: 2409, submitted.
- 9 0610 Phone fr 81st, 86: (through 86 Hdqs): Firing at 0610A, contact made with enemy. no more details. report to follow.
- 10 0700 Phone fr 86 Hdqs: 0945A, Started from ONIHI (370968) came to ambush point 276009, after time proceeded 500 yds down road. Our patrol when they came to bend in road were halted. sides opened fire an attempt. Then both sides opened fire an attempt. German machine gun jammed. A machine was fired by enemy similar to rocket, explosion like rocket. 3 Red projectiles were fired by enemy to rocket, explosion like rocket. 3 Red traps dropped at left side of road (by enemy), and alert system went off immediately. Lt. Carr and Sgt Cocco and partisan were in front of patrol. They passed word back for men to take cover and proceed to area on rt. side of road which was uphill. Our patrol started uphill. Lt. Carr/patrol at rear when SGT Sellhoff asked for instructions. When patrol entered upper part of village neither Lt. Carr nor Sgt Cocco were present. Partisan nor Sgt CUOCO were fired on by machine pistol from house and village. At this point they were. Patrol continued back to small on trail they had broken. one enemy believed hit by B&A. Firing began at 0715A. patrol now in 868114.
- 11 0730 Phone to 71 Hdq. (Gun Cops Sgt): What do you have of bomb last night in B.OHI? no report here. Will check and call TF 45 Hdqts.  
Phone fr 71 Hdq.: Have no info in GOR on any air action. JTO said 71 GOR should have had info and requested Lt. Fitzpatrick to call TF 45 Hdqts.
- 12 0820 Phone fr 86 Mtn Inf: The Lt and Sgt that were missing in Patrol #221, have returned.
- 13 0910 Phone to C.O. 86 Inf, (Capt Harburg): Lt. Duncan and Serv Co 8114 will not be withdrawn from duty with the Hq TF 45 at Campo Tizoro.

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- 14 0815 rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #14, dated 14 Jan.
- 15 0815 rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 periodic report #72, dated 14 Jan.
- 16 0815 rec'd: Ltr, SOB: Raid by TF Baker, dated 7 Jan.
- 17 0815 rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 periodic report #15, dated 15 Jan.
- 18 0815 rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY S-3 report #14, dated 14 Jan.
- 19 0830 rec'd: 92 Inf Div, Road information, dated 14 Jan.
- 20 0830 rec'd: 92 Inf Div, G-2 periodic report #71, dated 14 Jan.
- 21 0830 rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 report #496, dated 14 Jan.
- 22 0830 rec'd: IV CORPS, Fifth Army passwords for period 18 Jan to 24 Jan, dated 9 Jan.
- 23 0830 rec'd: Hqs 15th Army Gp, Propaganda and leaflet distribution report #13,
- 24 0830 rec'd: Air Intelligence Weekly Summary #112, dated 7 Jan.
- 25 0930 rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #666.
- 26 0930 rec'd: 71 Hqs Intelligence report #55, dated 15 Jan.
- 27 0945 phone fr G-3 IV CORPS (Col Curtis): 894th TD Bn, Recon Co will undoubtedly move. Do not alert Unit.
- 28 0945 phone fr 71 Hqs: All planes vicinity BARI DI LUCCA were friendly. A story (L) comes in LUCCA knows nothing about it.
- 29 0950 phone fr G.O. IV CORPS G-3: 2 South African Pilots will come with Lt. Harris this PM to visit field films. Will stay until Saturday.
- 30 1100 Phone fr 26 Hqs: SITREP: N.I.C.
- 31 1100 TF 45 SITREP #346, submitted.
- 32 1315 rec'd: 68 AF S-2 report #15, dated 15 Jan.
- 33 1315 rec'd: 68 AF S-3 report #15, dated 15 Jan.
- 34 1315 rec'd: 791 TR Bn G-3 report #15, dated 15 Jan.
- 35 1315 rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operations Instructions #5, dated 15 Jan.
- 36 1325 phone fr Lt. Col works to S-2 86th: Will you give me a list of the photos, photo aids and maps etc that you have. I will requisition on the difference.

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Tr 45 ISM #210, submitted.

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1445 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #31.

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1500 Tr 45 SITREP #347, submitted.

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1515 Rec'd: IV Corps G-2 Situation Report as of 0700A, 16 Jan.

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1515 Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 151800A, Jan.

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1515 Rec'd: IV Corps G-2 Period Report #223, dated 16 Jan.

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1515 Rec'd: IV Corps G-2 Section IFA Special Interrogation Report #2, dated 14 Jan.

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1515 Rec'd: IV Corps G-2 Section IFA Intelligence Bulletin, dated 16 Jan.

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1515 Rec'd: AFM Technical Intelligence Summary #41, dated 9 Jan.

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1515 Rec'd: AFM Intelligence Notes #89, dated 2 Jan.

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1530 Phone fr IV Corps: Lt. Barnett and Lt. Sturgeon of 3 Bdn, 8th Wing, SAAF, arrived for 4 day liaison-orientation stay; sent to 86th Inf Hq after advising Col Goli.

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1530 Rec'd: IV Corps ISM #667.

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1630 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.

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1630 Phone to CG and 2 Bn/8c: Weather Forecast for period 162400A to 172400A. Overcast at 1000 ft with scattered to broken low cloudiness over front at 2 to 5000 ft. Increasing middle and high cloudiness above 10 thousand feet late on 17th. No precipitation. Visibility restricted by fog in valleys along front. 5 to 8 miles visibility elsewhere. Min Temp -28 degrees. OUTLOOK: Low overcast with snow showers over area on 18th. General improvement late on 18th bringing scattered to broken low cloudiness and no precipitation after noon 18th. Min Temp decreasing to 2 degrees on 18th and 19th.

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1815 Tr 45 ISM #211, submitted.

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1815 Tr 45 SITREP #348, submitted.

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1915 Phone fr G-2 to CGO, IV Corps: 4 rds unknown cal at 4006 sq at 1703A.

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1930 Rec'd: 92 Av G-2 Periodic Report #72, dated 15 Jan.

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1930 Rec'd: 86th Inf Patrol Report Consolidation dated 16 Jan.

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1930 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #497 dated 14 Jan.

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1. 0645 Loc'd: IV CORPS STAFF #32.
2. 0835 Phone fr and In 86: 11 rifle shots 1 mile W of Bn CP at 0200A.
3. 0940 Phone fr CO 86th Lt Inf: NTR. Lt Col Irvin requested additional info on Patrol #124. (ROCCA CORNETA).
4. 0950 TP 45 STAFF #350, submitted.
5. 0950 TP 45 STAFF #312, submitted.
6. 0910 Phone fr 71 BAA: DANSHER has NTR.
7. 0830 PATROL PLAN #330, 1/86, 4 PM, 15 Jan, MISSION: Contact with 1 Co 365th.

PATROL REPORT #331, 1/86, 15 Jan, Out 0300A, In 1910A. REPORT: Snow 2 1/2 feet deep. Terrain to W. and NW impassible. Mule trail to destination passible. No contact with Partisans.

PATROL REPORT #336, 1/86, 15 Jan, Out 1900A, In 2300A, REPORT: MADE no contact with 2 Plt. Trail very poor.

PATROL PLAN #330, 1/86, 3 PM, 15 Jan, Out 1800A, In 2400A, MISSION: Contact 2nd Platoon.

PATROL REPORT #332, 1/86, 15/16 Jan, Out 1400A, In 0510A. REPORT: Reached MONTESAPATESE (278020) at 1900A. Partisans report no enemy action. At 1825A patrol fired on by 2 men close to buildings in CERADALITTO (291074). Patrol leader picked up 3 men at same spot with glasses. Planned action to fight but detected flanking action by 6 enemy and decided to do no good with frontal action as it would be direct enemy fire. When firing was going on it was dark and the enemy were at a range of about 25 yds--this flanking action by an unknown number of enemy who were heard but not seen. There was no firing by these men. Patrol leader gave 9 men to 2nd in command and those men withdrew and he took 3 men to look out a partisan wounded by enemy fire. Partisan wounded name of GUIDO. Second partisan disappeared after first shot, second partisan evacuated to 2nd Platoon for further evacuation by Partisans. TERRAIN: MISSION: REPORT: Terrain was very rough, passible only by trail and patrol returned very fatigued.

PATROL PLAN #110, 1/1/86, 1 Off, 12 PM, 14 Jan, Out 2130A, In 0500A, DESTINATION: 491150 to 491100. MISSION: Ambush.

PATROL PLAN #337, 1/86, 3 PM, Out 1800A, In 0100A, 15 Jan, MISSION: Contact 1st Platoon.

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7 (cont'd) PATROL PLAN #117, A/1/80, 1 off, 12 3, 14 Jan, Out 2100A,  
In 0500A, DESTINATION: 483170 to 487168. MISSION: Ambush.



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- 8 0850 Phone fr CO 86th Lt Inf: Two patrols cancelled #345 and 350. Lt 86th Lt Inf did not know reason for cancellation. They will find out.
- 9 0855 Phone fr CO 86th Lt Inf: Patrols 345 and 350 were cancelled by order of the Bn Cmdr, because of "impending situation". They were long patrols.  
C of S: I recommend the patrols go. Look like the Bn Cmdr is having the gun. Patrols are 1800 to 0800A and 1500A to 1100A, not long patrols.
- 10 0900 Rec'd: 71 PAA Intelligence Report #56, dated 18 Jan.
- 11 1000 Rec'd: 68 APN S-3 Report #18, dated 18 Jan.
- 12 1000 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #16, dated 16 Jan.
- 13 1000 Rec'd: 751 TR Bn S-3 Report #16, dated 16 Jan.
- 14 1000 Rec'd: 68 APN S-3 Report #18, dated 16 Jan.
- 15 1030 Rec'd: IV CORPS IRR #569.
- 16 1100 PP 49 SITREP #351, submitted.
- 17 1200 PP 49 IRR #213, submitted.
- 18 1430 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 D-I Intelligence Bulletin, dated 17 Jan.
- 19 1430 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A 17 Jan.
- 20 1430 Rec'd: Pentagon Summary as of 161800A Jan.
- 21 1430 Rec'd: Pagan G-3 S-I. Subj: Partisan Activities, dated 16 Jan.
- 22 1430 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #224, dated 17 Jan.
- 23 1430 Rec'd: HQ FIFTH ARMY Ltr, SUBJ: Classification of Combined and IRRIV: Combined Recognition Publications. Dated 12 Jan.
- 24 1430 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #33, 171200A Jan.
- 25 1500 PP 49 SITREP #352, submitted.
- 26 1800 Phone fr 86 Regt: 2 Smoke rds dropped at 38045 at 1200A. Observed by F Co CP (40409). Requested additional check on smoke rounds.)
- 27 1800 Phone to 86 Regt and 2 Bn/86: Weather Forecast for period

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27 (cont'd) 172400A to 182400A. Overcast at 4 to 5000 ft over entire front. Snow showers over front. Precipitation will cease by noon with broken cloudiness over front by 1400A. Visibility restricted by fog in morning becoming over 10 miles by noon. Min Temp 23 no precip. OUTLOOK: Scattered to broken cloudiness, no precipitation and good visibility on 18th and 20th. Min temp 22 - 24 degrees.

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- 28 1635 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #670.
- 29 1605 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operation Instruction #6 dated 16 Jan.
- 30 1705 Phone fr 66P: A-1 P8 taken at 0400A vic 5022 of 2nd Bn 1043.  
He said that his Bn relieve 2 Cos of 1043 4 days ago. B.  
1st Troop Bn will fire every day exercises in BARGO CAPANO  
(E705) in SE direction. (Mortars and Bazookas.)
- 31 1735 Phone fr 66th: SITREP: M.T.R.
- 32 1745 FR 45 SITREP #313, submitted.
- 33 1745 FR 45 ISUM #214, submitted.
- 34 1700 Rec'd: FIFTH ARMY WEATHER FORECAST.
- 35 1835 Phone fr VI MA C.O.: Observer to ABETONE saw footprints run-  
ing SW to S Easting and above 10 Northings. No other movement  
observed. Could not register on hostile WP because of clouds.
- 36 1835 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY S-1 Report #16, dated 16 Jan.
- 37 1835 Rec'd: Pz 13 Army Group, Operational Note #1, dated 16 Jan.
- 38 1835 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #16, dated 16 Jan.
- 39 1835 Rec'd: Overlay of Patrol Route #333.
- 40 1835 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #493, dated 16 Jan.
- 41 1835 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #75, dated 16 Jan.
- 42 2000 Rec'd: 71 NAA Intelligence Report #57, dated 17 Jan.
- 43 2100 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #671.
- 44 2100 Rec'd: AFHQ AA and CD Section, Antiaircraft Intelligence Bulletin  
#50, dated 20 Dec.
- 45 2100 Rec'd: News Recognition Bulletin, dated 1 Jan 1945.
- 46 2100 Rec'd: XXII Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary  
#97, 08, 10, 11, 12 January.
- 47 2200 FR 45 SITREP #354, submitted.
- 48 2204 Phone fr 66 Rept: 2M45A P.Co reports MG and Rifle fire NW of  
La BARRA--very faint.

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1. 0115 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #34.
2. 0500 Phone fr Lt. Harris: 92 Div: Period generally quiet, 40 rds scattered Arty across front. 3PW's Monta Rosa Div taken vicinity WARGA. 386 Regt assumed command of 370 Regt Sector. REP: Sector quiet; slight Arty and Mortar fire. PW from 6 Co, 1043 Regt states that his Co relieved 3rd Co of 1045 Regt. No patrol contacts. II CORPS: Generally quiet; scattered any movement across front; Arty slight. 3 Bn 370 to be relieved by 81 Bn tonight.
3. 0538 Phone fr SG Rept: SITREP: N.T.R.
4. 0600 FP 45 SITREP #355, submitted.
5. 0606 PA er ISUM #215, submitted.
6. 0630 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #74, dated 17 Jan.
7. 0600 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #17, dated 17 Jan.
8. 0630 Rec'd: EV CORPS ISUM #672.
9. 0630 PATROL PLAN #122, A/1/86, 8 EM, 16 Jan, Out 1000A. In 1630A. DISTRIBUTION: 492142 to 490114. MISSION: Recon.  
 PATROL REPORT #122, A/1/86, 16 Jan. REPORT: Killed 3 Germans at 10 yds range. MG opened on right flank so pulled out.  
 PATROL PLAN #123, B/1/86, 10 EM, 16 Jan. Out 0930A. In 2300A. DISTRIBUTION: 491172 to 491149. MISSION: Combat Patrol MG position.  
 PATROL REPORT #123, B/1/86, 16 Jan. Out 0930A. In 2300A. 491172 to 491149. MISSION: Combat Patrol MG position.  
 PATROL PLAN #124, C/1/86, 16 Jan. Out 0930A. In 2300A. REPORT: Reached 490113, no enemy.  
 PATROL PLAN #125, C/2/86, 1 Off, 12 EM, 12 Part, 16 Jan. Out 0900A. In 0100A. DISTRIBUTION: 492006 to 377099. MISSION: Raid PW's.  
 PATROL REPORT #125, 16 Jan. Out 1000A. In 0130A. REPORT: followed prescribed routine to KHEO. Due to bad snow conditions, 3 men had to abandon mission. (Continued, next page)

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0630 Remainder proceeded to reach 394104. Conditions made it impossible to go further and patrol observed RIVERETA AND PIAN-  
LIRATICO. No enemy.

PATROL PLAN #224, E/2/86, 1 Off, 3 EM, 1 port, 16 Jan. Out  
0400A.. In 2400A. DESTINATION: 379008 to 315 09P. MISSION:  
Observation of enemy activity.

PATROL PLAN #224, E/2/86, 16 Jan. Out 0630A. In 1700A. REPORT:  
Left CANTO to position opposite S BELVEDERE. Building located  
on top 301008 that was in good shape and looks down SESTIONI  
VALLEY. At 393127, patrol halted by resetting a fresh mound of  
snow thought to be emplacement. 4 small bldgs and some kind of  
snow vehicle at top of ALBERTO. Observed NOVELLA COSTA. Reach-  
ed MONTENA (329086).

PATROL PLAN #336, 1/3/86, 8 EM, 16 Jan. DESTINATION: 289970 to  
240109. MISSION: Contact.

PATROL REPORT #339, 1/3/86, 15 Jan. Out 0700A. In 1430A. REPORT:  
Contact made at 1165A with 365 Inf. Propaganda leaflet dated 13  
Jan found. Trail passable but icy.

PATROL PLAN #339, 1/3/86, 8 EM, 16 Jan. DESTINATION: 289970 to  
247026. MISSION: Contact.

PATROL REPORT #339, 1/3/86, 16 Jan. Out 1415A. In 1800A. REPORT:  
As scheduled. Made contact with 365th Inf at 1430A. Trails  
passable. Ground lightly covered with snow.

PATROL REPORT #336, E & P / 86, Out 1100A. In 1700A, 16 Jan.  
Report: Reached 440082 but no further because of enveloping clouds  
obscuring mission. Sides of Mts where snow fields are located have  
thin coat of ice. Contrary to previous reports. Weasel can not  
travel from VISANETTA TO MT CUPCLINO because of ice fields, rocky  
terrain and steep slope.

PATROL REPORT #334, E/2/86, 15 Jan. Out 1130A. In 1645A. REPORT:  
At contact point 1 hr but no contact made.

PATROL REPORT #119, Out 0700A, 16 Jan. In 1530A, 16 Jan. REPORT:  
Units as indicated. Reached objective 1000A, 16 Jan. No contact,  
returned. Mt steep and not suitable for weasels.

PATROL PLAN #124, E/1/86, 1 Off, 12 EM, 16 Jan. Out 1915A. In  
0650A. DESTINATION: 502157 to 502175. MISSION: Combat patrol.

PATROL REPORT #124, Out 0745A. In 1650A. REPORT: ROCCA CORNETTA,  
fired on at 1025, 5 enemy fired back and forth 4 hours; finally got  
away. Enemy in rock 200 yds above them.

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PATROL PLAN #223, S-2/2/CG, 1 Off, 3 EM, 1 part, 16 Jan. Out 0400A. In 2400A. DESTINATION: 402064 to 347132. MISSION: CRUISE AREA (355117).

PATROL REPORT #223, S-2. Out 0730A. In 1315A. REPORT: Farther-  
est point reached 356113. No one in MELLO; PIANSINATICO completely  
quiet. Obs. good in AM, poor in PM. No enemy sighted or activity  
noted.

PATROL REPORT #6, C/CG, 15 Jan. Out 0615A. In 1715A. REPORT:  
Lt. Duncan, 1 Non-com, 4 EM, M-1 rifles only. Snowshoes, Snow  
too deep for foot patrol above 800 ft. Weasel would be possible  
to 1200M as shown on overlay. 150 mile visibility to Mediterrane-  
an and the Alps. No wind, 4 ft snow at 1600 meters. See  
Panorama and overlay; 0815A leave Capt Tizpro by vehicle, 0845A.  
Leave MARESCA on snowshoes; 1130A arrive at saddle on MARESCA-  
GEMIGNA divide; between P MALANDRINI AND IDELLA CRING; 1215A to  
1300A, luncheon break. 1345A arrive summit of P MALANDRINI  
(472053). Alt 1602 meters; 1645A arrive MARESCA; 1715A.  
Arrive CAMPO TIZPRO.

PATROL REPORT #333, K/CG, Out 0600A, 14 Jan. In 1130A, 17 Jan.  
REPORT: Reached contact point 470074 but failed to contact 1st  
Bn. Trails very icy and about 1 meter in width. Snowshoes of  
little value due to steepness of terrain. 15 Jan, 7 men were  
forced to return because of fatigue and low rations. Proceeded  
on with 4 men and spent night 16 Jan at SIVORI (4606) in native  
house. Natives stated he had not seen any German in that area  
since last June. Observation of Mt tops good during day but  
clouds shroud Mt tops every afternoon. Men in summer trails  
it would not be advisable for jeeps and weasels. Hules could get  
through but not during winter months, because trail is too icy.

PATROL REPORT #342, K/CG, Out 0930. In 1730A, 16 Jan. REPORT:  
Reached contact point at 1210A. Reconnoitered area 1210 to 1410  
to a radius of 1000 yds but observed nothing. No enemy activity.  
Returned at 1730A. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Snow very soft,  
3 ft deep. Movement difficult.

PATROL PLAN #342, K/3/CG, 3 EM, 16 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1630A.  
DESTINATION: 509025 to 514082. MISSION: Contact with G Co.

PATROL PLAN #343, K/3/CG, 1 Off, 3 EM, 16 Jan. Out 0800A  
DESTINATION: 479020 to 493013 to 493034. MISSION: Contact.

PATROL REPORT: #343, K/3/CG, 16 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1, REPORT:  
Reached K Co, 2nd Plat CP at 1345A.

PATROL PLAN #344, K/3/CG, 2 Off, 3 EM, 16 Jan. Out 0800A. In  
1700A. DESTINATION: 463034 to 508045. MISSION: Contact.

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PATROL REPORT #344, K/3/86, 16 Jan. Out 0800A. In ? REPORT: Reached K 30, 1st Plt CP at 1845A.

PATROL PLAN #341, 1/2.86, 2 EM, 2 Part, 16 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1800A. MISSION: 283998 to 272040. MISSION: Combat patrol.

PATROL REPORT #341, 1/3/86, out 0800A, in 1600A. REPORT: Sighted 1 man in white uniform and 2 in dark uniforms at 1355. Possibly an CP at 308008. Partisans at MATEPEDIESI report having fired upon at 283088 and seeing one mortar and 2 MG's at that spot. No time to check. Terrain rugged but passible. No concealment and little snow.

PATROL REPORT #340, Out 1000A, 16 Jan, In 1800A, 17 Jan, 18 Jan. Report: Sent to 381084 stayed part of night and reached 322074 before dawn. Had not surmounted this peak (322074) before noon. No enemy contact. Civilian shepherds reports only occasional enemy patrols sent to AREA THE POENZA. Patrols infrequent even as far south as 308061. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Last enemy patrol there 3 days ago. Enemy usually travels in 20 to 30 man patrols and then of ten to gather sheep for food. 4 ft. of snow on peak (322074), no snowshoes used but snow not deep enough for them until slopes to steep. Patrol returned completely exhausted.

10. 171000 (not previously entered) FR IV CORPS: MSG #433, dated 171100Z, SUBJECT: PARA ONEY IN COMPLIANCE WITH FIFTH ARMY RADIO TO ORDER SIX EIGHT TWO CMA DATED ONE SIX ONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT ABLE JANUARY, MOVE OUT SEVEN ONE FOR ABLE ABLE REPORT TO MARINA DI PISA PAREN UNCLE NINE NINE SIX ONE PAREN CMA TO ARRIVE TWO FOUR JANUARY X PLAN TWO X UPON ARRIVAL MARINA DI PISA UNIT WILL PASS FROM UNDER COMMAND FOUR CORPS AND SIX TWO ABLE ABLE ROUTES AND TIMINGS COORDINATED WITH FOURTH CORPS TANK CHARLIE CHARLIE X MOVE FROM FOURTH CORPS TO GOC REP GOC CMA SIX TWO ABLE ABLE BDE FOR ACTION DESIGN TO FIFTH ARMY CMA SIX SIX X ABLE ABLE BDE FOR DESIGN TO FIFTH ARMY CMA SIX SIX ABLE ABLE BDE FOR INFO PAREN

11. 0000 Phone Fr 3 to 62 AA Bde (Brig Major): Re Fifth Army Message 3028, dated 10 Jan, 1945, will you handle coordination routes and timing? A: Message to 62 AA Bde was for info only; understand 62 AA Bde will coordinate movement; in any event, suggest 71 HAA themselves contact CORPS 44.

12. 0000 Phone Fr 3 to 66 AA Bde (Brig Major): Re Fifth Army Message 3028, dated 10 Jan, 1945, will you handle coordination of routes and timing? A: No--71 HAA is in 62 AA Bde area; that they should handle but will do anything 45 AAA Brig desires.

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- 13 0940 Phone fr 3 to 71 HAA (Col Turner): Re Fifth message 3682 when will you be obliged to go out of action so as to reach ARIMA DI FIBRA by 24 Jan. 45: Will plan to go out of action 23 Jan. Will arrange own routes and timings with CORPS 44. Will keep TF 45 advised.
- 14 1000 Phone fr 4 to 31 235 Eng Bn (Converted AA Bn): moving to FRAGONIA today. Will doubtless have road maintenance resp for 629.
- 15 1000 Phone fr Eng to 3: 23 Art Eng (It) taking over road maintenance resp from BACMI DI LUCCA to SKSTALONE on Rt #12 and from LA LIMA to FONTE PETRI on Rt #66.
- 16 1100 TF 45 SITREP #356, submitted.
- 17 1130 Phone to 8-2, 86 Mt Mort: Regarding counter-mortar operations: See booklet on subject as issued by Hq 34 Div Arty dated 3 Dec, 1944. (86 has cc copy) as reference. Set up section, have RCM officer appointed and inform TF 45 of his name. Until further notice 71 HAA will operate as Div Counter Mortar Office.
- ADDITIONAL ACTION: JTO asked Lt. Col Turner (71 HAA) to contact 86 regarding this matter. 71 DCOM is Lt. Pascock and section is set up to handle mortar reports and take counter-mortar action. JTO requested copies of 34 DIV CM Publication Form IV CORPS ARTY for 85 and 87.
- 18 1300 Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 171800A January.
- 19 1300 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #225 dated 18 Jan.
- 20 1330 Rec'd: Hq, 86th Mt Infantry, Consolidated Patrol Report, dated 18 Jan.
- 21 1320 Phone fr 86 Mt Inf: 1st Bn 0900A, C Co, 6 men enemy patrol moving into 517467, 0940A, 1 shell in Aid Station in VIOGNETICO, 2 casualties, not serious (evacuated) 0945A to 0954A, 4 shells in VIOGNETICO. 0950A, CP reports enemy pack train 6 animals at 616197, fired 16 rounds, 105mm rounds, 0950A, C Co reports enemy CP and dugout at 516198, fired 16 rounds 105mm How. 1134A, 1 shell burst at 500155. 1130A, Air CP reports 2 gun pits at 510183, fired 12 rounds, good effect. 1247A, 1 round time fire at 499139.
- 22 1320 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 180000A January.
- 23 1330 TF 45 ISUM #216, submitted.
- 24 1350 Phone fr IV CORPS G-2 (King) to G-2: GSB reports of 111000A Jan. States: On 10 Jan, twelve Arty pieces of 105 Cal passed on Rt #12, headed for ABETONE. ACTION: Advised DANERKE, REMOUNT, AND CAPT SCHMALE.
- 25 1400 CORRECT PATROL REPORT #2241 to read as follows: Left ONTANI and proceeded to position opposite M BELVANDERE (3409) approx. CHALST (small ski lodge) located at 309088 was in good shape and looks down on SESTIONI VALLEY. From same point patrol policed by resection a fresh mound of snow at 393127, thought to be fortifications. 4 small buildings and remainder of snow vehicle at top of APERTO (3713). Obs PIAN X NOVILLA AND COSTA (3508



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25 1400 (Cont'd.) and 3707). Reached FORTEZZA (329037).

PATROL PLAN #228, G/2/86, 1 Orr, 4 EM, 1 Part, 17 Jan. Out 0530A, In 2400A. MISSION: Recon.

PATROL REPORT #228, G/2/86, 17 Jan. Out 0530A. In 1415A. REPORT: Left CUTIGLIANO (405064) at 0530A. Arrived via 391103 at 0820A. Saw one German run in second building on left side of Hwy #12 at South end of PIANSINATICO (389889) round one torch that had been used recently vic 391103. At 0930A were fired upon at vic of 387108 from house at 374108. Proceeded on to TAURI (390114) where we had excellent observation of ABETONE (333118) and ski lift. Observed 4 positions thought to be Arty at 333121. Saw no personnel in or around these positions and observed no activity around hotel and vicinity. Snow very deep, movement difficult.

PATROL REPORT #347, 3 Bn. Out 0900A, REPORT: Made contact 1700A.

PATROL PLAN #345, L and I/3/86, 1 Orr, 50 EM, 17 Jan. Out 1800A. In 0600A. MISSION: Combat patrol.

PATROL REPORT: #345, L and I/3/86, 17 Jan. REPORT: Cancelled.

PATROL PLAN #125, C/1/86, 1 Orr, 12 EM, 17 Jan. Out 1900A. In 0500A. MISSION: Contact enemy.

PATROL PLAN #126, C/1/86, 8 EM, 17 Jan. Out 1900A. In 0500A. MISSION: Protect flank.

PATROL REPORT #126 and 126, 86 Mt Inf, 18 Jan. Out 2000A. In 0430A. REPORT: Could not accomplish mission; lost route because of no daylight reconnaissance. On way back were engaged in fire by estimated 8 men vicinity 512166. Advanced upon them but enemy ceased fire and managed to withdraw through woods without being detected. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT (PATROL WAS TO GO TO POLLA (509176)).

PATROL REPORT, 1st Bn 86 Mt Inf, 18 Jan. REPORT: Contact made with BRAZILIANS 172115A.

PATROL PLAN #348, I/3/86, 1 Orr, 6 EM, 17 Jan. Out 0700A. In 1500A. MISSION: Contact.

PATROL PLAN #349, I/3/86, 1 Orr, 6 EM, 17 Jan. Out 1100A. MISSION: Contact.

PATROL REPORT #348, I/3/86. Out 0835A. In 1545A. REPORT: Made contact at 1300A with I Company, 365 Inf.

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25 1400 (Cont'd.) PATROL REPORT #349, 1/3/86. Out 1015A. In 1820A  
REPORT: Made contact at 1415A with I Co 355th Inf.

PATROL PLAN #350, 1/3/86, 2 Off, 10 EM, 17 Jan. Out 1500A. In  
1100A. MISSION: Combat.

PATROL REPORT #350, 1/3/86, 17 Jan. REPORT: Cancelled.

PATROL PLAN #340, 1/3/87, 1 Off, 14 EM, 1 Part, 16 Jan. Out ?  
In ? DESTINATION: 292995 to 315082. MISSION: Combat patrol.

PATROL REPORT #340, 1/3/86, REPORT: Went to 331054, stayed over  
night and reached 323074 before dawn. Hill not surmounted peak  
by noon. No contact. CIVILIAN Shepard reports an occasional  
enemy patrol sent to ALPE TRE POTREZZE. Patrols infrequent even as  
far as South as 300091. Enemy usually travels in 20 to 30 men  
patrol and then principally to steal sheep for food. ROUTE  
RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Snow 4 feet deep. No snowshoes used.  
Snow not deep enough for them until slopes too steep. Patrol  
returned exhausted. (Previously entered

PATROL PLAN #229, E/2/86, 1 Off, 4 EM, 1 Part, 17 Jan. Out 0530A.  
In 2400A. MISSION: Recon.

PATROL REPORT #229, E/2/86. Out 0530A. In 1800A. REPORT:  
Reached top of Mt GOMITO (319099) in 8 hours could clearly see ABE  
ABETONE with smoke coming from chimney. No enemy activity. Saw  
ski tow not in use. Observed cabins on ridge which looked in  
good condition with no sign of habitation. Started back, taking  
four hours. On way could see between saddle of LA SERRA and  
CORDUSA and see into PIANSIRATICO. Observed fresh tracks West of  
PIANSIRATICO, which appeared to lead to some positions. Recon Rep-  
---Snow shoes used to reach Mt Gomito, trail difficult but pass-  
ible. Mt Gomito would be a good position to move up to in de-  
fense. Party exposed themselves several times but drew no fire.

26 1500 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #35.

27 1500 TR 45, SITREP #357, submitted.

28 1525 Phone fr 86 Regt: I Co Opt At 1505A, American plns crashed  
at 23760. Pilot bailed out and is now proceeding toward I Co  
position. 5 men dispatched to meet him. More later.

29 1545 Rec'd: VI CORPS ISUM #673.

30 1545 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.

31 1630 PATROL PLANS #131, 132, 133, dated 18 Jan. Overlays.

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| 32             | 1600        | TF 45 ISUM #217, submitted.   |
| 33             | 1600        | TF 45 SITREP #358, submitted.   |
| 34             | 1830        | Phone to 86 Regt: Weather forecast for 182400A to 192400A. Broken to overcast middle clouds over eight thousand feet with clearing late in day. No precipitation and good visibility. Min Temp, 24 degrees. OUTLOOK: Broken low clouds becoming scattered by 1200A with no precipitation on the 20th. Generally clear skies and good visibility on the 21st. Min Temp, 21 to 24 degrees.  |
| 35             | 1730        | Phone fr 86 Regt: At 1622A patrol #231 requested by radio arty fire at 434094 and 437093, arty was fired.   |
| 36             | 1810        | Phone to 86 Regt: Corrected Weather Forecast for 181800: Sky conditions clear becoming overcast by 1800A. Rain in 92 Div and in mountains starting during afternoon of 19th becoming snow in mountains by night. Visibility 5 to 8 miles becoming restricted in snow and rain. Min Temp 23 F. OUTLOOK: for 48 hours: Sky conditions and weather overcast with rain and snow during evening of 19th. Breaking up by morning of 20th. Scattered to broken clouds on 20th and 21st. Visibility good except during snow and rain. Min Temp warming on 19th to 30 degrees F slowly decreasing to 22 F on 21st. |
| 37             | 1830        | Phone fr Eng Officer: 3rd Co (Hq Co.), 23rd Artillery Bn at GARIBANA (454013).  |
| 38             | 1905        | Phone fr Partisan Officer at MAGNI DI LUCEA: Have information of 2 people trying to cross lines. Partisans are sending out patrol to pick these people up. They are leaving LIMANO (3400). They are going to CASOLI (335998). Will keep us informed as to results. Request we alert our units not to fire on partisan patrol.   |
| 39             | 1915        | Rec'd: 68 AFA Bn S-3 Report #17 dated 17 Jan.   |
| 40             | 1915        | Rec'd: 761 TK Bn S-3 Report #17 dated 17 Jan.   |
| 41             | 1 15        | Rec'd: 92 Inr Div Operations Instructions #7, dated 17 Jan.   |
| 42             | 1915        | Rec'd: 68 AFA S-2 Report #17, dated 17 Jan.   |
| 43             | 2100        | Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #574.  |

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- 44 2140 Fr Capt Underwood (G91, 10 Mt Div): 85 Mt Regt to arrive in  
Sector as follows: A - On 19 Jan, 17 vehicles will move via  
Route #66 to LIMESTRE (440005) and arrive in 4 serials as  
follows -- 1620A, .840A, 1700A, 1720A. B--On 20 Jan, 187  
vehicles will move via Route #12 to BAGNI DI LUCCA (260970)  
and arrive in 9 serials as follows: 1135A, 1135A, 1145A  
1205A, 1235A, 1255A, 1315A, 1335A, 1355A. No information as  
yet on the 87 Inr.
- 45 2200 Phone Fr Capt Hamilton (IV CORPS G-4): Change in arrival or  
87 Inr--Convoy #382 cancelled (sending all to BAGNI DI LUCCA)  
and #383 and 394 in force as follows: 393 124 vehicles, PISA  
to PISTOIA via #66 to LIMESTRE in 5 March units. Arrive  
Pistoia Arrive LIMESTRE  
201115 201230A  
1135 1250  
1155 1310  
1215 1330  
1245 1400  
#384 63 vehicles, PISA, LUCCA; BAGNI DI LUCCA:  
Leave LUCCA Arrive BAGNI DI LUCCA  
201140 201255  
1200 1315  
1240 1355
- 46 2300 TF 45 SITREP #254, submitted.
- 47 2355 Phone Fr 86 Regt Hdqs: 2300A G Co reports 2 shots from points  
130 yds East of CUTIGLIANO approx coord (403064). 2 flashes  
of light observed 2 minutes later from PRESSO VOSSO (414071).

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1. 0200 Phone fr -----: Flares seen at 0100A from 3 Bn CP Outpost (458016) near Gavignano 58 to 700 yds North of this outpost. Area being investigated.
  2. 0405 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #36.
  3. 0600 TF 4b SITREP #380, submitted.
  4. 0600 TF 4b ISUM #218, submitted.
  5. 0800 Rec'd: OSS 1ST BN, 86TH INF DET, Intelligence Report, dated 17 Jan.
  6. 0800 Phone fr IV CORPS ARTY (AOP) for BANSHEN today will not be up. If weather clears up this afternoon the plane will be over Sector. (Banashen notified.)
  7. 0900 Rec'd: 71 HAA Intelligence Report #58, dated 18 Jan.
  8. 0930 Rec'd: 751 TK Bn S-3 Report #18, dated 18 Jan.
  9. 0930 Rec'd: 68 AFA S-2 Report #18, dated 18 Jan.
  10. 0930 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #675.
  11. 1000 PATROL PLAN #230, F/86, 1 Off, 5 EM, 2 Part, 18 Jan, Out 0600. In 1800A, MISSION: Recon and Obs.  
  
PATROL REPORT #230, F/86, 18 Jan. Out 0800A, In 1845A. REPORT: Negative report as far as enemy activity. SECTION (395067) at 0600, arrived CARDOSINO (367069) at 1130A, continued patrol #232 in route. Could see ABETONE, PIANGINATICO and lots of road between. Observed LIBRO APRETO (373129) only action heard was firing from N. E. 181300A. Left at 1630A. CARDOSINA and arrived SECTION at 1845A. Evergreens on top CARONINA and Wick snow on mountain.
  - PATROL PLAN #351, K/3/86, 3 EM, 18 Jan. Out 0700A. In 1500A. MISSION: Contact. ROUTE: 488025; ORSICHA (508035), 512011.
  - PATROL REPORT #351, K/3/86, 18 Jan. Out 0900A. In 1500A. REPORT: As scheduled. Trail fair.
  - PATROL PLAN #354, L/3/86, 6 EM, 18 Jan. Out 1100A. In 1900A. MISSION: Contact 365.
  - PATROL PLAN #353, L/3/86, 18 Jan. Out 0700A. In 1500A. MISSION: Contact 365th.

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PATROL REPORT #354, 1/3/86, 18 Jan, Out 0800A. In 1740. REPORT: Contact as scheduled at 1225A. Picked up Air Corps Lt who crashed. Wreck at 288998. Lt. has contacted his unit.

PATROL REPORT #358, 1/3/86, 18 Jan. Out 0800A. In 1700A. REPORT: Contact as scheduled at 1140A. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: To 240010.

PATROL PLAN #128, B/86, Jan 18. Out 0630A. In 1800A. 5 MM. MISSION: Rcn.

PATROL REPORT #128, B/1/86, 18 Jan. Out 0630A. (In 1830A. REPORT: Reached objective 461117) Noted 3 enemy observing from SOUTH SERRAISCUA (461155). Could not find possible route up the CAMPIANO RIDGE in their Sector. Patrol was on skis. SOUTH RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Weather clear.

PATROL REPORT #128A, B/1/86, 18 Jan. Out 0630A. In 1830A. REPORT: They did not reach objective because of depth of snow. Patrol on snowshoes but they were convinced route to CAMPIANO RIDGE must be further to SW. Farthest penetration NEGRA (469129). ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Overlay following.

PATROL PLAN #232, E/2/86, 1 off, 10 Ea, 2 Part, 18 Jan. Out 0800A. MISSION: PW's and Rcn.

PATROL REPORT #232, E/2/86, 18 Jan. Out 0600A. In 1900A. REPORT: Left ONTANI (379067) at 0600A, Cont'd patrol #230 at 371085 and cont'd on. Hit trail going along road as mentioned on overlay. Trail is small mule trail, not used for long time. Could see road fairly well from trail. Followed trail to 366062 880 yds from CARLO (357093). From CARLO received rifle fire, sporadic auto fire, mortar fire. In order to gain high ground headed for TORTO (358083). Every time we stopped we received mortar fire. Occasional rifle fire heard. When almost on TORTO spotted unarmed German coming towards us at 10 Yds. Mortar fire prevented taking him prisoner. Started back toward CARDOSA (365087). Enemy Arty air bursts exploded overhead. Arty believed coming from vicinity of GAUSUMA (343108) received fire from CHEORATTO (353084) on return. Mortar and Arty fire came near until on SW side of CARDOSA (365087). No casualties in patrol. Saw no activity at MARINATICO. Towards ABETONE SAW SKI or sled tracks on Highway #12. Growths of evergreen on TORTO, brush and small trees on mule trail. Snow very thick on northern side of ridge; possible OpP. on TORTO. All houses along road occupied.

12 1000 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #74, dated 17 Jan.

13 1000 Rec'd: Seventh Army Weekly Summary (AA), dated 10 Jan.

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14. 1000 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #499, dated 17 Jan.
15. 1000 Rec'd: IV CORPS OSS DET, Military Information Reported by Partisans and Civilians dated 18 Jan.
16. 1000 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #75, dated 18 Jan.
17. 1000 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY G-3 Report #17, dated 17 Jan.
18. 1000 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #17, dated 17 Jan.
19. 1000 Rec'd: 62 AA Bde, Message #0.4, dated 181010A.
20. 1000 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #18, dated 18 Jan.
21. 1000 Rec'd: TF 45 H.A. Operation Order #3, dated 19 Jan, from 71 HAA.
22. 1100 TF 45 SITREP #361, submitted.
23. 1100 Phone fr 68 APA: Maj Pillsbury (Ex of 68 APA) called to requisition Firing Tables 75mm How. States 3 75mm How will be trained along PORRETTA -- CASTELLUCIO ROAD and then go into position vicinity LIZZANO. Will go this morning to recon and discuss employment of 75mm How in that sector.
24. 1110 Phone fr 92 Inf Div (Zimmerman - 3): 1 - All elements of 370 going TOVIAREGGIO Assembly Area. 2 - OK for 85 to inroad 100 yds on 365 Sector. Will advise 365 Sector.
25. 1245 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 19 Jan.
26. 1245 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #243, dated 19 Jan.
27. 1345 Rec'd: AFHQ Intelligence Notes #90, dated 9 Jan.
28. 1330 TF 45 ISUM #219, submitted.
29. 1445 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #37.
30. 1500 TF 45 SITREP #362, submitted.
32. 1545 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #676.
33. 1600 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
34. 1600 Phone fr IV CORPS ARTY - 3 (Lt. Walker): 10 Mt Div Arty will replace 71 HAA. Mt Arty will arrive in about 4 days.



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- 35 1600 PATROL REPORT #356, 3/86, 19 Jan. Out: 0850A. In 1530A.  
REPORT: Contact made at 1145A.  
  
Patrol report #356, 3/86, 19 Jan. Out: 0700A. In 1300A.  
REPORT: Contact made at 1000A.  
  
PATROL REPORT #360, 3/86, 19 Jan. Out: 0800A. In 1245A.  
REPORT: Stopped by weather at 290020. (Lighting on ridges.)
- 36 1645 Phone to 86 Regt and 2 Bn/28: Weather Forecast for period 192400A to 202400A. Overcast at one to two thousand feet with rain over coastal sector and snow and rain over rest of front. Visibility restricted to two to four miles. High winds during night and morning hours. Min Temp 29 degrees. OUTLOOK: Broken to overcast low clouds with rain and snow on the 21st Jan. Clearing on 22nd. Visibility restricted on the 21st, but gradually improving during day. Visibility good on the 22nd. Min Temp 28 to 31 degrees.
- 37 1516 To TF SIGNAL OFF (Capt Baxter): REVDG: Patrol to PIANSIHA-VISO 19-20 Jan. We are using amber, green red (all solid ball) plus white star cluster flares as calls for Arty fire. Are any other colors available? Ans: No. ACTION: JTO advised Col Givvs who advised that calls with flares as per 71 HAA operation order #5 be used as shown but patrol be informed that a solid ball red flare may bring enemy Arty fire. JTO advised 71 HAA and asked that patrols be informed through Arty liaison.
- 38 1500 Phone fr 86 Mt Inf: 2nd Bn A and P Platoon has cleared route 712 of mines as far North as 389078. 3rd Bn to move Hq Co and CP to DCCGIA (443015) sometime between 200600 and 201200.
- 39 1720 Phone fr 88 Regt Hdqts (Sgt Lamson): 2 miles North of LA LINA (410025) the road Route #12, has been blocked by landslide caused by rain.  
ACTION: JTO at 1722A began trying to get in touch with Lt Hedges of 23 (Snd) ARTILLERY ENG (Italia) who have the responsibility for maintaining #12. No one in Hq (including engr. office) seems to know how to get them. Called (Stade) 1108 engr and found Lt Hedges there at 1750A. Gave him the info. He will attend to the matter.
- 40 1800 TF 45 ISUM #220, submitted.
- 41 1900 TF 45 SITREP #363, submitted.
- 42 1815 Phone fr C.O., 1st Bn, 85th Inf. at BAGGI DI LUCCA: Lt. Col. Woolley wanted info on drawing rations directly from LUCCA. I told him that G-4 would call him in the morning and would also inform S-4, 85th Inf. The information is in Adm C Fl.
- 43 1815 Rec'd: AFHQ AA and CD Section, Subj: RA Notes #23, dated 13 Jan.

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- 44 1815 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY S-3 Report #18, dated 18 Jan.
- 46b 1815 02 Inf Div Operation Instructions #8, dated 18 Jan.
- 46 1815 Fifth Army G-3 Report #18, dated 18 Jan.
- 47 1815 Fifth Army G-2 Report #500, dated 18 Jan.
- 48 1615 02 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #75, dated 18 Jan.
- 49 1815 Rec'd: Fifth Army Antiaircraft Artillery Information Bulletin #6, dated 16 Jan.
- 50 1845 Phone fr Maj Callahan, G-2, IV CORPS: Have our PW Report, 18 Jan, wants to know why 2 PW's were not included in ISUM or PW count. Told him they were long-time deserters who had been working with Partisans since July 44. He said they are still PW's and should have been reported in 1330A ISUM. (Sgt. Sinn).
- 51 1925 Phone fr Capt Watson: To Gen Duff: Chief of Staff and Gen. Kuriner were grounded in Naples and will be up tomorrow, weather permitting. Everything OK down here.
- 52 1800 Phone fr IV CORPS ARTY AOP: Air OP will be available tomorrow if weather good. Have observer same place, same hour. (Ban-shee advised and will comply).
- 53 2130 Phone fr IV CORPS, Lt. Owens, Liaison Officer: 02 Div Sector quiet. 12 PW's taken, all deserters, 2 from Italian Div. PW's state div. now guarding all bridges and communications lines against Partisan action. Also this Div in Feb to relieve the Italian Troops in this Sector. Patrol activity no contact. BEF: Slight Arty and Mortar fire. Patrols, no contact. II CORPS: Sector quiet. Slight Arty fire.
- 54 2200 REC'D: IV CORPS ISUM #677.
- 55 2300 Phone fr 86 Regt: SITREP: N.T.R. II. No change. III. Advance CP, 85 Mt 2, opened LIMESTRE (44003) at 191900A.
- 56 2200 TF 45 SITREP #364, submitted.

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1. 0200 rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #38.
2. 0250 Phone fr 66th Inf: Amount Blue: Our patrol has lost radio contact with base station. attempting to gain contact. Patrol #355. Contact renewed at 0250.
3. 0300 Phone fr 66th Inf: patrol #355, fire fight in Progress Plansinatico, 0250A.
4. 0350 Phone fr 66th Inf: White 2 outpost--reports firing on ridge at La Serra in good volume and seems to be moving to low altitude. Machine bullets have been noticed on N. E. side of La Serra. 0300A, MG and auto pistol fire has been reported by both G and I outposts. Amount Easy Yellow and red flares at 0300A. Patrol #355, withdraws at 0444 because they were running out of ammo. No P's, no casualties.
5. 0600 TP 45 ISM #221, submitted.
6. 0600 TP 45 SITREP #365, submitted.
7. 0830 Phone fr 66th Inf: Patrol #124A, 3 men, left at 0700A 17th Jan and haven't been seen since.
8. 0830 rec'd: 71 Max Intelligence report #59, dated 19 Jan.
9. 0840 rec'd: IV Corps ISM #678.
10. 0900 Patrol Plan #359, 1/3/46, 6 A., 19 Jan, Out 1100A, In 1900A, MISSION: Contact 36th Inf.  
Patrol Plan #359, 1/3/46, 19 Jan, Out 1115A, In 1740A, REPORT: At contact point from 1400 to 1615, did not make contact. Made effort to find patrol from 36th Inf but could not. Weather clearing, trail sloppy. (243011).  
Patrol Plan #357, 3/86, 3 A., 19 Jan, Out 0830A, In 1700A, MISSION: Contact.  
Patrol Plan #357, 5/84, 19 Jan, Out 0830A, In 1830A, REPORT: As scheduled.  
Patrol Plan #361, 3/86, 12 A., 19 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1530A, MISSION: Route Rgn.  
Patrol Plan #361, 3/86, 19 Jan, Out 0800A, In 0915A, REPORT: As scheduled. Deep snow and slash made very hard going. 315097, 308085, 280037, 271027.
11. 0930 Phone fr IV Corps ADV (Mathewson): Brazilians will fire L-8's (arm'd cars with 127 mm) this morning from 580094 into hill at 0630. (86th (Allen) advised; also 751 Inf in the hill advise 68 AF.)
12. 1005 rec'd: 68 AF S-2 Report #19, dated 19 Jan.
13. 1015 rec'd: 751 Inf S-3 Report #19, dated 19 Jan.

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14. 1400 Rec'd: 68 AAA S-3 Report #19, dated 19 Jan.
15. 1400 Rec'd: Headquarters Antiaircraft Command, Fort Bliss, Texas, AA Information Bulletin #9, dated 22 Dec.
16. 1400 Rec'd: Fifth Army passwords for period 25 Jan to 31 Jan., dated 16 Jan.
17. 1400 Phone fr Lt. Col works to IV Corps G-3: CP 87 is in vicinity of 138865, between 14000 and 141000.
18. 1430 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #19, dated 19 Jan.
19. 1430 Rec'd: 3d AAA Brigade Intelligence Bulletin #1, dated 9 Jan.
20. 1430 Rec'd: 22nd Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary #100, dated 15 Jan. Intelligence Summary #101, dated 16 Jan.
21. 1430 Rec'd: AFM, AA and CD Section, Subj: AA engagement of Pilotless Aircraft, dated 13 Jan.
22. 1430 TF 45 Bill #366, submitted.
23. 1430 Phone fr Sgt Benson (stenogram): Patrols #34 and 25 cancelled due to poor visibility.
24. 1430 Phone fr Col works to Capt r: 1- patrols across Mt. SINGOLINO should be sent immediately from 2nd to 1st Bn. 2- I Co leave key personnel with 1st Bn, 85th to make contact across. 3- K;27, 2 man patrol, not to be sent again. NO 3 LATER REVISITING. SEE ENTRY BELOW.
25. 1430 Phone fr Col to Capt S-2, both: any more deep patrolling between ROCCA CORNELIA and 02100 is considered unnecessary. However patrols will continue to search for routes to the ridge of 02100--LA SANCRISTIANO ridge.
26. 1430 Phone fr Lt. Col Inf (Capt Finelzer): Patrol 355 from L Co (1 Off - 52 M) left 1st Bn positions (3906) at 1800A and proceeded on route as planned to La Collachi (27300) where scout heard clicking of my bolts of rifles; one shot was fired. Patrol stopped. Scout reconnoitered and found nothing. At 0130A patrol continued on route, descending from ridge on N side of LA SERRA (3708). At 0210A, when about 500 yds N of Piancinatico (3603), three spy machine guns opened up; machine guns were protected by rifle and sniper fire coming from flanks on west outskirts of town. Our patrol was pinned to ground with movement impossible. At 0310A mortar fire, probably 50 mm, began falling in vicinity of patrol; was apparently coming from center of Piancinatico. The light mortar was then followed by still heavier mortar shells from a position N and slightly outside Piancinatico. Our patrol returned the spy fire with auto. wea pons but only 1 Bn functioned properly; the Tommy guns and M-1's had frozen. At 0330A, our patrol called for friendly artillery which quickly silenced the mortar fire and reduced the machine gun fire but intense machine pistol fire continued and the movement of the patrol forward was still impossible. During

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- 16 Cont's: the engagement; the enemy continued to fire all colors of signal flares. At 0440A, our patrol had almost exhausted its ammunition and was forced to disengage enemy. It returned about same route as approached with one casualty (shoulder bullet wound). Patrol leader does not think more than a platoon of enemy in Piansinatico particularly machine pistols. The enemy in this case, was not surprised. (Phoned to 1st CO's (DeGow) at 1235A)
- 17 1330 Phone fr Capt Leach to Remount 2: Called for details on fire fight this AM at Piansinatico. Details not available because patrol leader had been sent to be by 8th CO. Col works to Capt Harberg (Asst S-2) Q: Corps requires the information on the fire fight immediately. Will you get it? A: Right away.
- 18 1300 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 0700, 20 Jan.
- 19 1300 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic report #227, dated 20 Jan.
- 20 1300 Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 191800A Jan.
- 21 1330 TF 45 ISM #222, submitted.
- 22 1330 Rec'd: IV CORPS OSS Det, Military Information reported by Partisans and civilians dated 20 Jan.
- 23 1330 Patrol Plan #355, L/3/86, 1 Off, 52 E1, 19 Jan, 04 1800A, In 0600A, DESTINATION: SANTIAGO (3906) to COLLACHELA (373086) to RV #12 (378091). MISSION: Combat Patrol.
- 24 1400 Rec'd: 86 Mt Inf, Consolidated Patrol report, dated 20 Jan.
- 25 1500 TF 45 SITREP #367, submitted.
- 26 1430 Phone fr 86 Mt Inf: SITREP: 1 Square 5th Italian PK group closed LA LIMA at 1100A. N.T.C.
- 27 1420 Phone fr 86 Mt Inf: Banshee OP reports enemy patrol, 20 men at 324127 at 1140A. Moving E across country.
- 28 1620 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 29 1630 Phone to Remount and Remount Red: Weather Forecast for period 202400A to 212400A. Clear to scattered cloudiness at two to three thousand feet along entire front and southern PO Valley. No precipitation. Visibility 12 miles. Min temp 21 degrees. OUTLOOK: Similar conditions on the 22 Jan. Scattered to broken cloudiness with scattered snow showers over mountains on the 23 Jan. Good visibility except in snow throughout the period. Min Temp 21 to 23 degrees.
- 40 1615 Phone fr Banshee to G-2: Banshee Air OP obsd enemy patrol at 324127, moving cross-country SS about 20 men at 1140A. (Notified 80th and 85th.)

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- 41 1700 Phone fr remount (Allen): MINOR: 3 bn opened CP at DOCCA (444013) at 1520A. All elements 1/86 relieved in B.G.M.I. DI DOCCA Area by elements 1/86 at 1700A. Enroute to DOCCA (444013).
- 42 1740 Phone fr 85th at Inf: ORNS: 1st Bn evacuated relief of Co 1/86 at Inf. INTENTIONS: No change. CP'S: 1st Bn 268973, class 1300A. 2nd Bn, 456014. Hq Co, 446003, Serv Co, 446003.
- 43 1800 TF 45 ISUM #223, submitted.
- 44 1800 TF 45 SITREP #368, submitted.
- 45 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #679.
- 46 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #76, dated 19 Jan.
- 47 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operation Instructions #9, dated 19 Jan.
- 48 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #501, dated 19 Jan.
- 49 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #76, dated 19 Jan.
- 50 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #19, dated 19 Jan.
- 51 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #39.
- 52 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS HQY G-3 Report #19, dated 19 Jan.
- 53 1900 Phone fr IV CORPS G-3 (DeChow): 85th Inf will be attached TF 45 as of 201200A.
- 54 1905 Phone fr IV CORPS to G-2: Password has been compromised but will not be changed. Notify organizations; 86, 85, etc, item 894.
- 55 2000 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #680.
- 56 2100 Phone fr IV CORPS G-2 (Davis): Q: 1- all civilians evacuated from ABETONE? 2- How many troops in ABETONE? 3- Can part. pinpoint CP in ABETONE? A: 1- All civilians except 5 who are working for any have been evacuated. 2- Only about 15 to 20 eng in ABETONE at 1st Bn CP. Partisans have pinpointed. Q: Corps is asking for Air bombing of Bn CP in Abetone. Would like pinpoint location of post center in ABETONE. A: This is South of Village Square within a block or so.
- 57 2150 Rec'd: Hq 85th Inf, PATROL REPORT #355, dated 20 Jan.
- 58 2200 Phone fr IV CORPS Bn Officer (Owens): II CORPS: Sector generally quiet with increase of Arty and any activity in A Sector; train and vehicular activity, tanks being dug in. Fifteen eng seen at 8036 sq. 92 Div: Arty slight. Scattered movement both ways on ABET-DOCCA road. Much patrol activity. One patrol

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- 58 Cont'd: contact--killed 2. eny. bnf: Moderate mortar fire on BASSIANO (5818). Patrole  
none no contact. BIRTH ARMY: C.M. GARD'S: Posns established at 503518 without  
opposition. eny infiltrated at 1330A at 484493 and forced Canadian withdrawal.  
bnf observed 5 large ships in LA SPERZA Harbor.
- 59 2200 phone fr ROUTE 3 (85 Mt): 1 bn completed relief I/86 at 2100A vic BAGNI DI  
MORC... 2 bn: Closed on GAVINANA Area (4501) at 2500A and opened GP at 461012.  
3 bn: Closed on PIRETTA Area (4395) at 1630A and opened GP at 441957.
6. 2300 rec'd: IV CORPS Messare attaching 85 Mt Inf to TF 45, effective 201200A.
- 61 2300 TF 45 SITREP #369, submitted.

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- 1 0100 rec'd: Fifth Army AA Deployment Statement, dated 19 Jan.
- 2 0140 phone fr IV CORPS G-3 (DeChow): Recurrent rumors of a second enemy attack in the SERCHIO VALLEY continue. PW's taken by the 92 Div from 7 Co of the 286 Regt state that an attack will be made within seven days following 19 Jan on SERRACOLONIA (1906). Three German companies are stated to be involved; Italian elements being primed to cross Serchio River and attack SW of SERRACOLONIA. Further interrogation of PW's is now being conducted with a view to clearing up further rumor that 3rd German Div., from Franco-Italian border, will also be made available for the attack.  
ACTION: Col Gibbs, General Luvv, 85th Inf (Duty Off: Lt Ryan) and 86th Lt Inf advised at 210145A.
- 3 0430 rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #40.
- 4 0450 phone fr debate 1: Disposition 1st Bn: Bn CP, 266979; A Co, 26109715; B Co, 270967 (-); D, 272963; 2nd Plat B Co Plus, 294933; 1st Plat and Ssect MG fr D Co 276994. 3rd Plat C Co and C Co CP, 263998; 2nd Plat G Co, 25609974; 1st Plat G Co and Sect MG plus Sect 81mm Mortars from D Co, 257987. Advise Corps G-3 210500A.
- 5 0530 phone fr debate 1: SITREP: N.T.R.
- 6 0554 phone fr APO 464: SITREP: N.T.R.
- 7 0600 TF 45 SITREP #370, submitted.
- 8 0600 TF 45 IRR #224, submitted.
- 9 0800 rec'd: Fifth Army weekly Action Summary, dated 19 Jan.
- 10 0800 rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 periodic report #77, dated 20 Jan.
- 11 0837 phone to Remount White: Advise Remount White that General Raffner is on his way to visit them.
- 12 0845 Patrol Plan #132, A/86, 19 Jan, 3 MI, MISSION: acf (suggested by Patrol #128).  
Patrol Plan #133, C/105120.  
Patrol Report #132, A/1/86, 19 Jan, Out 0730A, 19 Jan, In 1650A, 20 Jan.  
Rec'd: Patrol completed mission. Made route recon. Vehicles are possible to the road (469138), miles beyond. Bridge at 468229 good for mules. Trail beyond bridge to SW also good for mules, except for avalanche danger at 464124. Ssect 3 to 4 ft deep. At turn to W vic 457110 no bridge across creek; creek has 19 to 25 ft width, with 3 ft depth; character of bank and stream beds rocky. Trail to ridge vic 447112 very rugged; patrol believed unuitable for winter use, but feels that another slope further S might be possible. On return patrol was shot at at P.O. H. L. 460 (469137) from R. RIVA (458123); 15 rifle shots. MADONA (460115) has been burned with bridge gutted.



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1. Cont'd: RAZOR PLAIN #364, 1/2/86, 6 M., 20 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1700A, DESTINATION: 21900A. MISSION: Contact 365th.
- RAZOR PLAIN #364, 1/3/86, 20 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1430A, REPORT: Contact made with 92 Div at 1200A. No activity on route.
- RAZOR PLAIN #133, 1/1/86, 5 M., 20 Jan, Out 1900A, In 2300A, DESTINATION: accom draw vic 485166. MISSION: Recon.
- RAZOR PLAIN #133, 1/1/86, 20 Jan, Out 1300A, In 1946A, REPORT: Route followed as shown on overlay, mission accomplished. ROUTE: CONNAISSANCE REPORT: In vic covered any could move SW along draw and be completely unseen from our posns.
- RAZOR PLAIN #238, 2 & F/2/86, 9 M., 2 Part, 20 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1800A, DESTINATION: 424050 to 434073, to 4410E1, 4180547. MISSION: Recon Spigolop.
- RAZOR PLAIN #238, Cancelled, conflicted with patrol #241.
- RAZOR PLAIN #362, 1/5/86, 3 M., 20 Jan, Out 0830A, In 1700A, DESTINATION: 505030. MISSION: Contact.
- RAZOR PLAIN #362, 1/3/86, 20 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1345A, REPORT: Made contact. Trail well packed. No activity along route.
- RAZOR PLAIN #367, 1/3/86, 12 M., 20 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1630A, DESTINATION: 269999 to 285012, to 271012, 285037, 271026. MISSION: Recon, obs.
- RAZOR PLAIN #367, 1/3/86, 20 Jan, Out 0930A, In 1310A, REPORT: Contact made with partisans at MONTPEL DUTSSE (271027). Partisans reported having fired on Germans at 1130A, 20 Jan. This report denied by other partisans on other side of turn. ROUTE: CONNAISSANCE REPORT: Trail slippery with hard crust.
- RAZOR PLAIN #363, 1/3/86, 3 M., 20 Jan, Out 0830A, In 1700A, DESTINATION: 506010. MISSION: Contact.
- RAZOR PLAIN #363, 1/3/86, 20 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1400A, REPORT: Made contact. No any activity on route. 12 to 14 inches new snow.
- RAZOR PLAIN #237, 1/2/86, 1 Off, 5 M., 1 Part, 20 Jan, Out 0430A, In 1800A, DESTINATION: From 433066 to 395100, 393114 to 398110, 397097, 399090. MISSION: Obs.
- RAZOR PLAIN #237, 1/2/86, 20 Jan, Out 0430A, In 1500A, REPORT: Proceeded on prescribed route via GRABLA (385106). No evidence of any activity. Went to TUFFE (391113). Observed from 0830 to 1300A. Out 1100A saw 2 enemy sentries located at 49122; possible OP. Saw tracks and signs of enemy activity at house vic 383112. Noticed possible MG posn in house and tracks leading from house to suspected emplacement. Saw previously located guns, believed to be 105's. posn checked with 71 HAA. Location 345110 to 343115. Observed enemy arty fire

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18 cont'd: on radio (397097) fire very effective; gun delivering fire believed to be on a  
 (34122). Observed our fire on HANSHIATIG (383089) which landed 150  
 yds S of his part of town; unable to get radio contact to correct fire.  
 (34122) AIRBORNE REPORT: Carried snowshoes most of way. Hard frozen surface  
 did not require snowshoes. Suggest check ons for all future patrols.

18 cont'd: 1. 1100h 21 JAN, 4/1/26, 5 L, 20 Jan, Out 0730A In 1700A, DESTINATION: 469-  
 177, to 47140, to 48170. DIRECTION: Route Jan.

2. 1100h 21 JAN, 4/1/26, 20 Jan, Out 1330A, In 1645A, REPORT: Moved to  
 47139 and observed possible route from 469139 to 489143. At 47139, about 5  
 shots were fired at patrol from ridge 459144. NOISE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT:  
 It might be used but only by very strong men. Gradient 35 degrees to 45 degrees  
 average. Snow 3 to 4 feet deep.

19 0940 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #681.

20 0841 Rec'd: 71 Man Intelligence Report #10, dated 20 Jan.

21 1100 18-45 SITREP #271, submitted.

22 1250 Phone fr 424 Co: In 3rd Sector, 125 was mixed call 61 mm mortar and 105 mm How  
 shell on 10. Blanks between 21030A and 211230A. Location of observer 585183.  
 Az of fire: 340 degrees.

23 1300 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #20, dated 21 Jan.

24 1400 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 210700A Jan.

25 1400 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 periodic report #22, dated 21 Jan.

26 1415 Phone fr Capt Sherwood, IV CORPS 14: Air force is submitting ABSTONS as bombing  
 target to be attacked tomorrow. Want OK from this Hq. Target is behind COMPS  
 main line and they have OK from army. Will notify this Hq of attack and No. of  
 Aircraft.

27 1416 Rec'd: Fr both Lt Inf, Army Propaganda Leaflets, dated 21 Jan.

28 1530 TF 45 ISUM #265, submitted.

29 1645 Rec'd: Both Lt Inf, Consolidated patrol report, dated 21 Jan.

30 1630 Phone fr 861st Inf: I: A.T.R. II: 3 Co to leave S LANCELO at 1530A, en-  
 route to HANSHIATIG (511164). III: No change.

31 1845 Phone to 861st and 1st Bn: Weather Forecast for period 212400A to 222400A,  
 on 21st, with rapid clearing  
 after 0830A on 22nd, over entire front. Visibility restricted to 4 to 6 miles  
 in light fog after midnight. Min Temp 22 degrees  
 coinciding with short period of bad weather moving rapidly through on 23rd and 24th

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- 20 Cont'd: with scattered snow showers during these periods. Visibility 10 miles except in heavy showers when it will be restricted to 1 to 2 miles. Min Temp 30 to 35 degrees.
- 21 1545 15:45 SITREP #372, submitted.
- 22 1511 phone fr Kentucky 2: want us to move 1-gun of 68 AFA so it can reach a cable way station at 350112 which Germans are using. They want to fire a precision adjustment with air OP tomorrow at 1100A. They will send photo and make arrangements with air OP. want us to make necessary arrangements with 68th FA, for radio etc.
- 23 1515 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 24 1545 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #41.
- 25 1545 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUP #682.
- 26 1545 Rec'd: 92 Div G-3 Periodic Report #78 dated 21 Jan.
- 27 1545 Rec'd: 92 Div OI #10 dated 20 Jan.
- 28 1545 Rec'd: 751 Tk Bn S-3 Report #21 dated 21 Jan.
- 29 1545 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #20 dated 20 Jan.
- 30 1545 Rec'd: 751 Tk Bn S-3 Report #40 dated 20 Jan.
- 31 1545 Rec'd: 68 AFA Bn S-3 Report #20 dated 20 Jan.
- 32 1545 Rec'd: 424 FA Gp S-3 Report #164 dated 20 Jan.
- 33 1545 Rec'd: 92 Div G-2 Report #77 dated 20 Jan.
- 34 1545 Rec'd: 68 AFA Bn S-2 Report #20 dated 20 Jan.
- 35 1545 Rec'd: 424 FA Gp Heavy Battery List - TF 45, BFP sectors dated 20 Jan.
- 36 1600 Phone to Kent 2 (Maj Sundstrom): As per your request, will shoot forward gun of 4/68 AFA at cable station target at 350102. Sundstrom states AOP will be over at 1100A - 22 Jan. Will use call sign H&Z (50 or 51) and 4/68 AFA will use 01J; operating on channel 73. Mr. Peacock (Banchee) and Capt Woods (4/68 AFA) advised and have operation all tied up and ready to go.
- 37 1640 phone fr Corps 3 (Col Curtis): (1) Will probably lose Hcn Co, 894 TD Bn on Feb 1 - will have further details within the next few days. (2) Consider possibility for using war log platoon - one is now available.

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- 43 1745 Phone fr 85 and 86 Mt Inf: 85 - 1st Bn has contact with Adv CP 92 Div. 86 - K Co 4th Plat-officially relieved at 1600A 21 Jan 45.
- 44 1800 TF 45 SITREP #373 submitted.
- 45 1800 TF 45 ISUM #226 submitted.
- 46 1830 Rec'd: IV Corps Artillery S-3 Report #20 dated 20 Jan.
- 47 1830 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #20 dated 20 Jan.
- 48 1830 Rec'd: 86 Mt Inf detailed Patrol Report #355 dated 21 Jan.
- 49 1830 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #502 dated 20 Jan.
- 50 1900 Phone fr Banchoe: Hostile aircraft have turned North headed for BOLDONA.
- 51 2030 Rec'd: IV Corps ISUM #683.
- 52 2100 Phone fr C.O. 45th Mt Inf: Major Schooley (S-3) called and asked if the 2nd Bn, 45th Mt Inf, could run a jeep patrol from LA LIMA to POPIGLIO to meet the M-16 patrol. The M-16's are to run the entire distance, not necessarily every patrol, but enough so the an M-16 gets over the road for the entire distance every day or so. The point where the M-16 is met with a jeep patrol will be varied. There is no objection to the 2nd Bn meeting the M-16 at POPIGLIO with a jeep, but it will not become customary. The M-16's must run out from LA LIMA at times.
- 53 2135 Phone fr C.O. 71st HAA: 71st HAA will move B Troop (4 guns) on 23rd and 4 guns from vicinity FORSA TERE on 23rd. Remainder 71st goes to MARTINA DI PISA on 24th; all guns out that day.
- 54 2300 TF 45 SITREP #374, submitted.
- 55 2045 Phone fr G-2 IV Corps to G-2 TF 45: In regards to censorship, your troops may state that they have been in combat as individuals that they killed so many of the enemy etc. they may not use placenames except "samples" and Italy.
- 56 2125 Phone fr Banchoe: 2 Hostile aircraft at 1-90, other in 1-04 at 2125A, All aircraft disappeared.
- 57 2300 Phone fr 85th Regt: SITREP: K Co closed in new location 442015 at 2030A. No other changes.
- 58 2300 Phone to 85th Mt Inf: N.T.A.

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- 1 0300 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #42.
- 2 0330 Phone fr 86th Lt Inf: 1st bn, Patrol #137, B Co, 15 MI, briefed by S-2. Time Out 2030A, In 0230A, PATROL moved as directed, was allowed to advance into any position, was engaged by several automatic weapons, withdrew, leaving 3, one verified dead, 1 probable dead and 1 man missing. Complete info later. Cont'd action at 501167. Time of action 212230A.
- 3 0515 Phone fr C.O., 85th Lt Inf: SITREP: A.I.R.
- 4 0600 TF 15 SITREP #375, submitted.
- 5 0700 TF 15 ISUM #277, submitted.
- 6 0745 Phone fr IV Corps Lt Officer (Lt. Owens): II Corps: Any attempted to infiltrate in 85 Div Sector. Night quiet with some air activity. 92 DIV: During night 150 rds arty fell.
- 7 0900 Phone fr 1 to IV Corps S-3 (Hamilton): 1- Re Col. Ponds (query of dog platoon, we can use war dog platoon. (Corps will advise when available). 2- Rcn Co, 894 TD Bn will be relieved of present tactical job noon 23 Jan. at which time they will be available for release from this command.
- 8 0900 Phone fr 3 to Rcn Co, 894 TD Bn: Rcn Co will be released from present guard and security detail at noon tomorrow.
- 9 0930 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #21, dated 21 Jan.
- 10 0930 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operations instructions #11, dated 21 Jan.
- 11 0930 Rec'd: 424 FA Gp S-3 Report #165, dated 21 Jan.
- 12 0930 Rec'd: 68 AF S-3 Report #21, dated 21 Jan.
- 13 1000 Rec'd: IV Corps ISUM #508, dated 212242A.
- 14 1000 Rec'd: 25 Inf Brigade Operations Memorandum #1, #2, #3, dated 10 Jan, 11 Jan, and 12 Jan.
- 15 1000 Rec'd: 68 AF S-3 Report #21, dated 21 Jan.
- 16 1000 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #78, dated 21 Jan.
- 17 1000 Rec'd: IV Corps ISUM #684.
- 18 1000 Rec'd: 71 Inf Intelligence Report #61, dated 21 Jan.
- 19 1000 Rec'd: AEM, Consolidated List of Field Post Numbers of German Units in Italy, 1 Jan, dated 10 Jan.

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| 20         | 1022       |             | Phone fr C.O., 86th Lt Inf: 86th Lt Inf wants more M-24's. One Bn can use 25 immediately.   |
| 21         | 1030       |             | Phone fr 316 Gen Co, 894: You will be relieved of Campo Tizzoro security and road block mission at noon today but will not be relieved of road patrol until noon tomorrow (231200A).  |
| 22         | 1030       |             | TF 45 SITREP #376, submitted.   |
| 23         | 1030       |             | Phone fr Account 2: A: On road from LA DUNA to CORTIGLIANO at first fall in beyond turn off for VIZZANETTA there is a ready primed crater charge. Did our ENG put it there? A: Capt Drinkwater has four charges along that road. At the following coordinates: 409031, 413041, 401041, 412035. Account will call back information as to whether coordinates given cover charge spoken of. |
| 24         | 1040       |             | Phone fr IV COM'S G-3 (Col Curtis) FR CG, IV CORPS: The Gen Co (-), 894 15 Bn will be detached 26 Jan from TF 45. (Info given to C.O., 894 Gen.)  |
| 25         | 1200       |             | Rec'd: IV COM'S G-3 Situation Report as of 22 Jan.  |
| 26         | 1300       |             | Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 201800A Jan.   |
| 27         | 1300       |             | Rec'd: Phantom Summary as of 211800A Jan.   |
| 28         | 1400       |             | Rec'd: IV COM'S G-2 Periodic Report #229, dated 22 Jan.   |
| 29         | 1300       |             | Rec'd: Italy Basic Handbook, Supplement #3, Who's who in Republican Fascist Italy, October 1944.  |
| 30         | 1300       |             | Rec'd: Italy Basic Handbook, Supplement #4, The Italian Social Republic, October 1944.  |
| 31         | 1300       |             | Rec'd: 86th Lt Inf Consolidated Patrol Reports, dated 22 Jan.   |
| 32         | 1300       |             | Phone fr IV COM'S G-2 (Ltj Col Callahan): An officer reported that he passed from SAN GIOVANNI to San Marcello between 212245 and 231545. He passed three guard posts, the first of which did not challenge him and the second used the last half of the mission as the challenge. Action: will send to Intelligence Memo.  |
| 33         | 1330       |             | TF 45 ISOP #328, submitted.   |
| 34         | 1400       |             | Phone fr Kentucky 3: Maj MacCall wants a try to fire mission at targets fired on this morning. Plane will be up to observe fire by 1435A to 1445A. Call sign Bom-Target-Zebra 51 on Army A. Want time fire to see if they can pick up bursts. Mission, precision adjustment for destruction.  |

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- 35 1745 Phone fr Account 3: Practice firing of Carbines, M-1's, Bazookas, and throwing of hand grenades from 0:00A to 1:00A, 23 Jan, '45 at 434021. Direction of fire North.
- 36 1800 Phone fr 86 Lt Inf: I. 2/85 officially relieved 3rd Plat, K Co, '86 of all M line installations.
- 37 1900 Rec'd: 71 AAA Operation Order #13, dated 22 Jan.
- 38 1930 Phone to 86 Lt Inf: weather forecast for period 222400A to 232400A; Clear to scattered clouds over entire region. No precipitation. Visibility 6 to 8 miles in haze. Min Temp -22 degrees. OUTLOOK: for period 232400A to 252400A. Generally good weather on 24th and 25th, except for short periods of low overcast and snow flurries, predominantly during night hours. Visibility good except during snow flurries. Min Temp -21 to -24 degrees.
- 39 1930 WF 45 SITAC #377, submitted.
- 40 1945 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITAC #43.
- 41 1950 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISOM #85.
- 42 1800 WF 45 SITAC #378, submitted.
- 43 1900 WF 45 ISOM #229, submitted.
- 44 1830 Rec'd: IV CORPS GSS DET, Intelligence Bulletin, dated 22 Jan.
- 45 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS GSS DET, Intelligence Bulletin, dated 21 Jan.
- 46 1800 Rec'd: Hq 1st ... Group, Propaganda and Leaflet Reaction report #14.
- 47 1800 Rec'd: 7th Army AA weekly Summary, dated 15 Jan.
- 48 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #503, dated 21 Jan.
- 49 1800 Rec'd: Training Schedule for 85 Lt Inf, 2 and 3 and Medical Beta dated 21 Jan.
- 50 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #21, dated 21 Jan.
- 51 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARMY G-3 report #29, dated 21 Jan.
- 52 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 53 1810 Phone To Cdr Irving fr Leibold: Liaison Warfare Detachment will report tomorrow. Will be here at our disposal for about two weeks.
- 54 1810 Rec'd: 71 AAA Intelligence report #62, dated 22 Jan.

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55. 2245. Phone fr account 3: SITREP: M.I.R.
56. 2255. Phone fr account 2: SITREP: M.I.R.
57. 2300. WF #: SITREP 279, submitted.
58. 2320. Phone fr account 2: B Co reports they heard two bursts of automatic weapons fire at Quercia (361078), confirmed by F Co and partisan halfway house at 2250A.



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1. 0530 Report: IV Corps SITREP #44.
2. 0530 Phone fr Debate 2: ISM: R.T.H.
3. 0535 Phone fr Debate 3: SITREP: R.T.H.
4. 0540 TR 45 SITREP #340, submitted.
5. 0545 TR 45 ISM# 239, submitted.
6. 0730 Phone fr Mission Off (Lt. Wong): BDF Sector; 18' roll of mortar and 116 rounds of arty fire fell at GUSTAFSSJÖ (L-5916). Otherwise nothing further to report on entire front.
7. 0745 Phone fr IV Corps G-2: Wanted to know if there were any identification papers on bodies (Americans killed in fire fight). Col. Works said no report as yet. Keystone 2 requested we call them when we get a report.
8. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 239, F/2/86, 1 Off, 4 Lt, 20 Jan, Out 0600h, In 0400h, DESTINATION: 366087, 370088, 366082, 356093, 373078. MISSION: Obs.
9. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 239, F/2/86, 21 Jan, Out 2300h, In 1800h, REPORT: Trail to GUSTAFSSJÖ (367088) difficult. Continued to TOLETO arrived there at 0700h, no arty there. All arty trails covered by new snow. Heard noises, like pots and pans metallic, coming from GUSTAFSSJÖ (357094) stayed on TOLETO until 0800h. At 260091 there is a slight hump on ridge not shown on map, from which voices could be heard. Might be enemy as this position had good observation of SASTAÖNE Valley.
10. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 102, G/85, 6 Lt, 21 Jan, Out 0700h, In 1300h, MISSION: Contact 92nd Div.
11. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 102, G/85, 21 Jan, Out 0700h, In 1500h, REPORT: Contact 92nd accomplished at 1100h (24010).
12. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 105, G/85, 6 Lt, 21 Jan, Out 1100h, In 1700h, MISSION: Contact 92nd Div.
13. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 103, G/85, 21 Jan, Out 1100h, In 1700h, REPORT: Contacted 365th Inf at 1730h at 24802).
14. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 12 Lt, 21 Jan, Out 1000h, In 2000h, MISSION: Men and Obs. Contact partisans in LÖNTERFÖRSTI.
15. 0845 Phone fr 1st ADA: 1, 2/85, 21 Jan, Out 1000h, In 1500h, REPORT: Poor obs from destination. Inhabitants of village (271026) say no enemy. Snow unbroken on trails. Good walking crust. No contact.

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- 8 Cont'n: PATROL PLAN #400, G/85, 12 Lt, 21 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1600A, DESTINATION: MT COMBIA. MISSION: Obs and acn.
- PATROL Lt Ctr #400, G/85, 21 Jan, Out. 1000A, In 1600A, REPORT: Observation poor due to poor elevation. Trail icy, snow 3 feet deep, creepers needed. No info from civilians contacted, ROUTE RECONMISSANCE REPORT: Weather excellent to clear. no contact. (287050).
- PATROL PLAN #242, G/86, Lt A, 21 Jan, Out 1200, In 1700A, MISSION: Obs.
- PATROL REPORT #242, G/86, 21 Jan, Out ?, In ?, Report: Observed PLANSINATICO from 1330A to 1630A. No signs of any activity. No fresh tracks in or around the town. (298076).
- PATROL REPORT #231, 16 Jan, Out 0600A, In 1845A, REPORT: Left Sestione 0600A, arrived at CARDOZA (357089) at 1130A. Contact patrol 232 in route to destination. Only activity heard was firing from NS of CARDOZA.
- PATROL REPORT #373, 86th, 21 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1600A, DESTINATION: Route A, large drift and icy crusts. Contact with Platoon C made 1600A, (476010).
- PATROL REPORT #240, 86th Lt Inf, 21 Jan, Out 1600A, In 0230A, REPORT: Arrived at vicinity 393094 at 1700A, left at 1630A, nothing at SEGLA (395104). Nothing observed at COMBIA (384100). Arrived at IVORDATA (377099) at 2100A. While there searched houses and church in village and found no signs of any activity or occupation in recent days. Old trails observed that could have been used by enemy patrols. Left IVORDATA at 2300A. Returned on LIMA river bottom trail; enroute stopped at buildings vicinity 386094 and searched them. No signs of any occupation or any old trails seen. ROUTE RECONMISSANCE REPORT: Light snow, travelling good to 1420. Beyond 1420 deep drifts. Travelled on snow shoes.
- 9 0930 rec'd: AFHQ, AA and CD Section, Technical Instruction #104, dated 17 Jan.
- 10 0930 rec'd: Points 3, 5th Training Schedule, dated 23 Jan.
- 11 0930 rec'd: IV COMPS G-3 Periodic Report #22, dated 22 Jan.
- 12 0930 rec'd: IV COMPS: Fifth Army Passwords for period 15 Jan to 31 Jan, dated 16 Jan.
- 13 0930 rec'd: IV COMPS ISBR #687.
- 14 0945 Phone fr Remount 2: 1. Men killed in Patrol clash had only dog-tags on them. Were checked thoroughly by patrol leader. Passed to COMPS G-2 at 1002A, Sgt 3inn.
- 15 1000 PATROL REPORT #7, Remount Blue Charlie, 18 Jan, Out 0855A, In 1730A, REPORT: 1. Patrol led by Lt Duncan, 1 Non-com and 4 Lt, M-1 rifles, snowshoes. 2. Men from Camp Pizzaro to summit of a GANALO. 3. Observed Arty, time fire delivered from vicinity of San BERNARD and bursts observed over Highway 12 near pass at 1410A. Two premature bursts noticed over 300 ft in the air. (1410). 4. Observed Arty or mortar fire in direction of SILLA as shown on sketch (1420-1430).

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- 15 Cont'd: REPORT: M. GEMMAIO makes excellent OP for all of the area from east of a Bolognese clear across the front to BOLOGNA. M MALANDRINI is better OP for observing Hqs 12 to ABBADIA. M GEMMAIO from MALESCA, ascent of M. GEMMAIO from MALESCA, 2 hours and 40 min. Return from summit to CAMPO 2 hours and 50 min.
- PATROL REPORT #241, 86th, 1800A, In 0745A, RE CONTACT: Left in blinding blizzard reached COMACINO (450075) at 210530A, 3 men fell from exhaustion and patrol turned back. Obs. Nil. Same patrol plans, same mission again as soon as rested.
- PATROL REPORT #372, REPORT: Contact at 1325A.
- PATROL PLAN #407, 85th, 22 Jan, DESTINATION: To contact at 1430A 22 Jan, MISSION: Contact 92 Div.
- PATROL REPORT #407, 1/85, 22 Jan, REPORT: Contact established at 1330A with 365 Inf as scheduled.
- PATROL PLAN #408, 8/85, 1 Off, 12 E, 22 Jan, out 0730A, DESTINATION: Patrol out at present time. No overlay sent. Will go first to 272040. Final objective will be 28107A. MISSION: Road reconnaissance.
- PATROL REPORT #408, 8/85, 22 Jan, out 0730A, In 1900A, REPORT: Observation post at 29100689 from 29100689 towards 28008740 dressed in white and on skis. Tracks showed they moved down to 28050608 since snow fall. No eng at 27450480 or truck indicating recent movement. One eng at 27440470, 2 eng seen at 29300825. Patrol to 274058 saw 2 Germans in white moving on skis from 291009 to 280087. Saw tracks indicating any had been to 280087. No eng or recon tracks seen at 274058. One eng seen at suspected to be 291057 and 2 eng seen at 293082.
- PATROL PLAN #413, 8, P/2/86, 6 M, 22 Jan, out 0800A, In 1600A, MISSION: OBS.
- PATROL REPORT #243, P/2/86, 22 Jan, out 0600A, In 1730A, REPORT: Observed from 433081 (439081). No movement noted on SP120150 (437084). Observed two ne positions (one 40 mm machine gun emplacements 20 yds apart) at 43350935. This is approximately the place from which patrol #241 received machine gun fire. Partisans were unarmned when observed.
- PATROL PLAN #414, 8/85, 1 Off, 21 E, 22 Jan, out 0800A, In 2000A, DESTINATION: 28500 (290070). MISSION: Route den by Jeep to MARILLA, thence by foot to ...
- PATROL REPORT #414, 8/85, 22 Jan, out 0800A, In 1900A, REPORT: No eng contact, food needs engine at 278045. Bridge repairs needed SW 278045.
- PATROL PLAN #415, 8/85, 1 Off, 12 E, 22 Jan, out 1800A, In 1400A, 23 Jan, DESTINATION: CAMPO, FIOATTO (2901). MISSION: den and obs.

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1. Contact. Mission: 1100, 4/85, 22 Jan, Out 0800h, In 1700h, REPORT: Observed OSPEDAL  
mission (297015). No enemy seen. Civilian recognized by guides as sheep herders.  
Guides gave following information. Germans seen at 252094, digging positions,  
not in strength. OSPEDAL at 290095 is occupied half the time by GERMANS.  
Nothing seen on 304004 and 304005. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Sunny  
slopes clear of snow. Steeper slopes waist deep in snow. Objective (297016)  
difficult to locate at this angle. Specialized equipment necessary. Weather  
clear. Friendly troops seen. Our outpost (296023) give excellent observation.  
Route of patrol changed as follows: Good jeep line Starting point to 292992,  
thence by foot to 303998, thence to 318012, then completed mission to 297015.

Mission: 1100, 4/85, 6 1/2, 22 Jan, MIB. MISSION: To contact. MISSION: Contact  
2. Div (1000h 22 Jan.

Mission: 1100, 4/85, 22 Jan, REPORT: Contact established with 365 Inf at  
1800h.

Mission: 1100, 4/85, see overlay

Mission: 1100, 4/86, 1 Off, 1h 40, 1 part, 22 Jan, Out 1800h, In 0400h,  
1. Div: 1st - 11V.

Mission: 1100, 4/86, 22 Jan, Out 1815h, In 0400h, REPORT: Arrived TAUFFI  
trail at 2100h; proceeded to mission but because of terrain cliff at river  
304007 extending to 304115 too steep to cross without ropes. Could not complete  
mission. Investigated possible ravine-crossing route North of proposed route  
but no equipment would be necessary. Fired 15 MG and 500 SA rds from 387113  
at position of emplacement and adjoining house 304112. Returned to TAUFFI and  
observed above point for 30 minutes. No activity noted. Snowshoes not necessary.  
Trail icy. Weapons var. satisfactory.

Mission: 1100, 4/86, 3 1/2, 22 Jan, MISSION: New route.

Mission: 1100, 4/86, 22 Jan, Out 0630h, In 1430h, REPORT: From CADIBERUS  
(297015) to bridge 1000h by wooden bridge 3 ft wide 10 to 16 yds long wood  
construction. Gravelly bank, rocky banks. Gaps in floor of bridge might scare  
horses. No trail visible beyond bridge. Trail good for mules continued up SE  
slope of 297015 to vic 304115, road strewn with logs 6 to 10 ft wide, 1 ft deep, would  
be easy to bridge over. Trail us to 297015 in grade. Not good for mules.  
Looking to east then to north; rock Dugge 6 to 12 feet high, bare crest. Not  
difficult to climb. Gained the exposed top of ridge from ridge 1 house. Length  
of climb, 4 hours. Snow waist deep. Snowshoes for men who can't ski. Unre-  
tail difficult, not good except for specially trained men fresh tracks on top of  
ridge road from CADIBERUS has not been used since last snow. It was used prior to  
last snow. No one seen moving up at 454136. Had ski poles, no ski and empty  
pack.

Mission: 1100, 4/86, 15 1/2, 22 Jan, Out 1830h, In 0400h, MISSION: Ambush, 11V

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- 18 1000 Rec'd: AFM, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force SA Committee, 27th meeting, dated 4 Jan.
- 19 1000 Rec'd: 751 TH. En G-3 report #22, date: 22 Jan.
- 19 1000 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 periodic report #79, dated 22 Jan.
- 19 1000 Phone fr 3 to REMOUNT: Please check reason for delay in Artillery support last night in case of patrol to 499108.
- 20 1000 Phone fr Capt. Durante. Kettie: wants to know front lines from 26 Easting to 36 Easting. Turned over to M.S.J.
- 21 1030 Phone to Kettie: Gave info of front lines as requested above.
- 22 1030 Phone fr Remount (Nearburg): delay in receiving artillery support was due to bad radio reception, requiring relay of patrol message from Btry CP to In Off at In CP. Last night was bad for reception. This trouble will ordinarily not occur. Arty was called for fire at 2115A and fire delivered at 2118A.
- 23 1100 TF 45 SITREP #381, submitted.
- 24 1045 Phone fr G-2 to 85th S-2: Do you have an idea of the location of the partisans in your area? A: No. Fr G-2: I'll send you one.
- 25 1100 Phone fr 85th: SITREP: N.T.A.
- 26 1100 Patrol #139, 1/26, 22 Jan, Out 1820A, In 1100A, REPO: Ambush patrol in posn at 510170. Went into posn. received 3 mus. Arty fire on them. Believed/ spotted by enemy so withdrew. Bright moonlight.

Patrol #244, 1/26, 1 Off, 5 M, 1 Part, 22 Jan, Out 0600A, In 1700A, REPO: etc.

Patrol #244, 1/26, 22 Jan, Out, 0615A, In 1630A; REPO: Fired on at 2420E from any position at approx 379086 and in vicinity of 372092 at 1140A. Patrol did not see any positions. Fire consisted of rifles and machine pistols. Arty was called for and adjusted on vic of any positions at LA SETHA (379087). Arty fire silenced any small arms after fire had ceased. Patrol went to LA GARDOSHO (379087) to GARDOSHO, to GARDOSHO, to GARDOSHO, and then to GARDOSHO. ROUTE RECOMMENDED: LA SETHA to GARDOSHO. Slope to LA SETHA can only be made on foot. LA SETHA to GARDOSHO very deep snow. Ravine above GARDOSHO very deep snow with many rocks, very steep.

Phone fr G-2 to 85th S-2: 1. Patrol #244 had only 1 Officer and 5 M. In the future patrol going into any territory will be big enough to take P.T.s. (S-2) examines that this patrol was a non-combat patrol tonight.)

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- 29 cont'd: 2. Patrol to SPERLING (1 Off, 24 M). That patrol should stay till daylight if it finds no enemy at night. Also: Patrol intended to go North of EBF OP where the troops apparently bivouac. If none are present, it will stay till daylight.
3. Lt Ware states that I am requiring him to write too many poop sheets. My written orders and the verbal orders I have given you have all stated that reports should be by telephone. Also: That is correct. I don't know why he writes. I have been directed to go down there today. Will you inform the 1st Bn that I will be down there this afternoon?
- 30 1400 Phone fr CG, TF 45 to C.O. 85th Lt Inf: Prepare and submit to this headquarters by 1800, 24 Jan, 1945, plans for seizing and holding the MT SPINA SICOLA (4615), Lt Col. M. B. (4716), Lt Col. G. CARLINO (4617) edge. One Inf Bn, and one Pz Bn (75 mm), one Eng Pz Co in direct support to make the atk. Eng Pz Co to erect an inner.
- 31 1400 Phone fr Col Vance, IV Corps: Maj Sayes, Lt Of with 62nd AA, will fix up the Lt. Fitzpatrick Case. 71st will remain where they until the morning of the 27th.
- 30 1425 Phone to CG, TF 45 (G-2) fr CG, IV Corps: Submit plans for reinforcement plan for use by 85th Lt Inf in each sector of TF 45. Action taken: 85th Lt to submit plans by 1400, 23 Jan to this Hq.
- 31 1435 Phone fr CG, TF 45 to C.O. 85th Lt Inf (S-3): Complete plans for reinforcement of all 3 sectors of TF 45 and submit to this Hq by 1200, 23 Jan. See G-3 if you need help on forms, directives. 2 A mine tng det will arrive today. You will take care of them and use them for instruction until 1800, 24 Jan.
- 32 1330 Sec'd: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #230, dated 23 Jan.
- 33 1300 Sec'd: IV Corps G-3 Situation Report #5 of 0700, 23 Jan.
- 34 1330 TF 45 COM. #231, submitted.
- 35 1400 Phone to Hanshee fr G-3: Q: When will you go out of action? A: At 1630A today, 23 Jan.
- 36 1430 Phone fr G-3 to Westfield Able: Q: Hanshee closing at 1630A. What arrangements does A/68 AFA have for PzC & OP's? A: (Lt) Evans Capt Loomis now working out final details and will advise. 2/86 will probably man 2 FA OP's on BECCOLA and above SERRACHE.
- 37 1430 Phone fr IV Corps G-3 to Lt. Col works: Have received report from Italian Carabinieri at BARCHI that he had been told that 1000 mixed German and Italian troops had been seen at L-149045, and that they intend to attack down the river at undesignated time and place. 92 Div attempting to confirm report by patrol and Air OP. Air OP at noon saw considerable vehicle traffic at 149045 but no personnel. Field Artillery observer had seen large number of personnel with

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arms along at 1A9043, between 1230A and 1300A. Patrol out to investigate.

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1500 TF 45 SITREP #382, submitted.

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1530 TF 45: Incident: Capt Baker and Tech Sgt Campbell, 5th Army mine training detachment arrived. Capt Baker will not remain. T/Sgt Campbell and one T/5 assistant sent to CP, 85th Lt Inf. 85th notified.

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1530 Phone fr U.S., a Btry, 68 FA: Capt Loomis has made some arrangements 21th 2nd Bn, 86th Inf. He sent one off to relieve the British Officer, to report to SUBTERRANE tonight. He will go to OP #1, vicinity 389063. Capt Loomis will talk to Maj Helms tomorrow morning. Lt. Gough is the Ln. Off and Observer to report to SUBTERRANE tonight.

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1545 Phone fr 68, TF 45: Col Barlow directed to alert 1st Bn, 85th Lt Inf. Given info in message from Keystone 3 at 231430A of possible attack in SERCHIO sector.

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1600 Fr 68, TF 45, to U.S., 86th Lt Inf: Furnish a minimum of one officer and such enlisted men as you deem necessary, for liaison and as forward observer with A Btry, 68th Arm'd FA Bn.

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1630 Rec'd: IV Corps Ltr #688.

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1630 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #45.

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1730 Phone to 86th Lt Inf: Notified 86th Inf of information from Keystone on possible enemy attack in SERCHIO sector.

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1750 Phone fr 273rd: Had trouble getting guns out of position and asked permission to park 4 guns in Ch. 2. The guns overnight, no personnel except guard. Permission given by Lt. Rosenberg.

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1800 Phone to 86th, 1st/86th, 85th: Weather Forecast for period 232400A to 242400A shows to overcast, low clouds over mountains, becoming scattered by noon. Main showers in early morning ceasing by noon. Visibility 6 to 8 miles becoming less than 2 miles in rain. Min Temp, 29 degrees. OUTLOOK: Scattered to broken low clouds and no precipitation on 25th. Low overcast with snow and rain on 26th. VISIBILITY good except during precipitation. Min Temp, decreasing to 23 degrees on the 25th.

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1800 Fr 45 SITREP #383, submitted.

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1800 TF 45 Ltr # 232, submitted.

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1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 periodic Report #79, dated 22 Jan.

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1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.

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1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #504, dated 22 Jan.

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53. 1600 Rec'd: IV COMS COM BMT, Intelligence Bulletin, 23 Jan.

54. 1600 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #22, dated 22 Jan.

55. 1600 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #80, dated 23 Jan.

56. 1600 Rec'd: 3d Army, subj: Location, date: 20 Jan.

57. 1645 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operation Instructions #12, dated 22 Jan.

58. 1745 Rec'd: 68 AFM G-3 Report #22, dated 22 Jan.

59. 1745 Rec'd: 124th FA G-3 Report #166, dated 22 Jan.

60. 1845 Rec'd: IV COMS ARTY G-3 Report #21, dated 22 Jan.

61. 1845 Rec'd: 68 AFM G-2 Report #22, dated 22 Jan.

62. 1745 Phone fr IV COMS G-2 (Col King): Dike took 11 deserters from Italian Div who state that the Italia Div is relieving the Monte Rosa Div tonight. (Info phoned to Com Works.)

63. 2145 Rec'd: IV COMS Ltr #689.

64. 2145 Phone fr G-3 IV COMS: Gen Co of 894th ABN is to establish liaison with 81st Recon Bn at 010000Z (6713). Purpose: 81st Recon Bn will control the area. It is not necessary that the 81st Recon Bn go in person if he can be contacted by phone. Informed Gen Co, 894th ABN. Contact is established; advised Keystone soon as we have it.

65. 2200 Rec'd: 68 AFM G-2 Report #23, dated 23 Jan.

66. 2200 Rec'd: 68 AFM Mediterranean Theater of Operations Technical Bulletin #133, 6 Jan.

67. 2200 Rec'd: 68 AFM G-3 Report #23, dated 23 Jan.

68. 2300 Phone fr Lt. Owen, IV COMS: 92nd Div: Highlights of any during this period include: Foot troops entering factory near 010000Z and continued foot traffic on 010000Z. Slight arty fire. 11 deserters taken from Italia Div, state Italia Div relieving Monte Rosa Div tonight. Slight mortar and arty fire. Contact hindered by snow. 110000Z: Sector quiet. About 25 rds mortar fire on 010000Z. 12th COMS: Sector quiet. No contact by patrols.

69. 2345 Phone fr 15th AF Inf: Subject: N.T.R.

70. 2345 Phone fr 15 AF Inf: Subject: #384, submitted.



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1. 1111 Phone fr 2/86 to TF 45: 1st Pn captured 2 Pn's N of UERCIOLA. Will be sent directly to TF 45 cage as soon as they come in, which will take several hours yet.
2. 1220 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #46.
3. 1330 Phone fr 2/86 to TF 45: 2 Pn's are deserters from M BELVEDERE. Thought they were deserting to EAF.  
P-21 got on way turn in their patrol intentions so as to arrive here by 1800A. This will save them from making them our the previous day.
4. 1440 Phone fr 25th 3 and 26th 3: SITREP; B.F.A.
5. 1550 TF 45 SITREP #385, submitted.
6. 1600 TF 45 SITREP #383, submitted.
7. 1650 Phone fr 2-2 to IV CORPS: The two Pn's are from the 14th Co, 1044, at CONCHA (2417).
8. 1700 Phone fr 26th (Barbury): Serv Co will fire M-1 and Carbines at 0930A to 1100A via 429987; direction of fire east (in Valley--very safe). Elements 3 Bn will fire gun and Submachine guns at 0900A to 1700A via 441007; direction of fire S. (in inst hill--safe).
9. 1810 Phone fr 2-2, 25th to CG, TF 45: Co K, established outpost at MONTESCATESI (2700275). 1 Platoon closed at 231500.
10. 1920 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISU #690.
11. 1930 Rec'd: IV CORPS MESSAGE pertaining to 894 To Recon Co, dated 23 Jan.
12. 1930 Rec'd: 751 W. Ln-S-3 report #23, dated 23 Jan.
13. 1930 Rec'd: PATROL INTENTIONS, 24 Jan, #145, 146; PATROL INTENTIONS #249, 250, 251, dated 24 Jan, Consolidated PATROL REPORT, dated 24 Jan.

PATROL REPORT #127, 2/86, Out 2930A, In 0230A, 23 Jan.

PATROL REPORT #144, 1/85, 2 Off, 21 M, Out 0800A, 22 Jan, In 1900A, REPORT: my territory observation good. Road fit for jeep travel beyond TARAGLIA (2502) beyond 270045; improv bridge at this point, road either blasted or landslide just beyond. bridge fit for foot only. engs can repair for jeep or weasel. Trail beyond fit for jeep to 270041. (270060). Between here and Mandria (290056) snow covered. Patrol halted 28065, made visual recon toward Mandria, observed many civilians. My post at 298667 occupied by enemy. No cry observed at Mandria. Civilians reported 2 cry at MURIELLO (270041), patrol tried to get off road, but came back. Continued our mission to MURIELLO, no cry no Pn's.

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13. Cont'd: PATROL REPORT, I & R/ 86th, Out 1400A, In 1300A 22 Jan. REPORT: Patrol from  
OFFICER to VIDIOTIAGO arrived 1 Hr CP 1300A. Route reconnaissance report to  
be submitted in detail this morning.

PATROL REPORT #108, C/86, 23 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1200A, REPORT: Observed 2  
221 283 29100689, dressed in whites, on skis. Tracks showed any moved down to  
28050608, since snowfall. No any at 27450580 or tracks indicating recent move-  
ment. 1 any observed at CP at 29450570; 2 any observed at 29300825 (OP).  
Weather clear. Snow conditions; waist deep in sheltered places but of little  
hindrance to foot travel; on sunny slopes, trails icy. No any contact. No P's.  
NOTE: Any mention of 3 man CP in last night's report was erroneous.

PATROL REPORT #100, E5 at Inf. REPORT: NO report as of 1000A.

PATROL REPORT #129, B/86, 8 Lt, 22 Jan, Out 1830A, In 0130A, MISSION: Obs and draw  
any fire to determine positions.

PATROL REPORT #138, B/86, 22 Jan, Out 1820A, In 0100A, REPORT: Ambush patrol in  
position at 29300 vs 499103. At 2000A four any seen 1/5 yds away moving toward  
ambush from direction 08000A (5117); any kept moving to within 125 yds ambush  
and stopped ambush; dropped to ground and withdrew and were joined by 6 more any.  
Patrol called for but did not procure Arty. support. Any meantime attempted to  
outflank ambush patrol and our patrol withdrew to our lines. Very bright moon-  
light made it possible for any to spot our men--just like day.

14 100 E. S-4, Capt Underwood: Hwy #64, to be closed to 211 traffic at L-583119 from  
2400A 25th to 0600A, 26th. Units have been advised by S-4.

15 1030 rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #23, dated 23 Jan.

16 1030 rec'd: 4th F. Gp S-3 Report #167, dated 23 Jan.

17 1030 rec'd: H. Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, AIR INTELLIGENCE Weekly Summary  
#113, dated Jan, 14, 1945.

18 1100 TP 45 OFFICE #386, submitted.

19 1145 rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic report #231, dated 23 Jan.

20 1215 rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 24070A, Jan.

21 1310 Change to table 2: Patrol #419 is cancelled. But two other patrols (overlays  
for which are being forwarded to G-2 today) are replacing #419. These two new  
patrols go much deeper into forward area as requested by Lt. Col. Works.  
LAW: 1310A.

Patrol PLAN overlays for #252, 151, 149, 150, 253, 254, 255, and patrol report  
overlays for #14, 142, 143, 144, dated 24 Jan. Both at Inf Consolidated  
Patrol Report, dated 24 Jan.

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23 1400 17 45 [unclear] #234, submitted.

24 1500 17 45 [unclear] #327, submitted.

25 1415 phone fr 547: 2 patrols to SANTA FILOMINA (534170) and to direction of Hill 964, Hill 1097, received machine fire from Hill 1118 (534198) and from crest of [unclear] (533176). 2nd reached north of point 964 found one abandoned position with ammo and food after moving north received stray machine gun fire from Hills 1097 - 1125 and from zone of houses (534173).

26 1415 Sect's: IV [unclear] #147.

27 1415 phone fr IV [unclear] #47-2: within the last 24 hours some P.V.'s from the 3rd Bn, 5th Marine Regt, were taken by Dike at 906 52. They were deserters. They stated their unit left the rest of the 5th Marine Regt at SAVONA 06010 near [unclear] Jan and arrived at LA [unclear] on 5 Jan. They remained there, in LA [unclear] until 17 Jan, at which time they heard of their unit. The 6th Marine Regt was the only one so far identified. The rest of the regiment is still somewhere north of [unclear].

28 1745 phone to 85th and 86th: Weather Forecast for period 242400h to 252400h: broken to overcast low clouds at 2 to 3000 feet over entire region. Light snow showers over mountains, during early morning hours. Visibility, 3 to 5 miles more front. Min Temp 28 degrees. OUTLOOK: Gradual improvement on 26th with scattered to broken low clouds. No precipitation and improved visibility over mountains. Now overcast with snow showers early on 27th, ceasing by noon. Visibility good except during snow. Min Temp 22 degrees.

29 1415 17 45 [unclear] #328, submitted.

30 1415 17 45 [unclear] #330, submitted.

31 1415 phone fr 85th/86th: [unclear] #114, out 1530h, 24 Jan, returned 1530h. 24 Jan. no any contact. Train condition poor. Complete mission to 290025. Returned to [unclear] and [unclear]. Snowshoes or skis needed. #115, [unclear] contact, out 24 Jan, out 09.00h, in 1500h, CONTACT 1035A, [unclear] contact. #116, contact below [unclear], out 2015, in 1500h, contact 1250A, [unclear] contact. #117, out 1530h, in 1500h, men between [unclear] and [unclear] [unclear], track possible for [unclear] and 3/4 tons. Snow 4 to 5".

32 1415 phone fr 1st to 6-7: Sect's #1 report, [unclear] #667. Check locations indicated by [unclear] could not verify track through FI. Did not phone arty because of [unclear] targets.

33 1415 Sect's: 86th at Inf, Overview, Disposition of Elements, dated 24 Jan.

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- 23 1430 TP 45 Situm #234, submitted.
- 24 1500 TP 45 Situm #387, submitted.
- 25 1115 Phone fr HAF: 2 patrols to SANTA FLORENTINA (534173) and to direction of Hill 964, Hill 1097, received machine fire from Hill 1118 (532198) and from crest of XXXXXXXX (523178). 2nd reached North of point 964; found one abandoned position with ammo and food after moving North received stray machine gun fire from Hills 1097 - 1125 and from zone of houses (524173).
- 26 1640 Rec'd: IV COMPS Situm #47.
- 27 1740 Phone fr IV COMPS ADV-2: within the last 24 hours some P.I.s from the 3rd Bn, 5th Marine Regt, were taken by Dike at 90452. They were deserters. They stated their and left the rest of the 5th Marine Regt at SALONA 06040 (near GULON). They left there on 28 Dec. They embarked 1 Jan and arrived at LA SALONA on 5 Jan. They remained there, in LA SALONA until 17 Jan, at which time their and left for PAVULLO (1-4832). That's the last they heard of their unit. The newly identified organization is near PAVULLO. The 6th Marine Regt was the only one so far identified. The rest of the regiment is still somewhere North of GULON.
- 28 1745 Phone to 85th and 86th: weather Forecast for period 242400A to 252400A. Broken to overcast low clouds at 2 to 3000 feet over entire region. Light snow showers over mountains, during early morning hours. Visibility, 3 to 5 miles along front. Min Temp 28 degrees. OUTLOOK: Gradual improvement on 26th with scattered to broken low clouds. No precipitation and improved visibility over mountains. Low overcast with snow showers early on 27th, ceasing by noon. Visibility good except during snow. Min Temp 22 degrees.
- 29 1840 TP 45 Situm #388, submitted.
- 29 1840 TP 45 Situm #390, submitted.
- 30 1840 Phone fr 85th/2: Patrol #414, out 1330A, 21 Jan, returned 1530A, 24 Jan. No any contact. Trail condition poor. Completed mission to 295025. Returned to 295025 TBL. Snowshoes or skis needed. #415, XXXXXXXX contact patrol 24 Jan, out 0930A, in 1500A, CONTACT 1035A, no any contact. #416, contact below XXXXXXXX, out 0615, in 1500A, contact 1250A, no any contact. #417, out 1300A, in 1500A, contact between XXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXX, trail passing for goods and 3/4 tons. Snow 4 to 5".
- 31 1840 Phone fr 41, 104-2: rec'd P.I. report. Phone 86th. Checked locations indicated but could not verify them through P.I. Did not phone army because of incriminate contacts.
- 32 1840 Rec'd: 2nd Lt INF, Overly, Disposition of Elements, dated 24 Jan.

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- 33 1830 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operations Instructions #13, dated 23 Jan.
- 34 1830 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #21, dated 24 Jan.
- 35 1830 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #29, dated 23 Jan.
- 36 1830 Rec'd: IV Corps ARTY G-3 Report #23, dated 23 Jan.
- 37 1830 Rec'd: IV Corps Operations Instructions #77, dated 24 Jan.
- 38 1830 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #80, dated 23 Jan.
- 39 1830 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #509, dated 23 Jan.
- 40 1830 Rec'd: IV Corps Order #691.
- 41 1830 Phone fr IV Corps Liaison Office: BAF: Patrols very active. Made contact with enemy throughout day. Art and arty fire slight. 92 Inf Div: Sector quiet. Increase in number of enemy deserters; 16 Italians from Italia Div and 6 Poles from 2nd Arty. II Corps: Sector quiet. Arty fire slight and harassing. 15 rds mortar at 9933.
- 42 1830 Phone fr Lt Parker: Will you check enemy bunkers (at least 4) reported by Part 2 of 230800A (2807A).
- 43 2000 Rec'd: Over showing 1st bn 85th Lt Inf Situation at of 230800A Jan.
- 44 2000 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 45 2000 Rec'd: IV Corps ISUM #692.
- 46 2130 Phone fr IV Corps G-2 to G-2: Air OP obsd est 150 enemy personnel, 11 vehicles, 2 mtr on road L-546206, moving N. Was seen to pass L-552229 and L-558245. Taken under fire, no results reported. From Brazilian Air OP--Reported to Air Group at 1700A. Notified 26th and Gen Staff.
- 47 2200 X-15 SITREP #389, submitted.

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1. 0600 Rec'd: 17 Comd S-1 report #48.
2. 0630 TF 45 S-1 report #390, submitted.
3. 0640 TF 45 S-1 report #226, submitted.
4. 0655 Phone fr Account (Capt. Harburg): Fighting in Queretola since 0350A; 4 or 5 patrols plus artillery. Committed one support platoon to guard road junction at 0615. Everything under control. This message was received from C.O., 1st Bn. (Phone to IV Corps and 3 and Col Gibbs.)
5. 0700 Phone fr Account (Capt. Harburg): Germans have now pulled out of Cuercicola. 1 Co suffered 2 killed, 3 wounded, and one missing. A dead German found in area and is now being examined for identification. (Phone to IV Corps and Col Gibbs.)
6. 0700 Phone fr Capt. Harburg: 75 mm how of 2nd Bn, fired 17 rounds. Forward defensive and registration. Coordination: 3920/02, 3750/44. Observed by In O and by In P.
7. 0730 Rec'd: 17 Comd S-3 periodic report #24, dated 24 Jan.
8. 0730 Rec'd: IV Corps 130 #693.
9. 0730 Rec'd: 751-41 Bn S-3 report #74, dated 24 Jan.
10. 0830 Rec'd: 124 Pz-Gp S-3 report #168, dated 24 Jan.
11. 0930 Rec'd: 68 AF S-2 report #24, dated 24 Jan.
12. 0930 Rec'd: 68 AF S-3 report #24, dated 24 Jan.
13. 1000 Phone fr 3 to Account 2 (Pfaelzer): repeated instances of civilians being transported in Govt lift have been noticed. This is breach of Security and is great help to any agents who are trying to get through our sector. (Pfaelzer: Will get directive out on this right away.)
14. 1000 Phone fr Debate to 3: GARRISON: Garrison now consists of 2 Plt A; 1 Plt Co G; 1 MG Co; 1 Sec Co ma.
15. 1000 Phone fr Security: 85th: It would like to have mine instructor stay on or get a return engagement if possible.
16. 1000 Phone fr 2 to 3: F/86, 23 Jan, out 1700A, in 1800A, MISSION: Obtain PW's. Because of bad weather went to 43900 and returned 41700. From Villavieja 41700, at 2400A, patrol proceeded to In Villavieja (43900) at 0145. Conditions unfavorable. Weather cloudy to fog coming in across saddle. Impossible to continue, bad visibility and icy snow. Waited for fog to lift for an hour so returned to Villavieja at 0700A.

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17    1100    TF 45 SITREP #391, submitted

18    1100    PATROL PLAN #247, G/2/86, 1 Off, 4 EM, 2 Part, 23 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1500A;  
MISSION: Obs any OP and choose Route for TP move.

PATROL REPORT #247, G/86, 23 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1400A, REPORT: Prescribed route.  
Visibility too poor to observe anything.

PATROL PLAN #143, B/86, 12 EM, 23 Jan, Out 1800A, In 0200A, MISSION: Ambush,  
PW's.

PATROL PLAN #142, L/86, 1 Off, 15 EM, 23 Jan, Out 1800A, In 0200A, MISSION: PW'S.

PATROL REPORT #142, L/86, 23 Jan, Out 1800A, In 0030A, REPORT: Set ambush as  
planned. Negative from 502156 to 505165.

PATROL REPORT #143, 23 Jan, Out 1800A, In 0020A, REPORT: Set ambush as planned.  
Heard any pass to rear, listened but nothing happened. Returned because of  
extreme cold. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: 510166 to 507166 on snowshoes.  
Visibility poor. Snowing slightly.

PATROL PLAN #413, B/85, 1 Off, 2 squads, 23 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1630A. MISSION:  
Rcn and take PW's.

PATROL REPORT #413, B/85, 23 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1730A, REPORT: Observation any  
territory fair. No civilians observed. Snow varied 6 to 45 inches. Ice. Patrol  
needs skis. Clouded at 0930A, snow until 1400A. Patrol was fired on from  
MONTEFEGATESI: A/W. Partisans, trigger happy, fired at extreme range, were stop-  
ped quickly. No casualties. Returned via Mt NAMPORATA (2801). No any observed.  
Observation to N from Mt MOSCA (307051), excellent.

PATROL PLAN #409, C/85, 4 EM, 23 Jan, MISSION: Contact.

PATROL REPORT #409, C/85, 23 Jan, REPORT: Contact made with 92 Div at 1135A,  
Arrangements made for next contact 244010.

PATROL PLAN #410, C/85, 4 EM, 23 Jan, MISSION: Contact.

PATROL REPORT #410, C/85, 23 Jan, Out 0930A, In 1510A, REPORT: Contacted 92 Div  
at 1215A, arrangements made for time and place of next contact, 249021.

PATROL PLAN #411, C/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 23 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1630A, MISSION: Road  
Rcn and take PW's.

PATROL REPORT #411, C/85, 23 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1430A, REPORT: Observed no any.  
No info from civilians. Picked up 2 partisan guides at MONTEFEGATESI. Trail was  
bad. 18 to 24 inches of snow, snow flurries, observation poor. Penetrated to  
RIESSA (291069). No PW's.

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18 Cont'd: PATROL PLAN #412, A/85, 1 NCO, 11 EM, 23 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1600A, MISSION: Recon and take PW's.

PATROL REPORT #412, A/85, 23 Jan, CANCELLED because of Alert last night.

PATROL PLAN #144, A/86, 5 EM, 23 Jan, Out 0630A, In 1700A, MISSION: Trail Recon.

PATROL REPORT #144, A/86, 23 Jan, Out 0630A, In 1530A, REPORT: Followed specified route, reached vic 470152 and gave up. Route unsuitable for troops. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Started on snowshoes, no bridge at 475151. Stream difficult to cross, grade soon became severe enough to require scrambling on ice and rocks. Trail not visible. Natives say trail is only small footpath used in summer to gather wood from lower slopes.

PATROL REPORT #2, I & R, 21 to 23 Jan, Out 211400A, In 221300A, REPORT: Arrived 1st Bn.

PATROL REPORT #140, A/86, Out 220800A, In 231700A, REPORT: From LA CA (483131) to MAD DEL ACERO (460115), road passable for weasels. Town consists of small hotel, church and 4 or 5 farm buildings. Church intact, rest burnt and demolished. Road beyond has been improved to 450999 but snow drifts would have to be cut away in several places before weasels could pass. Beyond this point trail is impossible to follow because obliterated. Country is open and grades along route are easy; becomes very windblown. Hard crust makes snow shoeing difficult. Several draws would be difficult for weasels. All the trail would need to be well stamped. Draw at 443097 difficult to traverse. Route to ridge from 445100 to ridge 444103 very steep, wind crusted. Impossible on snow-shoes. Would be easy on skis (traverse). Patrol retraced steps and climbed shoulder on opposite mountain to vantage point at 461087. From there it could easily see ridge it had not reached. Ridge is razor backed, easy for men, difficult or impossible for mules because of carince. This in vic of 443103 to 448113, could see other side a few hundred yds. No tracks anywhere. At this time snow storm started and visibility ceased. Patrol returned. The night previous patrol stayed at MADONNA DEL ACERO (460115). The following things were noted. A dim light on ridge at 448115. Noted several times for short period between 1415A to 2015A; also a bright light resembling even a spotlight at 448111 between 1945A and 1950A. At this time it seems to have been carried back over the ridge. By daylight patrol thinks it distinguished what looked like a pillbox 30 yds N of trail at 447113. A mound of snow is what appeared to be an aperture from which snow had been cleared. No men seen and no tracks. But wind is constant. Trail below this point to valley (marked "X" on overlay to follow) was easily seen and distinct. Switchbacks continuous but gradient, not bad. A civilian tel line (2 wires) is intact from LA CA to MADONNA DEL ACERO.

PATROL REPORT #252, Out 0600A, In 1400A, REPORT: No signs of any activity. Located proper approach to VISTA DEL PARADISO (489105). Obsd DOGANACCIA (423-090) and the ridge between DOGANACCIA to VISTA DEL PARADISO. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Snow icy until 1200A when it became slushy.



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- 18 Cont'd: PATROL PLAN #414, C/85, 1 Off, 14 EM, 24 Jan, Out 1400A 23 Jan, In 241400A, MISSION: Overnight observation mission to MOSCA and ALBERTA.
- PATROL REPORT #420, 1st Bn, 85th, 24 Jan, REPORT: Cancelled for 2 reasons: 1. Heavy snow. 2. Lack of proper equipment, no climbers, poles, wax, mittens, mitten shells, poor assortment of shoe sizes.
- 19 1045 Phone fr 86th Mt Inf: 3 eny patrols entered the area of L Co during night of 24/25 Jan. 1st Patrol was seen in vicinity of CUBRIGIOLA (514164) at 0350A. This is apparently a reconnaissance patrol. It consisted of 5 men. No further action from that patrol. 2nd Patrol; Hit our position located at 505164 at 0435A. This patrol consisted of 9 to 12 men on foot. Arty support was used by this patrol as our position was shelled before the patrol entered and after it withdrew. 3rd Patrol; Hit our position located at 510158 at 0448A. This patrol consisted of 9 to 12 men on foot. We suffered 1 dead, 4 wounded, 1 missing. It was believed our fire killed 1 eny however no bodies were found. Trail of blood was found leading back to German lines.
- 20 1110 Phone to 85th fr 3: 1. Might get a return engagement on mine instruction Feb 3, 4, or 5. Schedule is pretty tight but will keep 85 in mind. 2. 92 Div (Maj Arnold) has OK'd our positions slightly inside 92 Div Sector.
- 21 1130 Rec'd: II CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A 25 Jan.
- 22 1130 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #232, dated 25 Jan.
- 23 1330 TF 45 ISUM #237, submitted.
- 24 1400 Rec'd: 86th Mt Inf, Consolidated Patrol Report #270, dated 25 Jan.
- 25 1400 PATROL PLAN #146, 1/86, 1 Off, 15 EM, 24 Jan, Out 1800A, In 250200A, MISSION: Ambush, PW's.
- PATROL REPORT #146, Patrol #146, postponed till night of 26th.
- PATROL PLAN #145, C/86, 1 Off, 15 EM, 24 Jan, Out 1800A, In 0200A, MISSION: Ambush, PW's.
- PATROL REPORT #145, CANCELLED.
- PATROL PLAN #248, F/86, 1 Off, 16 EM, 23 Jan, Out 2730A, In 0900A 24 Jan. MISSION: Obtain PW's.
- PATROL REPORT #248, F/86, Out 1930A, In 0415A, REPORT: Traveled to 386096 in that gully received mortar fire from PIANSINATICO (382087) then patrol went to 387095, again received mortar fire in that gully. At that point also received MG fire from 382089. These were tracer bullets. Radio connection was cut. At this point many owl and cat calls were heard. Believed to have seen two men at this point. Investigated but could not find; returned.

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25 Cont'd: PATROL PLAN #419, C/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 24 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1900A, MISSION: Ren and obs from Mt MOSCA.

PATROL REPORT #419, C/85, 24 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1600A, REPORT: Moved to VAL DI FICCHIO at 275064. Observed 3 eny at 286070 at 1425A. Patrol and eny obed each other 15 minutes. Trail bad. Poor visibility. Route RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Snow 18 to 24 inches deep.

PATROL PLAN #416, C/85, 4 EM, 24 Jan, Out 1030A, In 1415A, MISSION: Contact 365th Inf.

PATROL PLAN #415, C/85, 4 EM, 24 Jan, Out 0945A, In 1530A, MISSION: Contact patrol 365th Inf.

PATROL PLAN #251, G/86, 1 Off, 13 EM, 2 Part, 24 Jan, Out 2000A, In 0600A, MISSION: PW's.

PATROL REPORT #251, CANCELLED.

PATROL PLAN #417, B/ , 1 Off, 12 EM, 24 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1600A, MISSION: Obs and Ren patrol to MONTEBATESSI. Ren for Arty positions.

PATROL PLAN #144A, A/86, 1 Off, 4 EM, 23 Jan, Out 1900A, In 0200A, DESTINATION: Route Ren to ridge 483144 to 407139 and to 459139 and return.

PATROL PLAN #140, A/86, 1 Off, 12 EM, 22 Jan, Out 0830A, In 1730A 24 Jan. MISSION: Biv 2 nights, 1 Day; Recon Routes.

PATROL PLAN #252, G/86, 1 Off, 4 EM, 2 Part, 25 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1500A, MISSION: Same as patrol #251.

PATROL PLAN #249, E/86, 1 Off, 5 EM, 2 Part, 24 Jan, Out 0600A, In 1800A, MISSION: Obs ABETONE.

PATROL REPORT #249, E/86, 24 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1400A, REPORT: Visibility very poor. Traveling conditions difficult. No eny activity observed.

PATROL PLAN #418, B/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 24 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1700A, MISSION: Observation from CLE NAMPORIA and condition of trails.

PATROL REPORT #418, B/85, 24 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1300A, REPORT: Obsd from 292023. Good obs. Saw (suspected) eny OF ALPE TRE POTENZA (2908) at 1015A. Eny (suspected) 13 man patrol seen SE side BARRO AL FOSSA (289085) at 1015A. 12 eny (?) started East towards OP 299085, leaving one man to observe SORA (283012). Natives very friendly. Partisan information: Germans building Bunkers West of OSPEDALETTO.

26# 1500 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #49.

27 1500 TF 45 SITREP #392, submitted.

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- 28 1555 Phone to 86th Regt, 1st Bn; 85th Inf: Weather Forecast for period 252400A to 262400A. Low overcast at Mt top level with snow over front. Visibility less than 1 mile in fog and snow along front. Min Temp 22 degrees. OUTLOOK: Cloudiness will begin to break up by noon 27th, with broken clouds along front. Scattered snow showers over mts and good vis on 27th. Scattered to broken clouds no precipitation, and good visibility on 28th. Min Temp 20 to 23 degrees.
- 29 1745 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #694.
- 30 1745 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 31 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #81, dated 24 Jan.
- 32 1800 Rec'd: 86th Mt Inf, Strength Report as of 251200A Jan.
- 33 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS OSS DET, Intelligence Bulletin, dated 25 Jan.
- 34 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #506, dated 24 Jan.
- 35 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 report #24, dated 24 Jan.
- 36 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #82, dated 25 Jan.
- 37 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY S-3 Report #24, dated 24 Jan.
- 38 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operation Instructions #14, dated 24 Jan.
- 39 1800 TF 45 SITREP #393, submitted.
- 40 1800 TF 45 ISUM #238, submitted.
- 41 1830 Phone fr TF 45 to 85th, 86th, and 87th Mt Inf: Showing of film "San Pietro" will be at the theater in CAMPB TIZZORO tomorrow at 1315A. Only officers to attend.
- 42 1730 Phone fr 85 Mt Inf: SITREP & ISUM: N.T.H.
- 43 1730 Phone fr 86 Mt Inf: 4 off and 25 EM will move into posn with 2 Bn/86 at 2100A (Orientation).
- 44 1800 Rec'd: Training Schedule for 2 Bn, 85th Mt Inf.
- 45 1935 Phone 86th-2 to TF G-2: 1. Patrols as scheduled will be run by the 2nd Bn for 26 Jan. 2. Division SOP symbols will NOT be used to designate CP's until Division location is announced. 3. Col Hampton understands that he is to stop running patrols up the CAMPIANO cliff when he has determined a suitable route?  
A: Yes.

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- 46 1940 Phone fr G-2 to S-2 85th: 85th will still send out patrol members with the 2nd Bn 86th patrols. The 2nd Bn patrols have not been cancelled for the 25th and 26th
- 47 1940 Phone fr 86th-2 to TF-2: Patrol #256 which goes into 85th Area has been coordinated with 85th.
- 48 2050 Phone fr 86th Mt Inf. 2nd Bn: 5 shells 105 mm landed at 2035 in front of F Co OP vic 403067.
- 49 2100 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #695.
- 50 2100 Phone fr 85th 2: Remount received 8 half-tracked veh plus driving personnel from 434. The personnel taught the drivers of Remount for short per. of time and then left, vic unknown by Remount. Rebate, when taking over Remounts 8 tracked vehicles were taught for a short period of time by Remount drivers.
- 51 2200 Phone fr Ln Officer, IV CORPS: II CORPS: Arty light and harassing. 2 PW's captured from 145 Regt, 65 Div. 2 highly explosive rocket-like projectiles, 2 ft long, travelling very slow handed vic 882321. (7-1)? 92 Div: Very quiet. Light shelling. BEF: Slight Arty and MF; snow hampered patrols. Oder has frozen over. Germans shelling it. Near Baltic, can see it.
- 52 2230 Phone fr 85th: SITREP: N.T.R.
- 53 2230 Phone fr 86th: Amber flares and mortar fire on SAKRA (378083) at 2450A. More flares, MG & SA fire on SERNA at 0100A.
- 54 2230 Phone fr IV CORPS G-2 (Capt Seine): Sgt Yost and Falk have asked for German Order of Battle. Two copies of German O/B given to Col Works (one personally); this has been kept up to date by CORPS G-2 Reports. Will Col Works indicate what additional matter he desires?
- 55 2300 TF 45 SITREP #394, submitted.

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| 1              | 0315        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS SITREP #50.  |
| 2              | 0530        | <u>Phone fr 85th:</u> SITREP & ISUM: N.T.R.   |
| 3              | 0530        | <u>Phone fr 86th:</u> SITREP & ISUM: N.T.R.   |
| 4              | 0600        | TF 45 SITREP #395, submitted.   |
| 5              | 0600        | TF 45 ISUM #239, submitted.   |
| 6              | 0945        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Brazilian G-2 Periodic Report #82, dated 23 Jan.  |
| 7              | 0945        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS ISUM #696.   |
| 8              | 0945        | <u>Rec'd:</u> 68 AFA S-2 Report #25, dated 25 Jan.  |
| 9              | 1000        | <u>Rec'd:</u> 751 TK Bn S-3 Report #25, dated 25 Jan.   |
| 10             | 1000        | <u>Rec'd:</u> 68 AFA S-3 Report #25, dated 25 Jan.  |
| 11             | 1000        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #25, dated 25 Jan.   |
| 12             | 1000        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Brazilian G-3 Report #81, dated 24 Jan.   |
| 13             | 1000        | <u>Rec'd:</u> BRAZILIAN Information Bulletin #82, dated 25 Jan.   |
| 14             | 1015        | <u>Phone fr S-2, 85th:</u> Adv report Patrols #425, 429, 430, (Raid on OSPEDALETTO (2807)). Reached objective. No enemy contact. Moved forward, received enemy machine pistol fire (No location or time given.)   |
| 15             | 1015        | <u>Phone fr G-2 TF 45 to IV CORPS:</u> 1. Col Wells spoke of a new defensive overprint on our R flank. When will it be ready? 2. What is to happen to our CIC? 3. What about PW Interrogation? 4. What about P.I. men? 5. Do we have mosaics covering the R flank? AF Will give the answers later.  |
| 16             | 1056        | <u>Phone fr Remount 3:</u> SITREP: N.T.R.   |
| 17             | 1106        | <u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> SITREP: N.T.R.  |
| 18             | 1110        | TF 45 SITREP #396, submitted.   |
| 19             | 1150        | <u>Phone fr IV CORPS P.I. to Div G-2:</u> 1. We have mosaics of 95II, 96 II, and III, 97 II and III, except 96 II NW. Our P.I. men will remain with Division (2 Off, 1 EM). 3. No, the Div will have to make own map print. 4. IPW--Army will send Sgt Strömer and Lt. Jacobi tomorrow. 5. C.I.C.--Our crew is still attached to 10th Div but will be on SD to CORPS for the next 10 to 12 days. They will gradually be worked into our sector. |

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- 20 1205 Phone fr 85th S-2: Patrol 428 fighting Germans in barn at 291069. Have captured one PW, 2 men slightly wounded.
- 21 1230 Rec'd: Training Schedule for 1st Bn 87th Mt Inf Regt, dated 22 to 27 Jan.
- 22 1230 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 26, January.
- 23 1230 Rec'd: IV CORPS Operations Instructions #77, dated 24 Jan.
- 24 1230 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #233, dated 26 Jan.
- 25 1230 Rec'd: IV CORPS OSS DET, Intelligence bulletin, 26 Jan.
- 26 1230 PATROL PLAN #424, A/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 25 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1800A, MISSION: Recon Obs on DI LIMANO.

PATROL REPORT #424, A/85, 25 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1730A, REPORT: No observation. Visibility very poor. Contacted Partisan outpost of 20 men with 1 MG, 1 Automatic Rifle, rest of men carrying rifles, located at C. PEGIORTI (343037). ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Trail conditions bad. Snow hip deep. Very wet on NW side of M. DI LIMANO (335030). Snow wet and 18 inches depth on W side of same mountain. Cloudy and above freezing.

PATROL PLAN #421, C/85, 4 EM, 25 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1100A, MISSION: Contact 365.

PATROL REPORT #421, C/85, 25 Jan, Out 0730A, In 7, REPORT: Mission routine contact with 92 Div. Due to make contact at 1000A. Waited at contact point until 1430A. No contact.

PATROL PLAN #422, C/85, 4 EM, 25 Jan, Out 1130A, In 1500A, MISSION: Contact 365.

PATROL PLAN #250, F/86, 1 Off, 10 EM, 24 Jan, Out 0130, In 0930A, MISSION: Obs.

PATROL REPORT #250, F/86, 25 Jan, Out 0130A, In 1155A, REPORT: Followed overlay to LA SERNA, arrived 0605A. Moved forward to 3780(2). Observed unoccupied enemy pillbox w/good observation on MONTANI and CUGLIANO. Returned to QUERCIO 0800A. Proceeded to (37950850), locating unoccupied enemy pillbox made of wood, stone, and dirt, w/brush camouflage. Noted smoke coming out of another pillbox 25 yds N of first one and at same level. Set up base of fire. Two O's and 6 EM, moved to L flank and closed to 20' from rear of pillbox. Lt. Wilde and 1 EM crawled forward. Two Germans came out of front of pillbox, and at the same time a German approached the front of the pillbox from the North. Lt Wilde and EM opened fire w/ang. Lt. Goster threw 2 grenades and moved his maneuvering element fwd. Got machine pistol fire from pillbox. At same time, my moved to patrol's rear from house located 50 yds N of pillbox, and delivered machine pistol fire and threw grenades. Then ineffective 50 mm mortar fire fell in area. Lt Wilde ordered patrol to begin withdrawal, during which covering force felled 1 German on hill. Patrol Rec'd 81 mm Mortar fire in 3 ravines on return journey. Also, approx 15 rounds of 88 mm Arty fire were delivered. Patrol returned to lines, Action of EM; excellent. Obedience to orders; excellent. Fire fight and mortar fire lasted 35 min.

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26 Cont'd: PATROL PLAN #254, E & F/86, 25 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1800A, MISSION: OBS.

PATROL REPORT #254, E & F/86, 25 Jan, OUT 0700A, In 1530A, REPORT: Covered route but no eny observed due to heavy fog and wet snow. 422070, and CIMONCINO (440080 and 437064.

PATROL PLAN #151, C/86, 25 Jan, Out 0630A, In 1800A, MISSION: Route Recon.

PATROL REPORT #151, C/86, 25 Jan, Out 0850A, In 1800A, ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Trail good except for a stretch near top. Possible for troop movement of company size. VIDICIATICO (500139) to top 491122, took 3 hours. Top to road vic 475120 took one hour. At TORLAINO (476141) patrol was fired on by MG and rifles from 459142. Good going on snowshoes most of way; sank about 3 inches.

PATROL PLAN #147, A/86, 2 Off, 11 EM, 24 Jan, Out 1800A, In 0800A, DESTINATION: 1 off and 7 EM to POGGIOLFORATO (469137) to clear it of eny. 1 Off and 4 EM to follow, then continue on route Recon towards 459141.

PATROL REPORT #147, A/86, 24 Jan, Out 1800A, In 0145A. REPORT: Part I, Patrol found nothing suspicious in POGGIOLFORATO (469137). Part II: Trail from there to ridge out. Patrol reached undetermined height because of snow storm, became stuck, had to lower itself on belts.

PATROL REPORT #422, C/85, 25 Jan, Out 1130A, In 1500A, REPORT: Contact made at 1230A.

PATROL PLAN #148, A/86, 1 Off, 4 EM, 24 Jan, Out 1830A, In 0400A, DESTINATION: Route Recon 483141 to 475160 and towards 471168.

PATROL REPORT #148, A/86, 24 Jan, Out 1530A, In 2300A, REPORT: Patrol followed route specified. Found old eny positions 476165. Continued to summit of CAPPEL BUSO (471168) where they heard patrol with fog start along ridge from CAMPIANO (481171). Patrol returned over same route. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: From CASO LANAU (475160) to summit, time 1 1/2 hours. To descend 1/2 hour. All members of patrol skilled climbers. If properly broken out mules could be used on trail. Trail under observation from three sides.

PATROL REPORT #255, B/86, 25 Jan, Report: Left CUTIGLIANO and arrived 0800A at TAUFFI (389113). Proceeded on mission, was stopped at 385115 by snow and icy cliffs. Returned to TAUFFI. Observed until 1200A. On return 5 or 6 shots fired at patrol from PIANINATICO. No other eny activity observed. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Fresh new snow 8 inches deep on top of icy base.

PATROL PLAN #255, G/86, 25 Jan, Out 0430A, In 1800A, MISSION: SP Recon. 1 Off, 3 Partisans.

PATROL REPORT #150, A/86, Out 1830A, In 0310A, REPORT: Followed route specified. Ambushed as directed, negative. Saw fresh tracks on road moving NW at 480157 (Civ? by Br 8-2). About 2100A when patrol was in position, 8 rds Arty (75) landed about 250 yds to W vic 478159. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Patrol on snow shoes sand 1 foot, weather clear to snowy and rainy. - 2 -

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- 27 1330 TF 45 ISUM #240, submitted.
- 28 1330 Phone fr S-2, 85th: Have taken 3 more PW's making the Total of 4 instead of 1.
- 29 1450 Phone fr 85th S-2 to G-2: 3 casualties, 1 litter, 2 walking. PW's have not reached the trucks. Operations is completed. Details later. Notified 86th.
- 30 1500 TF 45 SITREP #397, submitted.
- 31 1530 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #51.
- 32 1545 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #697.
- 33 1600 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
- 34 1600 Rec'd: 86th Mt Inf, Consolidated Patrol Report #44 dated 26 Jan.
- 35 1730 Phone to 86th and 85th: Weather Forecast for period 262400A to 272400A, Low overcast with snow over mountains. Will last until noon of 27th, when clouds will begin to break up and precipitation cease. Visibility restricted by fog over region during morning hours. Gradual improvement in visibility after noon. Min Temp 30 degrees. OUTLOOK: Morning of 28 will bring low overcast and snow and rain, clearing early on 29th. Scattered to broken clouds, no precipitation. Good visibility on 29th. Min Temp dropping to 22 degrees on morning of 29th.
- 36 1800 TF 45 SITREP #380, submitted.
- 37 1800 TF 45 ISUM #241, submitted.
- 38 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div Operations Instructions #15, dated 25 Jan.
- 39 1800 Rec'd: XXII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary, dated 22, 23, 24, 19, 18, & 17, Jan, #102, 103, 104, 105, 106.
- 40 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army Ltr, Subj: Passive Air Defense, Civil Defense and Fire Defense, dated 20 Jan.
- 41 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army Passwords for period 1 Feb to 7 Feb, dated 23 Jan.
- 42 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #82, dated 25 Jan.
- 43 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #507, dated 25 Jan.
- 44 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army Weekly Action Summary, dated 25 Jan.
- 45 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY S-3 Report #25, dated 25 Jan.
- 46 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-3 Report #25, dated 25 Jan.



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- 47 1800 Rec'd: 424 FA Gp S-3 Report #169, dated 25 Jan.
- 48 1830 FR C&S of S. 10 Mt Div: In person to Capt Davis: Capt Grupe, AMG Off at IV CORPS has been notified that permission granted for Italian Civilians to work on LA LIMA bridge with LIGHTS ON during night.
- 49 1830 Phone fr 85th Regt S-2: Regd 4 PW's. One Italian had on a German uniform other a conglomerate uniform. Only the empaulets of German were distinctive as 232 FUS. Corps G-2 notified ( Lt/ Col King )
- 50 1700 Phone fr 365th Inf: Patrol to TREPPIGNAVA (174079) no contact. Patrol to METATEMOUVA (185078) had fire fight with eny in that vicinity: Inflicted several casualties, two known killed, and withdrew. Eny tried to flank and surround our patrol.
- 51 1710 Phone fr Rebate 2 (Lt Ryan): 85th Mt Inf patrols for 27 January will be contact only, and will have same origin, composition and route as #426 and #427. New numbers are #431 and 432. In the excitement of the taking of 4 Pw's during the day, formal submission of patrol plan was overlooked.
- 52 1850 Phone fr 85 Mt Inf S-3 (Maj Schooley): Our trucks broke a bridge near PIASTRA (462955) necessitating turning around convoy. Thus our move will be delayed and we will not be in position as scheduled. Q: Where is bridge located? A: Do not know; will check. A: Have Engineers been notified? A: No--will give TF 45 info and they can notify engineers.
- 53 1915 Phone fr TF 45 L.O. (Lt Owen) at IV CORPS: Corps atrep as of 261815A. 92 Div: 2 patrols engaged eny in fire fight, results unknown. BEF: Slight mortar fire. Patrol to CASTEL NUOVO (L-6522) and L-655219 made no contact but observed un-occupied fox holes and recent footprints in snow. Patrol to CORONA (L-516177) received mg fire. No eny Arty reported.
- 54 1925 Phone fr 1 Bn, 85th Regt (Capt Simpson): On PW's: One Italian captured dressed in a rather flamboyant Italian uniform had two identification cards; one Italian one German, German card had entry stapled it it which read-- 5 Regimento Fanteria "San Marco". His papers being sent down to TF 45 now as they arrived separate from others. Vignettes on others: 1 German dressed in excellent winter (German uniform) with white covering. 1 Pole dressed in German uniform. 2 Italians dressed in Italian uniform and arms taken. One of our men wounded severely and lay in snow for 1 hour until eny auto wpsn, covering silenced. One other man had leg broken. Both brought back safely. One dead German left but his papers and arms taken.
- 55 2000 Rec'd: 85th Mt Inf S-2 Information Note #2.
- 56 2015 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM#698.
- 57 2020 Phone fr 85th Regt S-2 (Maj Kosber): Bridge our at 4-404951--Abutment caved in. Convoy using South road out of PAVUNETA to PIASTRA. Need bridge repaired and

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- 58 cont'd: snow plow to help open the South road so relief of 2 Bn, 86 by 3 Bn of 85th may be completed.  
ACTION: JTO called for Capt Drinkwater at quarters and office; called for 1108 Eng. lines busy, called Capt Drinkwater at theater at 262025A. He took information. Will call IV CORPS ENG and let TF 45 know results (this is an Army Stretch of road). Lt. Col Irvin and Maj Allen (86th S-3 he had been in formed) advised.
- 58 2045 Phone fr IV CORPS G-3 (Maj Hamilton): Following from CORPS ENG: Expect trouble on #12 from slides, particularly at Q-275972 and 287004. May have to blast at 275972 which will block road for 1 to 2 days. Sufficient warning will be given units of this. Request unit in that area be notified to have motorized patrols be on lookout for slides.  
ACTION: JTO called 85 Regt (Maj Koeber): Gave him info. He will inform company.
- 59 2100 Rec'd: 751 TK Bn S-3 Report #26, dated 26 Jan.
- 60 2115 Phone fr 85th Regt C.C.: 3 Bn/85 movement now under way, 86th Regt advised.
- 61 2150 Phone fr 86 Regt (Capt Marburg): Capt Marburg called personally to say first march unit of 3 Bn, 85 cleared CAMPO TIZZONO about 2145A, and empty trucks to be bring second march unit had cleared PIASTRE at about 2130A and were attempting to proceed by South road to PRUNETTA. They may have difficult time making it.
- 62 2230 Phone fr 10th Mt Div PW Interg: (Lt Brombery) Info from 2 Italian PW's taken today Patrol #428. A. They are from 13 Co/ 3 Bn, 5 Regt, SAN MARCO MARINE DIV. B. 3 Bn/ San Marco has relieved or is relieving the 232 FUS Bn. C. 232 FUS 7th Bn is going either to PIEVEPELAGO (3019) or next town North of SESTOLA (4221). D. 15 Co, 3 Bn, San Marco now with Bn. E. 3 Bn—15 Co came as unit to PIEVEPELAGO. F. PW's had been in line two days with their company when captured.
- 63 2245 Phone fr Area 3 (Lt Small): Message to Maj Peterson (Hdqts CO Spec Trps). Hold trucks (3) sent up today. Do not send down in the morning. (Maj Peterson advised)
- 64 2255 Phone fr 616 FA Bn (Capt Dreiss): Would like brickyard East of Limestone and buildings in and around it reserved for Bn Rear area, hdqts for supply and motor park. Will arrive in area about 271500A. ACTION: To be checked with Lt Col Irvin on morning of 27 Jan.
- 65 2300 TF 45 SITREP #381, submitted.
- 66 2330 Phone fr TF 45 eng (Capt Drinkwater): After trip to area Capt Drinkwater personally reported: Capt Danner (S-3 255) sending two truck snow plows to South PIASTRE - PRUNETTA road to arrive PIASTRE about 282350A. These trucks will carry 2 Bn 86 on return and will arrive PIASTRE about 290400A. Thus plows will have 4 hours to work on road. Bridge at 464957 will be repaired in the morning 27 Jan. 337 eng Bn to start work 27 Jan on road from 229979 to TEREGLIA (250022).

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- 1 0250 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #52.
- 2 0230 Phone fr IV CORPS G-3 (Maj DeChow): Request 3 more copies of TF 45 latest Field Order.
- 3 0550 Phone fr rebate (Capt Reid): 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf has effected relief of 2nd Bn 86th Inf. (Reported in SITREP 270600A.)
- 4 0600 TF 45 SITREP #382, submitted.
- 5 0600 TF 45 ISUM #242, submitted.
- 6 0600 PATROL REPORT #152, B Co, Out 1830A, In 0130A, Ambush set as planned. Any tracks led to place of ambush, but were 2 or 3 days old.
- 7 0720 PATROL REPORT #146, L Co, Out 1800A, In 0030A, Ambush set as planned. No results.
- 8 0815 Phone fr Remount 3 (Maj Allen): 2nd Bn 86th cleared LA LIMA Valley at 0730A. Key personnel remained in each position with the 3rd Bn 85th Inf.
- 9 0830 PATROL PLAN #425, C/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 25 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1700A, MISSION: Observation of OSPEDALETTO.  
PATROL REPORT #425, C/85, 25 Jan, Out 0730A, In 1900A, REPORT: Mission to observe OSPEDALETTO (291074). Visibility very poor, clouds and heavy fog, no vision.  
PATROL PLAN #423, B/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 25 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1800A, MISSION: Ren obs from MOSCA.  
PATROL REPORT # 423, B/85, 25 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1800A, REPORT: 1 Off, 12 EM, Mission, Ren and obs from MT MOSCA (305046), no observation, very cloudy. Trail good for region and elevation. Snow knee deep on S slope of Mt MOSCA. Have very little snow North slope of Mt MOSCA and all gullies and stream beds have 3 ft of snow on average. Top of MT MOSCA has heavy tree cover on NW side.  
PATROL PLAN #149, L/86, 1 Off, 15 EM, 25 Jan, Out 1830A, In 0400A, MISSION: Ambush, PW's.  
PATROL REPORT #149, L/86, Out 252330A, In 260610A, REPORT: Went to locality specified; observed fresh tracks leading into house at 517167 from NW. No evidence of occupation. Set ambush, negative results. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Patrol was on snowshoes; weather snowing and raining.
- 10 0930 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #699.
- 11 1900 Rec'd: AFM, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force Committee, dated 18 Jan.
- 12 1000 Rec'd: Fifth Army AA & CD Deployment statement, dated 25 Jan.

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- 13 1000 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #26, dated 26 Jan.
- 14 1100 TF 45 SITREP #383, submitted.
- 15 1115 Phone to G-2 fr IV CORPS G-2: IPW count from 0600 to 0600 in 0600 ISUM. IPW count from 1200 to 1200 in 1330 ISUM. Each one will total all PW's captured in 24 hour period (above).
- 16 1300 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Situation as of 270700A Jan.
- 17 1300 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #234, dated 27 Jan.
- 18 1315 Phone fr Remount 3: 30 rds medium Arty fell at 451141 at 1300A. No casualties.
- 19 1330 TF 45 ISUM #243, submitted.
- 20 1350 Phone fr Stone 2: 2 men baled out of B-25 at L-70140. No report of Plan's crashing.
- 21 1400 PATROL PLAN #427, C/85, 1 NCO, 3 EM, 26 Jan, Out 1400A, In 1700A, MISSION:  
Contact 365th.
- PATROL REPORT #427, C/85, 26 Jan, Out 1200A, In 1500A, REPORT: Contact made at 261300A.
- PATROL PLAN #426, C/85, 1 NCO, 3 EM, 26 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1100A, MISSION:  
Contact 365th Inf.
- PATROL REPORT #426, C/85, 26 Jan, Out 0900A, In 1200A, REPORT: Contact made at 261030A.
- PATROL REPORT #428, REPORT: Germans in Barn. Have captured one PW, 2 men wounded, vic 291069. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Route (from Plat) MONTEFRIGATISI (272025), MURGETITO (271041), PRACCHI (276057), 280075, OSPEDALETTO (287075), MARABELLA (290056), 280037, and return to MONTEFRIGATISI.
- 22 1415 FR CG, TF 45 to G.O., 85th Inf (Lt Blue): Move the Rear CP of the 3rd Bn; 85th Inf out of S MARCELLO by 2400A 28 Jan. 3rd Bn vehicles can go to 85th Regt motor park or to vicinity CUTIGLIANO.
- 23 0900 Phone fr Remount 3: 2nd Bn closed Prunetta 0700A.
- 24 1400 Phone fr Kettle 2 (Capt Durante): Requested clearance to shoot propaganda at (5180-1833) and 5088-1712) at 271500A.  
ACTION: Clearance made by Lt. Col Irwin.
- 25 1440 Phone fr Remount 3 (Capt Marburg): SITREP: Intentions: 3rd Bn less Co L to move from SAN MARCELLO (430055) to VIDIOLATICO (500139) to relieve 1st Bn, 271500A. 1st Bn reports observer at 513163 observed 1 man parachuting from B-25 about 271400 at AZIZO estimated 3 miles.

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| 26         | 1505       |             | <u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> SITREP: NTR.   |
| 27         | 1510       |             | TF 45 SITREP #384, submitted.  |
| 28         | 1505       |             | <u>Ph Major Murphy:</u> Hq and Hq. Co, 10th Mt Div, closed at CAMPO TIZZORO (492991) at 271200A. <u>MP Platoon</u> , 10th Mt Div closed at CAMPO TIZZORO 271130A. <u>Hq. Sp Trps</u> 10th Mt Div closed CAMPO TIZZORO at 271230A. <u>10th Mt Can Rcn Tp</u> closed at MARESCA (476008) at 270915A.   |
| 29         | 1530       |             | <u>Phone fr Dike 2:</u> With Reference to Col Work's call, Dike 2 reports that he has no information available, and suggests that Keyone be contacted.   |
| 30         | 1530       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS SITREP #53, dated 271200A Jan.  |
| 31         | 1535       |             | <u>Phone fr Stone 2:</u> Cpl Emigbio Ruiz, 33248196, and Sgt Zigmund Klinkowicz, 332-8404, jumped from B-25 of 447th Bomber Sq, 321st Bomber Gp, under orders of 1st Lt Morton, pilot, when a motor coaked out and plane did not have enough altitude to clear hills. Unconfirmed report that plane crashed at L-700140. NCO's did not know if balance of crew bailed out. |
| 32         | 1500       |             | <u>Phone fr Co, TF 45, to C.O., 85th Mt Inf (Lt Bruce):</u> Co E, 85th Mt. Inf, will be relieved of CP security detail at 1200A, 28 Jan. Move the company, less the guard actually on post, in time to effect the relief at 1200A, 28 Jan.   |
| 33         | 1615       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS ISUM #700.  |
| 34         | 1630       |             | <u>Phone fr Lugar (Capt Cameron):</u> B-25 crashed vicinity PORETTA (5812) at 271345A. No one in crash. 4 men parachuted safely and are uninjured.   |
| 35         | 1730       |             | <u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> SITREP: NTR.  |
| 36         | 1730       |             | <u>Phone fr BEF:</u> Rcn Patrol to 521172 contacted any at 521173 and 520174. No casualties. Rcn patrol to 527173, no contact. Vigilance patrol to 566183, no report.  |
| 37         | 1730       |             | <u>Phone fr Rebate:</u> SITREP & ISUM: N.T.R.  |
| 38         | 1800       |             | TF 45 SITREP #385, submitted.  |
| 39         | 1800       |             | TF 45 ISUM #244, submitted.  |
| 40         | 1800       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army Weather Forecast.   |
| 41         | 1800       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> 424 FA Gp S-3 Report #170, dated 26 January.   |
| 42         | 1800       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> 92 Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #84, dated 27 Jan.  |
| 43         | 1800       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army G-3 Report #26, dated 26 Jan.   |

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- 44 1800 Rec'd: 1st Armored Div Counter-attack Plan "SERCHIO" dated 26 Jan.
- 45 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #83, dated 26 Jan.
- 46 1800 Rec'd: 68 AFA S-3 Report #26, dated 26 Jan.
- 47 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY Station List, dated 26 Jan.
- 48 1800 Rec'd: IV CORPS ARTY S-3 Report #26, dated 26 Jan.
- 49 1800 Rec'd: 68 AFA S-2 Report #26, dated 26 Jan.
- 50 1800 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #508, dated 26 Jan.
- 51 1800 Rec'd: 92 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #83, dated 26 Jan.
- 52 1815 Phone fr Kettle 2: Wants to know if there are mines in 5213 square.
- 53 2045 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #701.
- 54 2045 Phone fr Kettle G-2: 1 Truck with EM from 6164 at PORETTA TERME and want directions. At Send them to LA LIMA, ~~at~~ take Hwy 12 North.
- 55 2100 Phone fr Lt Owen, Liaison Officer: 92nd Div: Slight mortar fire SERCHIO Sector. Slight Arty fire in coastal sector. A patrol received MG fire vicinity (U-95796). Another patrol to 095016 engaged estimated 20 enemy in 15 min fire fight. 3 Pn's all deserters. Two Italians. One from Italia Div and one from Coastal Arty Republic Navy. One pole fr 281 Regt: BEF Sector quiet. Slight mortar fire. Slight enemy movement observed throughout sector. I CORPS: Slight harassing mortar and Arty fire considerable foot and vehicular traffic at 965441. Air OP's report large explosions and much black smoke about 10 miles NE BOLOGNA.
- 56 2235 Phone fr Remount 3: SITREP: 3rd Bn closed into VADIGIATICO and is in ~~the~~ process of relieving 1st Bn.
- 57 2300 TF 45 SITREP #386, submitted.
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1. 0750 Phone fr 604th: CP at CUTIGLIANO; 2 batteries in position, A at 40400565. B at 40800510.
2. 0815 Phone fr 604th: HQ and Service btry at RIZZANO, C Btry in position at 423043; A btry will be in position at 427030, and is now enroute, w/guns at San Marcello. Remaining batteries of both 604th and 616th are still at PISA.
3. 0837 Phone fr Remount: Relief of 1st Bn completed 0821, 28 Jan.
4. 0830 Rec'd: IV CORPS SITREP #54.
5. 0900 Phone to Remount: Location of CP's: 1st Bn, SAN MARCELLO (434015); 2nd Bn, PIAZZETTA (438958); 3rd Bn, VIDIGLIATECO (499138); MG, no change. 1 Co on B; K on L, I in Reserve.
6. 0930 Phone fr Remount 2: ISUM AND SITREP: N.T.R.
7. 0930 Phone fr Rebase 2: ISUM AND SITREP: N.T.R.
8. 0600 TP 45 SITREP #405, submitted.
9. 0630 TP 45 ISUM #245, submitted.
10. 0730 Phone fr Lt Owen, Lt Col, IV CORPS: Nothing to report this morning.
11. 0830 Rec'd: IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report #27, dated 27 Jan.
12. 0830 Rec'd: IV CORPS ISUM #702.
13. 0835 Phone fr La Salza 2: Called Kettle 2 to report MG Mine Fields in portion of 5213 square which falls in our sector.
14. 0930 PATROL PLAN #153, A/86, 5 Bn, 26 Jan, Out 0630A, In 1630A, MISSION: Recon and Obs.  
PATROL REPORT #153, A/86, 26 Jan, Out 0630A, In 1630A, REPORT: Patrol moved to point at 462124. Proceeded west towards ridge. Heavy rain on powder snow made deep slush; this, and poor visibility due to mist prevented patrol from reaching ridge.  
PATROL PLAN #257, F/86, 1 Cpl, 14 Bn, 26 Jan, Out 0630A, In 1430A, MISSION: Hold on any CP on LA CAIDOSIRO (367089).  
PATROL REPORT #257, F/86, 26 Jan, Out 0630A, REPORT: Patrol moved to point at 462124. Proceeded west towards ridge. Heavy rain on powder snow made slush; this, and poor visibility due to mist, prevented patrol from reaching ridge. This patrol taken over by patrisun with 2nd Bn guide from 2nd Bn during the relief of the 2nd Bn.
15. 1030 Rec'd: 68 AF 3-2 Report #27, dated 27 Jan.

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16 1030 Rec'd: 404 P. Co S-3 Report #171, dated 27 Jan.

17 1030 Rec'd: 751 Tk. Bn S-3 Report #27, dated 27 Jan.

18 1050 Rec'd: 68 AF. S-3 Report #27, dated 27 Jan.

19 1045r Phone fr Div Arty to Div G-2: Shell reports from Inf Bn to Div Arty direct when C2 is needed. Shell reports from Inf Bn to Inf Regt to Div Arty when not urgent. Shell reports from Div Arty to Div, not from Inf Regts to Div. Informed 85th and 86th.

20 1100 TT 45 WITH #406, submitted.

21 1115 Phone fr Major Section IV COMB G-3: Desires list of 10th Hq Div units closed into area and also location.

22 1300 PATROL PLAN #431, C/85, 1 HQ, 3 SA, 27 Jan, Out 1300, In 1100, MISSION: Contact 365th Inf.

PATROL PLAN #431, C/85, 27 Jan, Out 1000, In 1450, REPORT: Contact made at 1325.

PATROL PLAN #432, C/85, 1 HQ, 3 SA, 27 Jan, Out 1400, In 1700, MISSION: Contact 365th Inf.

PATROL REPORT #432, C/85, 27 Jan, Out 1000, In 1315, REPORT: Contact made at 1315.

PATROL PLAN #433, A/85, 1 Off, 12 SA, 27 Jan, Out 1030, In 1500, DESTINATION: Route same as patrol 425. Weather clear. MISSION: OBSERVE AND REPORT.

PATROL REPORT #433, A/85, 27 Jan, Out 1030, In 1600, REPORT: Route same as patrol 425. Weather clear. Good observation until 1500 when snow cut down visibility. Trail clear of snow but icy in places. No enemy, civilians or partisans seen.

PATROL PLAN #156, C/86, 6 HQ, 27 Jan, Out 0700, In 1700, MISSION: Route reconnaissance.

PATROL REPORT #156, C/86, Out 0700, In 1830, REPORT: Followed specified route. Route impractical for type of Co number because: from PIENACCIO (502100) to ABELLE route is in very steep ravine, and very icy. Men would be fatigued and formations strung out. Time for this stretch alone would be 4 hours. Patrol was on snowshoes. Weather clear to cloudy with snow flurries.

PATROL PLAN #154, 1 Off, 15 SA, 27 Jan, Out 1900, In 0400, MISSION: Ambush for Poles.



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- 22 Contin: PATROL REPORT #154, 86th, 27 January, Out 1900A, In 0105, REPORT: No enemy encountered.  
PATROL PLAN #253, G/86, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Partisans, 25 Jan, Out 1700A, In 0600A, MISSION: Ops.
- PATROL REPORT #253, G/86, 25 Jan, Out 1500A, In 2206, REPORT: Arrived at PICO BARRA DE SANAGUIG (1590). Obs until 1700A. Traveled in extreme fog on top of MOUNTAIN (428096) at 1900A. Visibility poor. Attempted to proceed down nose of MOUNTAIN. Solid ice, and high wind made it impossible. NOTES: Report was overlooked by P.O. and not reported on SITREP and ISRM.
- PATROL PLAN #258, I/86, 5 EM, 26 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1600A, MISSION: Obs.
- 23 1330 Phone fr Hebebe 2 (Haj Kobur): Seen from OP: 28100A; My patrol of 11 men, 7 in white and 4 in green, armed with rifles, shot, and packs, via 20807A. 28110A; My patrol of 7 men in OSPRALETO.
- 24 1330 TF 45 ISRM #246, submitted.
- 25 1400 Rec'd: TF 45 G-3 Periodic Report #148, dated 22 Jan.
- 26 1345 Phone fr B Btry, 016 Ft: Army Pictorial Service photographer requested from G-2 that Baker Battery Commander be instructed to let him take photographs. ACTION: Baker Battery Commander would not allow photos to be taken without OK from his Bn Commander. Called Bn Commander's (Major Corey) office and gave instructions for clearance.
- 27 1400 PATROL PLAN #256, B/86, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Partisans, 26 Jan, Out 2358A, In 1200A, MISSION: Obs.  
PATROL REPORT #256, B/86, 26 Jan, Out 0630A, In 2300A, REPORT: Patrol moved to point at 162124. Proceeded west towards ridge. Heavy rain on powder snow made deep slush; this, and poor visibility due to mist, prevented patrol from reaching ridge. This patrol taken over by partisan with EM guide from 2d Bn during the relief of the 2d Bn.
- 28 1445 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 28 January 1945
- 29 1320 General Hays, General Huff departed for 3d Bn 85th Inf CP.
- 30 1430 PATROL PLAN #501, F/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 26 Jan, Out 1200A, In 0400 A, MISSION: Obs any in vic SPICARHO and recon route PIGAHNO to PIGAHNO. Cancelled. Note: Pending coordination arrangements being made by our 2d Bn, times out and in for this patrol (501) are not known. Will report same to you at time obtained. S/ Loeber.
- 31 1430 PATROL PLAN #130, A/85, 26 Jan, 1 Off, 12 EM, Reinforced by 1 60mm mortar

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31 Cont'd mortar sqd. MISSION: Recon of M. UCCILLERA and support of patrols #428 and #429/

32 1430 Phone fr Maj Schooley, S-3, 85th: Company B, 85th relieved as guard of Task Force CP by MP plt as of 1200 this date.

33 1430 Phone fr Maj Allen, S-3, 86th: 1st Bn 86th Inf. closed at LOCCHIA as of 0630 this date.

34 1430 PATROL PLAN #428, G/86, Consists of 1 platoon reinforced by HMG section, with 1 section 81 mm mortars supporting this and patrol #429, 26 Jan, Out 0001, In will not return to starting point; will outpost OSPEDALETTO. MISSION: Combat patrol to REALISSA and OSPEDALETTO for PW. Men patrol of 1 off and 9 EM to be sent to BARRO AL FOSSO after initial mission completed.

PATROL PLAN #429, D/86, Consists of 1 platoon reinforced by HMG section, with 1 section 81 mm mortars supporting this and patrol #428, MISSION: Combat patrol to REALISSA and OSPEDALETTO for PW. Men patrol of 1 off and 9 EM to be sent to BARRO AL FOSSO after initial mission completed.

PATROL PLAN #446, L/86, 15 EM, 26 Jan, Out 1800, In 0200. MISSION: Ambush

PATROL REPORT #446, L/86, 26 Jan, Out 1800, In 0030. REPORT: Ambush set as planned. No results. ROUTE REGGIMENTS-SANCE REPORT: Snowshoes. Weather very rainy.

PATROL PLAN #152, B/86, 15 EM, 26 Jan, Out 1900, In 0300. MISSION: Ambush.

PATROL REPORT #152, B/86, 26 Jan, Out 1830, In 0130. REPORT: Ambush set as planned. No tracks (2 or 3 days old) led to ambush. ROUTE REGGIMENTS-SANCE REPORT: Snowshoes. Weather very rainy/

35 1500 TF 45 SITREP #407, submitted.

36 1515 Phone fr Capt Watson to CIC: Vehicles are in staging area and can be picked up there.

37 1515 Phone fr Weather Station: 282400 to 292400. Overcast at mountain top level to 3000 ft in southern Po Valley. Snow over mountains during morning hours. Precipitation will clear by mid-afternoon. Visibility restricted to 2 to 4 miles becoming good by noon. Min temp 26° F. OUTLOOK: Broken low clouds, no precipitation, good visibility on 31. Min temp 22° to 25° F. ACTION: Notified 85th S-2; 86th S-2; 3d Bn 86th S-2.

38 1515 Phone fr Capt Watson: 10th Anti-Tank Bn will clear staging area at 290900A.  
ACTION: Msg to C/S.

39 1615 Rec'd: HQ TF 45, General Orders #3.

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- 40 1640 Phone fr. 424 FA Bn (Sgt Lodge): 1 personnel for 12 rds at 511197. 5 harassing missions for 65 rds. at 547197, 494173, 501181, 533191, 578213. Baker Btry of 294 TD Bn fired these missions from 271500 to 281500. ACTION: Tp Div arty, TF letter to notify Div arty in future.
- 41 1630 Phone fr. Regiment 2: Shell reports: Reported by 2nd Bn, location of observer 471114 time: 1630-1637. Area shelled 493114 3rds 88 mm (?); no damage, no casualties. Notified Regiment to call Shell Reports to Div Arty. Entered an Shell Report Form. Given to Div Artillery liaison officer.
- 42 1730 Phone fr Maj Allen, 8-3, 86th Inf: N.T.R. as of 1730.
- 43 1730 Phone fr Maj Schooley, 3-3 85th Inf: Enemy patrols reported earlier by Maj Keeber to Capt Davis are now housed up. Observation at present no contact. Rear echelon of Nebate Blue has closed in to LA LIMA. CP opened at 1730. ACTION: Col Works notified of above.
- 44 1730 Rec'd by pigeon to TF 45. Return from coordinate 437960 time 1510. From Regiment White. Signed 1505.
- 45 1800 TF 45 SITREP #408, submitted.
- 46 1800 TF 45 ISUM #247, submitted.
- 47 1835 Phone fr Nebate 2 to Col Works: There will be no 88's or action on patrol which went out to meet enemy patrol, due to poor radio communication and poor visibility, detailed report will follow. ACTION: Informed Maj Luck.
- 48 1900 Phone fr Keystone 2 to Col Works: 3 officers and 1 Sgt to attend PI school at SAK BEVARD, course starts 11 Feb and ends 23 Feb. ACTION: Did not accept vacancies (G-2).
- 49 1900 Rec'd: IV Corps Sitrap #55.
- 50 1945 Phone fr G-2 HQ to G-2 85th and 86th Inf: All's do not give authority to a Regt Cdr to classify a poopsheet as Secret. Only classified Secret by a general officer. When the subject is a Secret or Top Secret subject and must be so classified as in a report on a future operation plan, your authority must be CG TF 45 and not CO 85th Inf. It should be initial'd by the staff officer or Cdr signing the order.
- 51 1945 Phone fr Maj Maddler, Keystone 20: Request that Keystone be given permission to relieve guards and remove demolitions on 4 bridges on Hwy 12 N of LA LIMA. He informs us that there is a blow in the road 250 ft long and 125 ft deep just N of 0919.2400. He believes this gap is protection enough without needing bridges mined. ACTION: Called 85th Inf at 1945. Col. Barlow says removal is OK. Called Maj Maddler and told him to take them out. The major says he can put them back on 3 hours notice. (G-3)

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| 52      | 2030 | Phone fr Capt Watson (Staging Area): 10th Mt AI Bn will arrive vicinity CAMPO TIBURO about 291335. ACTION: Notified Lt. Bourke.   |
| 53      | 2000 | Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.   |
| 54      | 2045 | Phone fr Nebate 2: Change of route of patrol #604 as follows: Reconnoiter route to square 3908. ACTION: Had route changed on patrol map.  |
| 55      | 2125 | Phone fr IV Corps (Lt. Owen): II Corps: sector quiet. Patrols crossed RENO RIVER. No enemy contact. 92d Div: Slight enemy arty reported. Our arty engaged enemy in houses vicinity L1900 76. Patrols made no contact. 32 PW's for this date. 23 were asserters. B. S. F. slight mortar fire. Civilian reported enemy patrol to FALFARE 1585194. Another patrol of enemy reached L540175 but withdrew. One friendly patrol to Lucina L621217 no contact. ACTION: Maj Lueck notified.   |
| 56      | 2200 | Rec'd: IV Corps Isum #704.  |
| 57      | 2300 | TF 45 SITREP #409, submitted.   |
| 58      | 2330 | Phone fr Nebate 2 to Maj Lueck: Nebate 2 reports undetermined number of planes, unidentified, flying low from NW to SE and shuttling back over BAGNI DI LUCCA. Requests identification. ACTION: Called Corps and requested information. Corps informed us, planes assumed friendly. Transmitted information to Nebate.  |
| 59      | 2200 | PATROL REPORT #603, I/85, Out 0600, In 1400. REPORT: Ice from DOGANABOIA 420089 up to PARADISO 403097. Very high wind. Visibility poor early in morning to DOGANABOIA; but very good late in day. Snow knee to waist deep. Could not see Mt. SPIGOLINO. Had to dig foot-holds from DOGANABOIA to timber at L19098. Snow soft and dry and knee deep. High wind below DOGANABOIA. Crampons and ice axes needed badly! Cleaning and clearing of weapons necessary quite often. Need protection of scabbards. From L15080 to DOGANABOIA a gentle slope. Pull routes passable but difficult in places for miles. Tommy guns at front, BAR's in middle of patrol. Carbines of doubtful use. |
| 60      | 2300 | PATROL REPORT #434, C/85, Out 0800, In 1500. REPORT: 92nd Division contacted. PATROL REPORT #436, C/85, Out 0400, In 1700. REPORT: Accomplished mission. No contact or observation of enemy. PATROL REPORT #435, C/85, Out 1100, In 1700. REPORT: Contacted 92nd Div at 1330A.  |

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| 1       | 0015 | Phone fr Rebase 3 to Maj Luack: CP 40570614; Btry A 40460549; Btry C 40800501; Bn CP 40390694. ACTION: Plotted on G-3 operations map.  |
| 2       | 0330 | Phone fr G-2 HQ to 10th Mt. Inf Div Arty B-2: Request shall reports be forwarded to this Headquarters by 0600A. No reports have been received from Max yet. Note: - No officer on duty at Max. Max could not give information.   |
| 3       | 0430 | PATROL REPORT #375, 1/86, Out 1900A, In 0100A. REPORT: Patrol set ambush as planned at Hldg. (493160). No enemy contacted or observed. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Foot patrol. Visibility good, moonlight, snow deep and soft in ravines, crusted on open slopes.  |
| 4       | 0530 | Phone fr Rebase 3 to Maj Luack: Negative Sitrep.   |
| 5       | 0600 | TF 45 ISMA #248, submitted.  |
| 6       | 0600 | TF 45 SITREP #410, submitted.  |
| 7       | 0730 | Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #56.  |
| 8       | 0730 | Rec'd: IV Corps Arty Hostile Battery List No. 3 dated 26 January 1945.   |
| 9       | 0745 | Phone fr Lt Owen, IV Corps: II Corps: Heavy activity noted at 829337 Increased foot and vehicular traffic on highway 5331. 92nd Div: Approximately 6 anti personnel bombs were dropped in vicinity of Pietrasanta. No damage. Patrols made no contact during night. Action taken - Notified Captain Davis. |
| 10      | 0800 | Rec'd. Hq TF 45, F.O. No. 6 dated 19 January 1945.   |
| 11      | 0800 | Rec'd. Hq TF 45, Intelligence Memorandum dated 18 January 1945.  |
| 12      | 0815 | Rec'd. fr Hq Fifth Army ltr dated 24 January 1945, Subj: REORGANIZATION OF PACK MULE COMPANIES, and ltr of same date, Subj: Organization of Pack Mule Companies. Both ltrs addressed to CO, 210th Inf Div (Italian).   |
| 13      | 0830 | Phone fr Rebase 2 to Maj Murphy: Would like 1/3000, 98 IV SW, 98 III NW, 98 III SW one copy of each if available, 2 copies if possible. Action taken: Notified Capt Davis, G-2. (Insufficient supply on hand. Rebase 2 directed to requisition from 126 Regt)  |
| 14      | 0915 | Phone fr Capt Harburg to Maj Murphy: Account with fire Carbines and MI's 1400 - 1600 at 442008. Direction of fire SW. Action taken: Plotted on G-3 map.  |
| 15      | 1015 | Rec'd. Hq TF 45, G-2 Periodic Report No. 81 dated 28 Jan 1945.   |

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| 16             | 1030        | Rec'd Hq Fifth Army Station List dated 22 January 1945.   |
| 17             | 1030        | Rec'd Hq IV CORPS ltr, subj: Troops Assignments and Attachments dated 27 January 1945.  |
| 18             | 1030        | Rec'd Hq 92d Inf Div Operation Instructions No 12 dated 27 Jan 1945.  |
| 19             | 1030        | Rec'd Hq 92d Inf Div Operation Instructions No 13 dated 28 Jan 1945.  |
| 20             | 1030        | Rec'd Hq 92d Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report No. 85 dated 28 Jan 1945.  |
| 21             | 1030        | Rec'd Hq IV Corps Artillery, G-3 Report No. 27 dated 27 Jan 1945.   |
| 22             | 1100        | TF 45 SITREP #411 submitted.  |
| 23             | 1100        | Rec'd 68th Armd FA, Bn, S-3 Report No 28 dated 28 Jan 1945.   |
| 24             | 1100        | Rec'd Hq 424th FA Group S-3 Report #172 dated 28 Jan 1945.  |
| 25             | 1100        | Rec'd Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 28 dated 28 Jan 1945.   |
| 26             | 1030        | Rec'd Phone call fr Maj Allen S-3, 86th. 1030 SITREP nothing to report.   |
| 27             | 1145        | Mount 2 to G-2 Phone call. Request 100 copies map 97-I-32. Action: Called BURNS who will order from Corps and send to Mount.  |
| 28             | 1310        | General Hays and General Duff departed for 86th A.P.  |
| 29             | 1315        | Phone from Rebate 2 to Capt David: ISUM negative.   |
| 30             | 1325        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, G-3 Situation Report dated 29 January 1945.   |
| 31             | 1330        | TF 45 ISUM #249, submitted.   |
| 32             | 1420        | Phone from Rebate 2 to Capt David: Request photo strip 1:20000 covering area L 4013 - L 4005 - L 4605 - L 4613. ACTION: Referred to Lt Patton; mission will be requested. |
| 33             | 1450        | Rec'd: IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report # 236, dated 29 Jan.  |
| 34             | 1500        | TF 45 SITREP #412 submitted.  |
| 35             | 1505        | Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report # 509 dated 27 Jan (not entered previously)  |
| 36             | 1510        | Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast  |

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- 37 1501 Phone to Hebate 3 (fr Maj Walker LaSalle 3) SITREP requested. No change.
- 38 1506 Phone to Capt Harburg, Heabout 3(fr Maj Walker LaSalle 3) SITREP...No Change
- 39 1512 Phone To Maj Lechow, Keystone 3(from Maj W. LaSalle 3) SITREP #412
- 40 1508 Acc'd: IV Corps SITREP #57.
- 41 1518 Acc'd: IV Corps ISUM #706.
- 42 1541 Phone fr Lt Col Cordes to LaSalle3(Maj Harburg): AT Bn closed 1355, CP opened Villa Marelli, 491981, 291400A Jan 1945. ACTION...Posted
- 43 1600 Acc'd: Fifth Army letter dated 19 Jan, Subject Change #4 to S.A.E. Instructions.
- 44 1730 Phone fr Rex 3 to Capt Hamberg: 1730 Sitrep NIT
- 45 1730 Phone fr Heabout to Capt Hamberg: 1730 SITREP MTS
- 46 1800 TF 45 SITREP #413 submitted.
- 47 1800 TF 45 ISUM #250 submitted.
- 48 1821 Phone fr Hebate 2: Patrol 605 going into area for which partisans have left. Hebate 2 holding patrol until coordination has been assured thru G-2. ACTION:...(referred to Lt. Col. Orma) Hebate 2 notified to cancel patrol or send some place else. (Hebate 2 will cancel patrol).
- 49 1840 Phone fr Heabout 2: Request 6 copies --862 SW 1:25000. ACTION:,,,referred to Capt Hamberg--ACTION....Maps being forwarded.
- 50 1846 Phone fr Kentucky OP: Request report enemy shelling. ACTION...14V Arty has made report for TF45.
- 51 1850 Phone fr Max 3 tel: enemy shelling 0600-1800 M.T.R.
- 52 1900 Phone fr Regt: Co D 10th M Bn closed 1830A Campo Tizore. Co B, 10th M Bn located Marasca(MARASCA) 4760LD. ACTION...Posted.
- 53 1915 G-2 Duty 0 left for Officers quarters at 1715A. retd to office at 1905A. G-3 left of O. Quarters at 1745A; retd to office at 1905A.

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- 54 1935 Phone fr Request 3: Request 25 copies 972 and 125000 and 25 copies 1051 and 125000. ACTION...referred to Capt Rosenberg. Maps will be sent 30 Jan '45.
- 55 2200 PATROL PLAN #604, 1/85, 1 OFF, 15 M, 2 Partisans, 29 Jan, Out 0200A, In 1200A. DESTINATION: Overlay atchd, Plotted. MISSION: Route recon. observe traffic around BT BRIGOLINO.
- REPORT: (604, 1/85, Out 0200) In 1200, date 29 Jan 45, REPORT: Mvd to 402096. Route very good. Arrived at 0600A. MLD clear of enemy. Set up OP in house at 402096. Obsvd till 0950A. At 0730A one man white uniform entered house at 3825878. At 0840A two more men entered same house. At 0845A one man left house and entered house on roof at 3824877. Two gun positions at 3825890 believed to be MLD. Patrol returned. Maj Keiser will check above coordinates. At 0800 not pin point positions.
- PATROL PLAN #379, 3d BR 86, 1 OFF, 8 M, 29 Jan, Out 0730, In 1800. DESTINATION: On overlay. Plotted. MISSION: Recon and Security.
- REPORT: (379, 3d BR/86, Out 0730, In 1800. REPORT: Saw possible positions at (475154). Observed fr (482140). Saw 2 men cross ridge at (453154). Men disappeared 300 yds to SW. Saw possible going up at fr br at (475120) up to (482110). REPORT: Recon and Security. Road icy but passable. Could not find trail leading back from (475120).
- 56 2035 G of 1 left "Top Secret" document for deposit in safe. Executed.
- 57 2215 G-2 left for officers' quarters at 2050. Expected time of return: 0800.
- 58 2215 G-3 left for officers' quarters at 2215. Expected time of return: 0800.
- 59 2230 Phone fr Lt. Rosenberg: 1 PW ex-partisan turned over to PW enclosure by OSS. Requested fr 1st Trucking Co of 4th Paratroop Div. on 23 Sep 44. No M.I. ACTION: Notified Capt Rosenberg.
- 60 2300 TF 45 SITREP 2444 submitted.
- 61 2230 Phone fr Div Arty (Lt Barr): Mag received by Box 2 fr Request 3 as follows: enemy 28 man patrol at 399055. Small arms fire from said patrol. Did not know at whom fire was directed. Approx position 300 yds NE 200 yds W of Able Bury 616 (404056). Being investigated. Enemy fire assumed to be mortar fire on Baker Bury 616 419052. 20 rds. Mine fired 1645 to 1715. 1 man wounded. Nature of shelling possible adjustment. Shelling on GF 60 at 393062. Possible 60mm fire 1645 to 1715. 20 rds. 200 yd radius. No damage. Fire observed by B Bury 616. Shelled area 426054. Shelling occurred at 1330. Probably mortar fire. 1 rd observed. No damage. ACTION:



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- 61 Cont'd Plotted and on 2300 Sitrep.
- 62 2230 Phone fr Lt Schurle Liaison Off B5: 28 man enemy patrol in Rebate Blus at 390055. Steps are now being taken. Previously reported to G-2. ACTION: Put on S-2 map.
- 63 2355 Order: The following units were notified of the situation and their troops were to be alerted at once: MP Platoon, 85th Mt Inf, 86th Mt Inf, 10th Mt M Bn, 10th Mt Cav Hqn 1sp, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>1</sub> Co 10th Mt Div, H<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>3</sub> Btry Div Arty. ACTION: All units called to say instructions had been complied with.

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| 1                        | 0145        | <u>Phone fr Maj Gall G-3 Div Arty:</u> G04 liaison officer with Rebate Blue reported to Maj Gall that a patrol of 3rd Bn 85th was engaged in a fire fight with enemy at 399055. ACTION: Col Works notified and spot put on S-2 map.   |
| 2                        | 0215        | G-2 arrived at office and informed of situation.  |
| 3                        | 0230        | <u>Phone fr Rebate Blue to G-2:</u> Patrol report, believed to originate with engineers, was a false alarm. Will check source.  |
| 4                        | 0230        | <u>Phone fr Col Works to Col Lague:</u> The alert seems to be unfounded. The reports of Majors Bostic and Peterson were exaggerated. Recommend alert be called off. AAG: Approved. ACTION: Notified 85th, Bn, GM, MP, 86th, H, Co.  |
| 5                        | 0300        | <u>Phone fr Rebate Blue (rear) G-3:</u> enemy patrol reported by 616th to 3d Bn 85th in Require Area was a false alarm. Another enemy patrol of 29 men in dark uniforms was reported by the G66 to 3d Bn 85th in vicinity of 399055. 85th sent an emergency patrol to said position. Made contact with enemy located approx 1/2 mile west of 616 MP. Enemy fled over ridge to N of 616 CP into their own lines. ACTION: Reported to Col Works who was in office at time. Entered in 0600 ISUM and SITREP.   |
| 6                        | 0300        | G-2 returned to quarters.   |
| 7                        | 0315        | <u>Phone fr Capt Harburg 86th:</u> Called to report completion of patrol #378. ACTION: entered in ISUM.   |
| 8                        | 0315        | PATROL PLAN #377, K/86, 1 Off, 12 MM, 29 Jan, Out 2000A. In 0200A. DESTINATION: On overlay. MISSION: Recon and ambush of PW's.<br><br>PATROL RE OUT #377 K/86, 29 Jan, Out 1930, In 2145. REPORT: Patrol out as scheduled. Investigated building at 488166 and set ambush there. No new tracks. No enemy activity. Investigated building at 488166. 1 set of old tracks observed leading toward our lines. Checked bridge at 489169. No signs of enemy tracks. NOISE RECORDING STATION REPORT: Heavy crust. 2 ft of snow. Bridge that patrol checked at 489169 wide enough for jeep. Capable of holding about 1 ton. Patrol on foot. Weather clear. Light moon. |
|                          |             | PATROL PLAN #378, 3 Bn/86, 1 off, 12 MM, 29 Jan, Out 2000A. In 0200A. DESTINATION: On overlay. MISSION: Ambush of PW's.   |
|                          |             | PATROL REPORT: #378 3 Bn/86, 29 Jan, Out 1815, In 0200. REPORT: No enemy action. Investigated house at 507164. No tracks around house. Covered N side of BU10. Good observation on FIOCELLO and PHADA. No tracks N of BU10. NOISE RECORDING STATION REPORT: Snow. Hard crust.   |
| 9                        | 0415        | D.O. phoned following units to check on overdue patrol reports: 1st   |

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7	Cont'd	<u>1st Bn. 85th - Patrol # 502:</u> S-2 will check and let us know by 300600A. <u>2nd Bn. 85th - Patrol #443:</u> DO said this report had been sent to Regt Headquarters early last night. A written report followed - called Regt Headquarters at 300440A and they are tracking it down. Should be rechecked. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Noted.
10	0505	<u>Mr. Betti phoned G-2 DO:</u> Mr. Betti, 85th Inf., phoned and said patrol #502 report was phoned to G-2 office by Maj Koeber early last night. <u>ACTION:</u> Couldn't find report here on this patrol. Will notify G-2.
11	0530	<u>Phone fr Lt. Barr Day Arty to Lt. Bourke:</u> Hq and Hq Btry; 604 FA Bn; 605 FA Bn; 616 FA Bn.; - Nothing to report on 0530A Sitrep. <u>ACTION:</u> Noted on 0600 SITREP.
12	0535	<u>Phone fr Mr. Betti 85th Inf. to Lt. Bourke:</u> Mr. Betti called regarding 0530 SITREP - NTR. <u>ACTION:</u> Noted on 300600A SITREP.
13	0540	<u>PATROL PLAN #606, 3 Bn. 85th, 1 Off, 10 E8, 29 Jan 45, Out 1400A, In 2400A. DESTINATION:</u> On overlay. <u>MISSION:</u> Reconnaissance. <u>PATROL PLAN #607, 3d Bn. 1/85, 1 Off, 8 E8, 29 Jan 45, Out 1600A, In 2400A. DESTINATION:</u> On overlay. <u>MISSION:</u> Route reconnaissance and observation. <u>PATROL REPORT #606, 3d Bn. 1/85, 29 Jan, Out 1400, In 2135. REPORT:</u> Arrived at 438083 at 1750A. Was forced to stop by steep hills covered with ice. Route up to that point passable with difficulty. <u>PATROL REPORT #607, 1/85, 29 Jan, Out 1600, In 0300A. REPORT:</u> Moved to PAUZZIMA. Waited in ambush for four hours. No Germans came along. Moved back to CUGIGLIANO along river.
14	0600	TF 45 ISUM #251, submitted.
15	0600	TF 45 SITREP #415, submitted.

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16	0605	Fifth Army weather forecast. - Rec'd.
17	0610	Rec'd: SITREP #58 dated 29/2400A, 1945, IV Corps.
18	0740	Rec'd: <u>Phone fr Lt. Livermore:</u> 2nd Corps Sector - Quiet - Artillery - A little enemy movement - Enemy planes active. 1 bomb dropped. <u>RIF sector:</u> - Slight artillery. Two enemy observed at 645222 - Patrols no contact. <u>92nd Sector:</u> Sector - Quiet - Slight artillery. Slight patrols. No contact.
19	0835	<u>Phone fr 68th Armd FA Bn - Capt Logan:</u> Artillery report for past twenty-four hours. 67 rds Reg - 30 Propaganda - 1 observed mission - 1 unobserved mission - 3 unobserved Propaganda Missions - ACTION: Rex 2 notified.
20		Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report dated 29 Jan.
21		Rec'd: <u>Hq 87th Mt. Inf:</u> Listing of officers who are custodians of censorship stamps.
22	0900	Rec'd: IV Corps Arty S-3 Report No. 28 dated 28 Jan.
23	0915	Rec'd: Appendix "B" and "C" to FIFTH ARMY S-2 Report No. 509 dated 27 Jan.
24	0920	Rec'd: 68th Armd FA Bn S-2 Report dated 29 Jan.
25	0930	Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report dated 29 Jan. (corrected copy)
26	0935	Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin, IV CORPS dated 29 Jan.
27	0945	Rec'd: Hq 751st Tank Battalion report No. 89 dated 29 Jan 45.
28	0945	<u>Phone fr Rebata 2 to G-2:</u> Report on events concerning alert occurring evening of 29 Jan. Lt. Col. Shaaler, CG 3d Bn 85th, reports that when Arty man of Btry A 616th FA was at latrine near battery he saw about 28 men in helmets and short coats going N in column of files, CG 3d Bn was notified and he sent one platoon to investigate. The platoon worked NW of Btry position. Encountered small patrol of four or five men believed to be enemy dressed in white. Our patrol challenged

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| 28         | Cont'd         | 0945        | <p>suspected patrol. One enemy (7) pointed rifle at challenger who is reported to have retreated without further action. Our patrol pursued enemy who had then fled but contact was lost. Lt. Col. Sheeler reported two 105's from a TD Bn were being dug in during daylight on 29 Jan. Lt. Col. Sheeler states that TD personnel did not want to dig in during daylight as they knew they would be subjected to enemy observation. TD people stated they were ordered to dig in during day by our Artillery headquarters. Lt. Col. Sheeler believes that if it was an enemy patrol, they were investigating gun positions established during daylight. Further investigation is being made. ACTION: Lt. Col. Marks notified.</p> |
| 29         | 0945           |             | <p><u>Phone fr Lt. Col. Irvin to 3rd Bn 86th, 3rd Bn 85th and 1st Bn 85th:</u> The CG wants with least practicable delay <del>to make a sketch</del> a sketch of defensive fire positions. Scale 1:5,000. Units notified.</p>   |
| 30         |                |             | <p><u>Phone fr command 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Requested maps 1:25,000. ACTION: Was told to requisition maps from 126th Engineers.</p>  |
| 31         |                |             | <p><u>Phone fr Maj Howerman, S-4, 86th Inf to Col. Irvin:</u> Can we fit ski boots in the hope that we will not have to turn them over upon relief of our Bns? ACTION: Fit them. We hope we will have sufficient boots for all by then.</p>   |
| 32         | 29 Jan<br>2100 |             | <p>Not previously recorded - <u>Phone fr Lt. Lavezure, Liaison Officer on duty with IV Corps to LaSalle 3:</u> 92nd: Very quiet to 1330. A few enemy bombs and 50 rounds Arty at (976965). <u>REY:</u> Four PW's taken this AM are from 1044th Regt, 8th Co., 2nd Bn. <u>Slight Arty</u> during day. Prisoners were in patrol going from MT half <u>back to 523105</u> and by-passed <u>Bn patrol to 523158.</u> They then came back to be ambushed. Two-four men escaped. <u>II Corps:</u> Propaganda leaflets, bombs and scattered Arty received. <u>Bn:</u> No report.</p>   |
| 33         | 29 Jan<br>2120 |             | <p>Not previously recorded - <u>Phone from Rebato to LaSalle 2:</u> Rebato Blue reports established twenty man enemy patrol at (390055). ACTION: Blue to take care of this.</p>   |
| 34         | 30 Jan<br>1015 |             | <p><u>Phone fr Maj Murphy to Col. Curtis:</u> Operational necessity - Cargo carrier, light, M-29.</p>   |

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| 35      | 1015 | <u>Phone fr Maj. Murchy to Keystone 3, through LO IV Corps:</u> Operational necessity, Cargo Carrier, Light M-29. (1) The cargo carrier M-29 is the only vehicle that will negotiate uncleared roads and that has the ability to move over snow covered terrain and navigate steep slopes. (2) The road net in our area channels and does not favor future organizations. (3) In the next month we may expect more snow. (4) A mule fails to function in about 30 inches of snow. We already have 500 cargo carriers M-29. It is believed that we have had far more experience in their use and maintenance than the average division. (5) We had trained approximately 800 drivers for the cargo carrier, the majority of which are still with us. |
| 36      | 1030 | <u>Phone from Rex 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP - 301030A - 601FA: No Change. 605 FA: Able Btry moved to 516129 at 300430A. 616 FA: No change.   |
| 37      | 1045 | <del>PHONE FROM KEYSTONE 3 TO LA SALLE 3</del>  |
| 37      | 1047 | <u>Phone from Hebate 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> Negative SITREP - 301030A.   |
| 38      | 1230 | <u>not previously recorded.</u> - Hebate Blue 2 to G-2: Patrol report, believed to originate with engineers, was a false alarm. Will check same.  |
| 37      | 1100 | TF 45 SITREP #416, submitted.   |
| 40      |      | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq TF 45, G-3 Periodic Report No. 135, dated 29 Jan.  |
|         |      | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq TF 45, G-3 Periodic Report No. 134, dated 28 Jan.  |
| 41      | 1115 | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report #237, dated 30 Jan.  |
| 42      | 1212 | Lt. Livornore, Liaison Officer to IV Corps, returned to CP.   |
| 43      | 1330 | TF 45 ISUM #252, submitted.   |
| 44      |      | <u>Phone fr Lt. Schroeder, Incco, to LaSalle 2:</u> Called to find out if there is anything published preventing passes to IMCCG. ACTION: Contacted AG and answered that Maj. Miller said there would be no passes until something was published on it.   |
| 45      | 1335 | <u>Let fr Hq IV Corps to G-3:</u> Subj: Air Target Requests for 30 Jan.   |
| 46      |      | <u>Rec'd:</u> Sitrep #58 fr IV Corp dated 29 Jan,   |
| 47      |      | <u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 periodic report No. 29, IV Corps dated 29 Jan.  |

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|            | 48         | 1500        | TF 45 SITREP #417, submitted.  |
| 49         |            |             | <u>Phone fr Rebata 2 (Major Kober) to LaSalle 2:</u> At 301152A Patrol 447 was deployed at 287083(?) at a point higher and overlooking enemy position. More ammunition being brought up. Looks like we have complete surprise. Going very tough and slow. Fire fight to start on Charlie's order. Firing commenced at 301215A. 75mm laying heavy fire. Believed to be opposed by 18 enemy. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Lt Col Marks notified. |
| 50         |            |             | <u>Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 510 dated 28 January, 1945.</u>   |
| 51         |            |             | <u>Phone fr Remount 2 (Sgt Hagerman to LaSalle 3:</u> Concerning patrol #380 at 301430A: pinned down by 1 section enemy machine gun firing from 458148 - patrol then at 474132 - artillery fire directed at 301442A on enemy machine gun. <u>Action Taken:</u> Entered on SITREP #417 at 1500. Major Lueck notified.   |
| 52         |            |             | <u>Rec'd from B&amp;F Liaison Officer:</u> For G-2: overlay of disposition in B&F sector, G-2 periodic report, report on photos, artillery and mine fields, G-2 report, IFW report; all distributed to G-2. For G-3: G-3 periodic report, G-3 report, overlay of troop dispositions in B&F sector. All distributed to G-3.   |
| 53         |            |             | <u>Phone from Rex 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP -- No change.   |
| 54         |            |             | <u>Phone from Rebata 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP -- 3rd Platoon Co F at La Lima Bridge (412024) relieved by 1st Platoon Co F at 1200. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Noted on Situation Map.  |
| 55         |            |             | <u>Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation as of 0700A 30 January.</u>  |
| 56         |            |             | <u>Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army letter, Subject: Training, dated 22 January 1945.</u>  |
| 57         |            |             | <u>Phone fr Remount 3 to LaSalle 2:</u> Negative SITREP.   |
| 58         |            |             | <u>Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div, G-3 Periodic Report No. 86 dated 29 January 1945.</u>  |
| 59         |            |             | <u>PATROL REPORT #37A</u> 3rd Bn. 86th Mt Inf 28 January 1945, Out 2400A, In 0400A. REPORT: Investigated PRADA, found no enemy. Saw 20 or 25 enemy in ambush position at (50851685) at 290200A and 6 or 7 enemy in draw at (511170). Left 20 men at PRADA and returned to QUERCIOLA to get permission to attack. Men in PRADA understood and returned. Patrol was then called off.<br>Partisan patrol: Leader was a Partisan Lt.       |

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| 60      | 1500 | <u>PATROL REPORT #376</u> , Remount 3, 28 January 1945, Out 1245A, In 1700A. REPORT: Patrol proceeded as specified; observed 3 enemy on skis with dark uniforms and packs moving SOUTH at 14155 at 1423 hours, also small arms fire vicinity 460120 at 1520. Enemy observer located at 460153. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Snow hard packed on roads, suitable for weasels. On mountainside, snow 3 feet deep and medium hard crust. Patrol was on foot. (Not previously entered in Journal).   |
| 61      | 1500 | <u>PATROL REPORT #437</u> , Rebate 2, 28 January 1945, Out 0400A, In 1740A. REPORT: No enemy contact. Germans have no occupied residence at 390050 since October. This information from civilians. Patrol investigated all buildings in SIVIGLIONI (390053). Civilians claim Germans in vicinity but did not say how close. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Snow, 18 inches, trails fair. OP 282042 saw 10 men in white at 292084 at 1435A to 1530A. Located enemy OP at 292082, from OP at 272026. 19 men were seen at 290072 at 1100A. All men in white with skis. (Not previously entered in Journal). |
| 62      | 1500 | <u>PATROL REPORT #438</u> , Rebate 2, 28 January 1945, Out 0900A, In 1900A. REPORT: Reconnaissance of 291069 complete at 1300. 6 enemy seen at 292084 from point at 293066, at 1245A. Body of dead German recovered by enemy at 291069. (Not previously entered in Journal).   |
| 63      | 1500 | <u>PATROL REPORT #601</u> , 85th Mt Inf, 27 January 1945, Out 2800A, In 0600A. REPORT: Got as far as QUERZIA (381078). Returned at 0600. Couldn't proceed farther because of ice—also no creeps. No enemy contact. One casualty accidentally shot by own troops. (Not previously entered in Journal).  |
| 64      | 1500 | <u>PATROL REPORT #602</u> , 85th Mt Inf, 28 January 1945, Out 0600A, In 1830A. REPORT: Met no enemy resistance. Reached destination at 1026A. One enemy entry seen at 382089. No enemy signs in COMIO. Enemy shelled FOSSO (4009) with 3 rds HE at 0800. Possibly result of having seen patrol. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Trail to 393094, 5 feet wide, easily passable by mule. From 393094 on only footpath. Good observation of PLANIMATICO, (383089) from 392110.   |
| 65      | 1540 | <u>Rec'd.</u> photographic reproductions of maps from Hq IV Corps PX Section.  |
| 66      | 1540 | <u>Rec'd.</u> Consolidated Patrol Report fr Hq 86th Mt Inf dated 30 January 1945.  |
| 67      | 1550 | <u>Phone fr 14V Arty Sk to LaSalle 21.</u> I have heard that Lt Jolley, FA, FU was wounded in 3rd Bn, 85th Area last night. What are the details? <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Called S-2, 85th and told him to investigate and inform G-2 without delay.  |



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| 68         | 1550        | <u>Phone fr S-2, 85th to G-2, TF 45:</u> Patrol 610 cancelled because of today's action in same area. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Indicated on patrol report.  |
| 69         | 1550        | <u>Phone fr Gen Miblow to G-2, TF 45:</u> I will get you 100,000 creepers or crampons if you can get me a sample. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Notified 85th and 86th to send one pair to Div. G-2 without delay. Was assured by Nebels Blue 3 and Account 3 that creepers would arrive by 1630. No crampons available. Informed Gen Miblow and told him division can use 6000 pair.  |
| 70         | 1550        | <u>Phone fr Account 2 (Capt Ullinhat) to LaSalle 2:</u> Request for a panoramic set of oblique photographs showing M BRIVEDERE, BOCCA DI CORNATA, and M SERRASICCIA. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Photos sent.  |
| 71         | 1550        | <u>Phone fr 85th S-2 to G-2, TF 45:</u> Patrol 615 -- strength 21 M instead of 15. They have had fire fight. Details later to LA SERA (3708) Patrol 447 -- Charlie red received heavy mortar fire from over mountains. CO is maneuvering to same objective. One PW taken. At 1410A 3 men in house at 28750900 were taken under fire. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Patrol report made. |
| 72         | 1555        | <u>Phone fr G-2, TF 45 to 87th, S-3:</u> The General has directed that you send up a group of officers and men to be attached to the 85th and 86th to go on raids and patrols and learn the terrain in the area to which they will be assigned. Later you should plan on bringing up an advance detail of a skeleton staff for your battalions and regiment.                  |
| 73         | 1555        | Rec'd Fifth Army weather Forecast.  |
| 74         | 1635        | <u>Phone fr Account 3 (Capt Marburg) to LaSalle 3:</u> M-1 and Carbine firing (1st Bn) at 431018, 31 January; direction of fire is North. Account 3 to notify units in vicinity. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Maj Murphy notified. Noted on plotting map.   |
| 75         | 1655        | <u>Phone fr Major Lober to G-2, TF 45:</u> PA of Lober wounded today at in loca 370084. Details later. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Notified Div Arty Bn.   |
| 76         | 1700        | Rec'd. SITREP No. 59 from IV Corps dated 30 Jan 1945.   |
| 77         | 1700        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 708 to Fifth Army to include 300800A.   |
| 78         | 1730        | Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army Weather Forecast covering period 2400A 30 January 1945 to 2400A 31 January 1945.   |
| 79         | 1730        | <u>Phone fr Div Arty to LaSalle 2:</u> SITREP. Operations: 604th and 616th have sent out one PW to adjust both Bns on enemy resistance at approximately (378081). Have been firing on above position at 301600A.  |

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| 79             | 1730        | Cont'd. Intentions and CP: No change.               | <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> General Hays notified.   |
| 80             | 1745        | Phone from Rebate 5 to LaSalle 2:                   | Negative SITREP. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Sitrep posted.  |
| 81             | 1800        | TF 45 SITREP #418, submitted.                       |   |
| 82             | 1800        | TF 45 ISUM #253, submitted.                         |   |
| 83             | 1810        | Phone fr <u>Reb 3 (Capt Neimeier) to LaSalle 2:</u> | Patrol 608 withdrew to CAMPETTL (383081) at 301430A, 618th FA fired missions at: (371086), (363086), (386083), and (383083). <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Reported on 301800 SITREP and ISUM.   |
| 84             | 1815        | Phone fr <u>Recount 3 to LaSalle 2:</u>             | Negative SITREP. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Posted.   |
| 85             | 1815        | Phone fr <u>Rebate 2 (Lt Ryan) to LaSalle 2:</u>    | Patrol changes for Nos. 450, 449, and 453 telephoned in. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Changes made.   |
| 86             | 1900        | PATROL PLAN #505, E/85th, 1 NCO, 2 RM, 31           | Jan 1945, Out 0800A, In 1800A. DESTINATION: On overlay. MISSION: Security and route reconnaissance.   |
| 87             | 1900        | PATROL PLAN #506, E/85th, 1 NCO, 2 RM, 31           | Jan 1945, Out 0800A, In 1800A. DESTINATION: On overlay. MISSION: Security and route reconnaissance.   |
| 88             | 1900        | PATROL PLAN #507, E/85th, 1 NCO, 2 RM, 31           | Jan 1945, Out 0800A, In 2400A. DESTINATION: On overlay. MISSION: Security and route reconnaissance.   |
| 89             | 1915        | Phone from <u>LaSalle 3 (Lt Hitchfield):</u>        | Notified Recount 3 and 2 of patrol action occurring in sector of 85th Lt Inf as per ISUM 253 and SITREP 418.  |
| 90             | 1915        | Phone from <u>Major Hay, 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf:</u>   | Map with contour, 1:5000 needed? We need paper for it. Answer: produce a sketch, scale about 1:5000, no contours or too much detail, of your defensive fires. Lt. Courson will bring you some overlay paper tomorrow.   |
| 91             | 2020        | Phone fr <u>Rebate D.O. to G-2 TF 45:</u>           | Patrol 608. Two MG from 378084 fired on our left flank at 200084. Friendly casualties 4 missing. Enemy 1 dead. Patrol 447. No information since 1730. Patrol must relay through 3 radios. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Information retained pending final patrol report. No other action. |
| 92             | 2030        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 709 to Fifth Army           | to include 301500A  |

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| 93             | 2040        | Rec'd. from Box 2, Artillery Missions, 30 January 1945.  |
| 94             | 2040        | Rec'd. En Training Schedules for 87th Inf, period 29 Jan thru 3 February 1945.   |
| 95             | 2050        | Phone fr Ex C, Div Arty to LaSalle 31. Div Hq give an order to 616 FA Battalion to lift fires tonight. REASON: No. Check with organization that 616th supports. Major Grey will be told to check by Col. Avera.  |
| 96             | 2105        | Rec'd: IV Corps ISUM 710 to Fifth Army to include 302000A.   |
| 97             | 2110        | Rec'd: Report No. 30, dated 30 Jan '45, by 751st Tank Bn, from 291200A to 301200A.   |
| 98             | 2115        | Phone fr Kawatons 31. Up to 1600, B&F, generally quiet--some mortar and 3 bombs received. A patrol to (581194) engaged in fire fight 92nd Inf Div; generally quiet--slight mortar and arty fire res'd--a patrol to (118038) in fire fight--1st Bn of 371st Inf relieved by 2nd Bn w/o incident. 2nd Corps: active patrolling--one friendly patrol ambushed and captured--any AA dropped one bomb--friendly A bombed and strafed 34th Div sector this AM--no casualties. Chiefs of sections notified. |
| 99             | 2120        | Phone Fr Hobbats DO to G-2: Patrol #s 451, 452, and 453 are changed as follows: #451 will go as far as 300500; #452 will go as far as 277070; #453, Cancelled. REASON: Patrol activity in same area today.   |
| 100            | 2130        | Phone fr G-2 to Hobbats 5 and Hombatt 1: Advance detail of approx 5 officers and 9 MM (more or less) from the 87th Mt Inf will be sent to the 3rd Bn 85th <del>INFANTRY</del> and units of the 86th tomorrow. Lt O will give you the time of arrival. They will be there to familiarize themselves with the terrain, go on patrols, and work into the situation. ACTION...Notified Lt O 87th.  |
| 101            | 2130        | Fr G-2 to Hobbats 5: Will you find out the relationship of the three patrols scheduled for tomorrow in the vicinity of PEANSINATIOO. The total number of men is close to 50 and they are all out at the same time. Is it a raid? --will call later--FR:DO Hobbats (2130); Maj Kober will answer above question later.  |
| 102            | 2230        | Phone fr G-2: No report yet from patrol 648 on the action, enemy encountered, or details. If the patrol came in at 1200 as reported, there should be a report by now. Find out the details and report prior to 0600A. Also no report from patrol 447--the same applies. ACTION...DO said he would try to get reports.  |
| 103            | 2250        | Phone fr Hombatt 3: Negative SITREP. ACTION...Noted in 302300841rep.   |

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104 2300 TF 45 SITREP #419, submitted.

105 2300 Phone fr Max 2: Shell report of Jan 30. Observer, Capt John F. Twohaley. Location of shelled area: LA 1140. 15 rounds per-cussion estimated 75mm. Target: a tank, no damage. Location of gun estimated vic. Hoooa Cornetta (HOOOA (HUMKITA) (L49AL72)). No other shelling reported. ACTION: Noted for 310600 ISRM.

106 2300 G-2 and G-3 departed for quarters. Time of expected return 310730.

107 2310 Phone fr Asystone 3: 92nd Div has picked up a woman enemy agent sent out from PAVULLO (L4832) with the mission of finding out the identity, type, and number of troops in the mountains around ALPE TRE POTENZE (L3008). ACTION... Habate 2 notified. G-2 to be notified in the morning.

108 2340 PATROL PLAN #608, 1/85, 30 Jan, Out 291900A, In 300700A. DESTINATION: Atchd overlay... (1 Off 21 RM). MISSION: atk of enemy position.

PATROL REPORT #608, 1/85, 30 Jan, Out 291900A; In 301200A. REPORT: Patrol dispatched to point (L3800781) arriving at 300610A/ Proceeded to (L380086), remaining in observation from 300730A to 300930A as security for patrol 609, proceeding on right. Enemy opened fire from (L378084) with 2 or 3 automatic weapons (MG's or machine pistols) in prepared position. Fire also received from PLANINATICO (L382088) at 300930A by undetermined number small arms, and rapid automatic fire. Fire from window of house at about (L381086) silenced. One enemy in house believed killed. Mortar and estimated light arty fire also rec'd. Position untenable; withdrew to LA LIMA road. 9(nine) reported missing; of these, five believed safe but not in yet. Returned through own lines by 301200A. Radio communication with arty (604th) broken when radio operator believed to have become a casualty. Radio not reported returned. One officer wounded (Lt. Jolley) and has been evacuated.

PATROL PLAN #447, 0/85, 30 Jan, 2 U, 50 M. Out 0001A; in 1800A. DESTINATION: Overlay: atchd. MISSION: Capture PW's.

PATROL REPORT #447, 0/85, 1st Bn, dated 30 Jan. Out 0001A, In: 2000A. REPORT: Enemy in foxholes at house (L292084). Patrol attained surprise.

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109 2340 and brought 75mm HE fire on position at 301200A; 40 rounds. Enemy  
(cont'd) returned fire with small arms and mortar. 50 to 75 rounds sporadic  
mortar fire received fr om positions believed to be on ALPE TRK  
ICTHELE, via (L306087) and (L290085). 6 PW's taken at positions  
(L292084) at 301542A; reported as all Italian. 12 Unidentified  
Men observed approaching (L292084) from the north after departure  
of our patrol. One enemy killed, no casualties. Final approach  
to objective difficult due to steep slopes and difficult footing.

" PATROL PLAN #446, B/85, 1 C 24 EM, 30 Jan, Out: 0400A, In 1700A.  
DESTINATION: Overlay atchd. MISSION: Obse.

" PATROL REPORT #446, B/85th at Inf 1st Bn, 30 Jan. REPORT: Cancelled  
due to action of patrol #47

" PATROL PLAN #610, L/85, 1 Off, 15 EM, Out 1900A, In 0700A. DESTIN-  
ATION: Atchd overlay. MISSION: recon, atk cy PPs.

" PATROL REPORT #610, L/85. REPORT: Patrol cancelled because of fire  
fight (patrol 608) in same area.

" PATROL PLAN #448 C/85, 1 NCO, 3 EM, 30 Jan, Out 1000, In 1700. DESTI-  
INATION: Overlay atchd. MISSION: Routine contact.

" PATROL REPORT #448 C/85, 30 Jan, Out 1100, In 1530. REPORT: Contact  
made with 92d Div at 301130.

" PATROL PLAN #444 C/85, 1 NCO, 3 EM, 30 Jan, Out 0630, In 1100.  
DESTINATION: Overlay atchd. MISSION: Contact.

" PATROL REPORT #444 C/85, Out 0745, In 1410. REPORT: Contact with 92d  
Div made at 301130A.

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1    0300    Phone fr in Salls 2 to Account 21 Requested reason for failure to submit report on patrols No. 158 and 159; both patrols were due in at 301700A. Capt Potter stated that because of wire difficulties they were not able to contact Co. A and Co C, which had sent out the patrols, but that they would continue their attempts to get through. ACTION...Told Capt Potter to keep on trying.

2    0507    Phone fr Account 21 Account 2 is still unable to get through to Companies A and C for reports on patrols 158 and 159. Negative SITREP. ACTION...Instructed Account 2 to keep trying.

3    0520    Phone fr 1st Cmp: 6 PW's captured by 85th are all Italians, all from 12th Co. 3rd Bn, 5th Marine San Marco. Interrogation report will be ready at 310800A. ACTION...Entered in 310600 ISUM.

4    0600    TF 45 ISUR #254, submitted.

5    0630    TF 45 SITREP #420, submitted.

6    0610    Phone fr Debate 3: Nil. ACTION...Noted.

7    0730    PATROL REPORT #382, 1/86 30 Jan, Out 1830A, In 2300. REPORT: Left from (L513164), moved to ambush position at (L513169) at 301912A. Set up ambush along gulch; saw 1 orange flare over ROCCA DE CORALTA (L495172) at 302058. Heard demolition charges a long distance to north. Men developed much uncontrolled coughing due to lying in snow for several hours. This gave away position; so patrol began return at 302256A. Patrol leader suggests future patrols carry cough drops. Night glasses proved very effective.

PATROL REPORT #381 1/86, 30 Jan, Out 1830A, In 0230A. REPORT: Patrol proceeded as scheduled. Arrived position at SATURS (L497165) at 302330A. No enemy observed. All buildings searched and found to be empty. No fresh track. NOY'S RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Period 301830A to 302200A overcast. Period 302200A to 3102 moonlight. Patrol moved on foot. Snow crusty, and breakable ice on streams.

PATROL PLAN #157 B/86, 30 Jan, 4 EM, Out 2400A, In 0500A. DESTINATION: Overlay. MISSION: route den.

PATROL REPORT #157 B/86, 30 Jan, Out 2300A, In 0430A. REPORT: Patrol moved as directed to (474165). Very bright moonlight. Thought it best to return. Found it almost impossible to hide steps in unbroken snow. Still consider it a good (or at least possible) mule trail. Ice axes would be excellent for cutting steps. No enemy contact.

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- 8 0810 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report, HQ TF 45, #83, dated 301530A Jan 1945.
- 9 0810 Rec'd: IV Corps Shelling Report dated 292000A.
- 10 0820 Rec'd: IV Corps Sitrep #60, dated 310153A Jan 1945.
- 11 0745 Phone fr Lt Livermore (Liasion IV Corps) 9th Div: Slight patrol activity. No contact. B.F: Slight patrol activity. No contact. My MG fire on BUSCATIO (L652217). ACTION: None.
- 12 0840 Rec'd: Fr IV Corps, Incoming Message #656, dated 310250A.
- 13 0840 Rec'd: IV Corps Artillery, Hostile Battery East #29, dated 291200A January.
- 14 0840 Rec'd: Fr OSS 3d Bn, 86th Inf Det, Report of Lt. Elton L. Kennedy. Intelligence Report. Dated 28 January 1945.
- 15 0840 Rec'd: Fr OSS 3d Bn, 86th Inf Det, Report of Lt. Elton L. Kennedy. Intelligence Report. Dated 29 January 1945.
- 16 0840 Rec'd: Hq 2d Bn, 86th Mt Inf, Training schedule week 29 Jan to 2 Feb 45.
- 17 0840 Rec'd: Hq, 10th Mt Div, SO #8, dated 30 January 1945.
- 18 0845 PATROL PLAN #445, D/85, 1 Off, 36 EM, 30 Jan, Out 300400A, In 301700A. DESTINATION: Overlay atchd. MISSION: Open; diversion of ey attention.
- PATROL REPORT #445, D/85, 30 Jan, Out 300100A, In 301600A. REPORT: 7 eny seen on ALPE TRIA PORTANA at eny OP (L302086) and at OP (L303089) at 301330A. 2 eny armed with rifles observed at (L291070) who withdrew when our two scouts approached them (time not reported). Our patrol at 301330A received 15 rds accurate Blm mortar fire at (L291084). Eny position believed to be at about (L302087). No casualties.
- PATROL PLAN #609 K/85, 30 Jan, 1 Off, 29 EM, Out 300700A, In 301700A. DESTINATION: Overlay atchd. MISSION: Drive ey outposts S. of PLAN SIMATICO.
- PATROL REPORT #609 K/85, 30 Jan, Out 300700A, In 302330A. REPORT: Patrol proceeded to (L388083). Then halted to wait for an emergency patrol from CUTIGLIANO (404065); both were to go to the aid of patrol #608. Contact was not completed. Both patrols were recalled at 302230A on order of higher authority.
- PATROL PLAN #701 1st Flt/85, 1 Off, 8 EM, 30 Jan, Out 300800A, 301700A. DESTINATION: atchd overlay. MISSION: rcn and open of OP.
- PATROL REPORT #701, 1st Flt/85, 30 Jan, Out 300800A, In 301700A. REPORT:

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- 18 Cont'd Route good if proper equipment used. Very steep slopes. 12" snow upper slopes. Mt boots essential. Crampons would help. No enemy activity local people report no Germans vicinity MT CALIGI (L378046) since Sep 44. Observation from MT CALIGI excellent on nearly all mts in our vicinity. Especially to MT SPIGOLINO etc. Too remote to be used as an OP unless garrisoned by a platoon.
- 19 0900 G-2, G-3 left for Rebase at 310900A.
- 20 0915 Phone fr Hqmount #1 to Lt Bourke: G-2 and G-3 Periodic Reports are reaching this hq without receipts. Has the procedure of using receipts on P. H. been discontinued? ACTION: Notified M/Sgt Hilliard who is taking immediate action.
- 21 0900 Phone fr G-2 to all regts: All patrol reports will include list of equipment lost. Plans for raids will be submitted to this hq 48 hours in advance of opn.
- 22 0915 PATROL PLAN #380 K/86, 30 Jan, 1 Off, 10 EM, Out 300800A, In 301700A. DESTINATION: Overlay. MISSION: Flank security.
- PATROL PLAN #381 I/86, 30 Jan, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 301830A, In 310200A. DESTINATION: Overlay. MISSION: Ambush. Capture PW.
- PATROL PLAN #382 L/86, 30 Jan, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 301830A, In 310200A. DESTINATION: Overlay. MISSION: Ambush. Capture PW's.
- PATROL REPORT #380 K/86, 30 Jan, Out 300800A, In 301700A. REPORT: Proceeded on schedule. Reached (L472133) and received fire from 2 mg's and 1 sniper from (L458143) at 301155A; were pinned down for 3 hours. Called for and got supporting tank fire on position from 3d plt 751 Tank Bn. Position believed to be knocked out. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT: Roads OK for jeeps. Snow depth 3 ft off roads.
- 23 0945 Rec'd: IV Corps G-2 Summary by wire dated 310827A.
- 24 0945 Rec'd: IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #30 dated 30 Jan.
- 25 0945 Rec'd: Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #95 dated 28 Jan.
- 26 0945 Rec'd: Hq 92d Inf Div Operations Instructions #19 dated 29 Jan.
- 27 0945 Rec'd: Hq 92d Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #87 dated 30 Jan.
- 28 0945 Rec'd: Hq IV GSS Det. Intelligence Bulletin. Military information reported by patrians and civilians. Dated 30 Jan.
- 29 0945 Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div arty S-3 Report from period 291800A to 301800A. Dated 30 Jan.



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30	1018	<u>Phone fr Major Callahan (Keystone 2):</u> Reliable agent reports that 232 Fus Bn is in vicinity of SESTOLA (L422210). Defensive overprint will be available after several days, as soon as it can be printed. There was photo cover of our area yesterday. ACTION: Col Marks notified.
31	1030	G-2, G-3 returned to CP
32	1045	<u>Phone fr Lt Bourke to Mount 3:</u> Check on overdue SITREP. NTR. ACTION: Noted.
33	1045	<u>Phone fr Lt Bourke to Mount 3:</u> Check on overdue SITREP. NTR. ACTION: Noted.
34	1045	<u>Phone fr Rex 8:</u> 1030 SITREP. NTR.
35	1047	<u>Rec'd:</u> Coord fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3. Dated 31 Jan.
36	1050	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fr AG to G-3. Strength report as of 302400A Jan.
37	1100	TP 45 SITREP #421, submitted.
38	1100	Hq TP 45 IPW Report #4 submitted.
39	1120	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fr G-3. Security and Alert Plan for Div TP approved. 1 copy posted in operations room. 1 copy sent to Major Boston.
40	1140	Col Peterson acting Chief of Staff in absence of Col LaDue as of 310600A.
41	1145	<u>Phone fr Mount White 3 (Capt Lafferty):</u> Received training schedules and overlays of range firing, training areas. ACTION: Not put on plotting map. Major Murphy notified. Filed in Training Schedule File.
42	1145	<u>Rec'd:</u> V Army G-2 report #511 dated 29 January.
43	1145	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Artillery G-3 Report #29.
44	1145	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #86.
45	1145	<u>Phone fr Mount Blue 2:</u> Want pin point photos made of following coordinates (L502174), (L504274), (L508175), (L516176), (L495172). How soon can they be flown? ACTION: Col Marks notified.
46	1200	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 3:</u> T/Sgt Campbell of Eng outfit plus one other NCO to give 4 hour school on mines to 10th Men Troop this PM. Eng NCO's to return here at Div CP at 100800A Feb. ACTION: 10th Men notified.
47	1200	G-2, G-3 left CP for officer's quarters.

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|            | 48         | 1230        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Sketch fr Hq 1st Bn 85th S-3 to G-3.  |
|            | 49         | 1230        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IPH report fr 85th dated 31 Jan.  |
|            | 50         | 1235        | <u>Phone fr Rebate 2:</u> Requests permission to submit patrol intentions as late as 311500A. Permission granted.   |
|            | 51         | 1305        | <u>Phone fr Keystone 3 (Col Pond):</u> Desires to know if Eng off and NCO from 235 Eng may be released from this hq now. ACTION: Col Irvin to phone re this.  |
|            | 52         | 1315        | G-2, G-3 returned from quarters.  |
|            | 53         | 1315        | <u>REC'D:</u> IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #230 dated 31 Jan.   |
|            | 54         | 1315        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV G-3 Air Section Air Target Requests for 31 January 1945. To Chief of Staff, IV Corps.  |
|            | 55         | 1315        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #30 dated 30 Jan.  |
|            | 56         | 1315        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Sitrep #59.  |
|            | 57         | 1315        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Sitrep #60.  |
|            | 58         | 1315        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 310700A Jan.  |
|            | 59         | 1315        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Technical Intelligence Summary #42.  |
|            | 60         | 1325        | G-2 went to Div Arty.   |
|            | 61         | 1330        | TF 45 ISUM #255 submitted.  |
|            | 62         | 1330        | <u>Phone fr G-2 to IV Corps G-2:</u> Can the AG our division use the heading 10th Mt Div, or what can he use on routine reports and letters? ACTION: Called Keystone 2 at 1350. Col Walls said he would have to get decision from 5th Army on it. would call back about 1400. |
|            | 63         | 1330        | <u>Report fr Lt Livermore, Ln O Corps:</u> PW from 57th Mt Div (?) taken at (L796280). It is believed by 8th Army that 1st Pcht Div has replaced 334th Div on the front.  |
|            | 64         | 1340        | <u>Phone fr Lt. Bourke to Remount 3:</u> Called regarding defensive fire plan of Remount Blue, Scale 1/5000. Capt. Marburg stated they are working on the plan and it is coming in. ACTION: Informed Maj. Murphy.   |
|            | 65         | 1345        | <u>Phone fr Lt. Bourke to Rebate 3:</u> Called Rebate 3 in regard to defensive fire plan for Rebate White and Rebate Blue. Lt. Beu stated they will be in today. ACTION: Notified Maj. Murphy. ACTION: Notified Maj. Murphy.  |

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66.	1345	<u>Phone fr Lt. Bourke:</u>	G-2 returned to CP. - ACTION: Noted.
67	1415	<u>Rec'd fr Keystone 3, Col. Pond to LaSalle 3:</u>	Bridge at BAGNI LUCCA (1258971) will be closed from 0001A to 0630A on 2 Feb 1945. Purpose: To remove bailing overhead on semi-permanent bridge. ACTION: Notified LaSalle 4, Capt. Smith.
68	1442	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Keystone 2:</u>	Error in 310600A and 311330A ISUM now corrected. Prisoners taken during previous 24-hour period were from 13th Co., 5th Regt., SAN MARCO MARINE Div., and not from 12th Co. as reported. Note: IFW report also rectifies error.
69.	1433	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3:</u>	Rebate will attach 2d Bn. AT Plat. to 604 FA Bn. for practice firing and training vicinity LIZZANO (1421044) ACTION - Approved by G-3.
70	1440	<u>Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3:</u>	SITREP 311430A - NTR ACTION - Noted.
71	1445	<u>Rec'd fr 85th Ho 1st and 2nd Bns:</u>	Overlays of Patrol plans for 1st and 2nd Bns.
72	1450	<u>Phone fr Remount 3 to LaSalle 3:</u>	SITREP report. - NTR. ACTION: Noted.
73	1500		TF 45 SITREP #422, submitted.
74	1500	<u>Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSalle 2:</u>	Patrol #61 was cancelled. Substitute patrol will be sent. Rebate 2 will call back. ACTION: Noted.
75	1600	<u>Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSalle 2:</u>	Wants vertical and oblique cover of area bounded by 5014, 5714, 5720, and 5020. ACTION: Referred to FI.
76	1610	<u>Rec'd fr Fifth Army:</u>	Weather forecast for period 312400A to 012400A.
77	1615	<u>Phone fr Rex 5 (Col Avera) to LaSalle 3:</u>	Col Avera has been told all Artillery fire must cease when aid men are going forward according to notification from the infantry. Is that true? ACTION: Referred to Col. Works. Answer - Artillery fire must cease in that sector where aid men are working.
78	1615	<u>Phone fr Rebate White 6 to LaSalle 2:</u>	wants to know particulars (time, etc.) on flight arranged by Col. Works. ACTION: Col. Works notified.
79		<u>Phone fr Lightning Rear 3 to LaSalle 3 (Maj Murphy):</u>	Col. Ibold states the division may have the mine team training period extended to include week of 5 to 12 February. ACTION: Maj. Murphy notified.

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- 80    1625    Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Hamout 21 Called to make certain that patrol intentions have been sent. Informed us they are enroute.
- 81    1630    Phone fr Rebate White 6 to G-2: Capt. Halverson wants to fly over area which he is to patrol. ACTION: Called Corps and arranged flight at 011300A - Notified Col. Stove. (Col. Works)
- 82    1700    Phone fr LaSalle 3 to 85th, 86th and 87th: Weather forecast for period 312400A - 012400A. Scattered to broken clouds at 300 ft., becoming overcast by afternoon with rain over coastal sector and light snow over mountains. Good visibility in coastal ~~mountain~~ sector but restricted to 4-6 miles due to haze along West of front. Minimum temperature 27° F. Outlook: Similar conditions on 2nd with the exception that the overcast and precipitation will start after dark. Clearing will start and precipitation cease on the morning of the 3rd. Visibility good on 3rd. Minimum temperature increasing gradually to 29° on the 2nd.
- 83    1545    Phone fr Rebate 1 to LaSalle 3: Negative Sitrep. ACTION: Noted. Not previously recorded.
- IV Corps
- 84    1705    Phone fr Lt. Col. King, Asst G-2 to Col. Works, G-2 TF 45: 15th Army Group approved the use of 10th Mt. Div. on better headings and similar reports (unclassified) for routine administrative matters.
- 85    1720    Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div. to CO, 87th Mt. Inf (Lt. Col. Schmelzer): The operation contemplated, and of which Col. Fowler was informed while he was here, will take place 3 days earlier. Send up advance parties tomorrow.
- 86    1730    Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: Sitrep report as of 1730A. NTR. ACTION: Noted.
- 87    1740    Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSalle 2: Group of 9 Med. Corps men bearing Geneva Convention Flag and Red Cross helmet, as well as brassards, rounded S curve on LA LIMA - PIANSINATIC road at L383087 and came into view of several houses vicinity of L384085. They were fired upon by automatic weapons at 311130A. They took cover behind road safety wall and after waiting short time attempted to proceed. They again were fired upon and had to abandon their mission of attempting to locate wounded from patrol #608 of 30 Jan. ACTION: 1800 ISUM and SITREP.
- 88    1800    TF 45 ISUM #256 submitted.
- 89           TF 45 SITREP #423 submitted.

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Text contained in message rec'd fr IV Corps and recorded as item #12 0810A in today's Journal entries. Ref Bu. 2504 (One Inf. Div. Bn, 92 Inf. Div., TF 45, IV Corps Artillery, 13th TB, 51 TB, 760 TB, 701 TD Bn, 894 TD Bn and for information to FIFTH Army and 1 Armored Division).

1. Effective immediately, "C" Co., and three platoons, "D" Co., 751 Tank Bn. and relieved attachment to 92 Inf. Div. revert to parent unit control, and will move to FORNETTA area (5812). 2. 751 Tank Bn will be prepared to act in Corps Reserve with all or part of its elements, and in the meantime, will: (a) Render direct support to TF 45 in its Eastern sector and to the one Inf. Div. Bn. (b) Operate AG's in an Artillery role under direction CG, IV Corps Artillery. 3. 13th Tank Bn is relieved of present missions and assignment, revert to parent unit control upon closing in on area to be designated by CG, 1 Armored Div. 4. Effective immediately "G" Co., 760 Tank Bn is relieved attachment 92 Inf. Div and reverts to parent unit control. 5. 760 Tank Bn will be prepared to act in Corps reserve with all or part of its elements and in the meantime will: (a) Render direct support to TF 45 in the S MARCELLO area (4801) with one Light Co and one Medium Co. (b) Render direct support to 92 Inf. Div. with one Medium Co in the SANGHIO valley and one Medium Co in the coastal sector. (c) Operate AG's in Artillery role under direction CG, 92 Inf Div. 6. 701 TD Bn (-Reconnaissance Co) will be prepared to act in Corps reserve with all or part of its elements and in the meantime will: (a) Support 92 Inf Div with one TD Co. (b) Support 751 Tank Bn with one TD Co. (c) Operate one TD Co in an Arty role under direction of CG, IV Corps Artillery. 7. Elements of 894 TD Bn (-Reconnaissance Co) are relieved of present missions and assignments and revert to parent unit control. 8. 894 TD Bn (-Reconnaissance Co) will assemble in Rest Area vicinity PLAVIA. 9. Movements and reliefs dictated by the above instructions will be completed without delay. 10. Completion of reliefs and the times of closing in rear areas will be reported to this head quarters. 11. Routes and timings will be coordinated with IV Corps TCC. 12. Direct communication between commands concerned is authorized.

- 91 19.0 Rec'd: Message fr 86th Inf dated 31 Jan; message left from coordinate (437967) at 311605A.
- 92 PATROL PLAN #454, C/85, 1 NCO, 4 M, Out 010800A, In 011530A, 1 Feb 45. MISSION: See Overlay. MISSION: Contact Patrol.
- PATROL PLAN #455, 85th Inf, 1 NCO, 4 M, 1 Feb, Out 010800A, In 011330A. MISSION: Routine contact to 365th Regt.
- PATROL PLAN #456, D/85, 1 Off, 12 M, 1 Feb, Out 010730A, In 011600A. MISSION: Observation patrol.
- PATROL PLAN #457, B/85, 1 Off, 12 M, 1 Feb, Out 010730A, In 011700A. MISSION: Observation patrol.

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- 92 Cont'd PATROL PLAN #458, C/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, 1 Feb, Out 010700A, In 011700A.  
MISSION: Observation patrol.
- PATROL PLAN #508 G/3/86, 1 Off, 5 EM, 1 Feb, Out 011800A, In 021200A.  
MISSION: Route Rcn to M. SPIGALINO.
- PATROL PLAN #509, F/3/85, 1 Off, 10 EM, 1 Feb, Out 010700A, In 011200A.  
MISSION: Route Rcn.
- PATROL PLAN #510, E/3/85, 1 NCO, 3 EM, 1 Feb, Out 011200A, In 012000A.  
MISSION: Security patrol.
- PATROL PLAN #511, L/2/85, 1 NCO, 3 EM, 1 Feb, Out 011000A, In 011800A.  
MISSION: Route Rcn.
- PATROL PLAN #613, K/3/85, 1 Off, 15 EM, 2 Part, 31 Jan, Out 312100A,  
In 010700A. MISSION: Rcn and observation.
- PATROL PLAN #615, L/3/85, 1 Off, 15 EM, 2 Part, 1 Feb, Out 011400A,  
In 020600A. MISSION: Reconnaissance and observation.
- PATROL PLAN #614, I/3/85, 1 Off, 15 EM, 2 Part, 1 Feb, Out 011400A,  
In 020600A. MISSION: Rcn and observation of MT CARDASO and Mt.  
CARDOSINE.
- PATROL PLAN #616, K/3/85, 1 Off, 15 EM, 2 Part, 1 Feb, Out 011200A,  
In 020600A. MISSION: Rcn and observation.
- ~~PATROL PLAN #617~~
- 93 1910 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP No. 61, dated 311200A.
- 94 Rec'd: IV Corps ISUM No. 712, dated 311518.
- 95 Rec'd: 68th Arm'd F. A. Bn. S-2 Report No. 30. 291800A to 301800A.
- 96 1915 Rec'd: Hq, 15th Army Group, dated 26 Jan. Propaganda and Leaflet  
Reaction Report No. 15.
- 97 1930 Rec'd: Letter, Hq FIFTH ARMY dated 29 Jan. Subj: Distribution of  
Booklet, "Salerno".
- 98 2000 PATROL PLAN #388, I/86, 1 Off, 12 EM, 1 Feb, Out 011800A, In 020200A.  
MISSION: Ambush.

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98 Cont'd PATROL PLAN #387, L/86, 1 Off, 12 AM, 1 Feb. Out 012200A, In 020400A.  
MISSION: Reconnaissance.

PATROL PLAN #386, K/86, 1 MCC, 8 AM, 1 Feb. Out 010730A, In 011700A.  
MISSION: Left Flank security.

99 2030 Phone fr Lt. Avernore, Liaison Officer to IV Corp. to LaSalle 31  
EF active patrolling. One patrol of 33 men and 1 officer to (1545184) contacted enemy, killed 3. One friendly killed, 1 wounded. Enemy tanks heard at (1610219 and (1611221). Some artillery on HILLA (5814). CP 758 Tank Co opened 1300A at (1194004). Find: Some patrolling. Received enemy fire. LI CORPS: Very quiet, slight mortar fire. ACTION: Brought to attention of G-3.

100 2035 Rec'd: Message dated 1/31/45 fr Rex 8-2 to LaSalle 2: 85th K Co patrol  
Left for PLANSINATION at 207715a. Stopped at 8 curve, (387083).

101 Rec'd: Message dated 1/31/45 fr Rex 8-2 to LaSalle 2: Did not contact  
enemy except one sniper. Shot at sniper, approximate coordinate (385083). Platoon leader Co I, 85th Inf. contacted enemy and lost approximately four men. He reported town of CAMPATI not booby trapped. No enemy activity. House at 8 curve (387083) not used or booby trapped. Time 1300a.

102 2100 Rec'd: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ISUM No. 783 fr IV Corps dated 31 Jan.

103 2145 PATROL REPORT #507, 85 Mt. Inf. 31 Jan, Time Out 310800A, In 311645A.  
ROUTE: Followed route. Snow in patches to Mt. MONTICELLI. From there to La Mac GULA snow drifts soft and deep under breakable crust. No enemy observed or signs of enemy activity.

PATROL REPORT #506, 86 Mt. Inf. 30 Jan, Out 310800A, In 311700A. No contact made.

PATROL REPORT #505, 86 Mt. Inf. Time out 310800A, In 311700A. (A Company) No contact made.

104 2130 Phone fr Rebate had to LaSalle 3: Sketches requested by LaSalle 3  
are ready. Shall we send direct or through Rebate? ACTION: Col. Irvin says to send through Rebate without delay.

105 2135 Phone fr LaSalle 3 to ~~Report~~: Make physical check to determine if 760 Tank Bn, Co A and Co B, have closed in MARCELLO area (1424017). Report time of closing to LaSalle 3.

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| 106     | 2135 | Phone fr Bex 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP for 312030A: 604 FA Bn and 616 FA Bn massed on RIVORSTO (1377099) in a 400 rd area at 312045A -- 42 rds -- effect observed. <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : for SITREP - 312300.   |
| 107     | 2145 | Phone fr Rebata 3 to LaSalle 3: Will Retread white be attached to Rebata Blue for proposed patrolling operation? Major Schooley wants to know. <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : Rebata 3 phoned and told, yes.  |
| 108     | 2200 | Phone fr Remount to LaSalle 3: 760th T Bn, Co A and Co D closed area S MARGELLO (L426017) by 312000A except for 20 men left at LaSalle, C TIZZORO (496991). <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : For SITREP 312300.   |
| 109     | 2205 | Phone fr Kettle (Maj Gary) to LaSalle 3: Two new enemy batteries have appeared. 1 GSP George Roger Peter - name assigned by FI (3327 - 1215) altitude 1100 meters facing S, frontage 60 meters - 2 guns medium. 1 GSP George Sugar Peter (2927 - 1946) altitude 880 meters, facing SW, frontage 110 meters. 2 light or medium guns. For counter battery mask. <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : Called to attention G-2 and G-3, and 85th Inf. |
| 110     | 2230 | Phone fr Remount 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP 1 Co completed relief of 1 Co at 2130. <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : Don't enter on SITREP.  |
| 111     | 2235 | Phone fr PH Cage (Lt Brumbaugh) to LaSalle 3: Two German long time deserters (former partisans) captured. <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : To be entered on ISUM - time period 0600 - 1330 for 31 Jan 1945. Col Works, G-2, notified.   |
| 112     | 2245 | Phone fr Rebata DO (Capt Head) to LaSalle 3: SITREP - no change.   |
| 113     | 2300 | TF 45 SITREP #424 submitted.   |
| 114     | 2320 | Phone fr Keystone 3 (Maj Hamilton) to LaSalle 3: <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> Corps requests for this evening only a status of tank report from 760th Tank Bn, Companies A and D. <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : Phoned Remount 3 to send runner to Lt Barr for information which will be relayed to Corps.  |
| 115     | 2355 | Phone fr Remount DO to LaSalle 3: A Co, 760th Tank Bn -- All medium tanks: 1 deadlined, 16 OK; 1 tank retriever; total 18. D. Co, 760th Tank Bn -- All light tanks; 3 deadlined; 13 OK; total 17. <u>ACTION TAKEN</u> : Corps notified.  |



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| 1              | 0530        | Phone fr Remount HQ (Capt Rosendale) to LaSalle 3: SITREP - No change. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> Noted reference SITREP #425 at 0600 today.   |
| 2              | 0530        | Phone fr Hobate HQ (Lt Due) to LaSalle 3: ISUM - nothing to add. SITREP - no change. <u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> noted at 0600 ISUM and SITREP today.   |
| 3              | 0600        | TF 45 SITREP #425, submitted.  |
| 4              | 0600        | TF 45 ISUM #257, submitted.  |
| 5              | 0700        | Phone fr Lt Livermore<br>2nd Corps--89th Inf Div sector--1st Bn 337th Inf relieved 339 1st Bn; 2nd Bn 362 relieved elements of 1st Bn 362 relieved elements 2nd Bn 362. 133rd Inf raiding party to 940327 engaged in fire fight.<br>88th Div sector--very quiet. 6th So Africa--slight patrolling, one PW.<br>91st Div --remainder of 363th Inf on way to MONTECOMI.<br>BEY--scattered arty and mortar fire recd across front. By patrol at 5/17--attached LP with grenades.<br>92nd Div--Some arty fire and mortar fire recd by OP and patrols.<br>Otherwise quiet.<br>Germans claim the Russians are 45 miles from Berlin this AM. |
| 6              | 0755        | Rec'd IV Corps SITREP No. 62, dated 312400A Jan.   |
| 7              | 0830        | Phone fr Hobate 2: Desire larger map than 1:25000; would like 1:10000 or 1:5000. <u>ACTION:</u> Informed Hobate 2 we have no maps that scale but to contact Eng and they may have equipment with which to blow up a 1:25000.   |
| 8              | 0855        | Rec'd: IV Corps message(wire) AFM 686, dated 010845A Feb.  |
| 9              | 1005        | Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 report #512 dated 30 Jan(fr:282400A to 292400A).   |
| 10             | 1005        | Rec'd: 92nd Inf Div G-2 Periodic report, dated 30 Jan(fr:291200A to: 301200A Jan)(report # 87).  |
| 11             | 1005        | Rec'd: 92nd Inf Div G-3 Periodic report #88, dated 31 Jan(fr:291800A to 301800A Jan).  |
| 12             | 1035        | Rec'd: TF 45 G-3 Periodic report #156, dated 30 Jan(fr:291600A to: 301600A Jan, (not previously recorded).   |
| 13             | 1005        | Rec'd: TF 45 G-3 Periodic report #157, dated 31 Jan.(not prev recorded).   |
| 14             | 1005        | Rec'd: TF 45 Adm Order #2 recd.  |

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15	1005	<u>Rec'd:</u> 68th ARMD FA Bn S-2 Report #31, dated 31 Jan.
16	1005	<u>Rec'd:</u> 68th Armd FA Bn S-3 Report #31, dated 31 Jan.
17	1005	<u>REC'd:</u> Hq 791st Tk Bn report #31 dated 31 Jan.
18	1030	<u>Rec'd:</u> TF45 (shell reports) Intel Memo #2, dated 31 Jan.
19	1100	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps letter, dated 29 Jan, Subject: Training.
20	1100	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 report #3, dated 31 Jan.
21	1100	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps ARTY S-3 report #30, dated 30 Jan.
22	1100	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #2, dated 31 Jan.
23	1100	TF 45 SITREP #426, submitted.
24	1100	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army PhotoIntel Centre 3page Spec Engr Report, F.REMO dated 30 Jan (attn Lt Cohn).
25	1110	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps letter, OSS Det (Intel Bull.), dated Jan 31.
26	1120	<u>Rec'd:</u> Photo Map (2 pictures) ITALY 1:250000 sheet 18 BOLOGNA-FIRENZE.
27	0824	<u>Phone fr Keystone 2 (Col King):</u> "The S-2 at 87th called for sign and countersign. I want to let you know that we no longer handle that. It is up to you from now on. They are not under us any longer." ACTION...Notified Sgt Bols to include 87th on distribution list for sign and countersign.
28	0910	<u>Phone fr Lt Bourke:</u> Called 255th Engrs and confirmed the following positions: "B" Co L527014, H&S Co. L523012. ACTION...Noted on Sit Map.
29	0945	<u>Phone fr Capt Matthews, Rec:</u> Location of B Co., 10th Mt CM Bn, reported in error. It is at BAROLANE (47493). ACTION...Noted for SITREP.
30	1010	<u>Phone fr Acorn 2:</u> Partisan report to Acorn 2: approx 800 Alpine troops assembling in ABETOME with some cannons. There are some Italians in the group. No verification and definitely in the rumor stage. Still investigating at 0110154, Feb. ACTION...Notified G-2 (Maj Luck) and 85th Inf S-2 to alert all patrols going in that vicinity to verify above message. Called Lt. Siedner, OSS, who stated he had Partisan party in ABATOME area today; went in yesterday and is due back today. If it does not return today he will send out spec party. Acorn 2 is not listed.

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- 31    0945    Phone fr LaSalle 2 to 87th Ln O: One platoon from each bn to be on front lines in sectors of 3d Bn's of 85th and 86th Inf will be atchd to those bns prior to relief in order to carry on continuous patrolling during relief. One platoon of bn relieving 3d Bn 86th will report to CO 3d Bn 86th by 012100A. One platoon of bn relieving 3d Bn 85th will report to CO 3d Bn 85th by 022100A. Detrucking points shown in FO 6 will be used. All movements will be under cover of darkness. Each platoon will be provided with one ration by your organization. You will guide platoons to CP's of Bn's concerned.
- 32    0900    Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Hebate 3: One platoon of relieving bn of 87th will be atchd to your 3d Bn from 022100A until relief is completed for purpose of providing continuous patrolling. During the relief this platoon will carry one ration. Your bn commander will be instructed to orient platoon during day and send key personnel on daylight patrols during 3 Feb. Your patrol plans will be continued by relieving platoon.
- 33    0910    Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Heamount 3: One platoon of relieving bn of 87th will be atchd to your 3d Bn from 012100A until relief is completed for purpose of providing continuous patrolling during relief. This platoon will carry one ration. Your bn commander will be instructed to orient platoon during day and send key personnel on day patrols 2 Feb. Your patrol plans will be continued by relieving platoon.
- 34    1025    Phone fr Heamount 3: NTR on 1030A Sitrep from Heamount 3. ACTION: Noted.
- 35    1055    Phone fr Capt Neimer, Hea 3: NTR on 1030A Sitrep. ACTION: Noted for Sitrep.
- 36    1105    Phone fr MARINO of CIC: He reports 3 men from 139 crossed lines into GUT<sup>27</sup> IGLIANO last night. They are Italians. Do we want our IPW team to interrogate them? Call 139, Capt Lewis, through Hebate. ACTION: Notified Col works, who called Capt Lewis at 139 and is arranging for interrogation.
- 37    1115    Phone fr Hebate 2 to LaSalle 2: Blue 2 requests radio detector to spot Italian radio behind our lines which is conversing in Italian to enemy radio believed to be at ABEROME. ACTION: Notified G-2 and Maj Callahan, Sig O.
- 38    1100    TF 45 SITREP #426, submitted.
- 39    1105    Phone fr Capt Martin to LaSalle 2: Request for radio detector from Hebate 2 requested by Blue 2 being checked on. ACTION: Noted.
- 40    1145    Phone fr Lt Livermore: Another IPW from 157<sup>th</sup> was taken in the sector south of Bologna, another prisoner from Italian Div (Bersagliere) taken for the first time east of SERCIO RIVER indicating that Italian Div may

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 41 1210 4-2, 4-3, and Maj Luck went to lunch....ret'd. 1310A
- 42 1217 Rec'd: Fr Chief of Staff. documents given to D to be placed in safe.
- 43 1250 Phone fr Rex Acorn: Report from Rejact Acorn through his own Ln O #430. A partisan report that 200 out of 800 are Italians. (This entire report is noted below).
- 44 1320 Phone fr Rebato 2 (Capt Fosco): Leader of partisans at OSTIGLIANO (Capt Fosco interrogated partisan who came through lines). 1.-5 arby pieces 105 mil-UNDELLERIA at (1454124), 5 arby pieces 100mm at (1557117) location of the cemetery ABETONE. 2Btrye 75mm or 88 mm PAIDELLO (1528152). Informant says those two btrye are not yet in position. 2.- 2 Alpine btrye cal. 47 at PIUMALBO (1528156) drawn by oxen. Saw no ammo. 3.-Troops, about 800 in number, of German Alpine v/sngre. Inf and some service troops and 100 civilian laborers. At VILLA STROZZI in ABETONE, a German General was seen a few days ago. 4.-at ABETONE is a radio set speaking in Italian to a radio back of allied lines. 5.-Two MG's at AQUAMANCIA (410121). 6.-One MG at S. BRIGOLINO (1457094). 7.-about 15 German soldiers in PELLICAROLO (141161). 8.- About 20 Germans in OSPITALE (1454156). 9.- 27th Jan 1945, according to civilian in area, all arby from PIEVEFELAGO (1299188) to PANARD (1449182) has been transferred to PAVULLO nel FRIGNANO (473325). ACTION...Notified 0-2.
- 45 1250 Rec'd: IV Corps 0-2 Periodic Report 259 (5 copies), dated 1 Feb.
- 46 1300 Rec'd: IV Corps G95 Det, letter dated 31 Jan. Subject: Partisan Interrogation Report.
- 47 1300 Rec'd: IV Corps G98 Det, letter dated 1 Feb. Intelligence Bulletin.
- 48 1300 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #51, dated 31 Jan (5 copies).
- 49 1300 Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP # 62, dated 31 Jan (2 copies).
- 50 1340 Rec'd: II Corps 0-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, dated 1 Feb (3 copies).
- 51 1350 FR 45 ICHM 250, submitted.
- 52 1350 Rec'd: Sq IV Corps 0-3 Air Section Air Target requests for 1 Feb 1945.
- 53 1352 Phone fr Rebato Blue 3: Quartering party from Metread has arrived; Accord-

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- 54 Cont'd ing to instructions given in meeting this morning; they were not due to arrive until 2 Feb. What are they to do and has unit been notified of change in plans? ACTION: Quarters party told to remain with Rebate Blue 3 until arrival of unit. Unit has been notified of change in plans. (These instructions confirmed with Lt Col Irvin).
- 55 1345 Phone fr Maj Eckern Detrad 3: Will detail instructions be issued for arrival of transportation, routes of movement, order of movement, etc., under Relief Plan? ACTION: Div Transportation Officer is responsible for issuing instructions covering these points. Div Transportation Officer will be notified to get in touch with you by phone at earliest time.
- 56 1345 Reg'd: Hq 86th Inf Consolidated Patrol Report dated 1 Feb 1945.
- 57 1345 Reg'd: Training memo #1 fr Hq 8550-L, for 1 Feb-3 Feb.
- 58 1345 Reg'd: Phantom Summary as of 301800A January 1945, dated 31 Jan 1945.
- 59 1420 Phone fr Lt Bourke to Rebate Blue: Rebate Blue is not sure of the frequency but believes it to be 20 to 30 KC range of 35 miles. Operates on different frequencies and no definite time schedule. OSS San Marcello has captured one of their radios in the past month. Believes radio to be in San Marcello area. Approx coordinates for approx location (L340070) (L520060) (L350960) (L520960). As far south as PHUNETTA which is due south of SAN MARCELLO. ACTION: Notified Maj Lasek and Capt Martin.
- 60 1440 Phone fr Account 3: Sitrep. NTH. ACTION: Journal.
- 61 1440 Phone fr Detrad Det 2: Lt Crooks will be late for the meeting, awaiting transportation. Telephoned to Major Lasek. ACTION: Journal.
- 62 1445 Phone fr Hq Co Orderly Room to all Hq FMJ PX: supplies will be available to all Hq Det personnel at 011930A.
- 63 1450 Phone to Rebate Blue 2: Telephone call to Lt Barr concerning a message sent to Calle 2 of onway movement into ABERNETHY originally reported by Capt Tosco and an Italian partisan Lt.
- 64 1450 Phone fr Captain Smith to Major Murphy: Will it be possible to get 120 trucks up to relieve troops? Major Murphy: 36 time troops have been relieved so it can be done. Action taken.
- 65 1450 Phone fr Max Seacull Morning: Sitrep as of 1430A. NTH. ACTION: Journal.
- 66 1500 TF 45 SITREP #427, submitted.
- 67 1500 Lt Livermore left for IV Corps/

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- 68 1600 Rec'd: IV Corps Sitrep #63, as of 011200A Feb.
- 69 1600 Rec'd: Fifth Army Hq Circular #1, dated 27 Jan 1945.
- 70 1600 Rec'd: Hq Chimpment #8590, memo #2 dated 30 Jan 1945.
- 71 1600 Rec'd: Hq Fifth Army letter dated 28 Dec 1944.
- 72 1545 Phone fr Rebate Blue 2: Partisan Information of Troops in ABETONE: Three men including Italian Lt \_\_\_\_\_ came through the lines last night actually saw the positions. US knows about them an hour later 3 members of IS9 came through. Capt Fosco got the info from the Lt., not from IS9. Apparently Capt Fosco's info is from a different source than IS 9. ACTION: Will contact US.
- 73 1600 Rec'd: Co A, 126th Reg, Recon for Turn-around on RD LIZZANO to VIGLIANICO. Dated 31 summary 1945.
- 74 1611 Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Rebate 3: Guarding of bridge at BAGNI DE LUCCA will become the responsibility of 1st Bn 85th 021200A Feb. Action: Rebate 3 notified, journal.
- 75 1615 Phone fr Rebate Blue 2 to LaSalle 2: In regard to inquiry by Col Work about call from Acorn 2 concerning German troop movements: Call was made by Div Arty to Rebate Blue 2. Div Arty got information from Lt Contri who came through lines this AM. ACTION: Informed Maj Luck.
- 76 1615 Phone fr Sgt Seagull Minor to Maj Murphy: Request 605 to fire (152616Z) enemy tanks. Tanks in Brazilian area. ACTION: Directed to Phone Sugar.
- 77 1645 Rec'd: FO #2 fr Hq 87th.
- 78 1530 Phone fr Lt Jacoby 1st: Report on interrogation of 3 IS9 Italian partisans who came through enemy lines to CUTIGLIANO the night of 31 Jan-1 Feb. The following was received second hand from agent friends of the reporting partisans who have been operating in the PALERMO & ABETONE sectors: Troop dispositions: A total of approx 800 enemy troops are disposed along the road between PALERMO and ABETONE, 200 of which are from the Italian SS 126th DIV. The balance of the 800 are mostly Germans of unknown organizations. Some appear to be service troops, some laborers, and some combat troops. It is possible some mountain troops are among these. These troops live in houses scattered along the road. Agents claim to have derived information as to numbers from house-owners. The crews of 2 btys of German Mt Arty are located in FIUMALBO. No guns were seen there. It is possible they have no guns there. DEFENSE LOCATIONS: 3 105 Hows in pos 200 meters S of ABETONE. 3 105 Hows (disposition unknown) located at PALERMO MUNICIPAL in ABETONE. One 100-17 mm How in pos at ABETONE cemetery. The following are first hand reports from some 3 IS9 people: 1 bty of mtl guns (possibly) 88's have alter-

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| 78         | cont'd      | nate positions between FAN/NO (4418) and 4470LA (4220) and frequently change positions (exact locations unknown). RIQUHATO (3221) is central sup pt for front line troops in sector of TF 45. ACTION: Verification being sought. Reliability unknown.   |
| 79         | 1713        | Phone fr <u>4418</u> 2: Col Wooly desires a C-47 Non flight within the next 2 or 3 days. ACTION: Informed Col Works.  |
| 80         | 1715        | Msg'd: IV Corps Message #688 dated 011459A.   |
| 81         | 1715        | Phone fr CG TF 45 to CO 85th Inf: Initiated by 0600, 2 Feb, action to organize, occupy and defend ridge vicinity of MT. CALIGI (376044) with one rifle platoon reinf of 2d bn, 85th Mt Inf (Reserve Bn). Action will include reconnaissance of <del>area</del> to position area, suitable billets within 1 hour of the position, coordination of fires with arty and adjacent units, estimate of pioneer or engineer support necessary. |
| 82         | 1730        | Phone fr <u>OSE Capt Davis</u> : Acorn 2 is same word the FA uses. See msg #30 at 1010 this date, call fr Max 2. Apparently all reports on 800 Germans in ANKENS are from same source.  |
| 83         | 1730        | Phone fr <u>Remont</u> : Sitrep. NTR. ACTION: Sitrep.   |
| 84         | 1730        | Phone fr <u>Max 3</u> : Sitrep. 605 FA fired 16 rd at enemy btry (L519189) at 011630A. ACTION: Sitrep.  |
| 85         | 1800        | Phone fr <u>Rebate 3</u> to G-3: No change.   |
| 86         | 1800        | Phone fr <u>Max 2</u> to <u>Laballe 2</u> : Shells rts: 19 rds 75mm (estimated) 0230A 2d 31 Jan, and 100GA 1 Feb 45 at a prox (5044). ACTION: Isum  |
| 87         | 1800        | Phone fr <u>Rebate 2</u> : Isum 011730A, NTR.   |
| 88         | 1800        | TF 45 LHM #259, submitted.  |
| 89         | 1800        | TF 45 ITRF #428, submitted.   |
| 90         | 1820        | Phone fr <u>Max 2</u> to <u>Laballe 2</u> : Information regarding 800 German troops was received from liaison officer at <u>Rebate Blue</u> who got it from partisans and <u>Rebate Blue 2</u> . He can be reached as <u>Touch 5</u> at <u>Rebate Blue</u> . ACTION: Informed Col Works.  |
| 91         | 1820        | Msg'd: Fifth Army weather forecast for 012400A to 022400A Feb 1945.   |

Broken to overcast layer of clouds at mountain top level. Light rain starting to fall over entire region by midnight. Visibility restricted by fog and haze to less than 2 miles along front. Min temp 29° F. WIND: Broken to overcast low clouds on 3 Feb with precipitation ceasing in morning of 4 Feb with scattered to broken cloudiness and no precipitation, during the day. Visibility gradually improving on 3 Feb with good visibility on 4 Feb. Min temp 26° on 3 and 4 Feb.



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92	1835	Phone fr Maj Viadmiroff: To Lt McGuckin, 40 87th, to have him pick up 5 copies Intelligence Annex to FO and bring to CP tomorrow. ACTION: Informed Lt McGuckin.
93	1835	Rec'd: H; 10th Mt Div SO #10.
94	1835	Rec'd: IV Corps Arty Additions and Deletions to HS #29, dated 31 Jan.
95	1835	Rec'd: IV Corps Arty E-3 Report #31.
96	1835	Rec'd: Fifth Army PI Centre General Interpretation Report # 197.
97	1835	Rec'd: Engineer and Military Geology Section, Fifth Army PI Centre Special Engineer Report dated 1 Feb 45.
98	1945	PATROL PLAN #617 I/85, 1 Off, 8 PM, 1 Feb, Out 0500A, In 1800A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Observe PLANSMATICO from LA PADELLE (403088), find possible MG position to fire on PLANSMATICO.
99		PATROL PLAN #512 85th, 2 Feb 45, Out 0800A In 2000A DESTINATION: MT GENNAIO. MISSION: Security patrol for MARESCA to run route to MT GENNAIO and report all enemy actions.
		PATROL PLAN #163 C/85, 1 Off, 12 PM, 2 Feb, Out 0600A, In 1800A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Route run and clean.
		PATROL PLAN #618 85th, 1 Off, 10 PM, Out 0700A, In 2000A, 1 Feb. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Observe mountain: TORTO, CANDOSO, LA BERRA.
		PATROL PLAN # 619 I/85, 1 Off, 15 PM, 2 Partisans, Out 2000A, In 0400A, 1 Feb. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Reconnoiter and observe around FIN EL NOVELLO for marks of enemy patrols near our previous patrol #613.
		PATROL PLAN #459 C/85, 1 MCO, 4 PM, Out 0800A, In 1500A, 2 Feb. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Contact 365th Inf.
		PATROL PLAN #460 C/85, 1 MCO, 4 PM, Out 1100A, In 1730A, 2 Feb. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Contact 365th Inf.
		PATROL PLAN #462 A/85, 1 Off, 12 PM, Out 0600A, In 1800A, 2 Feb. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Route run and clean.
		PATROL PLAN #461 B/85, 1 Off, 12 PM, Out 0600A, In 1800A, 2 Feb. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Trail run and clean of east side ALFREDE POTER.
		PATROL PLAN #389 I/86, 1 Off, 12 PM, Out 1700A, In 0100A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Run.

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| 99         | 1930        | Phone fr Re. 2 to La Valle 2: Shell reports. 1 Feb reported by Reply area shelled (51662354) from 0230A to 0235A. 2 rds percussion, no damage. Reply R: Observed from Reply CP. Estimated direction 286 mils. Area shelled (50551375) from 0230A to 0235A. Obs. 75mm, 2 rds, no damage. Reply 2: Observed from Reply CP. Direction of enemy guns 286 mils. Area shelled 51431390. 0230A to 0231A, call 75mm, 1 rd, no damage. From Reply 2: Observed from Reply CP. 6400 mils, area shelled (50551375). 1 mile beyond several other rds 1011. From 1000A to 1001. 1 rd percussion, crater diameter 4 - 6 ft, no damage.   |
| 100        | 1930        | Rec'd: Proposed plan for opening road at (3396067) fr CP Engineer, dated 27 Jan 1945.   |
| 101        | 1815        | Phone fr La Valle 2 to "Rebate" (Lt): Instructed Rebate Interrogator, Lt Jacoby, to make report of information previously given to Maj Insek.   |
| 102        | 1950        | Phone fr Keystone (Division 4): MFI: Slight mortar and arty fire 1800A. 92d Div: 8 Pn's observed fr 10th and 14th Companies BNSABALLERI Regt Italian Div. Fished up vicinity (42906). This regt has apparently replaced a German Div. 11 Corps: 811200A Patrols active. 8th Army: NTK.  |
| 103        | 2010        | Rec'd: Interrogation report fr H. 85th, dated 1 Feb 1945, fr Lt Jacoby.   |
| 104        | 2114        | Rec'd: G-2 report ref 4091 fr IV Corps, dated 012110A Feb, via msg center, 10th Div Hq.   |
| 105        | 2100        | Report fr Maj Thornby (Hex 2) to La Valle 2 (Maj Insek): First hand report from 3 IS9 partisans: between PARAY (4416) and SESTOIA (4221). 1 btry of mobile guns, possibly 88's which fire recently change positions. INFORMATION is central supply point (nature unknown) for our sector. 2 btry's at arty are at FIBBINO (320156) with guns drawn by oxen. 2 btry's (real unknown) are at FIASCOLO (323130) not in position. 3 105 mm how's located at (3331160). One 100-175 gun located at (33521161). 88's located at (32781162), (32681170). Other type supply points are at FIVULLO (4833). 2 88mm guns are in position at (31651390). Bridge at FORTI FIANCHINO is prepared for demolition; if blown that would cut the Germans off. (Action Journal). |
| 106        | 2200        | Phone fr Keystone 1: Allotment for 126th Eng of 1 Off and 4 M to mine warfare and demolitions course at MURINA, Italy (M3881) commencing 8 Feb, ending 19 Feb 45. Plans to be submitted to Keystone 1 by 1200A 3 Feb 45. Action: Accepted allotment. Names will be sent by 1200A 3 Feb. Notified 126th Eng.   |
| 107        |             | Phone fr Rebate, White, Easy 6 to La Valle 2: Alerted Co due to 3 persons passing through outpost, who were fired upon at 012130A. Plans came up from hill (47910129) in front of CP #2 at same time. Are following alert plan and will give all clear if it can be secured. ACTION: Notified Chief of Staff and Provost Marshall.  |

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108 2240 Phone fr Mex 3 to Leticia 3: Negative CTR&P. ACTION: Noted.

109 PATROL PLAN #504, 1/2/85, 30 Jan, Out 1158A, In 1400A, 1 Off, 10 EM.  
MISSION: Reconnaissance.

PATROL REPORT #504, 1/2/85, 30 Jan, Out 1158A, In 311400A. REPORT: Departed VI ZANETA. Proceeded to bldgs. at RAFFINO (426067). Arrived 1600A. Trail easy but steep. Lost RAFFINO & 310310A. Arrived summit Mt. CIMONCINO at 310360A. Trail very icy. At 310635A observed 2 men in OP at 432094. One of 2 men observing w/field glasses, the other walking around. At 310830A, 2 more men came to position from N side of ridge and first 2 left. Observed no position on ridge E of M SPIGOLINO. No activity on ridge E of M SPIGOLINO. Possible to gain ridge M CUPOLINO - M SPIGOLINO from CIMONCINO, but very steep and icy. Arrived RAFFINO at 311300A.

PATROL PLAN #503, 1/8/85, 1 Off, 10 EM, 30 Jan 45, Out 301158A, In 311400A.  
MISSION: Reconnaissance and observation.

PATROL REPORT #503, 1/8/85, 30 Jan 45, Out 301158A, In 311200A. REPORT: Proceeded along trail to point 100 yds below DOGNACCIA (423089). Arrived at 310015A. Halted in observation. Old tracks along trail BUTIGLIANO - DOGNACCIA disappearing over ridge between VISTA PARADISI and Mt SPIGOLINO. Found atchd leaflets, Exhibit "A" (ours of 30th) at (421089). At 310745A observed what I thought to be skier disappearing N of ridge on a BREZCHI at (411116). At 310750A observed possible MG position (unmanned) at (475099). Trail has been used recently according to partisan guide. Deep snow in drifts near DOGNACCIA. Ridge VISTA PARADISI to M SPIGOLINO accessible by this route. No enemy activity observed on M SPIGOLINO. Returned VI ZANETA (415055) at 311200A. No lost equipment.

PATROL PLAN #612, 1/8/85, 1 Off, 10 EM, 2 Part, 31 Jan, Out 310400, In 311600A. MISSION: Observe PLANINATECO.

PATROL REPORT #612, 1/8/85, 31 Jan, Out 310630A, In 311730A. REPORT: Moved to point (392095). Arrived at 310800A. Observed PLANINATECO until 311530A. Saw no enemy activity. Saw well-used tracks going to house at (36090880) and houses at 38280839, but sighted no men during day. Made sketch and left OP at 311530A. ROUTE RECN REPORT: Both tracks max end at house (38260869) from houses already given.

PATROL PLAN #449, 1/8/85, 1 HCO, 4 M, 31 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1100A.  
MISSION: Contact w/92d.

PATROL PLAN #449, 1/8/85, 31 Jan, Out 311045A, In 311640A. REPORT: Contact made 311240A with 92nd Div right flank.

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PATROL PLAN #450, 0/85, 1 HQ, 4 MM, 31 Jan, Out 1000A, In 1500A.  
MISSION: See overlay.

PATROL REPORT #450, 0/85, 31 Jan, Out 31000A, In 311500A.  
REPORT: Contact made 311015A with 92nd Div, right flank.

PATROL PLAN #451, 0/85, 31 Jan, 1 Off, 12 MM, Out 0700A, In 1800A.  
MISSION: Observation of ALPA TRS POTEN A region.

PATROL REPORT #451, 0/85, 31 Jan, Out 0700A, In 1030A. REPORT: From top of Mt. ROSSO (307046) saw 8 men on pass (289090) at 311150A. Men unidentified. ROUTE BEN REPORT: Snow crusty until 1200A; 2 1/2 inches deep on upper slopes; 10 inches deep on lower slopes; weather cloudy and cold.

PATROL PLAN #452, 1/1/85, 1 Off, 12 MM, 31 Jan, Out 0730, In 1800.  
MISSION: Obn of MARGINALIA, DARRIETO, ALPA TRS POTEN A area.

PATROL REPORT #452, 1/1/85, 31 Jan, Out 0730, In 1800. REPORT: From (276069) saw 3 men lying down at (305084) at 1320A. ROUTE BEN REPORT: Snow 4" to 6" deep on trails, 1' deep on Mt. Barbarina (278069). Weather cloudy and cold.

PATROL PLAN #383, 1/86, 1 Off, 6 MM, 31 Jan, Out 0730, In 1700A.  
MISSION: Flank security.

PATROL REPORT #383, 86-1, 31 Jan, Out 31003A, In 311615A. REPORT: Patrol proceeded as scheduled. Saw 6 men in dark uniforms at (450124) at 311200A, and 1 man at (458144). latter position was where MM was reported yesterday by another patrol. Snow 3' deep.

PATROL PLAN #613A, 1/85, 1 Off, 15 MM, 2 Pst, Out 312100A, In 010700A.  
MISSION: Route reconnaissance.

PATROL REPORT #613A, 1/85, ~~31~~ 31 Jan, Out 312345A, In 010403A.  
REPORT: 19 bldgs in area of PLAN de NOVELLA (3508) - scattered over 600 yds area - no indication of occupation by enemy since last snowfall at 010250A to 0103150A. ROUTE BEN REPORT: Route out very difficult, icy and thin crust. Main trail passable for 3/4 ton vehicle or mule. Routes can be observed from M GARDOSA (3608) on GARDOSINA (3608) and in BERGA (3708). Impossible to move a company PLAN de NOVELLA (3708) under cover of darkness without being observed. Area not recommended to accomplish mission. SCR 300 bladed. Slowed down progress of patrol.

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 Patrol Plan #162, 1/86, 1 Off, 7 M, Part, 31 Jan, Out 311500A  
 In 010300A. MISSION: Reconnaissance.

PATROL REPORT #162, 1/86, 31 Jan, Out 311500A, In 010300A. REPORT:  
 Patrol reached (4472145) at 311615A. River 12 ft. wide, 2 ft deep;  
 very swift. Difficult to cross. Started up ridge 311630A, followed  
 N side of draw to houses at (4468147); arrived 311730A (houses) and  
 left 311830A. Proceeded as on overlay to follow on S side of ridge  
 to summit. Arrived at 312030A vicinity (446151), where 6 ropes would  
 be needed for troops of company also for a distance of 120 ft. to  
 ascend 2 small stretches of cliff. Arrived summit of Mt. SERRASIOCCIA  
 (462153) at 010003. Saw emplacement about 30 ft. to South; not dug  
 out but with telephone wire leading away to north. Saw no enemy or  
 recent tracks. North side is gentle slope, open, treeless, and about  
 5° steep; drops down to basin gently, rises slightly, and then drops  
 away vertically. (See notes on overlay). Patrol observed 15 minutes  
 and then returned. Time down 2 hrs-40 Min. Patrol feels troops of  
 company strength will make this route without special training if in  
good condition, and patrol should have fixed ropes at points specified.  
 Night was dark, patrol without snowshoes took to knees most of the time.  
 Route too steep for snowshoes or skis anywhere. Patrol feels there  
 should be foot bridges at stream (472145).

PATROL REPORT #1201, 18th Men, 31 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1830A. REPORT:  
 Patrol reached peak of Mt. KAKAWAKHI (478069) at 1530A. Estimated  
 Mt. GAKAKIA (478065). The patrol destination three more hours  
 national travel. Patrol turned back here. ROUTE REPORT: Route to  
 (478026) possible for jeep's. Route to (485032) probable limit for  
 normal. Started breaking trail at (485023). From here to crest snow  
 heavily crusted. See attached overlay for trail actually followed.

PATROL PLAN #158, 1/86, 3 M, 30 Jan, Out 0800, In 1700. MISSION:  
 Route Men.

PATROL REPORT #158, 1/86, 30 Jan, Out 300800A, In 301600A. REPORT:  
 Patrol moved as directed. Reached vicinity (1451118), very hard crust  
 except in brushy sections where men sank to their waists. Crust hard  
 ice at highest point. 2 men fell, slipping about 75 yds until stopped  
 by a tree. When patrol formed, one of the men who suffered bruises,  
 returned. ROUTE REPORT: Trail would hold many men if ice axes  
 were available to cut ice steps. Cutting time from stream to ridge  
 would be 3-5 hours.

PATROL PLAN #159, 1/86, 3 M, 30 Jan, 0800 Sat, In, 1700A. MISSION:  
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PATROL REPORT #159, 4/86, 30 Jan, Out 300800A, In 301700A. REPORT: Patrol went as directed, to (1455115) and on to (1448116). Ascent to ridge took 3 hours, overall slope 40°, very hard crust but deep powder snow still in ravines. Steps could be kicked in crust, except in few places where steps had to be cut. Wide visibility from top including PANARO (1440182) and SESTUCA (1442209) at 301415A. MOVEMENT REPORT: Saw 2 men leave SCAFA (1435113) going toward SPIGOLINO vicinity (1434105); had ski poles and were walking w/dark clothing and white packs. Men followed no visible trail. Road from PANARO (1440182) to OSPITALE (1435135) much used. No vehicles moving. No trail along crest of ridge as far N as MARCHELLO (1453134).

PATROL PLAN #160, 4/86, 6 Feb, 29 Jan, Out 300000A, In 311600A.  
MISSION: Recon.

PATROL REPORT #160, 4/86, 31 Jan, Out 300800A, In 311930A. REPORT: Moved as directed. Reached MODONNA del ACIESO (1460115) at 301100A. Moved on as directed along SPIGOLINO ridge, reached (1439096) at 301545A. Movement made mostly on trail. Grade easy until near end. Snow very icy, blown away in places to rocky ground covered with ice. Followed barbed wire fence from (1448090) to (1445095), probably of military origin but not kept up and buried in places. Wire continues on to SPIGOLINO vicinity (1434105). From objective, observed 2 men in emplacement at (1435094). Draw system to be very steep. Ridge toward MARCHELLO (1454134) knife type. Men would have to move in single file but mountain experience not needed. No evidence of enemy trail along ridge but area very windswept. Many small trails in and around SCAFA (1435113) and PANARO vicinity (1432113). (Saw men in PANARO passing from building to building. Confirmed beaten condition of road from PANARO to OSPITALE to SCAFA. Patrol feels that enemy has easy route from SCAFA to ridge. Observed large house at (1446083). No activity. Patrol returned same route. Patrol was on skis.

PATROL REPORT #154, C/85, 1 Feb 45, Out 1000A, In 1600A. REPORT: Contact made at 1425A.

PATROL REPORT #155, 85th, 1 Feb 45, Out 0800A, In 1320A. REPORT: Contact made at 1025A.

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TF SILENCE #429, submitted.

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Phone fr debate, white, easy 6 to LaSalle 21. No 012210/alert. All clear as of 012330A. ACTION: Provost Marshall notified.

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Phone fr debate white (Maj Schooley) to Labele 2: 10 shells of undetermined caliber fell in vicinity of CATANI (376067) at 020045A. No damage. ACTION: Noted for 020600A ISUM.

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PATROL PLAN #384, 1/86, 1 Off, 12 M, 1 Feb, 311700A Out, In 010200A. MISSION: Ambush.

PATROL REPORT #384, 1/86, 1 Feb, Out 311700A, In 010330A. REPORT: Left as indicated + received small arms fire from (507164); located point, took 6 men and MO and moved to (505155) and laid ambush; unsuccessful; waited ~~2 1/4~~ 1 3/4 hours on position; moved to cover. BU10 (507166); remained in position until 312400A; returned early because excessive coughing gave position away. Route Ken Report: Snow crusty and noisy; will hold weight at some points; route selected suitable for small groups only.

PATROL PLAN #611, 1/85, 1 Off, 15 M, 2 Pass, 31 Jan, Out 311800A, In 010700A. MISSION: Ken.

PATROL REPORT #611, 1/85, Out 311800A, In 010700A. REPORT: Reconnoitered RELO (L-397097). Town unoccupied. No fresh tracks in snow. 8-10 houses in village capable of billeting 1 Co. Houses on outskirts of town in good condition, unoccupied. Trail SAJAXINA (L-39350880) to RELO good for foot troops, free of enemy. Town of DIVORZITA (L-377099) about 15 or 20 houses, good condition and unoccupied. Bridge at (373098) believed capable of holding 3/4 ton vehicles. Only road from DIVORZITA connects with road to PLANBATTIO. Trail going N from DIVORZITA good for foot troops only not wide enough for vehicles. No Germans in town. Fresh tracks led to PLANBATTIO, believed made by about 6 men indicating haste. Probable result our Arty fire. Snow fairly hard crust supporting 3 men. Trail of route well packed. A cable found running from a house at (L-3840961 with point unknown toward PLANBATTIO. A house was burning at (L-383085). Believed to be result of our Arty fire.

PATROL REPORT #386, 1/86, 1 Feb, Out 010730A, In 011500A. REPORT: Patrol proceeded as scheduled. No enemy contacted or observed. Fairly good trail up east side of Mt. CASTELLINA (L480131) and down west side to (L474121). Road back to (L482140) passable for weasel and jeep.

PATROL PLAN #385, 1/86, 1 Off, 15 M, 31 Jan, Out 311700A, In 010200A. MISSION: Ken.

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PATROL REPORT #385, 86th Inf, 31 Jan, Out 312900A, In 010200A. REPORT: Started late because of partisan making error in reporting to K Co. Story checked revealed partisan to go on town patrol; patrol moved out followed route (489153 to 494167) and returned. Reconnoitered houses enroute; no fresh tracks; no enemy contact. ROUTE RCM REPORT: Condition of snow was crusty and noisy; would not bear man's weight; route suitable moving groups as large as platoons under cover.

PATROL REPORT #457, B/85, 1 Feb, Out 0730A, In 1800A. REPORT: Visibility zero, trail very poor. Snow drifts made walking and identifying trail very difficult. ROUTE RCM REPORT: Snow hip-deep in places.

PATROL REPORT #509, F/85, 1 Feb, Out 010700A, In 012000A. REPORT: Trail from S. MORGONIO to BELVA de FURCHI (484037) very good, well travelled. Messal could travel all the way as width is 5-8 ft wide. Located U.S. bullcooper at C. BUGGHI (432025). Could be salvaged. Battery, generator, spark plugs missing. Visibility poor. No enemy contact.

PATROL REPORT #510, E/85, 1 Feb, Out 1200A, In 2000A. REPORT: NTR.

PATROL REPORT #511, F/85, 1 Feb, Out 1000A, In 1800A. REPORT: NTR.

PATROL REPORT #456, D/85, 1 Feb, Out 0730A, In 1600A. REPORT: Visibility zero, trails icy, sleet falling.

PATROL REPORT #458, C/85, 1 Feb, Out 0730, In 1800A. REPORT: No visibility. Trails steep and icy, not suitable for routes of approach.

PATROL PLAN #1201, 10th Men, 1 Off, 4 NCO, 25 RM, 31 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1800A. MISSION: Mt. GENNAIO (L-476064).

PATROL REPORT #1201, 10th Mt Men, 31 Jan, Out 0800A, In 1823A. REPORT: From (487037) saw towns (502042), (509041), (508035), (504032) at 1330A. No enemy activity at (478049) Mt. MALANDRINI, enemy had built OP - this noted at 1530A. OP filled w/snow. No enemy action or movement observed from there. Estimated 3 hour march from Mt. MALANDRINI to Mt. GENNAIO (476065). March had to be made along crest of ridge to Mt. GENNAIO (476065) from Mt. MALANDRINI (478049).

PATROL REPORT #387, I/86, 1 Feb, Out 012200A, In 010400A. REPORT: Patrol proceeded as scheduled to RONCORE (491169). No enemy seen. No fresh tracks at RONCORE or vicinity. No enemy seen or heard at ROCCA CARINATA (495172). Patrol required 3 hours to move from (489152) to (491169). Patrol moved on foot. Snow deep and soft under trees, but crusted in the open. Ideal night for patrolling. ROUTE RCM REPORT: Visibility fair, snow averaged 3 ft. in depth; no equipment lost.



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- 3 0515 Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3: Negative ISUM and SITREP. ACTION: Noted for 020600A ISUM and SITREP.
- 4 0600 TF 45 ISUM #260, submitted.
- 5 0600 TF 45 SITREP #430, submitted.
- 6 0600 Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 2: SITREP - Negative except - Reply fired 2 missions, both registration. Patrol activity ceased 0100A. ACTION TAKEN: Noted for 020600A SITREP.
- 7 0620 Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: 2 Arty missions reported at 020610A were fired at 020200A. ACTION: Notified G-3 at 020600 SITREP.
- 8 0653 Phone fr Relect 3 (thru rex 2) to LaSalle 3: 604FA - 4 missions fired, 19 rounds expended, harassing fire. No observed effect. Time fired, 03150A, 03224A, 03356A, 03527A. ACTION: To go at 2100A SITREP.
- 9 0730 Phone fr Keystone 3 (Lt Advancers) to LaSalle 3: 92nd Div. Generally quiet. Moderate artillery in coastal sector. Active patrolling drew some enemy fire but no contact. 19 deserters (enemy). REPT: Generally quiet. Active patrolling continued. II Corps: Some patrolling on which enemy machine guns fired. A tank fired vicinity ZULA (385332). Harassing artillery fire. PW identifications: 2d Co, 578 Regiment vicinity (935326). ACTION TAKEN: Attention G-2 and G-3.
- 10 0750 PATROL PLAN #390, 86th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Feb 45, Out 2000A, In 0100A. DESTINATION: See Overlay. MISSION: Reconnaissance.
- 11 0750 PATROL PLAN #391, 86th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 3 M, 2 Feb 45, Out 0730A, In 1700A. DESTINATION: See Overlay. MISSION: Reconnaissance.
- 12 0755 PATROL REPORT #161, 86th Mt Inf, 31 Jan 1945, Out 310730A, In 311700A REPORT: Patrolled as per overlay to (470169). No enemy contact.
- 13 0755 Phone fr Account 3 to LaSalle 3: Wanted to see Capt. Smith about road clearances. ACTION: Call referred to ADA.
- 14 0800 Phone fr Rebate 2 (Lt Kessler) to LaSalle 3: At 020215A ten (10) unidentified shells fell in the area of Rebate Blue at ONTARI (3806). If these shells are found does Div. want to send Ord. out to investigate? ACTION TAKEN: Major Murphy notified.
- 15 0850 Orders from LaSalle 3 to 86th Mt Inf for 92d Inf Div Sector transmitted by Lt Coursen, Liaison Officer. In Account 6: 1. Prepare and submit plans, without delay, for possible employment of the 86th Mt Inf, in the 92nd Inf Div Sector, as a reinforcing or a counterattacking force. The occupation of the switch position (Field Order No. 13, Hq IV Corps) should be included in these plans. (See S-3 87th Mt Inf).

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- 15 cont'd. 2. Priority will be given to the plans for the SARCHIO VALLEY SWITCH.  
3. Plans for employment in both Sectors will be forwarded to this Headquarters in duplicate. 4. Direct communication between G.O., 92nd Inf Div and CO, 86th Inf is authorized.
- 16 0900 Rec'd. TF 45, G-2 Periodic Report No. 84, dated 31 January 1945.
- 17 0900 Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn, S-3 Report No. 32 dated 1 Feb 1945.
- 18 0900 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 64, 012400A February 1945.
- 19 0900 Rec'd. ISUM 717 fr IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 020800A.
- 20 0905 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty, S-3 Report for period 311800A Jan 1945 to 011800A Feb 1945.
- 21 0910 Phone fr CO, 85th Mt Inf to LaBalle 3: (1) CO, 85th Mt Inf has initiated action to garrison Mt CALIBY (3704). (2) 3 MP's appeared at BAHMI DI LUOCA. 1st Bn 85th says MP's have no orders to direct bridge traffic. Are MP's to replace 1st Bn men on the bridge? ACTION: Major Hostie says MP's to man straggler point this side BAHMI DI LUOCA - not to replace 1st Bn, 85th at bridge. Notified Rebate 3.
- 22 0915 Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaBalle 2: 1. Wants PI on vicinity (3610), (3607), (4007), (4010). Special emphasis on PIANSINATICO (383088) and installations vicinity (377083), and anything within 1000 km radius of those area. 2. Check on flight for Col. Woolley. ACTION: Referred to PI. Col WORKS has asked me to complete arrangements. (R,DO)
- 23 0925 Phone fr CO, 10th Mt Div to CO's, Co's A, D, 760 Tank Bn. Mission is direct support CUTIGLIANO sector. HAYS, CG, 10th Mt Div. ACTION: Hex 3 notified.
- 24 0930 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps (FWD), G-2(Air Photos) letter, Subject: Operations, dated 1 Feb 1945 addressed to Lt Patton, PI Sec, TF 45.
- 25 0935 Rec'd. 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf, Patrol Report overlays for #158, 159, and 160.
- 26 0935 Rec'd. Hq TF 45, G-3 Periodic Report No. 158 dated 1 February 1945.
- 27 0940 Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaBalle 2: At 020300 there was a shelling report that was incomplete. "L" Co now states shells landed vicinity (39560655). Mine fired: 020330A to 020430A. One round hit 25 yards from Co "L" CP. Contained propaganda leaflets entitled, "They all know about you". Exhibit "A" will be sent if desired. Is copy of "Frontpost" dated 30 Jan. ACTION: Have requested that sample leaflet be sent to this Hq. Colonel Works notified.

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- 28 0940 Phone fr Div Ammunition Officer (Lt Sharp) to LaSalle 3: 76 MM gun; 260 rds H8 M48 fuse, 10 rds SMOKE, 75 MM gun; 570 rds H8 - 283 M4, 285 M48AL, 30 rds SMOKE WP, 25 rds SMOKE WP, 37 MM gun; No ammo allowance as yet - will secure however. ACTION: G-3 and Rex notified.
  - 29 1000 Phone fr LaSalle 3 (Lt Col Irvin): A Btry, 68th Armd FA Bn passed CAMPO TIZZORO enroute to vicinity PORRETTA TIRRE at 020905A. ACTION: For 02100 SITREP.
  - 30 1017 Major Ineck - leaving for MARSEGA.
  - 31 1030 Hq TF 45, P.O. No.8, Copy No. 41 dated 1 February 1945, received.
  - 32 1030 Rec'd. Hq TF 45, G-2 Periodic Report No. 63, dated 1 Feb 1945.M
  - 33 1030 Phone fr Rebase 2 to LaSalle 2: No patrol intentions for 3 February from 3rd Bn. ACTION: Noted for journal.
  - 34 1040 Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: 605 FA: 1 high burst registration A Btry 2215A; 7 rds 75 MM incomplete because of bad visibility. 1 high burst registration A Btry 0304A; 18 rds 75 MM; was completed. ACTION: Lt Col Irvin notified. To go on 1100A SITREP.
  - 35 1040 Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: 604 FA SITREP - NTR. 616 FA SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Noted for 1100 SITREP.
  - 36 1100 TF 45 SITREP #A31, submitted.
  - 37 1125 Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: Would like 4 copies instead of usual 3 copies of the G-3 Periodic Report. ACTION: Sgt Hilliard notified.
  - 38 1140 Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Rebase 2: Airplane trip for Col Woolley scheduled for 031100A at LUCCA air strip on AUTOSTRADA 8. of city.
  - 39 1200 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, G-3 Periodic Report No. 32 dated 1 February 1945.
  - 40 1200 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation as of 020700A February.
  - 41 1200 REC'D. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 240 dated 2 February 1945.
  - 42 1212 Rec'd. Ltr listing Unit Censors for Hq SMO-V, dated 2 February 1945.
  - 43 1215 Phone fr LaSalle 3 (Lt Litfield) to Rebase 3, Col Holly: A square of miles is 15. Each pack platoon has 4 squares with 4 pack platoons in a pack company or a total of 240 cargo miles in a pack company.

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| 44            | 1315        | Rec'd. Patrol Intention overlays for Nos 463, 461A, 464, 465, 466, 467, and 468 from S-2, 85th Mt Inf.  |
| 45            | 1315        | Following named men from 126th Eng are attending mine school at DUGMATA - B- 13-Feb, 1945:<br><u>"A" Co.</u><br>Sgt Mark M. Waltich, 13100749      Sgt Richard H. Sisk, 37209132<br><u>"B" Co.</u><br><u>"C" Co.</u><br>T/4 Joseph R. Peck, 36823841      Sgt Edward L. Listort, 32502479<br>1st Lieutenant Ralph L. Richards, 01042687   |
| 46            | 1330        | TF 45 ISUM #261, submitted.   |
| 47            | 1340        | Phone fr Lt Bourke to Retread 3: Retread notified to submit SITREPA reports from now on at the following times: 0530, 1030A, 1430A, 1730A, 2230A. ACTION...notified Major Murphy.   |
| 48            | 1340        | Phone fr La Salle 3(Lt. Hitchcock): The 11 Platoons of 1st & 3rd Bns, 86th Mt Inf are atchd to 2nd Bn, 87th Mt Inf effective upon relief of 3rd Bn 86th Mt Inf. ACTION....Mount 3 & Retread 3 notified; VOCC by Lt Col Irvin.   |
| 49            | 1350        | Bymesseger fr G-2to S-2, 87th: The general directs that no activity of men patrols be made in the PIZZO di CASPIANO--M. MANCINELLO ridge area(481171 to 455135). Also that men patrols be dispatched to M. Spigolino (434094) from SE to determine location of enemy to the N and NE with a view to organizing and conducting a raid in that vicinity. "See me on this "( Lt. Col Works). |
| 50            | 1355        | Phone Rebate 2: Partisan report 020300A from BONTE, who is leader at halfway house in SASTIONA(395065): Two of his men reported that there are two 105mm guns, five 88mm's, 20 other crew-served wms(81's etc). These wms came from ABETONI(334118) and are in pos along road (349 102) to (343116). Say Ger pulled same move when English held our pos. ACTION...PI notified.            |
| 51            | 1400        | Phone fr Capt Sayre. Return 3: Is it possible to send traffic over new road at CASTELLUCCIO ? ACTION...Lt Bourke referred Capt Sayre to Capt Smith.   |
| 52            | 1400        | CG IV Corps G-3. Periodic report read; dated 1 Feb...(report # 32).   |
| 53            | 1400        | Rec'd: CG 92nd Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #89, dated 1 Feb.  |
| 54            | 1415        | Rec'd: field message fr S-2 Div Arty: Propaganda leaflets in vic of Reject; shelling method of delivery. Reject Avorn will try to get shell report in...copy of leaflet will be sent in with unit report. time 1033...ACTION...msg already in from Rebate ref this matter.  |

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| 55             | 1430        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps Arty, Opns Instructions # 36, dated 31 Jan., Subject: Friendly Aircraft-Vt Fuze.   |
| 56             | 1445        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Field message fr CO 85th Mt Inf S-2, dated 2 Feb, signed 1227A: "Attached herewith 4 shell reports, one shell fragment; 17 copies of leaflet-"They know all about it" ".   |
| 57             | 1500        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps Opns Memo #3, dated 27 Jan, re Passive Air Defense, Civil defense, and Fire Defense. (2 copies)  |
| 58             | 1455        | <u>Phone fr Lt Sells (L. Bourke) to Maj Lane (Day Ord):</u> 1.- 109th Ord MM located at coordinates (4520873) at Pistola 66 1-1 100 yds W of the junction. They are not supporting us directly but laterally.<br>2.- 63rd MAM Co direct support (538888). ACTION...noted.  |
| 59             | 1500        | <u>Rec'd:</u> TF 45 SITREP #A32, submitted.  |
| 60             | 1530        | Hq IV Corps Arty Opns Instructions #35, dated 31 Jan, re Change of Mission -68 Armd Fa Bn.   |
| 61             | 1530        | Hq IV Corps Arty; Opns Instructions #34, dated 31 Jan, re training. (2 copies).  |
| 62             | 1402        | <u>Phone fr Lt Bourke to Max 3:</u> It is now possible to take a tank up to S.STATIONE (1396067)...ACTION...Notified Maj Gall.   |
| 63             | 1510        | <u>Phone fr G-2 to Corps G-2:</u> I am sending an overlay showing the area we want on our defense overprint. We would like it printed up so that it will arrive at our Div Engr by 12 Feb 1945. I would like copies to go down to Platoon leaders which will run around 1000 copies for the Div, as we plan to use it as our battle map..... Col Davis: The overprint is already under way. It will be in your hands by 7 Feb. You will get 350 copies. However it will be on two sheets and some of your units will not need both sheets. |
| 64             | 1515        | <u>Phone fr Debate 2:</u> Answering questions why patrols 614, 615, 616 were cancelled. They were cancelled by order of the Lt Col because of secrecy on movement in that sector. ACTION...Notified Maj Lueck.   |
| 65             | 1445        | <u>Rec'd:</u> BAF G-2 Report #89, dated 31 January.  |
| 66             | 1545        | <u>Rec'd:</u> BAF G-2 Report #90, dated 1 February.  |

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| 67                       | 1600        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps letter dated 1 Feb, Subject: Engr Situation Rpt.  |
| 68                       | 1610        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div Memorandum #2, dated 1 Feb; Decorations Policy, (Two copies).  |
| 69                       | 1620        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hqs MTO Circular #6, dated 11 Jan 1945, re U.S. Military Censorship Regulations, with a longhand note fr LT. Col G.D. Dawson, AG which reads "We only need 5 copies of this, 1 am requisitioning sufficient to distribute to company level".  |
| 70                       | 1445        | <u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Sit Report--WTR. ACTION...noted in Journal.  |
| 71                       | 1450        | <u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Get the distribution of the G-2 Report to all Arty Bn stepped because all the CP's are forward of the Secret line. ACTION....Notified Sgt Lance.   |
| 72                       | 1500        | <u>Phone fr La Salle 2 to Rebate 2:</u> why were patrols 614, 615, and 616 cancelled?--Rebate 2 will call back with info....(see Ser No. 64, patrols were cancelled by order of the Bn CQ because of secrecy on movement in that sector.. ACTION...Maj Lueck notified..note by Opns Journal Clerk).   |
| 73                       | 1530        | <u>Phone Box 2 to La Salle 2:</u> Shelling reports: From Rebate 2:--8 rds. percussion fire probably 105mm fell at (378-0690) 020210A Feb. Crater was 5 ft. in dia approx 3 ft deep, landed in frozen soil. Estimated back azimuth of fire, 200 degrees. No damage reported. From Require 2:--26 rds percussion fire fell on Require Bn OP (4030-0704) at 020945A to 021130A. No damage reported. Type of fire harrassing. Estimated to be 88mm or smaller cal. gun. No back azimuth. From Require:--Observer was Lt Dilts. A rag of 88mm or smaller landed at (4034-0682) at 021125A through 021130A extimated back AZ of fire 5100 mils. No damage reported. ACTION...Entered on shell report. |
| 74                       | 1600        | <u>Phone fr Rebate 2:</u> One Italian deserter came through "L" Co lines at (1395067) at 021505A. Three Italian deserters came thru "K" Co lines at (370060) at 021525A. They are now being processed to the rear. ACTION...notified G-2; notified IFW team   |
| 75                       | 1620        | <u>Phone fr S-2 87th Inf:</u> Called and asked why they haven't recd. pass-word. ACTION...checked with Sgt. Lance and he is checking thru message center.   |
| 76                       | 1620        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps OSS Det, Intel Bulletin dated 2 Feb...  |
| 77                       | 1620        | <u>Phone/Command 3:</u> Hq closed <del>DEPOT</del> SAN MARCELLO (L434015) and opened at (C213847) vicinity MORIENO at 021620A without incident. ACTION...Entered in 021800A SITREP. (1st Bn 86th Mt Inf still enroute to destination).  |

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| 78         | 1630        | Field msg fr La Salle 2 LD sent to CG Div Arty attn S-2: Attached herewith one shell fragment picked up at (2885-0690) which contained 100 propaganda leaflets. 8 shells dropped between 020145A Feb and 020200A Feb. Also attached two propaganda leaflets.   |
| 79         | 1725        | Phone fr <u>Rebate 3</u> : CP 87th Mt Inf closed at (0115854). CP 87th Mt Inf opened at San Marcelllo (434915) at 021600A. 3rd Bn 87th Mt Inf relieved 1st Bn 86th Mt Inf at DOGGIA (443014) at 021630A. Entire movement without incident. ACTION: 021800A SITREP, notified G-3.   |
| 80         | 1645        | acc'd: Hq IV Corps Arty Additions and Deletions to HR list no 30 (amendment No. 1), dated 011200A Feb (TF 45 and BEF Sectors)...15 copies.   |
| 81         | 1645        | La Salle 3 (Lt Bourke):(Phone): Account 3 notified that henceforth they will only submit 2 SITREPs daily; at 1730A and 1730A. Capt Marourg notified. ACTION... Noted for Journal.  |
| 82         | 1745        | Phone fr La Salle 2 to S-2 87th: Checked thru message center and found that 87th recd password message and it was signed for by R.A. McDermont, at 012300A Feb. Ans:-they have a man by that name in their message center so must have misplaced the message.  |
| 83         | 1645        | acc'd: IV Corps ISUM # 718, submitted.   |
| 84         | 1900        | Phone fr La Salle 2 to <u>Rebate 2</u> : Have any patrols engaged in a fire fight or have you had any report of any patrol being engaged in a fire fight? Ans:-no such reports and no patrols were engaged in a fire fight.  |
| 85         | 1900        | Phone fr <u>Rebate 2</u> : CP report from (L285044) 3 men seen at (303089), ALFRE TRE FORTAZZA at 020825A Feb 1945 and at 020910A Feb. One man in white and one man in white with binoculars at (L291083) and at 021400A saw dug-in emplacements at (L283089) and (L283089) looked like foxholes and show recent indication of digging. At 021450A, man in foxhole for one hour at (L 28950892). Six loud explosions heard in valley between ALFRE TRE FORTAZZA at (1303089) and CP at (L 285044); sounded like mortars and at 021520A, 6 men in dark, 2 of which had rifles and 4 without, seen at house (L291034); stayed 10 minutes, took boards from house and took path at (L289090). ACTION: Noted in Journal. |
| 86         | 1940        | Phone fr Col King IV Corps: Inquiring as to nature of text of propaganda leaflets dropped within our area. ACTION... Maj Luock talked with Col. King.  |
| 87         | 1830        | acc'd: TF 45 SITREP #433, submitted.   |
| 88         | 1800        | acc'd: TF 45 ISUM #262, submitted.   |

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- 89 1936 Capt Wade M. Watson reported for duty at 021956A Feb. ACTION...NOTED in JOURNAL.
- 90 2030 acc'd: IV Corps LSUM #719, submitted.
- 91 2030 acc'd: IV Corps SITREP #65, submitted.
- 92 2035 acc'd: TF 45 letter dated 2 Feb to CG IV Corps; Subject: Propaganda Leaflets
- 93 1945 Phone fr Lt. Livermore IV Corps: BZF sector quiet as of 021800A. Slight patrols no contact. 92nd - Period quiet as of 021800A. Slight patrols, no contact. Five rounds arty fell in sector. II Corps 021200A--fire fight vicinity (L718259) to (L793277), moderate patrol action; five prisoners taken (L8327) from 16th Co. 296th Inf Regt (German). ACTION...Notified G-2 and noted in journal.
- 94 2047 acc'd: 68th Arm'd FA Bn S-2 Report #32.
- 95 1900 Phone fr Mex(616) to La Salle 3; SITREP 021845A Feb. OPERATIONS; 1500A-1507A two men observed standing on crest of ridge moving about west and bending down in small area. Said to have radio with them at (L410040). Observed by Pvt. Fisset, CP Guard, confirmed by Inf, except for radio, at 1600A and again between 1600A-1700A by 616 FA. Men were visible most, but not all the time. Debate blue blue scorn at 1645A sent report to 616 FA. Partisans report Germans have moved two 105mm guns, five 88mm guns and 20 other crew-served weapons including 80mm mortars from ABSTONE to positions on the route between (L349102) to (L343116). The partisans had been interrogated about 1400A. At 1700A five more shells landed 800 yds northwest OP. INTENTIONS: No change. Cr's: No change.
- 96 2145 PATROL PLAN #388, I/86, 1 OFF, 12 RM, 1 Pk. Out: 011800A, In: 020200A; DETERMINATION: Overlay atchd. MLD ICH: Sabash.
- PATROL REPORT #388, (86th changed to Partisan patrol), dated 1 Feb, Out: 012000, In: 012200. K2-Off Proceeded to BULH(508164) Neither saw nor heard enemy. Returned to starting point. No enemy contact. NOTE: Message went through two relays and came through in the above manner. Directed 3rd Bn S-2 (Lt. Field) to contact partisan patrol leader and submit new report in the morning.



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PATROL REPORT #459 G/85, 2 Feb, Out 020830A In 021515A. REPORT: Contact made with 92d Div at 021100A.

PATROL PLAN #508 G/85, 1 Off, 5 MM, 2 "ab, Out 020800A, In 031200A. DESTINATION: atchd overlay/ MISSION: Route on to MT SPIGOLINO.

PATROL REPORT #508 G/85. REPORT: Cancelled because of failure to coordinate plans.

PATROL REPORT #522 F/85, 3 Feb, Out 020800A In 021900A. REPORT: Proceeded on route as prescribed. Arrived objective GENNAIO (L477064) at 021200A. Visibility very poor. Proceeded to M CORNOALLISALE (L464034). Visibility intermittently good and bad. Low clouds and clear. Snow soft and knee deep starting to freeze at 021450A. Returned at 021900A. MARKS: No enemy contact and no activity observed. Clear view off MT LAHUDA (L473101). No enemy observed there 021800A.

PATROL REPORTS #614 and 615 cancelled reasons of security.

PATROL REPORT #616 cancelled because of security.

PATROL REPORT #617 I/85, 2 Feb, Out 020500A In 021900A. REPORT: Went to LA RAINIERA (L403088). Arrived at 020700A. Observed until 021700A. Saw total of 8 men in PLANCIANO (L383088). 1 man at 021000A to 021400A. 5 men at (L380990) at 021300A to 021500A who went from there to (L381999) and disappeared. Each man carried something on his shoulder. No regular time interval for any movement. Only 1 man in all white.

PATROL REPORT #618 K/85, 2 Feb, Out 020500A In 021800A. REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATROL REPORT #619 L/85, 3 Feb, Out 020200A In 030400A. REPORT: Cancelled by order of Bn CO for security reasons.

PATROL REPORT #389 L/86, 2 Feb, Out 020800A In 021615A. REPORT: Followed route to (L485131) negative report. Visibility 50 yds. Arty liaison officer reported that radio contact with SCR 536 broken after progressing 400 yds. No tracks observed. Returned by same route at 020230A. ROUTE RICO: RAISS: NO REPORT: Route impossible for 1/4 ton vehicle beyond Bulldog (L492140). No equipment lost.

PATROL REPORT #462 A/85, 2 Feb, Out 020600A In 021800A. REPORT: Route passable for miles, snow foot deep beyond LPIELLIS (L268058). Observation round INALIO (L271088) on ALE FORTE PORTENNA (L303088) from UCCELLINA (L269079) saw one skier on AL PRTE PORTENNA at 021330A. Near top at 021430A heard 2 loud explosions like mortar fire at BRISSA (L291069). No other men seen. No enemy contact.

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- 97 cont'd P. 1700Z PLAN #461A 85/med, 6 MI, 2 Feb, Out 021730A, In 021700A.  
SITUATION: Best method of preventing blood plasma from freezing.  
Overway follows with tomorrow's intentions.
- P. 1800Z REPORT #461A 85/med, 2 Feb, Out 020800A, In 021700A. REPORT:  
Blood plasma successful.
- P. 1900Z REPORT #463 C/85, 2 Feb, Out 020600A, In 021845A. REPORT: At  
021845A heavy fog and snow limited visibility along trail. Breakable  
crust in knee deep snow from (L279062) to objective. At 021300A saw  
1 man going north at (L303088) from our position at (L27540690) - AF  
021300A saw 3 men going south at (L303088) from our position (L2754-  
0690). Trail near objective hard to follow. Routes steep and unsled.  
for mules. Arrived at UCCULLIEMA (L269079) at 021445A. Did not complete  
mission due to difficult travel and lack of time. Any approach by  
this route very difficult. Belaying of men with rifles was necessary  
in several places on route.
- P. 1900Z REPORT #460, C/85, 2 Feb, Out 021000A, In 021630A. REPORT:  
Contact time 021300A with 365th Reg.
- 98 2045 Phone fr Capt Weaver (10th med S-3): All units closed at SAN MARCELLO  
(L424017) at 021645A. CP located (L424017) Co's A, B, C, Vet co  
located at same coordinates. ACTION: Noted for 022300 Sitrep.
- 99 2230 Phone fr Lt Carter Max 3: 022300A Sitrep. 604. MTR, 605; MTR, 616:  
mission fired 1100 rds on (L373079). Fired on enemy mortar, 19 rounds.  
was silenced. B try of 616 fired this mission and report to "ex was"  
made by Lt 1st, PU of B Btry. 616 mission fired at 1500 on a patrol  
of men in an open field at (L359102). 9 rds. Effect: men dispersed.  
ACTION: Noted for 2300 Sitrep.
- 100 2235 Phone fr Maguire 2: At 021825A light flashing on and off in this area.  
We tested by Maguire Blue to locate house and bring in all people in  
house for questioning. Cannot locate house. ACTION: Journal.
- 101 2250 Phone fr Maguire Blue 2: Interr. report on deserter picked up by  
Co 2 at SIBITHIWA (L395006). Limited information and may be considered  
reliable. P's unit was 11th Co, 3d Bn, 5th Regt, SAN MARCO Marine Div.  
Location of unit in the bunkers on hillside above PINSINATIGO. Company  
strength now 68 MI (Normal strength 129). 11th Co has following weapons:  
7 M1s; 6 mg pistols; 5 auto rifles; 2 light mortars attached. Location  
of bunkers (L3828090); light mortars at (L3828088). One medium mortar  
believed to be ~~located~~ (L3828085). Saw head of 5 American P's and 1  
used taken three days ago. Identification of prisoner's report: He has not  
been in PINSINATIGO. He has not been on AF 325A. The 11th Co is consid-  
ered holding rear position. The 11th Co has not been in contact with Am-  
ericans as yet. P's has no information on mines or barbed wire.

102 2300 TF 45 SITREP #434, submitted.

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- 1 0150 PATROL REPORT #390 1/86, 2 Feb, Out 022304 In 030115A. REPORT: Investigated all points. Heard Italian spoken in a house in BRUSSARDELLO (L485258). No contact in CANTALLO (L483160). Nothing observed at BRUSSARDELLO (east of Cantallo). House 200 yds east of BRUSSARDELLO observed fresh footprints of one man in snow. Visibility 20 yds ranging to clear. Snow 2 to 4 feet deep. Crusted. No enemy.
- PATROL REPORT #391 1/86, 3 Feb, Out 022000A In 022355A. REPORT: This road out of QUERCIGLIANA (L492163) went east into Brazilian lines. Encountered two Brazilian patrols. Fire fight developed. Grenades and rifle shots. Did not fire one single shot at Brazilians. Returned by same route after Brazilians had fired flare. Deep snow. No loss of personnel or equipment.
- 2 0200 Rec'd: IA Report #6 fr Hq IV AF 45 (Lt Bransberg) concerning Pvt's Pierre Riff and Ernest Bahler.
- 3 0445 Rec'd: IA Report #7 fr Hq IV AF 45 (Lt Bransberg) concerning Lt Boroni and 3 other prisoners.
- 4 0530 Rec'd: "negative Sitrops from 85th and 87th  
0600 IV AF 45 Index #263 submitted.
- 6 0600 IV AF 45 SITROP #435 submitted.
- 7 0725 Rec'd: SITROP No. 66 fr IV Corps dated 022000A, Feb 1945.
- 8 0725 Rec'd phone call fr Lt Livermore (Corps Liaison) to LaSalle 2: Report fr IV Corps - ~~IA~~: Some harassing MG fire - active patrolling continued - generally no contact. ~~22nd~~: active patroling - Some Arty and Mortar fire - Some enemy movement observed across front. 13th Tank Bn: Closed vicinity (597844) at 021630A. Believed of attachment to IV Corps and reverted to Lt. A. div control. II Corps, 2nd ARMY: All quiet as of 021200A - no later report. ACTION: Attention of G-3.
- 9 0725 Rec'd: G-3 report from 68th Arm Div. dated 1 Feb 45.
- 10 0800 Phone fr debate white 6 to LaSalle 2: Wants to know about men flight over front. ACTION: Called Rex 2 to get information and notified debate white 6.
- 11 0800 Phone fr Lt Bourke to Lightning 3: Called Lightning 3 and notified them of the men in the 126th Ingr Bn to attend mine school at ARGENTA 8-13 Feb 45. (Journal Serial No. 45). This conversation was between Lt. Bourke (LaSalle 3) and Lt. Laureth (Lightning 3). ACTION: Notified A.G. to put these men on orders.

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11	0640	Phone fr Alex 2 to LaSalle 2: Alex did not receive any copy of G-2 periodic report for 2 Feb. ACTION: Sent one out immediately.
12	0645	Phone fr Sgt Sullivan and Cpl Chadwick to LaSalle 3: The 110th Sig Co closed at Camp WIZARD at 021600A. The 710th Ord Co. closed at 021850A at Camp WIZARD. ACTION: Notified Cpl Irving. Plotted on map and Troops line chart.
13	0900	Rec'd: F.O. No 1 from 85th Mt. Inf: Hq, 2nd Bn.
14	0900	Phone fr Rebato 3 (Lt Bas) to LaSalle 3: He used permission to fire on range at WIZARD (LA73012) from 031300A to 031600A. ACTION: Referred to Maj. Walker. Permission granted - plotted on operations map. Firing no up draw.
15	0910	Phone fr Reject 2 to LaSalle 3: Reject personnel will be zeroing in carbines from 031400A to 031500A in vicinity of (LA214094) - Firing NB ACTION: Refers to G-3.
16	0930	Rec'd: Report from COMAGLIA No. 13 - Received from Hq 85th Inf.
17	0930	Rec'd: Training Schedule fr Hq 2nd Bn, 85th Inf.
18	0940	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 90 fr 92 Inf Div - 311800A to 011800A.
19	0945	Rec'd: G-3 Report #5 dated 2 Feb 45 fr Hq 10th Mt Div Arty.
20	0950	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 33 fr 68th Arm'd P. Bn. - From 011800A to 021800A.
21	0955	Rec'd: G-3 Report No. 32 fr Hq IV Corps Arty - Period 311800A to 011800A.
22	0955	Rec'd: Report No. 33 from Hq 751st Tank Bn - Period 011200A to 021200A.
23	1000	Phone fr Lt Bronberg to LaSalle 2: Informed G-2 that he phoned IPB report #7 to Rebato Blue 2 at 030300.
24	1000	Rec'd: L.O. #720 from IV Corps.
25	1005	Phone fr Lt Hitchfield (Lt Off) to LaSalle 3: Departed for 86th Mt. Inf. Co - expects to return at 031900A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
26	1010	WANDER PLAN # 1202, 10th Sen, 1 Off, 7 NCOs, 3-4 Feb, Out 034730A, in 041230A. ACTION: Men for Or.
27	1010	WANDER PLAN # 621, K/85, 1 Off, 10 NCOs, 3 Feb, Out 030500A, in 032400A. ACTION: Observation patrol.

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27	Continued	PATROL PLAN #620, I/85, 1 Off, 10AM, 3 Feb, Out 030500A, In 032200A. MISSION: Observation patrol.
		PATROL PLAN #901, F/87, 3 Feb, 1 Off, 15 AM, Out 030900A, In 030700A. MISSION: Men of left flank. Destination: C MARCAGGI (49251410) - (486140) - (487125) - LA COSTELLINO - C MARCAGGI (49251410)
		PATROL PLAN #902, G/87, 3 Feb, 1 Off, 15 AM, Out 032200A, In 040300A. MISSION: Reconnaissance.
		PATROL PLAN #903, H/87, 3 Feb, 1 Off, 15 AM, Out 032000A, In 032400A. MISSION: Men of BU10.
28	1020	Phone fr Capt Seyre, 126 Ingr to LaSalle 3: B, G, D, Co's, 126th Ingr In closed as follows: BAKER - BAGHEDILUCCA - (265970) - 021100A CHARLIE - GAVINANA - (454013) - 021930A DOG = MARCIANO - (412011) - 021100A. ACTION: Noted for 031100A SITREP and also on troops locator chart.
29	1027	Phone fr Westred 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP 031030A - No Change. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
30	1050	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No 33 dated 2 Feb fr IV Corps - Period 011600A to 021600A.
31	1055	Rec'd: Engineer Situation Report fr IV Corps Engineers.- Period 311800 to 011800. Report dated 2 Feb.
32	1100	TF 45 SITREP #436 submitted.
33	1140	Phone fr Lt Adversors (Corps In Off) to LaSalle 2: ISUM - 030600A. II Corps - Deserter from 576 Regt identified. 3 Regts of 305 - Active patrolling, some contact, 8th ARMY: Quiet. IV Corps: Enemy patrol in vicinity of (15662). 92nd Div: Number of their patrols made contact. ACTION: Attention Col. works. (Not previously recorded).
34	1145	Phone fr Rebata 3 to LaSalle 2 (Lt 1 Ineqk). Concerning FO for 2d Bn with main, Paragraph 3b (correction). Message by route Charlie. ACTION: Notified Col. works.
35	1120	Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: 604 FA Bn: NC - 605 FA Bn: Fired 4 harassing missions from 030659A to 030710A. 12 Rds - 1 high burst mission at 030645A. 2 Base Ft registrations - one at 030750A and one at 030915.. 616 FA Bn: NC. ACTION: Noted for SITREP 031500.
36	1200	G-2 and G-3 personnel left CP for lunch.

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37	1218	<u>Phone fr Restrad White 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> 2nd Bn 87th Relieved 3rd Bn 86th at 030130A. This information reported at 030400A. ACTION: Entered in Journal and called IV Corps.
38	1220	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Keystone 3:</u> 2nd Bn 87th Mt. Inf completed relief of 3rd Bn 86th at 030130A. SITREP of 030600A reported 2nd Bn closing into VIDUICATIICO sector at that time. ACTION: Called Corps.
39	1300	<u>Rec'd:</u> Intelligence Memorandum dated 2 Feb fr 85th Mt. Inf.
40	1305	<u>Rec'd:</u> Partisan and Civilian Interrogation report fr OSS Detachment via 85th Inf. Report dated 2 Feb.
41	1310	<u>Rec'd:</u> Letter fr FIFTH ARMY, Subj: Downgrading of TOP SECRET Material.
42	1315	<u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Situation report as of 0700A dated 3 Feb, fr IV Corps.
43	1320	<u>Rec'd:</u> Signal Operation Instructions dated 4 Feb.
44	1325	<u>Rec'd:</u> G-2 Periodic Report No. 241 dated 030800A fr IV Corps.
45	1328	<u>Rec'd:</u> Phantom Summary of Canadian Corps, 5 Corps and 13 Corps as of 021800A.
46	1329	<u>Rec'd:</u> Intelligence Bulletin fr IV Corps dated 3 Feb.
47	1330	TF #45 ISUM No. 264 submitted.
48	1330	<u>Phone fr Col Works, G-2 to Col Parker, 12th Engr Bn:</u> The C/S wants the order in his office the morning of Feb 6. Can you get your Engineer Annex and the Tactical Study of the terrain by that date? We would like to receive it by 072400A. ANSWER: Yes.
49	1400	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 514, dated 1 February 1945.
50	1345	<u>Phone fr Rebata 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Visibility at OP at (285043) very poor. Heard about 7 loud explosions to N.W. in Valley generally between ALPE TRS POTANZE (3009) and (285043) between 031030A and 031200A. Other similar explosions have been heard at different times during the past 3 days. ACTION: For 1800 ISUM.
51	1435	<u>Phone fr Max 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP for 2300 MTR. 4 missions reported at 031120A as having been fired by 605 88 Bn were fired from 513135 at targets at 504174, 482171, 493172, 501132. ACTION: Noted for 1500A SITREP.

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		<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3.</u>
52	1440	SITREP - No change. ACTION: Noted for 031000 SITREP.
53	1455	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP RPT for 1430 - NTR</u> ACTION: Noted for 1500 SITREP.
54	1500	TP 45 SITREP #437 submitted.
55	1500	PATROL PLAN #469, 85th Mt Inf, 1 NCO, 4 M, 4 Feb 1945, Out 040800A, In 041500A. DESTINATION: See Overlay. MISSION: Establish contact with 365th Regt.
56	1500	PATROL PLAN #470, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 4 M, 4 Feb 1945, Out 041100A, In 041700A. DESTINATION: See Overlay. MISSION: Establish contact with 365th Regt.
57	1500	PATROL PLAN #471, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 12 M, 4 Feb 1945, Out 040600A, In 041800A. DESTINATION: ALPS TRE POTEMKIN (See overlay). MISSION: Route run and obs.
58	1500	PATROL PLAN #472, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 18 M, 4 Feb 1945, Out 040730A, In 041700A. DESTINATION: RUCISSA and FURGE A GLOVE (See overlay). MISSION: Observation.
59	1500	PATROL PLAN #473, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 18 M, 4 Feb 1945, Out 040600A, In 041800A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Trail run and obs.
60	1520	Lt Livermore (Liaison Officer) departed for IV Corps.
61	1525	Req'd. letter fr G-3, Air Section, Hq IV Corps, Subject: Air Target Requests for 3 February 1945.
62	1555	<u>Phone fr Reason 2 to LaSalle 2: Request increased allotment of G-2 Periodic Reports to 7 in order to make distribution to Companies; no other means of convenient intelligence briefing is available.</u> ACTION: It was agreed to increase the distribution as requested provided the reports were not carried ahead of secrecy line. All Company CP's are behind the line at the present time.
63	1555	Hq Fifth Army Weather report received.
64	1604	Req'd. Hq Fifth Army, Addendum to Operations Memorandum No. 11 dated 25 Oct 1944, and other publications of previous dates.
65	1630	Req'd. BEF, IPW Report dated 2 February 1945.
66	1630	Req'd. BEF, G-2 Report No. 91 dated 3 February 1945.
67	1630	Req'd. BEF, G-2 Report No. 92 dated 3 February 1945.

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66	1645	<u>Rec'd.</u> H <sub>1</sub> B&F, G-3 Report No. 90 dated 2 February 1945.
69	1645	<u>Rec'd.</u> H <sub>1</sub> B&F, Information Bulletin No. 5 (In Portuguese) dated 3 February, 1945.
70	1650	PATROL PLAN #513, Co 4, 85th Mt Inf, 1.00, 43 MI, 3 FEBRUARY 1945, Out 030800A, In 032000A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Security and Recon Patrol.
71	1650	PATROL REPORT #513, Co 4, 85th Mt Inf, 3 February 1945, Out 030600A, In 031400A. REPORT: Proceeded as prescribed as far as M MALANDRINI (478050). FORCED TO RETURN BY POOR WEATHER AND POOR SNOW CONDITIONS. No lost equipment. No enemy contact.
72	1650	<u>Rec'd.</u> ISUM 721 from IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 031500A.
73	1700	<u>Rec'd.</u> SITREP No. 17 from H <sub>1</sub> IV Corps dated 031200A February 1945.
74	1700	<u>Rec'd.</u> 2nd Bn, 87th Mt Inf Patrol Intentions <del>see</del> overlays for Patrols #904, 905, and 906.
75	1727	<u>Phone fr Rex (Owns Sgt) to LaSalle 2:</u> SITREP - NTR.
76	1730	<u>Phone to Rebate 3, Retread 3 and Remount 3 fr LaSalle 3:</u> Relief of 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf by 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf will be made night of 5 - 6 February instead of 4 - 5 February as per P.O. S. 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf will move from PRUMATTA at 050000A to vicinity VILLA GLAVANNELLI (167833). Same trucks will move 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf to North of La Lima and 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf to PRUMATTA. Div Transportation Officer has been informed of change. ACTION: Noted for 1800A SITREP.
77	1745	<u>Phone from Retread 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Noted for 1800 SITREP.
78	1750	<u>Phone from Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Noted for 1800 SITREP.
79	1800	TF 45 SITREP #438, submitted.
80	1800	TF 45 ISUM #265, submitted.
81	1810	<u>Phone fr Remount 3 to LaSalle 2:</u> SITREP - 1st Bn closed in new area; CP vicinity (Q187843); 3rd Bn closed in new area, CP vicinity (G800841); Service Co CP vicinity (Q145861). Exact closing times later. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.



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82	1835	<u>Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 21</u> Two Retread officers today found it necessary to caution an officer from the 10th Medical Bn for making indiscreet statements as to probable military operations, in the presence of a civilian tailor and several women in SAN MARCELLO. Written report to G-2 will be made. ACTION: G-2 notified.
83	1850	<u>PATROL PLAN #906</u> , 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 20 <del>45</del> , 4 February 1945, Out 042300A, In 050430A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Run of route.
84	1850	<u>PATROL PLAN #905</u> , 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 20 <del>45</del> , 4 February 1945, Out 042000A, In 050130A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Run of route.
85	1850	<u>PATROL PLAN #904</u> , 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 12 <del>45</del> , 4 February 1945, Out 040800A, In 041500A. DESTINATION: See overlay. MISSION: Run of left flank.
86	1900	<u>Rec'd. Fifth Army Weather Forecast 032100A - 042100A</u> February 1945.
87	1900	<u>Rec'd. SHIELD REPORT DATA</u> from Major Twombly, Div. Arty.
88	1910	<u>Rec'd. Hq TP 45, G-3 Periodic Report No. 167</u> dated 3 February 1945.
89	1940	<u>Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army letter</u> Subject: Downgrading of TOP SECRET Material, dated 1 February 1945.
90	1940	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf wishes to leave 75mm Howitzers of Gun Platoon in position when Bn is relieved by 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf. ACTION: Permission granted -- Notified Hebate 1 (Guty officer) of decision. Noted for 2300A SITREP.
91	1955	<u>PATROL REPORT #464</u> , Co C, 85th Mt Inf, 3 Feb 1945, Out 030830A, In 031430A. REPORT: Contacted 365th at 031000A.
92	1955	<u>PATROL REPORT #465</u> , 85th Mt Inf, 3 Feb 1945, Out 031000A, In 031500A. REPORT: Contacted 365th at 031225A.
93	1955	<u>PATROL REPORT #467</u> , Co C, 85th Mt Inf, 3 Feb 1945, Out 030730A, In 031700A. REPORT: Ceiling zero; visibility zero; trail conditions fair; no enemy contact.
94	2000	<u>PATROL REPORT #468</u> , Co A, 85th Mt Inf, 3 Feb 1945, Out 030600A, In 031800A. REPORT: Snow 12" to 18" deep. Ceiling and visibility zero. Trail conditions good. No enemy contact.
95	1920	<u>Phone from Hebate Box to LaSalle 3:</u> Reconnaissance flight scheduled for today was called off because of bad weather. Would like to arrange for same flight for tomorrow for self and 2 company commanders. ACTION: Flight arranged through Rex 2 for tomorrow afternoon.

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- 96 2000 Phone fr Lt Liversmore to LaSalle 3: 92d Inf Div - Very little activity - no shelling. One patrol to (112041) - no contact (031800A). RF - Slight Arty and mortar fire - patrol to (1521171) received SA fire from (1521175) withdrew (031800A). II Corps - Slight mortar and MG in right Div Sector. Slight arty fire from (1873320). PW 1 from 2d Co 576 vicinity (924325) states - boundary between 1st and 2d Bn 576th is East of Church at (913333). Moderate patrol activity - some contact (031300A).
- 97 2050 PATROL REPORT #466, Co B, 85th Mt Inf, 3 Feb 1945, Out 030600A, In 031700A. REPORT: Visibility zero. Snow waist deep in gullies from (1310060) to (1290067). Trails steep and icy when not covered with deep snow. No contacts with enemy, partisans, or civilians.
- 98 2050 PATROL REPORT #620, Co I, 85th Mt Inf, 3 Feb 1945, Out 030500A, In 031900A. REPORT: Saw no signs of enemy. At 031315A heard 5 rifle shots in vicinity of PIAN DI NOVELLO (135404): All houses along route investigated.
- 99 2050 PATROL REPORT #621, 85th Mt Inf, 3 Feb 1945, Out 030500A, In 031900A. REPORT: All clear as far as observation would permit. No signs of enemy. Visibility limited to 600 yards. Well worn trail worn by own men.
- 100 2140 Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSalle 2: The four Italian deserters captured by Rebate BLUE came through the lines yesterday at 021505A and at 021525A as I informed you yesterday (See Journal Message 74, 1600A). (1) The Sgt came walking down Highway 12 till he came to the outpost whereupon he put up his hands. No fight at all. (2) Sgt De Kona and Arty FO of 3rd Bn were on reconnaissance. They heard voices and hid. Suddenly three Italians walked up. Sgt De Kona jumped out of bushes with his rifle and the three Italians surrendered. They were all armed. Their weapons were slung. They walked upright. I'll put Lt. Jacoby, Rebate IPW man on the phone: Lt Jacoby: The Italian Lt and two men with him were immaculate in their best uniforms. They claimed to be deserters and I felt they were surrendering in a melodramatic manner. They stated that they had walked down the road to surrender. ACTION: Chief of Staff notified.
- 101 2145 Rec'd. ISUM 722 fr IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 032000A,
- 102 2202 Phone fr Hequire 2: At 021200A a code flashing light was seen at approx (105043) by Hequire 2; instruments have been sent to get additional info. Batteries have been alerted. Light again seen at 021200; observed by "Amount" white--more info as obtained. ACTION: form 0300A SITREP, 006004ISUM.

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103    2222    Phone fr dex 3: NTR. ACTION...2300 SITREP.

104    2234    Phone Fr Retread 3: NTR. ACTION...noted for 2300 SITREP.

105.    2247    Phone fr rebats 3: NTR. ACTION...2300 SITREP.

106    2250    XXXXXfr La Salle 2 to Journal: G-3 left for OQ. expects to return at 040740A Feb.

107    2310    La Salle 2 to Journal: G-2 left of OQ; expects to return 040740A.

108    2300    rec'd. TF 45 SITREP #439, submitted.

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1	0001	C of S went to O4; expects to return 040730A, Feb.
2	0125	Lt. Bromberg phoned to La Salle 2; to check time for next duty tour. ACTION...Lt Bromberg informed that tour begins 041400A.
3	0427	<u>Phone fr Rebault 3: Exact closing times of units in new areas will be reported about 040730A. ACTION...noted to next G-3 DO.</u>
4	0500	<u>Max 2 phone to La Salle 2: No shelling or mortar fire reported since 031800A. ACTION...0600 ISUM.</u>
5	0535	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3 to La Salle 3: NTR. ACTION...0600A sitrep.</u>
6	0537	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to La Salle 3: NTR. ACTION...0600A sitrep.</u>
7	0600	<u>Rec'd: TF 45 SITREP #440, submitted.</u>
8	0800	<u>Rec'd: TF 45 ISUM #266, submitted.</u>
9	0732	<u>Rec'd: SITREP #68 fr IV Corps, dated 032400A Feb.</u>
10	0732	<u>Rec'd: Aerial Photos fr IV Corps.</u>
11	0732	<u>Phone fr La Salle 2 to 85th Inf: A. Patrol jumped off at 040120A and no report except that arty fire was requested by our troops. No report of small arms fire or contact with enemy as yet. ACTION: Notified G-2, Journal.</u>
12	0732	<u>Phone fr Lt Aversmore: 031900A II Corps: Sector quiet. Active patrolling, some contact. 1 patrol to CANOVETTA, raiding party (L8732) forced to withdraw by heavy MG fire. 1320A Heavy movement going south towards ULA (L8833). Enemy mine field (L95328). No arty during period. REF: Active patrolling. Sector quiet. 2 patrols to MARRANO RIVER. No contact because they could not cross. Scattered arty fire and some mortar fire. 5 mortar shells on GAGGIO MONTANO. Believed to be white phosphorous. 92d Div: 2d Bn, 365th has moved to (L185046) (L156035). No opposition reported. B Co 366th has moved to (L140024) (L145025) 1 platoon at (L131020) Slight patrolling. No report from 8th Army. Yesterday's report: enemy active on extreme right; strong raiding part. in that sector.</u>
13	0810	<u>Phone fr Col Stone (Rebate White): Col Stone called and wants to have his G-2 fly over their area and an adjacent area. Can the flight be scheduled today? Notify Col Stone on decision. ACTION: Notified G-2 to contact Rebate White.</u>



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| 33      | 1015 | <u>Head:</u> 10th Cav Gen Training Schedule for period 5 Jan to 11 Jan 1945  |
| 34      | 0920 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> At 040806A Rebata Blue received small and inaccurate small arms and mortar fire. Unable to move from (13805508100]. ACTION: Notified C of S, G-2, IV Corps.   |
| 35      | 0930 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> From Re-quire 2. Rebata Blue still being held up. Receiving heavy mortar fire at 0825A. A btry fired 17 rounds at (2784-0853). Result: Mortar silenced. ACTION: C of S, G-2, IV Corps notified.   |
| 36      | 0930 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> Obs on MT SERRA: Fired 2 missions the 1st at 040840A at (38360840). Target AN and mortars. Result: Silenced weapons. 2d mission: 040850A at (38640852) target enemy occupied houses. Result unknown. Front line as of 040920A goes to three points: (380080) (384081) (385-081). All this came fr forward obs on MT SERRA and was verified from GP #47 at (43160488). ACTION: Notified C of S, G-2, IV Corps. |
| 37      | 1000 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> At 0925A a red flare was seen in the vicinity of PIANSINATICO. Observed by Lt Hansen fr GP #60 at (40900704). ACTION: Notified C of S, G-2, IV Corps.   |
| 38      | 1000 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> Msg fr Re-ject 2. Our troops are now above CAMPETTI (382083). Our arty is firing smoke. Troops are advancing beyond smoked area. Arty is firing on base point in PIANSINATICO. Observed fire on German seen in PIANSINATICO. At 041059A. ACTION: Notified C of S, G-2, IV Corps. (Note: Journal Ser No. 30 should follow here for sequence).  |
| 39      | 1020 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> Mission plane ready standing by from pilot in the air at 0905A. At 0950A enemy shells landing in PIANSINATICO and vicinity. German positions beyond PIANSINATICO not observed from Re-quire 6. ACTION: Notified C of S, G-2, IV Corps.  |
| 40      | 1020 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> Msg fr Re-quire 6. Enemy shells landing in PIANSINATICO (3808). Gun positions beyond PIANSINATICO not observed at 041015] ACTION: Notified G-2. Journal.  |
| 41      | 1045 | <u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> Fr Re-quire 2 at 041030A. Observer 631 is in position and firing a mission at (377084). No report on results. ACTION: Notified G-3, Journal.  |
| 42      | 1050 | <u>Phone fr Max 3:</u> Sitrep: A btry 616 FA 17 rounds at (1378085). Enemy mortars 040825A. Mortars silenced. 604 FA fired two missions 040840A at (1385084) at automatic weapons and mortar fire silenced. (1386085) fired on houses. ACTION: Sitrep 04110A.  |
| 43      | 1050 | Waj Lueck returned to CP.  |
| 44      | 1100 | TF 45 SITREP #441, submitted.  |
| 45      | 1130 | G-3 (Col Irvin) returned to CP.  |

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46	1150	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fr Div Arty Pamphlet noted in Operations Journal, 2 Feb, Ser. No. 27, "Found on road--picked up 1300 " Feb 45. Between Ontani and Costa."
47	1150	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fr Hq IV Corps, Engineer Situation Report, dated 3 Feb.
48	1150	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq Fifth Army, Subject: Special Signal Training Classes.
49	1150	<u>Msg to CO Hebate White:</u> Atchd are 15 copies of defense overlays for M BRIGOLINO. PI reports and patrol reports have highest reliability. Number of troops in PIANCA and LA SCAFFA are unconfirmed. Hlde there are known to be occupied by enemy. (B/ Maj Gueck)
50	1150	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Hebate White:</u> Transmitted 15 copies of defense overlay of M BRIGOLINO to Lt Col Stone. ACTION: Journal.
51	1204	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> 04115EA 50 of our troops located at (138260810). "Sgt Mission Off #3 who is at "Esquire OP has nothing to report. ACTION: Journal.
52	1230	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Sitrep #68.
53	1230	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 4 Feb.
54	1230	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #34.
55	1230	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps, G-3 Air Section, Air Target Requests for 4 Feb 1945.
56	1230	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Sitrep #67.
57	1230	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #242.
58	1310	<u>Rec'd:</u> 10th CIC Detachment Monthly Information Report, dated 2 Feb, 1945
59	1312	<u>Rec'd:</u> Text of written msg signed: "Charles H. Meach Jr., 1st Lt DC 01755641." "At approximately 1500A, 3 Feb 45 I was called into a tailor shop in S MARCHELLO at the request of Capt Bernardi DC of the 10th Mt Med Bn...In front of 1 man and at least 4 women civilians he made a statement, with no attempt at lowering his voice in view of the fact that civilians were present, to the effect that "In a day or so things are going to become interesting - they are planning a push to take a ridge." I cautioned him at this point." End of msg.
59	1315	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps CGS Det., Intelligence Bulletin, dated 4 Feb 1945. "Military Information Reported by Partisans and Civilians."
60	1315	<u>Rec'd:</u> G-2 Issues #125 and 126 fr 92d Div. Brought to Hq by Capt Turish, Lt G. An overlay was attached. "G-2 Issue #125 to include period 031300A to 031800A Feb. There was little enemy activity during period with no

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| 60                       |             | cont'd enemy shelling reported. A patrol to (1142041) made. No enemy contact. 3 enemy observed in vicinity of (U964976) were engaged by SA fire. G-2 Issue #126 to include period 031800A to 040600A Feb. The period was quiet with light arty fire. Elements of our troops advancing in (11403) reported receiving MG fire fr vic (1148038) at 0455A. A patrol to (114024) engaged a 3 man enemy patrol in a brief exchange of fire. Daylight of patrols to (1029003), (P992014), and (U990997) observed the enemy activity. Patrols to (U939964) and (U937966) both reported hearing enemy movements but made no enemy contact. A total of 42 rds of enemy Arty was reported, 26 rds of which were mixed heavy and light cal and landed near QUERZETA (U9594) between 0330A and 0055A. Unofficial count of PW's for past 24 hours: 30 deserters."  |
| 61                       | 1325        | Req'd: Annex #2 to FO #1, Hq 2d Bn, 85th Mt. Inf.  |
| 62                       | 1330        | TF 45 ISUM #267, submitted.  |
| 63                       | 1310        | Phone fr Hex 2 to LaSalle 2: At 041158A - 50 of our troops were seen to have pulled back fr CAMPETI and are at (38260810). At 041235A our troops (60) seen at bridge on road at (388976) moving back towards our lines. From air OP peak animal troops along ridge PARA VISO (4210) went into draw at (416105) coming from NE. At 040710A Arty fire on (37950846) Hv Mortars target - effect good. At 040745A Arty fired at Hv Mortars at (38170832) - result mortars damaged. At 040815A - 17 rds M fired on same target - effect unknown. At 041050A FO #11 reported German at (38220882). At 041058A - fired on enemy mortars - results not known. At 041100A at (38180870) white WP shell exploded in middle of group of white clad figures as observed by Lt. Carter. At 041120A - Front lines from LASERRA (377084) to (389081) by FO #33. At 041140A in vicinity (38330833) men observed receiving MI fire every time they attempt to come out of houses. Cannot observe where fire is coming from - noted to be our troops. Reported by Lt. Carter. Air observation reports enemy troops seen approaching pt. (4210) digging in, in the snow. The number of men is undetermined. Reject 2 - believes front line dropped behind CAMPETI - 041230A. ACTION: Journal. |
| 64                       | 1335        | Phone fr Hex 2 to LaSalle 2: FO #31 reported to In Off #30 that he is moving W from SERRA at 1300A and pulling T.P. line. At 1315A OP (41620654) reported friendly troops moving toward CUTIGLIANO, they were about 15 minutes from town. In Off has impression troops are pulling out of fight. Road blown at (38180891), also at (38440865) as reported by OP #47 through Reject 2. (Message taken by Maj. Lueck) ACTION: Journal.   |
| 65                       | 1350        | Phone fr Hex 2 to LaSalle 2: At 1315A there were 36 men of our troops coming down slopes of SERRA and proceeded to CUTIGLIANO - Report from Arty OP #45 from (41620654). At 1335 A approximately 2 platoons of our troops observed moving around top of SERRA toward W, gradually swinging N. - OP #47. At 1332A 7 unidentified men came out of house at (37940876). Unable to observe their destination.  |



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66	1355	IV Corps Special Service Bulletin No. 10 - X-353.8.
67	1358	Hq, 10th Mt Div Memo #7 - Distribution Plan For Publications.
68	1359	IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report No 34, dated 3 Feb. Period 021600A to 031600A.
69	1400	10th Cav Hon Tng Schedule - Period: 5 Feb to 11 Feb.
70	1400	Phone fr Rep 3 (Capt Matthews to LaSalle 3): 10th QM to fire carbine, rifle and rocket launcher at (1465995), direction of fire SW; time of firing, 1300A - 1700A on 5 and 6 Feb. Nearby MIA units notified. ACTION: Major Murphy notified - Plotted on map.
71	1406	Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSalle 2: Received from Rebate Blue 2 at 041440A. Cub plane spotted mule train moving along trail and (1420105). ACTION: Noted G-2 and Journal.
72	1423	Phone fr Retread 3 (Maj Eckern) to LaSalle 3: SITREP - NTR - ACTION: Noted for 041500A SITREP.
73	1440	Phone fr Col Davis (Keystone 2) to LaSalle 3 for Col. Works: Col. Davis received call from LIGHTNING (5th Army) that Army Sig Corps photographers were having trouble getting up to take pictures. Col. Davis had photographers instructed to always go through TF 45 G-2 section for their trips and missions and Col. Davis requests Col. Works to give them any assistance they require as well as the permission to go on these trips in view of the fact that they have already furnished excellent oblique photographs of the terrain. ACTION: Informed Maj. Ineck. Also placed information in Col. Works file.
74	1450	Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3: Time distances: (1) Tng Area (115857) to HJ 662 (1555126) via PISTOIA and highway 64 - 5 hrs, 15 Min. (2) From HJ 662 to HJ 489 (1521137) - 1 hr, 30 Min. (3) From HJ 489 to An CP at VIDICIARICO (5013) - 2 hrs, 45 Min. Total time: 9 hrs - 30 min. ACTION: Major walker notified.
75	1500	TF 45 SITREP #442 submitted.
76	1500	Phone fr Rex (Operations Sgt) to LaSalle 3: Situation Report - (1) 604 FA - NTR, except what Maj. Townsby reported. (2) 605 FA has fired 4 missions, 3 registration, 1 defensive fire for CO 87th Inf. Result effective. 75 MM - 18 Rds M-48 expended, 20 Rds M-54 expended, 4 Rds White Phos expended. 105 MM - 9 Rds M-54 expended. (3) G Btry now in position. ACTION: SITREP.
77	1540	Lt Livermore Ln Off for IV Corps left CP.
78	1540	Rec'd: G-2 Report NR 93 fr BEF dated 4 Feb. Period - From 030600A to 040600A.



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90	1655	<u>Rec'd: ISUM #724 dated 041530A fr IV Corps</u>	
91	1710	<u>Phone fr Revoke (Capt Sanders) to LaSalle 2</u> 1710A. Requested Maj. Lueck to call back.	Called Maj. Lueck at ACTION: Informed Maj. Lueck.
92	1800	TF 45 SITREP #443 submitted. 041800A.	
93	1830	TF 45 ISUM #268 dated 041800A submitted.	
94	1810	PATROL PLAN #907, 5 Feb, F/87, 1 Off, 10 KM MISSION: Men left flank.	Out 050800A, In 051700A.
		PATROL PLAN #908, 5 Feb 45, F/87, 1 Off, 20 KM Men - Supply fires on call, fwd obs., will	Out 052300, In 060400A. accompany.
		PATROL PLAN #909, 5 Feb, G/87, 1 Off, 20 KM MISSION: Men of front. Supply fires, fwd Hv upns supply on call.	Out 052300A, In 060330A. Observation to accompany
		PATROL PLAN #910, 4 Feb, E/87, 2 Off, 10 KM MISSION: Road Ren.	Out 051915A, In 060930A.
		PATROL PLAN #1001, 5 Feb, L/87, 1 Off, 1 Plt MISSION: Check conditions of trails and best route forward.	Out 050800A, In 051700A.
		PATROL PLAN #1002, 5 Feb, K/87, 1 Off, 1 Plt MISSION: Check routes forward and check OP's indicated.	Out 050800A, In 051800A.
95	1815	<u>Phone to 85th, 86th, 87th: Weather report.</u>	
96	1730	Lt Col Irvin at quarters - will return after section advised.	chew. ACTION: G-3
97	1755	<u>Phone fr Rebase 2 (Maj. Koehler) to LaSalle 2</u> ACTION: G-2, G-3 advised.	ISUM and SITREP - NTR.
98	1755	<u>Phone fr Rebase 3 (Sgt Lawson) to LaSalle 2:</u> (0187843) at 022100A. 3rd Bn: closed into (4200841) at 031500A. Passive Air Defense Off - East: 1st Lt Robert J Potter Jr. 01303182. 1st Bn: 1st Lt John F Welch 0540589. 2nd Bn: 2d Lt Douglas F Jones 01061156. 3rd Bn: 1st Lt Patrick J. Fitzgerald 01291795. ACTION: G-3 advised. SITREP.	
99	1830	<u>Phone fr Retreat 3 to LaSalle 3:</u>	SITREP for 1730A - NTR.
100	1840	<u>Phone fr Rebase 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> One red flare observed approximate compass 6200 Mills from Rebase Baker CP (4190392). Time observed 041815A. ACTION: Attention Maj. Lueck.	

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| 101     | 1843        | Col. Irvin and Col. Works returned to CP.  |
| 102     | 1900        | Detailed report on Patrol #447 fr Hq 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf.  |
| 103     | 1905        | Rec'd: Ltr fr Hq, OSS Detachment, dated 3 Feb. Subject: Civilian Interrogation Report.   |
| 104     | 1910        | Rec'd: Patrol Intention overlays fr 85th Mt. Inf.  |
| 105     | 1930        | PATROL PLAN #474, 5 Feb, C/85, 1 MCO, 4 EM, Out 050800, In 051500A.<br>MISSION: Establish contact with 365th Regt.   |
|         |             | PATROL PLAN #475, 5 Feb, C/85, 1 O, 4 EM, Out 051100A, In 051730A.<br>MISSION: Contact 365 Regt.   |
|         |             | PATROL PLAN #476, 5 Feb, C/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 050730A, In 051730A.<br>Route Ren and Observation of ALPE TRE POTENZA.  |
|         |             | PATROL PLAN #477, 5 Feb, C/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 050600A, In 051800A.<br>MISSION: Trail Ren and Obsn E Side of ALPE TRE POTENZA.   |
|         |             | PATROL PLAN #478, 5 Feb, C/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 050600A, In 051800A.<br>MISSION: Route Ren and Obsn of ALPE TRE POTENZA.  |
|         |             | PATROL PLAN #514, 5 Feb, E/85, 1 Off, 43 EM, Out 050600A, In 051700A.<br>MISSION: Security patrol to reconnoiter route to CORNO ALLE.  |
| 106     | 1941        | Phone fr Co. Irvin to CO 85th Mt Inf (Maj Schooley): Casualty report from 3rd Bn is 2 dead, 7 wounded. No missing reported. 1st Bn will not be replaced by 2nd Bn until the operation in ALPE TRE POTENZA is completed. 2nd Bn will send platoons into 1st Bn area during the operation. 2nd Bn operation against SPIGOLHO will proceed as planned.  |
| 107     | 2025        | Col. Works left CP for Officer's quarters.   |
| 108     | 2035        | Col. Irvin left CP for Officer's quarters.   |
| 109     | 2045        | Phone fr Keystone 3 (Lt Laversmore In Off for IV Corn) to LaSalle 3: 8th Army: - 031800A - Canadian Corps: 3rd Bn, 22nd Regt relieved - 2d Bn, 22nd Regt w/o incident - 2 Platoons launched attack on feature at (488499) occupying objective - enemy counterattacked w/heavy Arty causing 37 casualties, remainder Plat returned to former positions; elements of 9th Armcd Brig relieved w/o incident - 1st Div 3rd Brig w/o incident. 5th Corps: Various elements relieved w/o incident - New Zealand Div NTR - 10th Indian Div: NTR - 15th Corps: Normal patrolling 78th Div, 11 Brig elements relieved w/o incident. 2nd Corps (5th Army): Active enemy patrolling repulsed - considerable enemy movement (meter) noticed - slight artillery fire - Unit identification (2 Co, 145th Inf) |

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| 109        | Continued  |             | <u>13th Corps:</u> This Corp is part of 5th Corps, 22nd Div. Active patrolling - some contact, no Arty fire - considerable enemy activity observed across front, mostly digging in. <u>REP:</u> Slight Arty and moderate mortar fire - patrol to (645214) had no contact. <u>As of 041800A ISUMS.</u> ACTION: Advised Maj Walker, G-2,3 section.                                    |
| 110        | 2100       |             | Maj Walker, G-2,3 In Off arrived at CP.   |
| 111        | 2055       |             | <u>Phone fr Redoubt (Major Whaling) to LaSalle 21:</u> Desired to know about 5th Army mine team scheduled to conduct school for Redoubt tomorrow. ACTION: Phoned Hex 3 who said team still w/ 05 PA. Were told to have team return here. Hex 3 to check and phone G-3 DO tonight.   |
| 112        | 2055       |             | <u>Phone fr Col Lewis (Keytano 2) for Col. Works:</u> The defense overprint which Col Works requested will not be sent immediately in order to get the latest information on it, but will be sent in ample time for distribution and for Col. Works' use. ACTION: Col Works' file.  |
| 113        | 2115       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> ISUM #725 fr IV CORPS dated 042000A.  |
| 114        | 2300       |             | TF 45 SITREP #444, submitted.   |
| 115        | 2325       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Overlays of Patrol Intentions for 5 Feb 1945, #623, C Co, 87th Mt Inf; #624, C Co, 87th Mt Inf; and #625, Co 1, 87th Mt Inf.  |
| 116        | 2325       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div Arty, Subject: Air Op Instructions No. 1 dated 4 Feb 1945.   |
| 117        | 2325       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq Fifth Army letter, Subject: Counter Intelligence Reports and Directives dated 3 Feb 1945 inclosing copies of counter intelligence reports and directives requested by phone.   |
| 118        | 2240       |             | <u>Phone fr Keytano 2 (NO) to LaSalle 21:</u> In today's ISUM to IV Corps reported 2 PW's previously reported. Would like identity. ACTION: Refer to G-2 at 0730A 5 Feb 1945.   |
| 119        | 2245       |             | <u>Phone fr Redoubt 3 to LaSalle 21:</u> SITREP - No change. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.  |
| 120        | 2246       |             | <u>Phone fr Hex 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> 042230A SITREP. 60th - 10 Missions, 5 neutralization, 3 registration, 2 demolition. Had effect on all except 2 neutralization which were out of range. Number of rounds fired - 280. 605th - NTR, 616th - NTR. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.  |
| 121        | 2247       |             | <u>Phone fr Hebat 2 (Major Heber) to LaSalle 21:</u> Haid (3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf) Unit -- 1 reinforced Co (8 officers), 3 rifle platoons, 1 wps platoon, sect HMG, Sect 81 MM mortars, Medics, 2 tanks. Briefed by Bn Comdr and Capt Cooper (Haid adr). Out 0120A, in 1530A. Left ONTAMI at 040120A reached 137850815 at 040535A. Plat Names (Plt Ldr) arrived top La BERRA (Cont'd.) |

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121 Cont'd. 1377083 at 040830A - route from ONTANI, MN along road to 1378073, then N along N side of ridge to top of LA SERRA. At 040635A Arty fire ordered as feeler. Located enemy position at 137930895 and an occupied house and unoccupied bunker position at 13805045 and an open MO position at 1384084. Enemy rifle and AN fire first contacted 040757A from unknown positions -- fire estimated to be from approx 15 positions on slope west of PIANSINATICO and Capt Cooper believed that some fire came from East bank of La Idea river; At 0815A mortar fire received from undetermined positions, however fire from our mortars on position at 1381089 caused enemy mortar to cease firing. Enemy mortars believed to have been 81 MMs; At 040822A 1 man injured by fragments at 1378082. At 040925A 2 enemy reported moving north along road at 1383087. At 0933A Radio communications out because of defilade position. At 0959A all units ready to move down ridges from Area 1378082 toward PIANSINATICO. Upon starting move, some small arms and AN fire received than expected along movement considerably - range believed to be 300 yds extending beyond to PIANSINATICO, at 1100A proceeded down slope to 1382083. Flat Mitchell at this time reported 3 wounded and 1 dead. At 1130A Capt Cooper advised withdrawal. Only discovered bunker position (138050845?) appeared to be made of logs covered with dirt about 12 feet from front to rear - about 10 feet wide with embrasures close to ground. Arty fire not believed accurate enough for effectiveness. At 1211A, Cooper went to Homes to determine practicability of movement to ~~the~~ attack N of Piainsinatico. At 1330A plan to continue ordered abandoned by higher authority. At 0802A - 3rd enemy flares seen near top LA SERRA followed by mortar fire at 0806A. At 1107 A considerable movement seen around 13822. Capt Cooper was fired upon by what he believes to be small cal. Arty pieces with effective shell radius of 15 yds - believed to be at 137620856 or 137440889. Those two positions unconfirmed, Arrived at thru inspection. Our troops - 2 killed; 7 wounded - all evacuated. No missing, No PW's. enemy casualties unknown. ACTION: Noted for 2300 SITREP and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for 0600 ISHM.

122 2247 ~~Phone fr Major Lober (Rebate 2) to LaSalle 2~~ Patrol 476 is to be substituted for Patrol 476 as scheduled. Patrol 476 same as Patrol 472 sent out on 4 Feb 1945. ACTION: Notify Maj Lueck and noted on Patrol Plan for 476.

123 2247 ~~Phone fr Major Lober (Rebate 2) to LaSalle 2~~ Overlays and intentions for 3rd Bn delayed because of change in relief plans. ACTION: Notified Major Lueck.

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- 1    0515    Phone fr Keystone 3 to LaSalle 2: How were tanks used in Piansinatio operation and what kind of tanks were they? ACTION: Called Rebate 1 BC and requested desired info -- they will call as soon as info received. Nothing as yet to report on tonight's operation.
- 2    0525    Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 2: SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Noted for 0600 SITREP.
- 3    0533    Phone fr Baz 2 to LaSalle 2: No Artillery reported falling in sector during period missions fired. - NTR. ACTION: Noted for 0600A ISUM and SITREP.
- 4    0540    Phone fr Rebate 2-3 to LaSalle 2: ISUM - NTR, SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Requested that information concerning tonight's operation be forwarded as soon as possible so that a preliminary report may be made to Corps on next SITREP. Noted for ISUM and SITREP for 0600A.
- 5    0600    Rec'd: TF 45 SITREP# 445, submitted.
- 6    0600    Rec'd: TF 45 ISUM #269, submitted.
- 7    0640    PATROL REPORT #469, C/85, 5EM 4 Feb Out 0800A, In 1500A, REPORT:  
Contact made 1220A.  
  
PATROL REPORT #470, C/85, 1 OFF 4 EM, Out 0815A, in 1430A, dated 4 Feb.  
REPORT: Contact made at 1100A.  
  
PATROL REPORT #471, B/85, 1 OFF 12 EM, Out 0600A, In 1800A dated 4 Feb.  
FINDINGS: Reached 1302073 at 041430A. At 041500A from position at 1306046 observed 5 men near house at 1291083. 5 (five) rounds mortar heard NW of this position between 041200A and 041230A. Nothing further.  
  
PATROL REPORT #472, 4 Feb, D/85 Out 0730A, In 1800A. FINDINGS: Reached 1293065--verified enemy position at 1308085 to be slim most position, also OP at 1305086. Much movement in gully between houses at 1291083 and 1289089. ROUTE BGN REPORT: Trail condition good; 12" snow.  
  
PATROL REPORT #473 4 Feb, C/85, 1 OFF 18EM, Out 0600A, In 1800A.  
FINDINGS ROUTE BGN REPORT: Reached 1265065--lost trail, made visual run of correct trail from 1259068. Trail is good and in defilade; very little snow on trail below CAPHIOLD(1266066)--nobody seen.  
  
PATROL REPORT #476 5 Feb, C/85, 1 OFF 12EM. Cancelled by Maj Kosber,  
476A substituted at 042247A.

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| 7          | 0800        | <u>rec'd:</u> IV Corps SITREP #70, submitted.   |
| 8          | 0755        | G-3 LO (Lt. Bourke) went out to breakfast.  |
| 9          | 0810        | <u>rec'd:</u> G-3 Periodic Report No.61 dated 4 Feb, from 031600A to 041600A.   |
| 10         | 0815        | <u>rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div Special Order no.13, dated 4 Feb.  |
| 11         | 0815        | <u>Phone fr Lt Livermore (IV Corps) as of 042400A:</u> REF: Some mort fire, harrassing arty and MI fire recd on forward positions fr via 662227. Active patrolling continued. 92nd: GALLICANO 150032 now held by elements of "B" Co. and one platoon 758 Tk Bn "A" Co. In positions 144034-135035. Some enemy mort fire on patrol from 372 Inf which went to 039997. II Corps considerable activity observed 1950G—slight harrassing arty fire. |
| 12         | 0830        | PATROL REPORT: #904, 87th, 1 Off 12 SA Out 0800A, In 1800A, FINDINGS: Obsn of any territory: high ground W of T. DARRAGNA to top of M. SARRA-SICCIA (463154) from 0800-1500A; MTR. Civilians at CAPE GIANNINONI reported nothing. MTR. MCH REPORT: snow 15-16" deep (knee deep), snowshoes recommended.   |
| 13         | 0830        | <u>Phone fr Rebata 2:</u> Force G: enemy mg nest contacted at 0810A. Our forces are attacking. OP has radio contact with force. No call for arty so far. ACTION...G-3 notified.   |
| 14         | 0840        | PATROL REPORT # 906, 87/87, 1 Off 20 SA Out 08300A, In 050830A, dated 4 Feb. PATROL FINDINGS: no enemy contacts. MTR. MCH RPT: trail into PULCA(51)   |
|            |             | PATROL REPORT, #1202 dated 3 Feb, 10th Men, 1 Off 7EM, Out 030800A, In, 041400A, FINDINGS: Weasel can go as far as PULLERAZIA (483028). ...MT MALIBORINI (4478049) suitable for OP. Explosions and SA fire heard from direction of Mt SPICOLINO (44309) during night.   |
| 15         | 0900        | G-3 left CP for BACINI di LUCCA. Expected to return approx 1300A 5 Feb.   |
| 16         | 0900        | <u>rec'd:</u> Package from P I Unit, 92nd Div to G-3, Air Photos, atn Lt. Patton.   |
| 17         | 0855        | <u>Phone fr Rebata 2:</u> Force G—situation progressing well. Assault moving forward. All firing ceased. 2(two) PW's taken. ACTION...G-2, G-3 notified.   |



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- 18 0900 Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div Arty 3-3 Hpts 7 dated 4 Feb, fr 031800A to 041800A.
- 19 0945 Phone fr Force G, relayed from Acquire 2(616) thru Rex 2:  
050730A Patrol nearing objective at (421509)2).  
050745A Patrol on top of SPIGOLINO at (4370)4).  
050840A Inf now assaulting. Have taken 2(two) PW's.  
050845A Patrol has taken MG nest at (432095)2. Moving forward  
in N direction from there. Have found house believed occupied by enemy.  
Proceeding toward house. ACTION...G-2, G-3 notified.
- 20 0800 Phone fr Hebate 3 (Lt. Bleu): Force G has contacted enemy on M SPIGOLINO  
at 0750A. ACTION...G-2, G-3 notified, (not previously recorded).
- 21 0945 Phone fr Rex 2: Force "G" ret'd at 0930A, 2(two) PW's taken, no friendly  
casualties. ACTION...Reminded Rex 2 to call LaBalle 2 the minute the  
final report on MG position an SPIGOLINO is rec'd. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ notified  
G-2, G-3.
- 22 0945 PATROL PLAN & REPORT: Co G/87th, Out 042300A In 050440, rec'd 050900A.  
PATROL FINDINGS: Proceeded to LA TOURE(496169) at 0210 and PIANELLO  
(496169) at 0325A. no civilians seen nor questioned. Weather hazy,  
visibility good, no enemy contact. Falling rocks heard on M CAPPO  
EUSO(472167). Yellow flare at 0325 at PBA DELLA VILLA(495166). Saw  
2(two) men leave a house at (496169) at 0330A. Cut phone wire at  
(497169). Snow 1 1/2 to 2 feet deep.
- 23 0945 Phone fr G-2 to Corps G-2: Request that a 1:0000 map be made of the  
M BELVEDERE'S area. ACTION...will check with Army Engrs and notify you.
- 24 1000 Rec'd: Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report dated 3 Feb (No.516) submitted.
- 25 1030 Rec'd: H, 92nd Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No.91, dated 3 Feb.
- 26 1035 Rec'd: Hq IV Corps letter dated 4 Feb, Subject: Orders(class #13 Mine  
Warfare and Demolitions, beginning 8 Feb)...ending 19 Feb).
- 27 1040 Rec'd: Allied Force Hq letter dated 20 Jan, 1945, Subject: Possession  
of Rec Cross Cards by Combatant Personnel; (two copies).
- 28 1040 Rec'd: Hq 5th Army letter dated 30 Jan 1945, Distribution List #5.
- 29 1040 Rec'd: G-1 Daily Report (strength).(TF 45) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~...for  
24 hr period ending 2400, 4 Feb 1945.
- 30 1055 Rec'd: Teletyped message fr 5th Army, re SIA Off and EM for rations.

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| 31             | 1020        | <u>Phone fr La Salle 2 to Keystone 2:</u> re 012200A telephone call. Two additional PH's erroneously reported over telephone; not included in 011300 ISUM.   |
| 32             | 1040        | <u>Phone fr Capt Sawyer, E-3 10th Med:</u> Requesting rope and pitons for evacuation of wounded. ACTION...Referred to--call G-4.   |
| 33             | 1055        | <u>Phone Hq 3: SITREP: 604th:</u> registration mission in process. 614th NTR. 604th NTR at present. ACTION...1100 SITREP.  |
| 34             | 1100        | <u>Rec'd:</u> TF 45 SITREP #446, submitted.  |
| 35             | 1110        | <u>Phone fr AMG, San Marcello:</u> Request permission to have Lt Abruzzo go to CUTIGLIANO with urgently needed medical supplies for civilians there, ACTION....Permission granted. Guard at CUTIGLIANO bridge notified to let Lt Abruzzo through.                |
| 36             | 1105        | <u>Phone fr La Salle 3 (Lt Bourke):</u> SITREP phoned to IV Corps. ACTION..Noted.  |
| 37             | 1125        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps ISUM # 726, submitted...ref no. 721   |
| 38             | 1130        | <u>Phone fr Lt. Col Davis, Corps G-2:</u> I don't believe army will make 1:10000 maps. They might make 1:12500 and I'll ask them. What squares do you want mapped? Ans: 97X SK. I'll see what I can do.(call taken by Lt Col Works). ACTION...noted for journal. |
| 39             | 1200        | G-2 left for quarters. ACTION...noted.   |
| 40             | 1215        | <u>Rec'd:</u> bulletin dated 4 Feb, Phantom Summary as of 031800A.(4 copies).  |
| 41             | 1215        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps(Outgoing message) SITREP #69, submitted.(4 copies).   |
| 42             | 1215        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps SITREP #70, submitted ( 4 copies).  |
| 43             | 1215        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IX Corps G-3 Situations as of 050700A Feb, submitted...3 copies.   |
| 44             | 1215        | <u>Rec'd:</u> CG IV CORPS G-3 Periodic Report No. 5, submitted.  |
| 45             | 1325        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #243, dated 5 Feb., submitted. 4 copies...   |
| 46             | 1340        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps, G-3 Periodic Rpt #35, dated 4 Feb, submitted.   |
| 47             | 1340        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 92nd Inf Div, G-3 Periodic Rpt #22, submitted,dated, 4 Feb.   |
| 48             | 1330        | <u>Rec'd:</u> TF 45 ISUM #270, submitted.  |

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49	1345	G-3 returned to CP.
50	1300	G-2 returned to CP.
51	1230	<u>Phone fr Rabata 2:</u> Our patrol (G force) is believed to be in. Latest time 1150A (unconfirmed). No casualties (unconfirmed). Captured: 2 Germans, 7th Co, 1044th Regt, 232d Div (IPW). Killed: 2 Germans. Documents removed from bodies. Submitted to IPW. ACTION: Noted for 1330A. Issm. G-2, G-3 will be notified at 051300A.
52	1410	<u>Rec'd:</u> PATROL INTENTION #476A D/85, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 050700A, In 051700A. MISSION: Obsn of REMISSA and FURLE A GIOVO. W/overlay.  PATROL INTENTION #482 E/85, 6 Feb, 60 EM with 81mm mortar platoon and 1 MG platoon of D Co., Out 060100A, In 061800A. MISSION: Attack Remissa. W/overlay  PATROL INTENTION #481 A/85. 1 Co with 1 MG platoon of D Co, Out 052300A, In 061800A. MISSION: Attack FOCK A GIOVOT (OSSEDALETTO Area). W/overlay  PATROL INTENTION #483 C/85, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 060700A, In 061700A. MISSION: Obsn of ALPE TRE POTENZA and FUCE A GIOVO. W/overlay  PATROL INTENTION #480, 6 Feb, C/85, 1 Off, 4 EM, Out 061100A, In 061730A. MISSION: Contact 365th Reg. W/overlay  PATROL INTENTION #479, 6 Feb, C/85, 1 MCO, 4 EM, Out 060800A, In 061500A. MISSION: Met contact with 365th Reg. W/overlay
53	1425	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Engineer Situation Report dated 4 Feb.
54	1425	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div, Strength Return dated 4 Feb.
55	1425	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div, Resume of Courts-martial for units of Div for Dec, 1944, dated 4 Feb.
56	1425	<u>Rec'd:</u> MTCUSA letter dated 28 Dec, 1944, Supply Security, with Fifth Army letter, 22 Jan, 1945, same subject, and T 45 1st Ind of same dated 4 Feb.
57	1425	<u>Rec'd:</u> Letter fr Main Hq 13 Corps, dated 2 Feb, Subject: Wanted Man, with sketch attached.
58	1440	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 3:</u> Informed Div Surgeon that 1 collecting Co is to join 86th Mt Inf immediately. ACTION: Maj Murphy advised.
59	1440	<u>Rec'd:</u> PATROL INTENTION #D003, 3d Bn/87, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 26 EM, Out 060800A, In 062200A. MISSION: Recon and obs. W/overlay.

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| 59        | Cont'd      | PATROL INTENTION #1004, K/87, 1 Off, 26 EM, 6 Feb, Out 060800A, In 062300A. MISSION: Recon and obs. W/overlay.  |
|           |             | PATROL INTENTION #1005, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 26 EM, 1/87, Out 062300A, In 072400A. MISSION: Recon position on MT CERNAIO. Recon. W/overlay.  |
|           |             | PATROL INTENTION #1101, I&R/87, 6 EM, Out 060700A, In 061600A. MISSION: Recon. W/overlay.   |
|           |             | PATROL INTENTION #1102, I&R/87, 3 Off, 12 EM, Fwd O, Out 061600A, In 070200A. MISSION: Recon. W/overlay.  |
|           |             | PATROL INTENTION #912 F/87, 2 Off, 20 EM, Fwd O, Out 062030A, In 070400A. MISSION: Route Recon. W/overlay.  |
| 60        | 1445        | <u>Phone fr Nebate 3:</u> Nebate Sitrep 051445A. NTR. ACTION: Noted journal.  |
| 61        | 1455        | <u>Phone fr Col Pond:</u> To Col Irvin: Co D of 760 T Bn will be attached to 10th Mt Div. Co A will be attached to 92d Div. Will start moving tonight. Orders are being issued now. T Bn CO has been informed. ACTION: attention: Maj Murphy.   |
| 62        | 1455        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Sitrep #71 fr IV Corps.   |
| 63        | 1455        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq TF 45 Intelligence Memo #4, dated 4 Feb.   |
| 64        | 1455        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div, Staff Memo, dated 4 Feb.  |
| 65        | 1500        | TF 45 SITREP #447, submitted.   |
| 66        | 1425        | <u>Phone fr Col Davis to LeBalle 2:</u> Col Works to call Col Davis at Keystone 102. ACTION: Col Works notified.  |
| 67        | 1500        | <u>Rec'd:</u> General Operations Order #17 fr Brazilian In O, dated 041130A Feb.  |
| 68        | 1512        | <u>Phone fr Lt Collier (MP's):</u> At 051500A at (L475996) a shell of undetermined cal was reported as exploding. ACTION: Notified arty (Mex 2).  |
| 69        | 1512        | <u>Phone fr Nebate White 2:</u> Correction for prisoner coordinates (L432095) ACTION: Noted for 1800 Issm.  |
| 70        | 1530        | <u>Rec'd:</u> 10th Mt Div DB #3, dated 5 Feb.   |
| 71        | 1535        | PATROL INTENTION #515, F/85, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 5 EM, Out 060800A, In 062000A. MISSION: Maresca Security. Recon, obs. W/overlay.   |
| 72        | 1450        | <u>Phone fr Mex 3:</u> Sitrep: 605: Reported 1 neutralization mission on an OP at (L525179). OP was neutralized. 1 counter battery not observed. (L465195). 616: At 050950A 4 or 5 men reported 100 yds this side of LA BERRIA PK toward Bn OP at (L404069). At 051000A enemy OP on top of LA |

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- 72 cont'd BERRA (L377082) 1 man seen digging in. Later seen to go down far slope. 604 fired on this CP and observer said rounds were effective. ACTION: for 1500 Sitrep.
- 73 1540 Phone fr 604: Sitrep: 1 harassing mission at (L382088) was effective 051200. ACTION: 1800 Sitrep.
- 74 1420 Phone fr Capt Montagne (IV Corps Army Pictorial Service): My photographers have not been allowed to take pictures in your division. Each time a new unit comes in, permission is refused. They have signed certificates authorizing them to take the pictures. Ans: They may contact me (Cal works), as they have in the past. I will notify the S-3 who will contact the unit concerned. It is better to do this through channels.
- 75 1600 Phone fr Corps G-2 to G-2: Corps G-2 wanted to know deps on photographers (see entry #74, 5 Feb Journal). Ans: I explained we would like them to go through the normal channels. Corps also stated that Margaret Bourke-White (Life photographer) will be here but should not take pictures. ACTION: Notified Lt Garrison.
- 76 1612 Phone fr Abella 3: To Keystone 3 (Maj Hamilton). 2d Bn, 86th Mt Inf, closed in vicinity MUTIOLLANO (Q167833) at approx 051400A. This information previously requested. ACTION: Journal.
- 77 1615 Gen'd: Hq 85th Mt Inf Interrogation Report, dated 5 Feb 1945. 2 German PW's taken by Co G at (L42150943).
- 78 1620 PATROL PLAN #1203 10th Bn, 6 Feb, 6 MCO, 3d Bn, Out 040000A, In 131200A. DESTINATION: MT PULLERHARI (482028) then MT MALINDRINI (478052). MISSION: To establish base operations at MT PULLERHARI and CP on MT MALINDRINI.
- 79 1645 Gen'd: Hq TF 45, IPW Report #8, dated 5 Feb. Obergefreiter Otto Schneider and Pvt Paul Jorntz.
- 80 1700 G-2, G-3, Maj Lueck and Maj Murphy left CP. Ser CC. Expected to return 051900A.
- 81 1555 Phone fr "Squire 2": At (L405040) a patrol of 5 - 7 men was seen on ridge due S of Require CP. Men seemed to be wearing field glasses. ACTION: Noted for 1800 Insm.
- 82 1800 Gen'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast: Ref No 5005.
- 83 1705 Phone fr "Abella 2": TF G, Out 042100A, In 051200A. Contacted enemy in bunkers at (L432095) at 050750A. Received 3 bursts LMG fire, sporadic rifle fire and 1 rd rifle grenade from enemy. Assaulted position 050820A. Captured 2 German PW's, 2 Messer's, 1 K43(?), 1 LMG; found 2 dead. Searched and removed documents and forwarded to IPW. Withdrew 050900A. One main bunker connected by trench with 3 small ones. Sketch follows

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- 83 cont'd with operations report. ACTION: Noted for 1800 Issm, Sitrep.
- 84 1740 Phone fr Max 3 to LaSalle 3: Sitrep: NTR (618).
- 85 1732 Phone fr Max 3 to LaSalle 3: Sitrep. NTR.
- 85 1730 PATROL PLAN #3d Pl. 10th "on, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 6 NCO, 34 EM, Out 060800A, In 061600A. DESTINATION: MT GROSSO (491022). MISSION: Training Route Man and OP on MT GROSSO. (491022). (Note: Training only).
- 86 1730 PATROL PLAN #2d Pl, 10th "on, 6 Feb, 6 NCO, 23 EM, out 060800A, In 061400A. DESTINATION: MT BARTOLOME (492006). MISSION: Mt run and establish OP on MT BARTOLOME. (Note: For training only).
- 87 1720 Phone fr Capt Weaver. Adv Maj Bishop to move Vet Co to PRACCHIA (152601A) tonight. ACTION: Referred to Maj Walker, who granted permission.
- 88 1800 TF 45, ISUM #271, submitted.
- 89 1800 TF 45, SITREP #448, submitted.
- 90 1800 Reg'd: Photos fr IV Corps PI Section.
- 91 1800 Reg'd: B-2 Report #35 fr 68th Arm'd FA Bn.
- 92 1800 Reg'd: 10th Mt Div Consolidated Report of Captains, dated Jan 45.
- 93 1800 Reg'd: Hq IV Corps OSS Det Intelligence Bulletin, dated 5 Feb.
- 94 1800 Reg'd: Fr Hq 751st Tank Bn, Sitrep #35.
- 95 1830 Reg'd: IV Corps Issm, Ref No 725, dated 051600a.
- 96 1845 Phone fr Kaylans 2 (Col King): Margaret Housie-White (Life Photographer) will be permitted to take pictures, but they will be subject to censorship and held by Army Censor until Division is released. Col King and units G-2 and PHO notified. ACTION: Notified G-2. Journal.
- 97 1845 Phone fr Max #3: Sitrep (605 F.A.) (Between 051330A and 051600A). 1 mission against enemy strongpoint at (148918) 30 rounds expended, and they were dispersed. 1 mission against enemy billet (146122) 28 rounds expended, effective. 1 mission against enemy assembly area (1487179); 9 rounds expended, not observed. 051510A (605 F.A.) 2 neutralizing missions against possible machine gun positions at (1378181). This was effective. 12 rounds expended. 051545A mission against enemy OP at (1575089). OP personnel routed by the fire. ACTION: For 2300 Sitrep.
- 97 1910 Reg: (Verbal) Vet Co closed at PRACCHIA (52601A) 051845A. ACTION: For 2300 Sitrep.

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98	1915	G-2 returned to CP.
99	1820	Phone fr <u>Ababa 2</u> : One of our Bn Commanders wants low altitude both vertical and oblique photos of LA SERNA (L3708). The duty officer is to get PI to work on this and if none available in file, to have flights made. If you do have these on file, Col Wilson would like them by tomorrow night along with a PI Officer or EM. ACTION: PI will comply.
100	1830	PATROL INTENTIONS #801, C/87, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 1 Lt EM, 2 Part, Out 061300A, In 062200A. MISSION: Ren to LA SENTINELLA (354057) and obs FIAN DI NOVELLO (354081).  PATROL INTENTIONS #802, B/87, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 1 Lt EM, 2 Part, Out 061200A, In 062230A. MISSION: Ren route to LE LIAOGE (312095) and obs MELO (396096)  PATROL INTENTIONS #803, A/87, 6 Feb, 1 Off, 1 Lt EM, 2 Part, Out 061200A, In 062230A. MISSION: Ren route to MELO (396096) and obs FIANSINATICO (382087).
101	1740	Phone fr <u>Avstons 2</u> : Col Works call either Col Macdonald or Major Lowry at Lightning Al. ACTION: Col Works notified.
102	1930	Phone fr <u>Mount 3</u> : 86th Mt Inf: 2d Bn closed at 051130A in vicinity of MUTIGLIANO (L168832). This information is a correction of information rec'd from Lt Courson, Ln O, earlier today. ACTION: Journal. Note closing time corrected in Sitrep 2300.
103	1930	Phone fr <u>Ababa 2</u> : TF "G": 5 men on skis seen approaching MT SPIGOLINO fr N at (L443105) at 090920A by LAG crew. Men taken under fire by 1 member of crew, Believe 1 killed, 1 wounded. Rest disappeared. ACTION: For 0600 Isum.
104	1945	Phone fr <u>Return 3 (Capt Bayre)</u> : When will the Engineers going to mine school be placed on orders? Detail of 1 Off and 4 EM must be in Naples by 8 Feb. Answer: AG has not published orders. Check order's section in morning. ACTION: Noted. Journal.
105	2010	Phone fr <u>Corps G-2 to Div G-2</u> : There will be no blow-up of the map you asked for. The Army Ingr refuses to do it; but he is now working on a 1:12500 mosaic of the BELVEDERE area. It should be ready in 10 days.
106	2030	Ann'd: Sitrep #36 fr Hq 751st Tank Bn, dated 5 Feb.
107	2045	G-2 left CP for G.
108	2050	Ann'd: Hq TF 45, G-2 Periodic Report, #89.
109	2050	Ann'd: IV Corps Isum Ref No 728, dated 052015, by wire.

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- 110 2355 Rec'd: Assorted reports for Lt Patton.
- 111 2155 Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div, SO #14.
- 112 2210 Phone fr Col Lewis (Keystone 2) to LaSalle 2: 1. Dealing with OSS; OSS has Corp authority to dispatch agents through our front lines, but the officers must contact the CO of the unit in whose territory they are working in. 2. APS has authority to take pictures at any place at any time but must check in and notify the CO of unit in whose territory they are working in. ACTION - Notified G-2.
- 113 2300 TF 45 SITREP NO. 449 submitted.
- 114 2300 Phone fr Lt Aversara (IV Corps Ia Off) to LaSalle 2: Report from II Corps at 2000 - 34th Div making limited objective attack which started at 1500. Heavy using smoke. 133rd Div met heavy opposition, 168th Div lighter opposition reaching outskirts of Pissane (99023). Heavy fighting sometimes. 6th South African Div conducted raid. REV: Slight Arty and mortar fire, patrolling continued. 22nd Div. Period quiet, active patrolling, little contact, scattered Arty. FIFTH ARMY Intelligence reports troops in Fannane (L4418) and AB KTORE (13311). They definitely near Edelweis in hats. Mostly Austrians who made SERCHIO drive. Russians 30 miles from Berlin. ACTION: G-2 notified.
- 115 2330 Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2: Shell report from Require - LA Dilts of B Btry at OP (L40469). Azimuth of sound 5800 mds, azimuth from enemy, 2600 mds, distance to guns unknown - estimated caliber of guns unknown. Estimated to be one gun - number of shells fired, 4 - Nature of fire harrassing, no fragments as yet. 052200A. Remarks; Gun not adjusted and believed to be shooting at bridge at (L402063). ACTION: For 060600A SITREP.
- 116 2355 Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Retread 2: Called Retread to check on movement of 1st Bn. Received information that 1st Bn has not closed yet and is still moving. Will call as soon as they close. ACTION: Notified Keystone 3.



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| 1       | 0010 | Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Rebata HQ: Notified HQ of new possible positions found on ALPE THE POTENZA, from a FI study on latest photos.   |
| 2       | 0010 | Phone fr Rebata HQ to LaSalle 2: Patrol #A2 - Out 052300A. ACTION: Noted.   |
| 3       | 0100 | Phone fr Retread (Lt Hines) to LaSalle 3: Information on Retread Red. Opened the new CP at 011300A Feb. Closed their old CP at 051630A. Closed in to new area at (1405064) at 052350A. ACTION: Noted for 0600 Sitrep.   |
| 4       | 0115 | Phone fr Rebata 2 HQ to LASALLE 2: Patrol #A2 left on scheduled time, 060100A Feb. ACTION: Noted.   |
| 5       | 0130 | Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2: Retread Blue OP at (1458028) heard firing - sounded like a tommy-gun, 20 to 30 rds fired in bursts. Apparently coming from the vicinity of GAVIANA (ASOL) at 060100A, and at 060118A heard additional rounds fired in same vicinity.   |
| 6       | 0415 | Rec'd: SITREP No. 72 from IV Corps dated 052400A.   |
| 7       | 0545 | Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3: NTR ACTION: Noted for Journal.   |
| 8       | 0600 | TF 45 ISUM No. 272 submitted.   |
| 9       | 0600 | TF 45 SITREP No. 450 submitted.   |
| 10      | 0610 | PATROL REPORT #910, dated 4 Feb, 2/87, Out 051930A, In 052340A. REPORT: No enemy contact. Mortar fire observed coming fr a pt 200 yds S of (515168) - Azimuth to gun 344° fell at (USRCOLA (1512163) and (1517163) also AN fire from same position on same area at 052255A.   |
| 11      | 0620 | Phone fr Rebata 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP report - NTR. ACTION: Noted.   |
| 12      | 0705 | Phone fr Rex (HQ) to LaSalle 3: SITREP: 601th - 2 harassing mission, fired 3 rds - NO. 616th - Enemy mortar fire vicinity Quercia (380060), time not verified, reported by observer #630 - NO. 601th Target #322 (Enemy mortar) reported by Retread, assigned to "B" Battery at 2354A. Mission accomplished at 0012A, not observed, fired 14 rds, effect unknown. Target #221 (Enemy mortar) reported by "A" FO assigned at 0015A to "B" Battery. Completed mission at 0012A, not observed. 10 rds fired, effect unknown. N.C. ACTION: Noted for Journal. |
| 13      | 0730 | Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army letter, Subject: Security of Wire Lines dated 4 February 1945.   |

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| 14      | 0830 | Rec'd. Hq TF 45, G-2 Periodic Report No. 86 dated 4 Feb 1945.  |
| 15      | 0830 | Rec'd. Hq TF 45, G-3 Periodic REPORT NO. 14 dated 4 Feb 1945.  |
| 16      | 0830 | Rec'd. Hq TF 45, G-3 Periodic REPORT NO. 143 dated 5 Feb 1945.   |
| 17      | 0830 | Phone fr Rebata 3 to LaSalle 2: Rebata 3 called to say they would need 110 extra 2 1/2 ton trucks. ACTION: Notified Maj Murby.   |
| 18      | 0830 | Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2: One PW taken 8 of EASTONS (3790067A), a member of Co A, 1st Mt Inf Bn - wounded in the leg, carrying a Bazooka gun and two grenades. Taken prisoner at 060000A. This was reported to Div Arty by an Arty Liaison Officer with one of the Infantry outfits. ACTION: Told Box 2 to obtain more detailed information and to keep us informed - Notified G-2. |
| 19      | 0840 | Phone from Retread 2 to LaSalle 2: 1 wounded PW is being sent from 1st Bn directly to TF 45 PW cage. PW is only slightly wounded, is German. No identification yet. ACTION: Journal, Informed Col Marks.   |
| 20      | 0845 | Phone from LaSalle 3 to CG's, 87th and 87th Mt Inf (in CG's): (1) 87th Mt Inf will relieve Mt CALDWAY garrison of 87th. Inform this Hq when relief can be made. (2) 87th Mt Inf will submit recommendations on employment of Co D, 760th Tank Bn (L Trk) in SUZIGLIANO Sector. (3) Troops in training keep off main supply routes.   |
| 21      | 0900 | Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div ARTY, S-3 Report No. 8 dated 5 Feb 1945.   |
| 22      | 0920 | Phone fr S-2, 87th to LaSalle 2 (Col Marks): Trans. difficulties. Patrol #481 still going into position. Patrol #482 in position. Snow observed in small scattered groups throughout the area. More later. No contact made yet.  |
| 23      | 0925 | Phone fr Keystone 3 to LaSalle 3: Message fr Major Hamilton of Keystone 3 for Col. Irvin: Lt Litchfield is at Keystone. If the quartering party will contact Major Adair, an American officer at BSW Hq, they will be taken care of. ACTION: Notified Col. Irvin.  |
| 24      | 0915 | Phone fr CG, IV Corps (Maj Hamilton, IV Corps G-3) to LaSalle 3 (Col. Irvin): Major Adair at 1st BSW can be contacted to make arrangements for reconnaissance and quartering parties. (Lt Litchfield went to IV Corps to make inquiry).  |
| 25      | 0930 | Rec'd. Report of reconnaissance by Lt Litchfield dated 5 Feb 1945.   |
| 26      | 0930 | Rec'd. ISUM #729 fr IV CORPS to Fifth Army to include 060800A, Feb 1945.   |

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27	0930	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps Message dated 5 Feb 1945. Par 2 concerns this Hq. "2. Effective same time, D Co, 760 Th Bn is released from parent unit control and attached to Task Force A5."
28	0930	Rec'd. Note fr AD, Hq TF 45 addressed to G-3 dated 6 Feb 1945. "Reference Journal entry 104, 5 Feb. IV published orders sending 1 Off and 4 M to mine school; not this Hq. Copies of orders sent to Engr Bn on 5 Feb."
29	0930	Rec'd. Daily G-1 Report, Hq TF 45(Prev) for 24 hour period ending 2400A 5 Feb 1945.
30	1000	Phone fr Retread 2 to G-2 (Col Works): B Co outguard halted German at 0200A. The man started to run and outguard shot him. Part of patrol of eight men. Outguard waited until daylight and picked him up at (391066) at about 0630. Patrol was from Mt Unit. ACTION: Chief of STAFF notified.
31	1000	Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Retread: Are you main-aining garrison on MT COLAGI (13704)? What strength? ANSWER: -- Platoon from F Co, 89th Mt Inf is on MT COLAGI at present time. Plans being made to relieve. Liaison Officer says that a Company is to be sent up to relieve the platoon in position now - is this correct? ACTION: Referred to Lt Col Irvin.
32	1005	Phone fr Rebata 3 to LaSalle 3: 2nd Bn, 89th Inf is maintaining platoon on MT COLAGI and platoon at bridge in LA LIMA - will they be relieved by 87th Inf? ACTION: Lt Shirley (Liaison officer) has instructions from Lt Col Irvin that COLAGI relief is to be effected by 87th Inf. Shirley called 2nd Bn, 89th Inf and informed them. Also that La Lima position (bridge guard) is to be relieved. (Maj Murphy).
33	1015	PATROL PLAN #001, C Co, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 2 Partisans, 14 M, Out 061300, In 062200. MISSION: Run and observation.
34	1015	PATROL PLAN #002, B Co, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 14 M, 2 Partisans, Out 061200, In 062230. MISSION: Run and observation.
35	1015	PATROL PLAN #003, A Co, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 14 M, 2 Partisans, Out 061200, In 062230. MISSION: Run and observation.
36	1015	PATROL PLAN #479, C Co, 89th Mt Inf, 5 M, Out 060800, In 061500. MISSION: Contact.
37	1015	PATROL PLAN #480, C Co, 89th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 4 M, Out 061100, In 061730. MISSION: Contact.
38	1015	PATROL PLAN #481, Co A, 89th Mt Inf, 1 Officer (OO & ME Platoon), Out 052300 In 061800 MISSION: Ask FOGG & GIOVI & OSPEDALITO.

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39	1015	PATROL PLAN #482, Co B, 85th Mt Inf, 7 Officers, 60 MM, Out 060100A, In 061800A. MISSION: Attack HEMISSA.
40	1015	PATROL PLAN #483, Co C, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 12 MM, Out 060700A, In 061700A. MISSION: Observation.
41	1015	PATROL PLAN #515, Co F, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 5 MM, Out 060800A, In 062000A. MISSION: Recon, observe and report enemy.
42	1015	PATROL PLAN #512, Co F, 87th Mt Inf, 2 Officers, 20 MM, Out 062000A, In 070400A. MISSION: Route reconnaissance.
43	1015	PATROL PLAN #1101, I & R, 87th Mt Inf, 6 MM, Out 060700A, In 061600A. MISSION: Reconnaissance.
44	1015	PATROL PLAN #1102, I & R, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 12 MM, Out 061600A, In 070200A. MISSION: Reconnaissance.
45	1015	PATROL PLAN #1003, Co L, 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 26 MM, Out 060800A, In 062200A. MISSION: Reconnaissance and observation.
46	1015	PATROL PLAN #1004, Co K, 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 26 MM, Out 060800A, In 062300A. MISSION: Reconnaissance and observation.
47	1015	PATROL PLAN #1005, Co I, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 26 MM, Out 062300A, In 072400A. MISSION: Observation.
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48	1035	G-2 left CP. expected to return at 06115A.
49	1035	Phone fr Box 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP-- 604th - No change; 605th - No change; 616th - No report. ACTION: Noted for 061100A SITREP.
50	1045	Phone fr Rebata 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Noted.
51	1050	Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Noted.
52	1100	TF 45, SITREP #451, submitted.
53	1112	Phone fr Lt Shirley (in O) Rebata Blue to LaSalle 3: Rebata Blue CP opened FIDWATA (A995) 060800A. ACTION: Noted for SITREP.
54	1115	Reg'd. Hq TF 45 Intelligence Memorandum No. 2 dated 6 February 1945.
55	1115	Reg'd. Hq TF 45 Staff Memo dated 4 Feb 1945, Subj: I Courier to Hq Fifth Army, II Fifth Army and MTOUSA Publications also penciled memo from Peterson, G-1 dated 5 Feb, subject: Suggested Replacements.



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| 56      | 1115 | Reg'd. Forward memo fr Major Peterson, G-1 re securing of officer personal dated 5 Feb 1945.  |
| 57      | 1115 | Reg'd. Forward memo fr Major Peterson, G-1 dated 5 Feb 1945 re possible return to Div of 20 mountain trained 2nd Lt, Inf which were left in the States as surplus. Also attached correspondence of action taken to secure same.   |
| 58      | 1125 | Reg'd. Overlay, Patrol Intentions, 2nd Bn, 87th Mt Inf, period 070400A - 080700A February 1945, Patrols #913, 914, 915, and 1109.   |
| 59      | 1125 | Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaBalle 2: 061105A PATROL #481 forced to abandon original plan; North portion of route impassible. Will rendezvous with Patrol #482 at point of last week's action (092000A). The two patrols will carry out their joint mission together. ACTION: G-2 to be notified. Noted for 1330A ISUM. |
| 60      | 1125 | Reg'd. Hq 2nd Bn, 87th Mt Inf, Report on Road Operation A - 5 Feb 1945 with inclosed overlays.  |
| 61      | 1127 | Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaBalle 2: Rebate Red 2 CP at 2804 reports: 5 men enemy patrol seen entering house at (123900A) at 061100A. ACTION: G-2 to be notified. Noted for 1330 ISUM.   |
| 62      | 1135 | LaBalle 2 (Maj Lusek) to Rex: -- departed at 1135A.   |
| 63      | 1140 | Phone fr Rex 2 to LaBalle 2: 26 man patrol on A36047 observed at 061120A going North, dressed in CD, observed by Majest in vicinity of Hajeat CP. ACTION: Notified Major Lusek.   |
| 64      | 1145 | Phone fr Lt Hitchfield at Keyhome to Col Irvin. G-1: Arrangements made with outfit on right. Contact Maj Adair at CP, BHP. ACTION: Notified Col Irvin.  |
| 65      | 1150 | Major Lusek returned to CP.   |
| 66      | 1215 | Phone fr IS 9 (Capt Lewis) to LaBalle 2: Requested clearance to go through CUPUGLIANO to Retread Red 2 with 2 agents at 061400A. ACTION: Retread Red 2 notified.  |
| 67      | 1300 | Phone from Air Ground Officer to LaBalle 2: Air communications party from 3d Tac Air Communications Squadron reported 18th AB DIV & Feb - now located with 110th Sig Co (4977). ACTION: Journal & SITREP.   |
| 68      | 1310 | Reg'd. Allied Force Hq Intelligence Notes No 92 dated 23 Jan 1945.  |
| 69      | 1307 | Time in: 1300 from Rebate Red. Message: Ceiling dropping, high wind, unable to register 75 mm guns. No contact reported. Giving up mission. Transportation requested to pick patrol up. Request OK by your Hq. ACTION: Contacted Col Marks and G-3.   |

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70	1315	PATROL PLAN #913, F Co, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 6 M., Out 070745A, In 071600A. MISSION: Recon and left flank security.
71	1315	PATROL PLAN #914, G Co, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer 15 M., 30 M., Out 071945A, In 080200A. MISSION: Recon.
72	1315	PATROL PLAN #915, F & G Co, 87th Mt Inf, 3 Officers, 6 M., Out 080205A, In 080700A. MISSION: Recon - sct.
73	1315	PATROL PLAN #1103, I & J, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 12 M., Out 072115, In 080500A. MISSION: Recon.
74	1330	TF 45 ISUR #273, submitted.
75	1335	Phone fr Max 2 (Lt Bremer) to LeBalle 2: Report from Require 2. At 061230A about 1/4 mi N of bridge leading to CUTHILLAN (Coordinates of bridge - 1401062), small parachute landed. Small base attached. After landing, parachute burned up. Man sent to investigate was fired on and returned without reaching spot where chute landed. Probably a parachute flare. ACTION: Asst G-2 notified.
76	1335	Phone from G-2 to Refroad 2: The PW captured today was suffering from shock and was under the influence of morphine. We got very little information from him. In the future wounded PW's will not be given morphine before they are interrogated.
77	1335	Rec'd: Hq 92 Inf Div, G-3 Periodic Report No. 93 dated 5 Feb 1945.
78	1410	Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div Memo #11, dated 6 Feb, "Destruction of Class-Field Documents and Personal Mail"...2 copies.
79	1410	Rec'd: Hq 86th Mt Inf TR Memo #1, dated 5 Feb, re Passive Air Defense etc.
80	1415	Rec'd: Field Mag No. 1, dated 6 Feb, to Air Officer N44-061200A-GR (Intercept from 92nd Div)...99700 03898 1415.
81	1415	Phone fr Corps G-2 to G-2: A partisan under corps orders who was trying to get through the lines to get to PANAMA was not allowed by the CO 2d Bn. This must be straightened out. ACTION...notified Maj. Vladimiroff, 8-2 87th.
82	1425	Hq 10th Mt Div Memo #9, dated 6 Feb, re 1.- Storage and elimination of surplus Clothing and Equip. II.- Operating procedure for Rapid Movement of Organizations.

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83	1445	Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div Memo No. 10 re Pass, Curfew and Disciplinary Regulations while on pass. (dated 6 Feb.....2 copies.
84	1450	<u>Phone/Rebats 3: SITREP, NTR. ACTION...Journal.</u>
85	1501	<u>Phone fr Detread 3: Negative SITREP...ACTION...Journal.</u>
86	1512	PATROL PLAN # 484, 7 Feb, C/85, 5 KM, Out: 072000A, In 071500. MISSION: Met contact with 365th Regt.  PATROL PLAN #485, 7 Feb, C/85, 1 Off 484, Out 0710, In 071700A. MISSION: Contact 365th Regt.  PATROL PLAN #486, 7 Feb, C/85, 1OFF 18 KM, Out: 070700A, In 082000A. MISSION: In and oben to BALZO DELLE ROSE.  PATROL PLAN #488, 7 Feb, B/85, 1 Off 24 KM, Out: 070600A, In 071800A. MISSION: Oban of FOCB A GIUVO and ALPE TRE FOTEREA.  PATROL PLAN #516, 7 Feb, G/85, 1 )ff 15KM, Out 072100A, In: 081600A. MISSION: to observe position on M. SPIGOLINO.
87	1525	Rec'd: Hq 92nd Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report, dated 5 Feb (No. 92), submitted.
88	1530	Rec'd: Hq 92nd Inf Div, Operation Instructions No. 26, dated 5 Feb.
89	1500	Rec'd: TF45 SITREP # 452, su bmitted.
90	1545	Rec'd: 68th Arm'd PA Bn, S-2 Report no. 36, submitted.
91	1522	<u>Phone fr Reg 3: 604th reported an OP neutralized at 375-081, 10 rds. M54 used. House at 330090 destroyed with 6 rds M48 AP; also destroyed houses at 382083. 50 rds. M48, 2 rds. WP, 6 rds AP used to destroy houses. <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> 616th NTR.....605th: will report later.</u>
92	1604	PATROL PLAN <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> No. 804, 7 Feb, C/85, 1 Off 12KM, 2 Partisans, Out, 070900A, In: 072200A. Mission: to reconiter ridge route to L343072; locate any positions.  PATROL PLAN #805, B/87, 1 Off 12 Km, 2 Partisans, In 071900A, Out 080800A. MISSION: to reconiter route to MOVELLO L354081; observe LA BERRA, L377082 and CARUSO L365086.



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- 92 1604 (cont'd) PATROL PLAN #806, 1/87, 1 Off, 12 RM, 2 Fatigans, Out 07800A, In 08000A. MISSION to reconnoiter route to Passa de Landiard, LAZTO97 and observe MHO 1396096.  
I, Co.  
PATROL PLAN #1006, 5 RM/87, 1 Off, 26 RM, In 07000A, In 08000A. MISSION: Recon.
- PATROL PLAN #1007, 1/87, 14 RM, Out 07000A, In 08100A. MISSION: Recon.
- PATROL PLAN #1008, 1/87, 14 RM, Out 07000A, In 08100A. MISSION: Recon.
- PATROL PLAN #187, 7 Feb, 8/88, Out 07000A, In 08100A. MISSION: Recon and obsn of FOGE A GIOVO and ALPE TRE POTENZA.
- 93 1650 Recon'd Road Report Hq 2nd Bn 87th, Lt Smith-126th Infrs, Patrol #910 Map, gen condition of roads etc.
- 94 1655 Recon'd: Hq IV Corps SITREPPTS, submitted.
- 95 1507 REHEB G-2 left CP to go to Revoke. Estimate return: 061800A.
- 96 1630 Lt Livermore left for Corps.
- 97 1630 Phone fr Lt Sells 2 to Revoke (by TP) Keep close liaison with Reboke 2 regarding patrols sent by either of your organizations. This must be done to prevent false reports on obsn and to prevent clashes between patrols in same area.
- 98 1630 Lt Col Irvin and Major Walker ret'd from Cp, 1st Div, REB. Arrangements made for Col Barlow and staff to meet a guide at CP at 07100A. Maj Koerber, 85th Mt Inf, notified at 061430A.
- 99 1645 Phone fr 85th Inf (via Lt Allen): Patrol A61 reached Mt UCCELLERIERA 2607 and CIMA di SALAIOLA, 272062 at 06100A. No any contact.
- 100 1700 Col Harold (G-3, Fifth Army) called. Lt Col Irvin took the call. A representative of AFM is enroute to 10th Mt Div via Fifth Army to discuss training of replacements earmarked for 10th Mt Div. This is advance notice. Col Harold asked how things were going and was told that things were going very well.
- 101 - 1712 Recon'd: REB G-2 Report No. 94, dated 5 Feb. (2 page report).

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| 102            | 1730        | <u>Rec'd:</u> BEV IPW Report dated 5 Feb., submitted.  |
| 103            | 1730        | BEV bulletin of information #95 read., date 6 Feb/   |
| 104            | 1732        | <u>Rec'd:</u> H. IV Corps ISUM # 730, submitted.   |
| 105            | 1735        | <u>RELI:</u> Hq 10th M Div Letter, dated 2 Feb, Subject: Custodian of Censorship Stamp (1st Lt M. L. Small)  |
| 106            | 1745        | <u>Phone fr Helmand:</u> MTR. ACTION...Journal.  |
| 107            | 1750        | <u>Phone fr Baz3:</u> SITREP: 604-616-605 PA Bns. No change. ACTION...Journal.   |
| 108            | 1800        | <u>Rec'd:</u> TF 45 ISUM #274, submitted.  |
| 109            | 1800        | <u>Rec'd:</u> TF 45 SITREP #453, submitted.  |
| 110            | 1845        | PATROL REPORT #908, 7/87, 1 Off, 20 MM, Out 35000, In 06010A.<br>FINDINGS: Observed following enemy territory: FAKHO (180517A) and PULLA (1808176) from FORSA DELLA FOLLA (200 m. S. of Follia). No enemy observed 060215A to 060315A. No tracks in FORSA DELLA FOLLA to indicate enemy use as covered trail. Snow depth in area 2 to 4 feet. No obstacles in way at FORSA DELLA FOLLA. Area to south and north of FORSA DELLA FOLLA open with 1800h cover. Trail followed (as on overlay plan) defined by fences and covered by 1 1/2 to 2 feet of snow which prevents easy movement without snowshoes. |
|                |             | PATROL REPORT #909, 8/87, 1 Off, 20 MM sub 35000, In 060300.<br>FINDINGS: No footprints in snow at PALLAZZO (200170). No enemy seen at (1499167) at 060130A. Trail across draw at (1807149) is a poor and difficult foot path. Snow depth at (1499171) 10 inches.  |
| 1825           |             |  |
| 111            | 1825        | <u>Phone fr Helmand R (Sgt. Anderson):</u> Special patrol to investigate location where PW was taken (180406) today left Co. A at 061300A, ret'd. at 061700A. Trail of enemy patrol went cross-country toward PIANELMATICO (18008). Heavy patrol was on foot, wearing mountain boots, but without any type of over-snow equipment. No enemy contact was made. ACTION...G-2 to be notified.   |
| 112            | 1930        | PATROL REPORT #515, 7/85, 1 Off, 5 MM, Out: 060600A, In: 061800A.<br>FINDINGS: proceeded to CORD ALLE SCALE (166083). Visibility restricted due to blowing snow. No enemy contact. Ice trail from MAGALINI on.   |

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113 1900 Phone fr G-3. Lt Col Irwin to Col Barlow: 86th Mt Inf is designated to take sector on right. No recon is required by 89th Mt Inf. In Col Kaulinnen (1810A): 86th Mt Inf will send Recon party to CP, 1st REG, to meet at 071000A. Col Kaulinnen will send Major Hay and party. In Major Anair (1st REG) (1815A): 86th Mt Inf will send party to meet your guide tomorrow. Major Hay will be in charge... ACTION... Journal.

114 2010 XXXXX G-2 left for quarters. Will return to CP at 070730A.

115 2100 PATROL REPORT #479, C/85, 5 KM, Out 060830A, In: 061600A.  
FINDINGS: contacted 365th at 061600A.

PATROL REPORT #480, C/85, 1 Off ARM out 060930A In 061800A.  
FINDINGS: failed to contact 365th en route.

PATROL REPORT #481, A/85, 1 REG Co. and MI Plat, Out 061600A, In 062000A.  
Observation excellent of some enemy territory, especially (1309088).  
No civilians observed. Trail conditions impassible between (1273082) and (1288084). Regarded too dangerous terrain to move troops over. Alternate route around W slope almost as dangerous and under enemy obsn. Males sank 3 ft deep in snow. Delayed 2 1/2 hrs and one half hrs because shuttle system inadequate for moving large patrol at night. No enemy observed. One friendly casualty (leg wound) due to mistaken identity. Mission not accomplished; patrol withdrawn.

PATROL REPORT, B/85, 60 KM, Out 052300A, In 061600A.  
FINDINGS: Obsn fair from (1291069). Trail good, very little snow. Snowstorm began at 061600A, when patrol pulled out. Observed 5 enemy entering house at (1291084) (reported on 1203 1200A) at 061030A. No arty or mortars used because of wind estimated at 40 mph. Rifleman did not fire because of extreme range; followup impossible because enemy holds commanding terrain.

PATROL REPORT C/85, 1 Off 12 KM, Out 052300A, In 061600A,  
FINDINGS: Mission not accomplished due to difficult weather and travel conditions. Patrol was to observe enemy territory and set as security for patrols 481 and 482, neither of which were able to advance sufficiently far to accomplish their respective missions.

1120 Reg'd 1  
/Hq 751st Tn Sum Report No 37, dated 6 Feb (from 051200A to 061200A.

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117	2200	<u>Msg'd: IV Corps Isum #731.</u>
118	2200	<u>PATROL REPORT #803 A/87, 1 Off, 14 MM, 2 Part, 6 Feb, Out 061200A, In 061800A. FINDINGS: No enemy observed at MELLO (390090) or FIANSINATICO (390080) from (133311R). Church steeple at MELLO (139709R) appeared to have windows blacked out; however, no enemy activity observed. Partisans reported MELLO only occasionally occupied by enemy. From position at (140109L) above MELLO, was in direct observation of all terrain and possible positions available for enemy in FIANSINATICO and ASERONE (133311R).</u>
		<u>PATROL REPORT #1003 9d Bn/87, 6 Feb, Out 040600A, In 061215A. FINDINGS: Patrol reached (148205E) but was not able to proceed to FONIA FRANCA (149206L) due to extremely difficult terrain and ice. Snow 10 inches deep at start of route, about 3 feet deep above the berline. High wind hampered movement on open ground. No enemy contact.</u>
119	2230	<u>Phone fr Retread 3: Sitrep. NTR. ACTION: Journal.</u>
120	2230	<u>Phone fr Kabata 3: Sitrep. NTR. Isum. NTR. ACTION: Journal.</u>
121	1750	<u>Phone fr Kabata 2: NTR ACTION: Journal. (Not previously recorded)</u>
122	2240	<u>Phone fr Retread 3: Reported wire being tapped between Retread and La-Balls. Ask wire chief to check. ACTION: Maj Murphy rec'd msg. Wire chief notified and 6-man jeep patrol sent out to investigate at 062300A.</u>
123	2255	<u>Phone fr Retread 2 &amp; 3: Fire fight now taking place in same area where hostile patrol attempted to penetrate at 060200A. Unit designation is same as repulsed enemy patrol this morning. "Stalls will not come down until action is finished.</u>
124	2300	<u>TF 45 SITREP #45A, submitted.</u>
125	2320	<u>Phone fr Box 2: Sitrep 062230A. Require: 10 missions including 6 propaganda, 1 neutralization, 3 harassing. Results unknown. Reply: NTR, Reject: NTR.</u>
125	2323	<u>Phone fr Box 2: Require 2: flare observed by CP 411 (140906E) at 062230A. Est alt: 2000 mils. Distance unknown. No fire heard in same vicinity. Guards also reported floodlight on for 2 or 3 seconds. Unable to locate accurately. Believed to have been SW of (140103L) at 062222A.</u>
126	2330	<u>Phone fr Retread 3: Fire fight not serious. An enemy patrol was mined up with outpost line of Baker. Enemy patrol seems to be pinned down.</u>
127	2355	<u>Phone fr 14 Livermore (In Off): MSG: quiet. Manual patrolling. Not much contact. 92d: Number of German counterattacks (about 6) usually platoon strength, all repulsed. II Corps: No report. ACTION: Journal.</u>

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1	0001	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Fr Retread Mine OP (L45804) obs flare at an an of 300' and saw several rds of mortar fire at 240'.
2	0015	<u>PATROL REPORT #1004, K/87, 6 Feb, Out 060805A.</u> In 061830A. FINDINGS: Obs following enemy territory SPIGOLINA (L43794). Many foot tracks. Results of friendly or enemy activity. At 061830A 6 man patrol, believed to be 85th, obs descending MT GERANIO (L47704) following the ridge in a southerly direction. At 061830A 32 man "strad patrol contacted this 6 man patrol. Both patrols descended together. At 061830A patrol observed 1 unidentified man walking post at (L443072). He was following a beaten path. When he saw patrol, he disappeared. His tracks observed at (L442058). ROUTE BGN REPORT: Conditions of trail starting SPIGHANA (L4303) to (L442062) male trail. Very little snow (10" - 12"). Skis should be used from (L488050) to (L456076). No cramps necessary. Weather: Clear and windy.
3	0028	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Retread Red is employing 4 mortars and FA in front of Baker Co. No report on enemy strength as yet. ACTION: Journal.
4	0050	<u>Msg fr LaSalle Wire Chief:</u> M/Sgt Robert H. Hill, 110th Signal Co wire chief, reported failure to discover any line tapping between here and Retread. Picked up 2 pvts, J. J. Bramasi and J. F. Taylor, out after curfew. Turned them into orderly room, Co D, T/O T Rn. Mentioned 5 Italians on edge of CAMPO TI ZORD. All had AME papers. ACTION: Journal.
5	0100	<u>Rec'd:</u> By TFX IV Corps "urgent" msg dated 06232A.
6	0220	<u>Phone fr Max A:</u> Outpost Baker Co (Retread Red) attacked by enemy - strength unidentified - Enemy advanced to very close (STATIONER (L3906). Fire fight. Arty support given. Enemy force withdrawn. Further details when available. Relayd fr McGuire through Max A.
7	0325	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Sitrep #74.
8	0340	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> King Company will take about 1 hour to get in position. Details later. ACTION: Journal.
9	0530	<u>Phone fr Max A:</u> Sitrep: NTR. Isum: NTR. ACTION: Journal. Requested Max A to check times on Patrol "sports #482 and 515. Submit Patrol "sports on Patrols #623 and 624.
10	0530	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Sitrep: No change. ACTION: Journal. Requested information on fire fight by Baker Co as soon as possible. Requested times on Patrol "sports #803 and 1003 already submitted.
11	0600	TF 45 SITREP #455 submitted.
12	0600	TF 45 ISUM #275 submitted.

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| 13       | 0550 | <u>Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Rex DQ:</u> What is the shell and mortar report for period? ANSWER: NTR. ACTION: Noted for ISUM 070600A. (Not previously recorded).   |
| 14       | 0625 | <u>Phone fr Rex DQ to LaSalle 2:</u> Require 2 - fired following concentrations during fire fight in support of outpost, Rehab Co, Retread Red. (393 - 070) 9 rds M54, (380 - 073) 4 rds M48, (397 - 081) 18 rds M51, (377 - 081) 16 rds M48, (376 - 083) 9 rds M54, (392 - 075) 8 rds M54.  |
| 15       | 0730 | <u>Phone fr Lt. Liversmore (in O IV Corp) to LANSALLE 2:</u> II German: Moderate enemy activity - some small arms fire rec'd - areas (L5328) and (L5329), (8536), (8834), (88388) were smoked - 1360 rds of Arty between 051900A and 060600A. IV CORPS: Quiet front. No PW's - only slight Arty and mortar fire. 22nd: Up to 070600A - 3 small mortarattacks at 1530A vicinity (175065), at 1630A vicinity (L199083) at 1815A vicinity (L194081). All repulsed after hand to hand fighting - active patrolling cont'd - Meter movement heard during night vicinity (W399) - lights of vehicles observed on MASSA - CARRARA road moving S - 6 PW's period 060600A to 070600A - 10 Germans, rest Italians. ACTION: G-2, G-3 advised. |
| 16       | 0800 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Training Schedule fr Hq 10 Mt Med Bn for week of 5 Feb to 10 Feb.  |
| 17       | 0830 | Major Hay, Capt Drake and Lt Field; Recon party from Reconnt Blue, arrived here at 070630A Feb. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 18       | 0840 | <u>Phone fr Retreat 3 (Major Stern) to LaSalle 3:</u> Relief of F Co plab (Rebate) by K Co (Retread) accomplished 070630A. ACTION: G-3 advised; Plotted on map.  |
| 19       | 0855 | <u>Rec'd:</u> S-3 Report #9 fr Hq 10th Mt Div Arty for period 051800A to 061800A.  |
| 20       | 0855 | <u>Phone fr Rebate 3 (Lt Bui) to LaSalle 3:</u> Rebate (White) mmk relieved at La LIMA at 070100 by Retread Red. ACTION: G-3 advised. La LIMA coordinate (L412024).  |
| 21       | 0858 | <u>Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSALLE 3:</u> Requesting Photo coverage of the following areas; (L4420), (L5720), (L5711) and (L4411). ACTION: Notified PI (Lt Patton).   |
| 22       | 0904 | <u>Rec'd:</u> ISUM #732 fr IV CORPS dated 070637A.   |
| 23       | 0920 | <u>Rec'd:</u> fr Maj Schooley 85th Inf. - Tag Schedule with letter attached fr 1st Lt Robert S Beck - Leadership and Battle School Detachment.   |
| 24       | 0930 | <u>Phone fr LaSALLE 3 (Air Off) to KEYSTONE 1A (Sgt. Hamilton):</u> Mission request - FANANO (L2PR183-4080-2032) 1 mission each on 8 Feb and 11 Feb, or as close to these dates as operationally possible. Desired results -   |

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- 24 Continued Disrupt enemy supply installations, inflict casualties etc. Information available from PI, OSS, Partisan, leads us to believe target will be lucrative. ANSWER: Capt Sherwood, Air Officer, is not here - this will be referred to him and he will call you. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
- 25 0930 Reg'd: Photos from IV Corp for PI Officer Lt. Foston. G-3
- 26 0930 General Duff left Hq for inspection tour of leveks, Trip will include MARESCA down through SAN MARCELLO. Expects to return at 1230A.
- 27 1000 Reg'd: TF 45 (Hq) G-3 Periodic Report No. 123 dated 6 Feb.
- 28 1000 Reg'd: Phone fr Lt. McGuckin (Retread in CP of the LeSALLE B; Enemy action w/8 Co of Retread - Action occurred at 1300Z, identical location of capture of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ PW previous night - ground has been thoroughly searched - no friendly or enemy casualties - 15 enemy physically counted by Platoon during action - estimated 30 enemy total - firing commenced at 0621A - mortar fire called for and delivered at 06230A. Action ceased at 070045A. ACTION: G-2, G3 advised... SITREP.
- 28 1045 Phone fr Box 2 to LeSALLE B; Air report - observed a new enemy CP at (L421A1010). 2 men observed but think there are more because it is a large installation at 071040. ACTION: G-2 Journal and ICOMM 1130.
- 29 1045 Reg'd: Patrol Intention overlay fr Hq 87th M Inf for 2nd Bn.
- 30 1047 Reg'd: G-2 Periodic Report dated 061530A, Report No. 90. TF 45 Report.
- 31 1048 Reg'd: 4th, 5th and 6th Intercomms on Court-Martial charge convicting soldier for violation of 96th Article of War.
- 32 1049 Reg'd: Intelligence Bulletin fr Hq XV Corps OSS Det, dated 6 Feb.
- 33 1055 Reg'd: Alert Plan 2d Infantry Division back from G-4 headquarters.
- 34 1100 TF 45 SITREP No. 456 submitted.
- 35 1100 Phone fr Maj. Keeber 87th Inf to LeSALLE B; The secret line in the BAGNY-DY LUCCA (2694) area does not cover the CP of the 1st Bn. CIG reports that enemy recon plane has been making flight for the past few nights, and suggests that light discipline be enforced. ACTION: Notified G-2.
- 36 1105 PATROL PLAN No. 916, 8 Feb 45, 1/87, 1 Off, 6 M, Out 082015, In 090145. Man contact.

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- 36 Continued PATROL PLAN No. 917, 8 Feb, 0/87, 1 Off, 14 RM, 1 Fwd Obs, Out 061830, In 091000. MISSION: Ambush and Recon.
- PATROL PLAN No. 918, 8 Feb, 0/87, 6 RM, Out 061500, In 082100, MISSION: Recon and Ambush.
- 37 0805 Phone fr Box 3 to LaSALLE 3: SITREP for period 062130 - 070930A. 601 FA: MTR - 616 FA: MTR. 601 FA: 3 missions; destruction not observed; at ROCCA CORNETTA, a truck convey. 1 mission, interdiction; not observed; (L482198). 1 mission patrol support (L482198). Total 114 rds. ACTION: SITREP.
- 38 1110 Rec'd: Ltr dated 21 November 1944 fr Hq IV CORPS; Subj: Transportation of Civilians in Military Vehicles. Also letter fr Hq V Army dated 23 Dec 1944, Subject: Handling of Top Secret Messages.
- 39 1120 Rec'd: Staff Memorandum dated 7 Feb - Officer's Foot Lockers.
- 40 1130 Phone fr Lt. Idashfield DO to Box 3: 5th Arme Mine team now at Reply to report at 071300A to Co A, return at CASTELLUCIO (L5411). ACTION: Capt. Miesler advised.
- 41 1130 Phone fr Brazilian Expeditionary Force to LaSALLE 3: To make an appointment with the G-2 and G-3 sections between 1500A and 1500A. ACTION: Appointment arranged for G-2 and G-3 to receive them at this time.
- 42 1135 Phone fr LaSALLE 3 to CO Co "D" 760th Tn Bn: Co "D" 760th Tn Bn attached to 10th Mt Div, is to be disposed as follows. One platoon under operational control of 87th Mt Inf. Supply through Co "D" channels. Co "D" (-) to remain attached to division, remain present positions. May be used by organizations for training by arrangement with this headquarters. Signed Maj. Murphy, G-3. ACTION: Notified CO, Co "D" 760th Tn Bn. Information copy to CO, 87th Mt Inf.
- 43 1150 Phone fr Maj Callahan (Keystone 2) to LaSALLE 3: 2 men from I89, one whose name is Sgt Maj Parma the other whose name is Corp Ansell, are going out E of SOMMOCOLONIA sometime this PM and returning Saturday or Sunday. They will have 4 American Officers with them when they return. All will be dressed in civilian clothes. ACTION: Notified CIC - G-2.
- 44 1145 Phone fr Havela (Capt Sanders) to LaSALLE 3: Permission granted Havela to fire this PM from (L471008), direction E - directed to contact Retreat Blue. ACTION: Journal.
- 45 1155 Rec'd: Memorandum Number 9 dated 6 Feb, Hq 10th Mt Div, - Storage of clothing and Operating Procedure for Rapid Meet of Organizations.



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- 46 1320 Reg'd: Field message fr B-2 65th Mt Inf, dated 7 Feb: B-2 report as of 1300--no change.
- 47 1325 Phone fr Helambu (L. Hansen): Return wants to fire this P.M.--direction N from 472009. ACTION...told to contact Regime for coordination.
- 48 1330 PATROL REPORT #112, 7/87, 2 Off, 20 Mt, Out 06195A, In 07100A, FINDINGS: PRAMA (51516) at 07000A. CIRRO DE SANJIANO (48710) at 072300A. In CURUMA (51517) at 07100A to 07000A. No enemy observed. ROUTE RUN REPORT: Trails 2 to 3 feet snow. Barbed wire at (51517) to (5132762) and mine field 200 feet south of wire. Mine field activated by trip wire at (513175). One man wounded at 070300A.
- PATROL REPORT #108, 1 & 2/87, 1 Off 12 Mt, Out 06160A, In 07100A. FINDINGS: Observed CHELESIMO (487193) no recent tracks on trail in area of ridges (487169). Civilian observed in CASTILLO (487160) and also in POAKS (481152). Heard a radio playing in CAMPO SALICE (487184). ROUTE RUN RPT: 2 to 3 (two to three) Ft. snow on jeep trail (47615A) to (487148). Bridge at (487148) intact and material for repair available at bridge. Bridge is not mined and will support 3/4 ton vehicle. Would require a bulldozer to clear it. Then from (481156) road to Campo Salice (487184) is filled in with snow and difficult to follow.
- PATROL REPORT #101, 12/87, 6 Mt, Out 06070A, 06160A, PATROL FINDINGS: Obs enemy territory SERNA SICCIA RIDGE (446153) and VALLE D'ANDAMBA on W slope of LA CASTILLO (480130). No enemy observed. Condition of road to (487184) fair. Can use jeep; snow up to 3 ft. deep on NW slope of LA CASTILLO--no fresh tracks N of LA NUNA (4710).
- 49 1350 Reg'd: Hq Fifth Army G-2 report #518 dated 5 Feb.
- 50 1350 Reg'd: Hq Fifth Army letter dated 5 Feb, Subject: Engr equip required for Technical research in USA and U.K.
- 51 1350 Reg'd: IV Corps letter dated 6 Feb, Subject: Engr Situation Report.
- 52 1330 ISUM #276, IF 45, submitted.
- 53 1350 Phone fr Sgt Kries - Korybans to LaBelle J: Received notice that pass word has been compromised for this evening and use emergency No. 1. ACTION: Notified Message Center to notify all units to use by phone.
- 54 1335 Phone fr Hamant J (Capt. Weaver) to LaBelle J: Location of units: 1 Plt, Co G at IZZANO in BELVEDERE + closed at 061500A. Co B - at MARIANO (0213847) - closed at 061700A. ACTION: on plotting board, on chart, G-3 advised.

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| 55  | 1400 | General Huff departed for Rebata CP. General Hays departed for Retroad Red CP.  |
| 56  | 1400 | Mq 10th Mt Div Daily Bulletin No. 4 dated 7 Feb 1945, received.   |
| 57  | 1440 | Reg'ds. Overlays for Patrol Intentions #007, #008, #009, #017, #016, #110A, and #1009   |
| 58  | 1430 | Phone fr Retroad 1 to LaSalle 1: NTR on SITREP as of 071300A. ACTION: Noted.  |
| 59  | 1430 | Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 1: 604 and 616 -- NTR on 1430A SITREP. ACTION: Noted for 1500ASITREP.   |
| 60  | 1357 | Phone fr Report 1 to LaSalle 2: CP #47 (143052) receiving mortar fire (began at 071330A). ACTION: 1800 ISM.   |
| 61  | 1410 | Phone fr Retroad Blue to LaSalle 2: CP at (1457029) sighted 2 patrols at (1448036) at 071330A. Lot of 15 men, 2nd of 18 men, 300 - 500 yards apart. Were on foot, approximately N along ridge MENTICELLO. Were dark uniforms. Not identified.<br>Patrol 1005 -- 1 officer 26 men<br>Patrol 1205 -- 1 officer 40 men                             |
| 62  | 1445 | Phone fr Retroad 2 to LaSalle 2: Major Vladisiref called to report these messages from his file: "070030A lot in using 81's and FA in front of BAKER CO. DIVISION notified." "070045A - Shooting ceased in lot in sector. Heavy withdrawal. Heavy wounded at 1 platoon. No friendly casualties. Division notified." ACTION: Notified Col Works. |
| 63  | 1500 | Phone fr LaSalle 1 to IV Corps: 071500A SITREP phoned to Corps.   |
| 64  | 1500 | TF 45 SITREP #497, submitted.   |
| 65  | 1515 | Phone fr Rebata 1 to LaSalle 1: Maj Schooley called in regard to 10 A.T. firing .30 cal. on 6 Feb South of FANETTA. Would like an overlay showing gun positions and danger areas. ACTION: Notified Maj Wheelers, 8-3 of 10 A.T. to send our overlay to Maj Schooley.  |
| 66  | 1525 | Phone fr Box 1 to LaSalle 1: 604 - Destruction mission at 138300 - 1 mission - 216 rounds, 930 - 1330. Destruction mission on house at 1385000 - 19 rounds expended - 09 - 30 - 1330. ACTION: Noted for 071800A SITREP.   |

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| 67      | 1540 | Phone fr Lawrence (Lt Col Sherman (G-3 IV Corps)) to LaSalle 2 (Capt Lavin): Tanks will not be available for combined training with Inf Bn until after SHERIDAN operation clarifies.  |
| 68      | 1555 | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP #75, 071200A February 1945.   |
| 69      | 1600 | Lt Liversmore left for CORPS.   |
| 70      | 1600 | Rec'd. BAF G-2 Report No. 95 dated 6 February 1945.   |
| 71      | 1600 | Rec'd. BAF G-2 Periodic Report No. 95 dated 7 February 1945.  |
| 72      | 1600 | Rec'd. BAF "BOLKIM DA INFORMACOES NO 95" dated 7 Feb 1945 in Portuguese.  |
| 73      | 1610 | PATROL PLAN #1489, Co C, 85th Mt Inf, 5 M, Out 080900A, In 081400A. MISSION: Contact 365th Regt.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #1490, Co C, 85th Mt Inf, 5 M, Out 080900A, In 081500A. MISSION: Contact 365th Regt.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #148, Co H, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 5 M, Out 080800A, In 081800A. MISSION: Reconnoiter Route to LA MARZIA (470042), observe and report enemy activities.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #1493, Co A, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 12 M, Out 080700A, In 081700A. MISSION: Obv of FOGA A GIOVO and TRE POTENZA.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #1492, Co B, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 12 M, Out 080600A, In 081800A. MISSION: Obv of ALPE TRE POTENZA Area.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #1491, Co B, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 12 M, Out 080700A, In 081700A. MISSION: Obv of FOGA A GIOVO and M BERNINIAIO. |
| 74      | 1615 | Rec'd. Overlays of routes for Patrols #1010 and #1011 fr 3d Bn, 87th Mt Inf.  |
| 75      | 1615 | Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Edward 2 at 1500A: Patrol that hit our lines last night was not fully reported until 1000A by the In O. Will you check the reason and in the future, see that we get the complete report without delay when the action is completed.  |
| 76      | 1630 | Rec'd. 2 packages and 2 envelopes addressed to Lt Fatten.   |
| 77      | 1505 | Phone fr Echols 2 to LaSalle 2: Red OP (07100A enemy automatic weapon put in at (L2920090) behind stone wall. At 071045A observed 2 men at (L2920090) wearing white capes like our parties. ACTION: 071800A ISUM.   |

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| 78      | 1630 | <u>Phone fr Retread Line to LaSalle 2:</u> At CP #1 at 071515A - 1 man at (L422090), apparently digging. Not identified, 8000 to 10000 ft from CP. At CP #3 at 071530A - 18 man patrol took break 071405A to 071600A. Digging in 4 positions at (L468036), were wearing one type mountain jacket (7). 15 man patrol climbed to GEMMAIO (L476065) now has disappeared. ACTION: 071800A ISUM.   |
| 79      | 1635 | <u>Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Flight from (L430110) to (L446110) from 1435A to 1610A saw 2 men leave CP at (L4141010). Believe CP not occupied. ACTION: 071800A ISUM.   |
| 80      | 1650 | <u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> Run by Retread Line 3 and Base of D 760 in progress. Report will be submitted. Retread 5 notified that training will be by companies commencing 9 February. ACTION: Noted and G-3 notified.   |
| 81      | 1730 | <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> G-2 and G-3 left for quarters.  |
| 82      | 1730 | <u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP 071730A -- NTR.  |
| 83      | 1730 | <u>Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP 071730A -- NTR.   |
| 84      | 1730 | <u>Phone fr Box 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP 071730A -- NTR.  |
| 85      | 1730 | <u>Rec'd.</u> Hq IV Corps GSB Det Intelligence Bulletin on Military Information Reported by Partisans and Civilians, dated 7 Feb 1945.  |
| 86      | 1730 | <u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> Patrol #1009 -- Out 062300A, in 071200A -- Observation on enemy territory, observed Mt. SPICOLINO and vicinity of (A3809A) - 070730A -- 071100A -- NE observed. Patrol recalled at (477048) at 070430A. Condition of trails -- mules could be used from Retread Line CP to (456029). From there on feet or skis. From 062300A - 070300A arty fire could be observed in Retread Red Area (450090) at 07900A. |
| 87      | 1730 | <u>Rec'd.</u> Hq 92 Inf Div, G-3 Periodic Report No. 94 dated 6 February 1945   |
| 88      | 1745 | <u>Rec'd.</u> Hq 68th Armd, FA Bn, S-2 Report No. 37 submitted from 1800A 5 Feb to 1800A 6 Feb 1945.  |
| 89      | 1800 | <u>Rec'd.</u> ISUM #733 fr XV Corps to Fifth Army to include 071500A.   |
| 90      | 1800 | TF 45, SITREP #458, submitted.  |
| 91      | 1800 | TF 45, ISUM #277, submitted.  |

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- 92 1800 Rec'd. Hq 8550-G, Training Memorandum No. 1 dated 6 February 1945.
- 93 1800 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Medical Bn letter, Subject: Change of Unit Censor, dated 6 February 1945.
- 94 1800 Rec'd. Ltr of 20 Dec 1944 re Hand Grenade in Mail with 3 endorsements - to be noted by A.C. of S. G-2 (Col Works).
- 95 1810 PATROL REPORT #229, Co E, 86th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 4 BN, 1 Partisan, Out 0530A, In 2400A. Reached top of MT GOMITO 1330A hours. They could look between saddle of SA SERRA and COBOSIA and see into PIANSINATIQQ. Observed some fresh tracks somewhat west of PIANSINATIQQ. Tracks appeared to lead to some position. Snowshoes were used to reach MT GOMITO (rough but possible). MT GOMITO would be a good place to move up to and defend. Party exposed themselves several times but drew no fire. Could clearly see ABETONE. Smoke was coming from chimney. No enemy activity. Saw ski tow not in use. Observed chalets on ridge, looked in good condition, but no signs of having been entered. It took 4 hours to get back.
- 96 1800 Phone fr Rebate 1 to LaSalle 3: Rebate Red 4 called Rebate 1 at 071750A. An explosion and blast occurred in vicinity of 12896, shortly thereafter smoke was seen from same general direction. Rebate Red checked with Engre in that vicinity and they are not responsible. Still investigating. ACTION: Told Rebate to send us additional information as soon as they receive it.
- 97 1815 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div, Office of the Surgeon, Drug Schedules for Veterinary Co and Veterinary Detachments dated 7 Feb 1945.
- 98 1830 Rec'd message fr Rex 2, "100 rounds propaganda shall fired by G Unit between 1800A - 2400A & Feb vicinity ABETONE. Copies translation enclosed". (Two translations of leaflets included with message).
- 99 1835 Phone fr Sig Officer to LaSalle 3: 06 Feb 1945 - Retread lines tapped near SAN MARCELLO. No definite information available. ACTION: Noted to AC of S, G-2.
- 100 1910 Phone fr Lt Livermore at IV Corps to LaSalle 3: 92nd - Enemy activity during period slight - 7 rds heavy caliber arty coastal sector - fire fight at 142035. REF - Sector quiet, slight arty and mortar fire. 5th Army - 12 M-1 tanks, 2 M-1 Commandes and 3 Tigers, seen heading NW up road at P2736 from LA SPEZIA on 3 Feb. Unconfirmed reports from LA SPEZIA say German Arty Units are pulling out.
- 101 1935 Phone from S-3, 10th AT Bn to LaSalle 3: He and Major Schooley have coordinated plans for firing between 10th AT Bn and 85th Inf. ACTION: Noted.
- 102 2000 Col Works, A.C. of S., G-2 returned to CP.

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- 103 2000 Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn, Report No. 38, 071800A Feb 1945.
- 104 2000 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps Artillery "Additions and deletions to MB List No. 29 (Amendment No. 2)", 062200A February 1945.
- 105 2000 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, Administrative Instructions No. 4 dated 14 January 1945.
- 106 2000 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps letter, Subject: Interference with Carabiniari, dated 11 August 1944. (Reproduced at Hq 10th Mt Div, 7 Feb 1945).
- 107 2000 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div, SO No. 15 dated 7 Feb 1945.
- 108 2000 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div, Staff Memorandum dated 7 Feb 1945.
- 109 2000 Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2 at 1800A: Desires coordination of patrols 1103 and 915 with BHP. ACTION: Coordination with BHP checked. Retread called.
- 110 2000 Phone fr Babats DO to LaSalle 2: Believe explosion reported at 071800A was an aerial bomb which fell at (L20964). No damage other than broken windows. Hole 14' in diameter with rim of hole touching road. No fragments. No sound of a plane. More information will be sent.
- 111 2030 Phone fr Col La Due, C of B to LaSalle 2: Col LaDue called with instructions to notify all units that Lt Gen Trusscott will be in area of TF 45 tomorrow, 8 February. Units should check police, etc. Time of arrival unknown. ACTION: Notified all units.
- 112 2100 Col Marks has advised Retread to exercise caution in maintaining telephone security, since rumor of wire tapping is being investigated and complete report is not yet available.
- 113 2100 Re Entry #57, Time 1440A of today's Journal. Overlays received for Patrol Intentions #916, 917, and 1104 are corrected copies. Patrol Intention #1104 replaces No. 918.
- 114 2100 Colonel Marks advised that General Trusscott will visit this area tomorrow.
- 115 2140 The following units were notified at time listed of the impending visit of CG, 9th Army on 8 Feb: 89th Mt Inf 072045A; 86th Mt Inf 072045A; 87th Mt Inf 072046A; 604 FA Bn 072130A; 605 FA Bn 072135A; 616 FA Bn 072135A; 10th AT Bn 072050A; 126th Regt 072110A; 10th Recon 072110A; 10th Medic Bn 072117A; 10th QM Bn 072118A; 1st Platoon 072116A; 110th Signal Co 072135A; Hq Co 10th Mt Div 072135A.

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| 116 |       | Phone fr Retread 3 (Major Kern): desire 12 1/2 ton trucks (one hundred twenty-four) & 1/2 ton trucks (long wheel base). ACTION...notified Major Walker.   |
| 117 | 2217  | G-2 left for Officers Quarters. Return expected 080740A.  |
| 118 | 2110A | Phone fr Retread White 2: Contact Lt Mendenhall, Keystone 20, to get strip of MELVINDALE obj. last serial shot by Gearing McWhorter, alt 6000 ft. ACTION...check w/ P/L, note to call back.   |
| 119 | 2-30  | Phone fr Retread 3: MTR for 072300A SITREP fr Retread 3. ACTION...noted in Journal.   |
| 120 | 2-30  | Phone fr Nebata 3 HQ: F Co. plus one platoon F Co. moves 080600A to Regt D1 Luson attached to Nebata Red for patrol training. ACTION...notified G-3.  |
| 121 | 2300  | Mem'd: TF A5 SITREP # 459, submitted.   |
| 122 | 2215  | Phone fr Retread 3: Disposition of Regt 75's:<br>Red—2nd Bn—(150051350)<br>White—1st Bn—(140600680)<br>Blue—3rd Bn—(no location yet, but will be in 1st Bn area.<br>ACTION...Noted to G-3.  |
| 123 | 2340  | Phone fr Keystone 31 Called to inform Col Irvin that IV Corps had asked the 86th Mt Inf for a Liaison Officer to work with them. 86th Mt Inf sent requested officer whose name the major couldn't remember. ACTION...left note for Col Irvin. |
| 124 | 2315  | Phone fr Retread 3-1 (Major Kern): Reported an exchange of small arms and A.W. fire in front of "B" Co. 87th Mt Inf, 1391044—lasted approximately 30 minutes (2230A-2300A)—no casualties either side. ACTION: Noted for 080600A ISUM.         |

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1	0012	<u>Phone fr Capt Savva, S-3, 126th Signal</u> Delivered to Lt Bourke, D.O., TOP SECRET envelope (G-2 & G-3). ACTION...Noted and entered in Journal.
2	0100	<u>Phone fr Detrad 1 (Lt. Hinson)</u> A small enemy patrol (estimated 6-10 men) in front of "B" Co. 87th 1391046, firing intermittent small arms and A.W. fire. Reported to Detrad 1 at 080045A. ACTION: ISUM, 080600A.
3	0200	<u>Rec'd: Hq IV Opns Instructions No.78</u> , dated 7 Feb.
4	0220	<u>Rec'd: Air Photos fr (AFS IV Samps) for Lt Patton PI.</u>
5	0335	<u>Phone Lt Bourke to Detrad 2:</u> Called Detrad 2 to check on overcast patrol reports numbers 913 and 804. ACTION...Major Vladimiroff said he would check and let me know shortly after 080400A.
6	0335	<u>Phone Lt Bourke to Rebata DO:</u> Called Rebata DO in regards to overcast patrol reports #88. ACTION...DO said he would check and let me know shortly.
7	0400	<u>Phone Rebata DO:</u> Mr Betti called 1st Bn 85th on overcast patrol report and was told it would be at La Salla 2 early in the morning. ACTION... Noted for G-2 Information.
8	0410	<u>Phone fr Major Vladimiroff, S-2, Detrad 1:</u> Detrad 2 called and said he was still working on the patrol reports missing, and we should have some action by 080530A. ACTION...Noted.
9	0435	<u>Rec'd: IV Corps sitrep#75</u> , submitted.
10	0600	<u>Rec'd: TF 45 ISUM #278</u> , submitted.
11	0600	<u>Rec'd: TF 45 SITREP #160</u> , submitted.
12	0625	<u>PATROL REPORT #485</u> , Out 071100A, In 071500. FINDINGS: Contact 365 at 071430A
		<u>PATROL REPORT #623</u> , Out 052000A, In 060600. FINDINGS: Negative report. ROUTE MEN REPORT: From CUTIGLIANO (103034) LAGUNA (138045) to ZERONE (108078): 2 round trips. LA CUCCELA
		<u>PATROL REPORT #624</u> , FINDINGS: No enemy sig. ROUTE MEN REPORT: From ONYAMI (379068) to COSTA (372077). Made 3 round trips.



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13	0535	Phone fr Max HQ: Sitrep: 616: No change. 605: (49636163). Our arty fired on 5 MG's. a silenced. 51 rounds fired. 604: Will report as soon as possible.
14	0625	PATROL REPORT #801. Cancelled due to sp. Patrol #1.  PATROL REPORT #1005, Out 062300A, In 072800A. FINDINGS: Obs of enemy territory MT SPIGOLINO and vicinity (L48094) fr 070730A - 071100A. Patrol recalled at (L477048) at 070430A. Condition of trails: mules could be used fr Retread Blue CP to (A51029). Fr there travel by foot or skis. Saw no enemy.
		PATROL REPORT #1006, Out 070812A, In 072411A. FINDINGS: MT SPIGOLINO (438094). Sighted 4 man patrol at (L437095). Unable to identify. These patrols were observed fr Retread Blue CP at (L455-028). Saw no enemy.
		PATROL REPORT #1007, Out 070800A, In 072725A. FINDINGS: Observed between 071315A and 071500A at (L4209). Saw no enemy. ROUTE BGN REPORT: trails good for mules fr (479028) to (479044). Thence (479044) to (477061) skis and weasels will go. Creeps advised fr (478048) forward.
15	0725	G-3 returned to CP.
16	0725	PATROL REPORT #1008, Out 070800A, In 073500A. FINDINGS: Recalled by radio at 071230A for admin reasons (clothing issue) from (440045). ROUTE BGN REPORT: trail from (4303) to (44004) trail good for mules. Snow on trail only where not sunny.  PATROL REPORT #1009, Out 070900A, In 073500A. FINDINGS: Rem of emergency routes on MT CALIPI (377046) observed high terrain from line north of spur of MT BALKANRO (1369216) to MT SPIGOLINO (L437-094). No enemy action. Civilian at house MT ORLI (L399025) said Germans used ridge route in evacuation of SAN MARCELLO. Bare of snow on SE slopes. Steep, easy climb to area of PIAN DI RASO (L3902)
		PATROL REPORT #1486, Out 070700A, In 072200A. FINDINGS: Reached MT RONDINAIO (275087). Excellent observation of enemy. Verified mortar position (caliber ?) at (28950895). Verified supply route for enemy fr (305098) to (299093). 15 man enemy patrol moving W to house (289089) at 061645A. Observed fr MT RONDINAIO (275087). Found new type American entrenching tool at (267064). Apparently lost by patrol #481. ROUTE BGN REPORT: trail petered out at (270077) but snow is frozen. Walked on crust. 45 minute walk between UGHELLIERA (270077) & MT RONDINAIO.

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17 0740 Zone fr 1A (Avermore (in Office)): 92d Period generally quiet. Troops between 16 and 18 hearing rec'd intermittent arty fire. Active patrols, some of which rec'd small arms and mortar fire. 39 rds of hostile enemy arty fire fell in coastal sector. PW - 070400A to 080400A - 44. 365th Inf: B Co relieved I Co at 072000A. Relief of 3d Bn by 1st Bn. 3d Bn assembling in vicinity BANDA (185-045). Relief completed at 072300A. 371st Inf: 2d Bn closed at vicinity of (9792). 370th: Moved forward and closed vicinity (9694). INF: Scattered arty and mortar fire. Patrolling. II Corps: Usual patrol contacts with scattered MG and mortar fire. A suspected tank fired during night fr (883332). Very slight arty. No PW.

18 0745 Fr LaSalle 2 to CO 1st Bn 87th: Package of maps (Heavy Defense of Financinatio, 7 Feb, 1945, 97 II MI, serial: 1/9400).

19 0745 G-2 returned to CP.

20 0800 PATROL REPORT #488, Out 070700A, In 072300A. FINDINGS: Reached a point (1286088). The route to this point ok for small raid. Snow 2 to 3 ft deep, but Airtrol has beaten a trail quite passable. Many positions observed at (1289089) and also at (1303088). Nothing new observed on trail up. Succeeded in finding a route which had not been known and which proved better than any other of the 3 known routes. Weather: excellent visibility. Radio contact with CP used to guide patrol. Terrain difficult.

PATROL REPORT #914, Out 072045A, In 080130A and 080130A. FINDINGS: Time 080130A and 080130A (Patrol was split). Followed overlay route, crossed road 75 yds SE of house (could not give coordinates). Road 1 1/2 ft untracked snow. Followed line of trees NE of house. Stopped, sent sgt and 4 men to reconnoiter bridge to West. Made contact with 3 or 4 men unknown (Italian or German) at 072300A. Detail ret'd. Started toward BOCCA CORNEMIA RIDGE at (803166A). Rec'd fire fr 1 or 2 MG with two long bursts, estimated 300 yds distance. Machine-gunner gave command "Fire" in German. Pvt Jackson threw grenade at gun. The forward observer called for arty fire which was rec'd and adjusted on area to NE at dist 30-40 yds. 41 rds fired. MG firing not repeated. Near junction portion of patrol heard the rds of what was believed to be mortar fire, estimated 200 yds to E. Patrol was withdrawing prior to battle adjustment of arty when "What's going on down there, who's there?" was shouted at them in German (translated by Pvt Becker). Then a bright red flare went up over patrol. Patrol cont'd withdrawing. Another red flare went up 5 minutes later at 072400A. Patrol was split at time of firing and lost contact. Ret'd in 2 groups over outgoing route. No casualties, no civilians observed. No information fr civilians or partisans. Condition of trail: unused. Weather clear and cold.

PATROL REPORT #804, In 080700A. FINDINGS: No contact, no casualties.

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| 20             | cont'd      | <u>PATROL REPORT #487</u> , Out 070600A, In 071830A. <u>FINDINGS</u> : Saw 1 enemy going west fr PIATTO (303089) fr position at (290033) and at 071000A went around east side of MT MUSCA, to keep in defilade. Observed 2 enemy moving about position (28900885) fr MT MUSCA. 1 enemy observed at house (289089) at 071200A fr MT MUSCA. Arrived at (303064). 071315A observation of BOLCO GRANEE (290086) masked by peak (298047) until saddle (308057) reached. Observed 2 enemy digging approx 10 yds south of house (289089) at 071630A, observed fr (305064). |
| 21             | 0825        | <u>Phone fr Subject 2 (Capt Hoover)</u> : Reported yesterday that mortar fire fr friendly unit was falling very near Subject 2 OP #47 (438050) fr approximately (L435022). Unit firing was 8550-K (M). <u>ACTION</u> : Notified 3 of location of OP #47 re stating that sector of fire be moved to right. Subject 3 notified of action.   |
| 22             | 0900        | <u>Phone fr G-2 to Retira 6</u> : Col Merix requested more prompt reports on patrols, to eliminate necessity for repeated checking back on delayed reports. Col Schmalzer stated that he would take immediate steps to remedy the condition.  |
| 23             | 0920        | <u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Abate 3 (Lt Buel)</u> : Start relief of K Co, Retread Blue, at CALIPI and LA LIMA at 091500A. Notify LaSalle 3 when relief completed (Maj Murphy). <u>ACTION</u> : Journal.  |
| 24             | 0924        | <u>Reg'd: IV Corps Isum #735.</u>   |
| 25             | 0925        | <u>Reg'd: Fifth Army ltr, Change #4 to S.A.L. Instructions.</u> Also Change #5 and Change #6.   |
| 26             | 0925        | <u>Reg'd: Fifth Army ltr, Italian Armed Forces Supply Procedure, etc., dated 31 Jan.</u>  |
| 27             | 0925        | <u>Reg'd: Fifth Army Monthly Ration Survey Report dated 31 Jan.</u>   |
| 28             | 0926        | <u>Reg'd: Draft of ltr, subject: "Request for Excess Issues of Equipment.</u> With note fr Col LaBue "Request for van will not be forwarded at this time."  |
| 29             | 1000        | G-2 left CP for 1st Bn 87th. Expected to return 081400A. <u>ACTION</u> : Journal.   |
| 30             | 1010        | <u>Reg'd: IV Corps 1st Ind to Fifth Army ltr dated 12 Jan. Subject: Special Signal Training Classes, etc. In dated 17 Jan. Note fr Col Hanson to G-3 attached: "Sig off requested by me to submit what information he desires put on this."</u>   |
| 31             | 1020        | <u>Phone fr Abate 3</u> : Sitrep: Vax and How Co's are now with Abate 3. Working through Abate 3rd CP. Remainder of Sitrep: No change. <u>ACTION</u> : Notified G-3, Journal.   |

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32	1020	<u>Phone fr Max 3:</u> Sitrep: 604: NTR. 605: MTR. 616: 1 propaganda mission, 100 rds. ACTION: Note d for Sitrep.
33	1025	<u>Rec'd:</u> 92d Div G-2 Periodic Report #94.
34	1025	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army G-2 Report #519.
35	1025	<u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Periodic Report fr 92d Div, #95.
36	1025	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps, G-3 Periodic Report #98.
37	1020	Wm Hays departed for MARESCA. Can be located at Return CP.
38	1030	<u>Phone fr Max 3:</u> Sitrep for 081030A: NTR. ACTION: Journal.
39	1030	<u>Phone fr Max 3:</u> Sitrep for 081030A: MTR. ACTION: Journal.
40	1050	<u>Phone fr Max 3:</u> Sitrep: NTR.
41	1100	TF 45 SITREP #461, submitted.
42	1120	<u>Phone fr Max 3:</u> Report on a bomb reported last night which exploded in BAGNI DI LUCIA (42694) area. This is additional information on last report. It was 80 centimeters long - 50 centimeters in diameter - 117 kilograms in weight. According to reports, it had been there since last September, rolled off a German ammunition truck that had passed that area. Cause of explosion unknown. ACTION: Notified G-2, Journal.
43	1122	PATROL REPORT #915, Out 080205A, In 080700A. FINDINGS: Observed N slope of MT BELVEDERE (1522174) to (1520180) to CORONA (1516176) at 080230A to 080615A. Crusted snow, granular breakable to hard. 6 inches to 1 foot deep. Weather clear. Enemy mine strip observed across QUERCIOLA - CORONA ROAD at (1517173) at 080400A. Melting snow has exposed mines, 10 to 12 of them, type unidentified. Mines are 1 foot apart, laid diagonally across road, in a single row. Old enemy mine field at (1517173) extending West. No enemy contact, heard digging on MT BELVEDERE at (1520180).
44	1130	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Engineer Situation Report, 7 Feb.
45	1130	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army Index to Operations Memo #3.
46	1130	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army Distribution List #6.
47	1130	<u>Rec'd:</u> 15th Army Group Training Memo #1, "Firing of VT Fuses"
48	1120	<u>Phone fr Max 3 to Max 3:</u> Check Sitrep of 604 and 605. I be-

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48	cont'd	lieve they have fired missions not reported. AEG: (Lt Donner) 6041 1 propaganda mission vicinity PIANDHATICOG. 1 emergency barrage ad- justment at (1389068) completed at 072325A. 51 rds. 60p; Fired non- tracking mission at (1496167). 41 rds. enemy MG's neutralized. ACTION: Entered in 081100A Sitrep.
49	1110	Phone fr <u>Abate 3</u> ; Fr <u>Abate White 3</u> ; Adv G opened at (1289969) at 080930A. Callan closed at same time. Future calls to <u>Abate White</u> adv will be placed through <u>Abate Med</u> . ACTION: Att'n G-3.
50	1145	Phone fr <u>Beacon 3 (Lang 2nd)</u> : Are there any mine schools being con- ducted within the division? Answer: Mine training team is now with A Co, 126th Eng in CASTELLUGGIO area. ACTION: Journal.
51	1155	Phone fr <u>Ex 2</u> ; Fr <u>Rejort 6</u> . Baker <u>Bary</u> of 1 Unit was fired on by friendly MG's at 072330A and 2400A. Estimated fire to come fr at 5000 and 5800 fr our position to MG's. Unit was in VIDIOLAYCO area (L51981408). ACTION: Retread 3 notified. He will have Retread white coordinate with <u>Rejort</u> .
52	1232	Phone fr <u>Ex 2</u> : 2 messages fr <u>Rejort 2 (Clark)</u> . Message at 081155A: 5 man patrol seen in LIRIO APARTO (L3711125A) by <u>Bary</u> PO. Message at 081120A: Unidentified party observed at <u>OMITO (L513078)</u> by G <u>Bary</u> PO. Observed at (L438030). More details when available. ACTION: Att'n G-2. (Capt Davis)
53	1235	Phone fr <u>Ex 2</u> : Arty requests permission to fire 50 cal MG at (L406- 064) & to (L406064) fr 081400A to 081700A. Have cleared with inf in area. ACTION: Permission granted. Plotted on map.
54	1235	Gen'd: 10 Annex #1, Enemy Defense Overlay #39 Maps fr Fifth Army.
55	1235	Gen'd: IV Corps Sitrep #75.
56	1235	Gen'd: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #216.
57	1235	Gen'd: 68th Arm'd PA Bn, G-2 Report #38.
58	1235	Gen'd: Technical Intelligence Summary #43.
59	1235	Gen'd: Intelligence Notes #93 fr Allied Forces Hq, AG of S, G-8.
60	1315	Phone fr <u>Retread Mine OP (L457020)</u> : At 081155A 3 unidentified men seen at (L359147). ACTION: Noted for 081330A Log.
61	1330	TF 45, IAW #278 submitted.
62	1350	Phone fr <u>Abate 3 to Retread</u> . <u>Abate 3</u> ; <u>Abate</u> Unit which replaces

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| 62      | cont'd | K Co, Retread Blue, will be under operational control of Retread. Reason: So that command in that sector will not be divided. ACTION: Notified Retread 3, (Maj. Kharr); Rebate 3, (Sgt Faliafero).   |
| 63      | 1400   | Reg'd: Training Schedule fr 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf. - Period - 8 Feb to 10 Feb.   |
| 64      | 1400   | Reg'd: Sketch plans on defense of ORAUSA and MARUSA fr Mq 85 Mt Inf.   |
| 65      | 1355   | Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3: "G" Co will replace "K" Co, Retread Blue, - divided between LA LIMA and CALIGI. ACTION: Notified Retread 3 (Maj. Kharr) that "G" Co., Rebate White, would relieve "K" Co, Retread White.   |
| 66      | 1430   | Reg'd: Ltr and Overlays from 86th Mt Inf pertaining to plans for reinforcement and support of 92d Inf Div in the Coastal Sector and the Sorchio Valley.  |
| 67      | 1435   | Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSalle 3: OP Red (1A8550430) at 1100A - 4 men in white seen at house (1A85088) going toward (1A84088). At 081300A a patrol observed 2 men in white moving towards (1A85088). In order to cover our activity in that area, 2 rounds friendly 7mm Arty was fired at the enemy; bursts fall close to enemy; enemy fled. ACTION: Noted for 081300A ISUM. |
| 68      | 1440   | PATROL REPORT: No 913, 7 Feb, 7/87, Out 071130A, In 071400A. REPORT: At 071330A made observation from (1A82189). SA fire coming from BERRASIGUA Ridge at (1A86136) and MB fire from (1A82146).   |
| 69      | 1430   | Phone fr Box 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP for 081430A. (081430A) 24 rounds, new VI fuse, fired at enemy OP (1A79081) and enemy strong point (1A79088) - Effective. (081430A) - NTR. (081430A) NTR. ACTION: Noted for SITREP 1500A.   |
| 70      | 1455   | Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP for 081430A - Negative. ACTION: Noted for journal.  |
| 71      | 1500   | TF 45 SITREP No. 462 submitted.  |
| 72      | 1510   | Reg'd: Patrol Intention overlays from 2nd Bn 87th Mt. Inf.   |
| 73      | 1510   | Reg'd: OPERATION MEMORANDUM fr Mq 87th Mt. Inf. - Proposed location of 87th Mt Inf Regtl CP (1A1051585) with overlay attached.   |
| 74      | 1510   | Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2: From Ref 2 - At (1A8215), 2 men observed at 081305A. At (34951260), 3 men were observed at 081305A. At (3495127), 2 men were observed at 081305A. From OP (1A8050). At 081310A, 2 men were seen at (34951260).  |

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- 74 Continued: Five men seen at (36961270) at 081445A. 2 men in white suits believed to be observing, were seen at (383005) at 081430A. ACTION: Noted for 1800 ISUM.
- 75 1515 PATROL PLAN NO. 494, C/85, 8 Feb, 5 RM, Out 090900, In 091500A. MISSION: Contact 365th Regt.  
PATROL PLAN NO. 495, C/85, 8 Feb, 5 RM, Out 091100A, In 091600A. MISSION: Contact 365th Regt.  
PATROL PLAN NO. 498, A/85, 8 Feb, 1 Off, 12 RM, Out 090700A, In 091800A. MISSION: Obsn of FOGS A G1070 and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ALPE TRE POTENZA.  
PATROL PLAN NO. 497, A/85, 8 Feb, 1 Off, 12 RM, Out 090600A, In 092000A. MISSION: Obsn of FOGS A G1070 and BALZO DELLE ROSE area.  
PATROL PLAN NO. 496, B/85, 8 Feb, 2 Off, 8 RM, Out 090400A, In 101200A. MISSION: Raid.
- 76 1520 Rep'd: fr Hq 87th Mt Inf - S-3 Notes, based on notes fr Regt 8-3 and S-3 1st Bn.
- 77 1540 Rep'd: Overlay to accompany patrol report 5101, 6 Feb 45.
- 78 1550 Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2: Air report: At (418107) observed MG nest, 9 men seen leaving position at our time, 2 men left same position sometime later carrying what appeared to be MG at 081430A. These men headed NW. ACTION: Noted for 1800 ISUM.
- 81 79 1550 PATROL REPORT No. 516, 7 Feb, G/85, Out 071100A, In 081300A. REPORT: Observed 4 unidentified men in patrol formation at (1418059) from position close to this coordinate at 080100A. Arrived at (1438067) a bldg in use by civilians - no signs of enemy. Arrived top of Mt. CIMONEINO (144080600) and at 080400A saw light flashing signals at (1430100). Partisan reports signal for our planes to drop food to partisans are being duplicated by Germans for their own use. Our planes heard flying over that point at the time, and the partisans think that it was enemy signalling. At 080730A position on Mt SPIGALINO (14209) was observed and at least 2 enemy were seen. Partisans report position on Mt SPIGALINO was reconnoitered on the evening of 5 Jan following our raid. Heard automatic weapons firing at 080915A from (1446088), could not see the weapons. Saw abandoned ski equipment laying at (1444079) believed to have belonged to one of enemy patrol fired at during Jan 5 raid.
- 80 1555 Rep'd: Message fr 92nd Div pertaining to counter-attack repulsed by 366 Inf.

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81	1615	Lt Livermore, in C, left for Corps Hq.
82	1616	<u>Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2i</u> From CP 47 at 081600A - 1 man seen signalling with flags at (388128). Believes it to be possible CP.
83	1640	<u>Rec'd: Number ISUM #736 fr IV Corps dated 081559A.</u>
84	1645	<u>Res'd: SITREP No. 76 fr IV Corps dated 081200A.</u>
85	1650	PATROL REPORT NO. 490, 7 Feb 45, Out 081000A, In 081400A. REPORT: Contact with 365th Inf at 081230A.
86	1650	PATROL REPORT NO. 489, 7 Feb, Out 080830A, In 081500A. REPORT: Contact with 365th Inf at 081100A.
87	1710	Col Works and Maj. Walker left CP for Officers quarters.
88	1730	<u>Phone fr Boxes 2 to LaSalle 2i</u> ISUM - NTR. SITREP - NTR. ACTION: JOURNAL.
89	1740	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3i</u> SITREP - No change. ACTION: Noted for 1800A SITREP.
90	1800	ISUM NO. 280 submitted. (TF 45)
91	1800	TF 45 SITREP No. 463 submitted.
92	1805	Col Irvin returned to CP.
93	1755	<u>Phone fr Box 3 to LaSalle 3i</u> SITREP - No change. ACTION: Noted for 1800A SITREP.
94.	1200	<u>Phone fr Retread Red 2 to LaSalle 2i</u> Two confessed enemy agents gave themselves up at CP Retread Red at 081200A. They claimed to have come from ABETONE to FLAMINATIO to NEMO to CUTIGLIANO. ACTION: Turned over to CIC at SAN MARCELLO where they signed confessions. Lt Col Works ordered they be turned over to OSS for questioning on enemy installations. (Met previously entered).
95	1810	<u>Phone fr Box 4 to LaSalle 2i</u> CP has observed mortar fire (white phosphorous) falling in vicinity of Mt LA MACIELLA (1449042). ACTION: 3d Bn 87th is firing mortars in that area for practice.
96	1850	<u>Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2i</u> Foreign made radio tube (broken) found in CUTIGLIANO by MM - Are you interested in it? ACTION: Send tube and note of circumstances of its finding to G-2 for possible investigation.





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- 105 Continued passable only on the ridge at (453024) up to Mt. GEMWARD (476045). Trail starting at (469047) leading N is impassable on N slope all ice and rocks. Could be used with crampons, ice axes and rope. Trail starting at (453037) leading to GAVINANA (455013) considered main trail. It is poorly marked by red arrows on rocks. There is a cut-off at (443021) leading to Mt. EPICOMA (439034). 5. Weather calm, clear and bright. Sun goggles recommended. 6. Results of friendly or enemy activity: Observed about 15 men digging in at (477052), at 081200A. 7. No enemy contacted. 8. No material lost or captured. 9. Action of patrol; mission accomplished.
- 106 2109 Phone fr Retired to LaSalle 21 Patrol plan for 3 patrols, one an ambush patrol and two non patrols going out the 9th of Feb, will be sent in AM of 9 Feb 45.
- 107 2145 Rec'd: Ltr fr 85th Mt Inf Hq. Subject: Supply Requirements. Ltr dated 8 Feb.
- 108 2205 Phone fr Hqs 2 to LaSalle 21 At (394070) small arms fire and "Burr" gun heard in this approximate area by infantry OP 081923A. Subject fired on (394070) and silenced the enemy in this area. Verified by OP at 082110A and 082120A. ACTION: Noted for 0600A ITRM and Journal.
- 109 2208 Phone fr Hqs 1 to LaSalle 21 SITREP as of 2130 - 604th FA M - 1 harassing mission in square (37450852), results effective. A) rounds expended. 605 - MTR. 616 - 1 harassing mission in square (383065) results effective. 21 rounds fired.
- 110 2210 Rec'd. ITRM 737 from IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 082000A, February 1945.
- 111 2210 PATROL REPORT #518, Out 060800A, In 081300A. REPORT: Observed MT MAMANDRINI (1477050) from 081200A to 081300A. Trails good - visibility excellent. No civilians seen - no enemy contact. Patrol went to MACHELLA (1470042) at 081200A met a patrol from 10th Recon Troop at 081100A, consisting of 1 vessel and 6 men. Patrol was on top of MONTICHELLI (14403) at 081200A.
- 112 2210 PATROL REPORT #491, Out 080700A, In 081700A. REPORT: Trail good, very little snow - no enemy activity or new positions to report.
- 113 2210 PATROL REPORT #492, Out 080800A, In 081745A. REPORT: Went as far as (1298067) walking good - very little snow. Reached destination at 081100A and following observed 4 men in white, came out of house (1289088) heading up ridge at (1284085) moved N. 4 enemy in position (12840845) at 081315A. 2 men in house (1289089) at 081400A. 2 men in position (128400845) relieved by 2 other men. 5 men in house at (1289089).

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| 114            | 2210        | PATROL REPORT #493, 7 Feb 1945, Out 080700A, In 081100A. REPORT: Reached (278072) at 081100A very little snow, trail good. No civilian or friendly troops seen. Observation made from (1278072). 081345A saw one enemy at (1304088). 081345A saw 2 enemy at (1304087). 081500A, 4 enemy seen at (1305087) from position (1279079).  |
| 115            | 2245        | <u>Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> From Retread Red. At 2116A at coordinates (406039) unidentified person fired red flare and tracer. No record of anyone in that area. Also reports someone suspected of signalling planes from house in 57th area. Men are now out to investigate.<br>Further report on unknown person signalling. Men sent out to watch house stated that man flashed light again at 082230 and low flying plane appeared at same time. ACTION: Advised 57th to move in and shoot or take anyone caught signalling. Requested information on planes flying in this area from Corps.   |
| 116            | 2300        | TF 45 SITREP #464, submitted.   |
| 117            | 2300        | Received from Message Center -- coded message from Corps for Major Walker. ACTION: Held for Major Walker.   |
| 118            | 2335        | <u>Phone fr IV Corps (JA Livermore) to LaSalle 2:</u> II Corps: Very quiet. Some enemy observed. Arty fires moderate and harassing. INF: Patrols active. Received enemy small arms fire. 2nd Div: At 2300A - 2904h Inf, 2nd Bn - E Co at (959958) - F Co (949955), G Co (944965). At 1725A our troops occupied LAMARIBOTTO, were surrounded and started to withdraw in orderly fashion to SOMOCOLONA. Ordered to retake former position. Strong enemy action continues. Road block (enemy) at (U822961) and was neutralized. Enemy counterattacked at STRITOLA (U950966) repulsed at 1420A. 150 enemy counter attacked BELLA STELLA (1199084) at 081610A - stopped by our arty. |
| 119            | 2340        | <u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Keystone 3:</u> 2300 SITREP. Late because of poor communication.   |

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| 1       | 0020 | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> B & C Batteries 605th were shelled over 082300A to 082315A. B Btry reports 1 round of enemy artillery fell at (512139). 13 rounds fell at (512138) at 082325A. Ammunition from C Btry was 100% - Believed 88 mm. Our artillery fired counter battery at (519189). 42 rounds. Not observed. ACTION: To be entered on 0600 SITREP and LSUM.   |
| 2.      | 0200 | <u>Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Unidentified plane circling over SAN MARCELLO area. Has come in several times from NE, circled SAN MARCELLO and returned to NE. Believed to be small liaison type plane flying at about 1000 foot altitude. Cannot observe it. ACTION: Asked IV Arty if we have any flights up. They said no and would check with other Artillery units. Told 87th to try to observe more of plane's actions. |
| 3       | 0445 | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> 604th SITREP - No change; 605th - Fired counter battery 47 rounds from 082245A to 082300A. Unobserved 090258 to 0920 - Timed fire concentration in support of Patrol #916. Total of 39 rounds. Observed fire 090351A to 090429A, fired one concentration in support of patrol. 18 rounds fired observed fire. 616th - No change.  |
| 4       | 0600 | TF 45 SITREP #165, submitted.   |
| 5       | 0600 | TF 45 LSUM #221 submitted.  |
| 6       | 0630 | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps SITREP 78, submitted.  |
| 7       | 0845 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps GUS Det Intelligence Bulletin dated 8 Feb 1945.   |
| 8       | 0855 | <u>Rec'd:</u> 68th Armd FA Bn G-2 Report #39, dated 8 Feb, submitted.   |
| 9       | 0900 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #245, dated (not previously recorded).  |
| 10      | 0900 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps Opns Memo #3, dated Jan 27 1945, re Passive Air Defense, Civil Defense, and Fire Defense, with a note from G of S, dated 8 Feb reading "G-3, what is being done on this?" Also attached was Hq Fifth Army Opn Memo No.19, dated 20 Aug 1944, re Passive Air Defense, etc.   |
| 11      | 0900 | <u>Rec'd:</u> War Department (The Adjutant General's Office) letter, Subject: Unauthorized Disclosures by Personnel of Armed Forces, dated 18 Jan 1945.   |

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| 12      | 0930 | Reg'd: Teletype report REF #755 regarding hostile activity 090558A Feb, addressed to Fifth Army, II Corps, TF 45 and let Inf Div REF....(LSUM No. 730).   |
| 13      | 0730 | Phone fr La Salle (Lainoni) REF: Quiet front, arty fire slight. Mortar fire moderate. Active patrolling very little contact. Little enemy movement observed. II CORPS: Fire fight w/30 enemy vicinity (L670230). Enemy activity observed vicinity M. CASTELLANO.. Tanks vicinity 1908338. Enemy using red very lights, fire fight at SOPRA 1895288. Some shelling on left flank. 22nd INF: Enemy activity fell off sharply after the early hours of the night. Our troops at 1193082, 1192080, were counter-attacked at 1725 from three sides by activated enemy Bn. 15-20 enemy on hill at 1148335, withdrew. Intense mortar barrage caused our troops to withdraw from high ground at 0947144. Total of 99 rounds enemy arty fire during night. 90 FW's for 24 hr period. |
| 14      | 0830 | Phone fr La Salle 3 to DCS-760 Fr M(it) REF: Called S Co., 760 Tn Bn and they are going to submit report on status of tanks daily to us at 1030A. ACTION...Notified Major Walker as requested.  |
| 15      | 1015 | Reg'd: Hq 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf letter dated 9 Feb, subject Firing Area also to practice Employment of Tanks with Inf to be conducted Vicinity of Cassarese Italy, 9, 10, 11 Feb by Cos L, I, K, and M, 87th Mt Inf.  |
| 16      | 1000 | Reg'd: Eng Schedules for week 13-17 Feb, 1st & 3rd Bns and Med Sect of 87th Mt. Inf.  |
| 17      | 1000 | Phone fr La Salle 7(AG): All available O's will attend a meeting on main floor in bldg across the street at 09130A.   |
| 18      | 1038 | Reg'd: Hq 92nd Inf Div, G-2 Periodic Report No. 95, dated 7 Feb.  |
| 19      | 1840 | Reg'd: Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 520, dated 7 Feb.   |
| 20      | 1045 | Reg'd: Hq IV Corps letter dated 8 Feb, Subject: Engr Situation Report.  |
| 21      | 1050 | Reg'd: Hq 92nd Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report dated 8 Feb (No.96)  |
| 22      | 1053 | Reg'd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Rpt#79, dated 8 Feb.  |

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| 23      | 1058 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq 10th Mt. Div. G-1 Periodic Report dated 9 Feb.   |
| 24      | 1100 | <u>Rec'd:</u> TF 45 SITREP #466 submitted.  |
| 25      | 1010 | <u>Phone fr Box 2 fr Reply 2:</u> <u>Obs:</u> Observer at 51718Y noted shelling at (49821360), at 090910A. Damage: none. Direction of enemy guns 700 mils fr (517189)). Calibre: no estimate; 35 shells. Two fragments to be turned in later. <u>Obs:</u> Observer at 51718Y noted shelling at (50721320) at 090920A. No damage. Azimuth of guns 210 mils. from obs. No range or calibre est. Ten shells. No fragments. <u>Obs:</u> Shelling at (518129) at 090920A. No damage; enemy direction azimuth 800 mils fr observer. 88 mm fire--4 shells. 6 craters at 50161350. Dimensions of one of these: 7 feet wide, 18 inches deep. ACTION...for 1330 ISUM. |
| 26      | 1030 | <u>Phone fr 760 Th. D Col</u> Status of tanks of "D" Co., 760 Th Bn. 15 running order--2 repairable-in more than 24 hrs. All light tanks. ACTION...noted for 093000SITREP.  |
| 27      | 1120 | <u>Rec'd:</u> 45th AAA Brigade, Signal Operation Instructions, effective 11 Feb, 1945., dtd 11 Feb.   |
| 28      | 1115 | <u>Phone fr Behind 3:</u> Enemy tank sighted at 1115. Fired on by our tanks at 091035A. Enemy position then fogged over. ACTION...noted for 1330 ISUM.  |
| 29      | 1045 | <u>Phone fr Lt Col Bielefeld, TF 45:</u> Indications are that TF 45 will be disbanded on 11 Feb. ACTION...notified: Dd Col Irvin.   |
| 30      | 1145 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation Report # of 0700, dated 9 Feb.  |
| 31      | 1150 | Hq TF 45 Intelligence Annex No. 2 and 2a/w/ Accompany FO no.6. dated 19 Jan 1945.   |
| 32      | 1210 | Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 247, dated 9 Feb. 4 copies.   |
| 33      | 1215 | Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 76, dated 8 Feb. 4 copies.   |
| 34      | 1200 | G- and G-3 went out to lunch...expected to return approx 1250A.   |
| 35      | 1215 | Hq IV Corp G-3 Air Section, letter Subject Air Target Requests for 9 Feb.   |
| 36      | 1215 | Hq IV Corps, Office of Asst G of Staff, G-2, Memo to A C of S G-2, re prisoners being checked for safe conduct passes etc.  |

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37	1330	Hq IV Corps Distribution List No. 1, dated 12 June 1944, To be noted and returned to IG section for file.
38	1335	Hq MPO letter, dated 18 November 1944, Subject: Repatriation of American Personnel. Note attached, addressed to G-2 "only one copy of these letters (13 Dec 1944, re Repatriation of US Army Personnel) read at this Hq. Please note and return to AG for file" signed by Lt Col GEDawson, AG.
39	1345	Hq TF 45 Staff Memo recd. re Telephone Peak Hours, dated 9 Feb.
40	1350	Rec'd: Hq North African Theater of Operations letters (2), dated 5 June 1944 and 16 June 1944, Subject: Loyalty Investigation of Military Personnel, to which was attached a note from Lt Col. G E Dawson, AG, reading "Only one copy of these 2 letters read in this cmd. Please note and return to AG for file (addressed to G-2).
41	1030	Phone fr Box 3: SITREP: ...604-NTR: 605...NER. 616...NTR.
42	1215	Phone fr Lt Sadger to Lt Col Works: Nothing new from captured enemy. Complete report will follow. ACTION: Journal and notified Lt Col Works.
43	1400	Rec'd: Hq IV Corps Arty S-3 Report No. 36. Intelligence Summary, dated 7 Feb.
44	1330	TF 45 ISUM #262, submitted.
45	1400	Rec'd: Msg. titled "3326 Siam Company L-4 Det.", dated 8 Feb, concerning 92d Div G-2 and G-3 reports. Also msg with same title dated 9 Feb, concerning Fifth Army.
46	1325	Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol #496 left on schedule. ACTION: Journal.
47	1345	Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Rebate, Account, Retread 2: By 171700A, a report will be submitted to LaSalle 2, stating: 1. Total number of prisoners taken fr 101200A to 171200A, 2. Number w/safe conduct passes. 3. Number attempting to use passes to get through our lines.
48	1400	Rec'd: Overlay #29 to accompany report of Patrol #1009.
49	1340	Phone fr Maj Schooley, Rebate 3: Maj Schooley (S-3, 85th) called to say that Rebate Blue had located a mine field S of PRUNETTA at a town named MIGNLIORD (Q4595). They want permission to probe for mines. ACTION: Col Irvin says OK.
50	1405	PATROL PLAN #401, C/85, 1 MCO, 4 EM, 10 Feb, Out 100900A, In 101500A. MISSION: Contact 365th Inf.

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50    cont'd    PATROL PLAN #102 A/85, 10 Feb, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 100400A, In 112000A.  
MISSION: Obs. RIO BELLE POSSE VALLEY.

PATROL PLAN #103, 10 Feb, 1 MCO, 11 EM, Out 108600A, In 101900A.  
MISSION: Obs. FOCE A GIOVO and ALPE TRE POTENZA.

PATROL PLAN #199, 10 Feb, C/85, 1 MCO, 4 EM, Out 100830A, In 101500A.  
MISSION: Contact 365 Inf.

PATROL REPORT #806, Out 080200A, In 090630A. FINDINGS: Direct obsn of PLANSINATIO (13808) from OP (108081). Pin-pointed bunker w/2 enemy. Men going to and from position. Suspected AR now plotted, weapon is flat trajectory. Panoramic sketch of area obs'd will be forwarded. Trails also plotted. Trails much used. Snow knee-deep; lay in spots.

51    1430    Rec'd: 10th Mt Div DB #6.

52    1430    Rec'd: Lists of WD Publications, Index to MO, Bulletins, and Circulars.

53    1445    G-2 and G-3 left for meeting noted item #17, today's Journal.

54    1438    Phone fr Mex 3: Sitrep: 60A: NTR. 605: Communications out. 616: Fired 1 mission, destruction enemy gun at (376089). Total of 4 rounds. Results unobserved. ACTION: sitrep.

55    1450    Rec'd: 5 Patrol Plan overlays fr 87th.

56    1450    Rec'd: 3 Patrol Plan overlays fr 1st Bn 87th.

57    1447    Phone fr Retread 3 (Lt Hines): The Army Commander is at Retread CP.  
ACTION: C/S notified.

58    1450    PATROL PLAN #921, 9 Feb, Hq Co/87, 7 EM, Out 100830A, In 101500A.  
MISSION: Ren.

PATROL PLAN #922, 9 Feb, H&H/87, 2 Off, 36 EM, Out 102245A, In 110600A.  
MISSION: Ambush and Ren.

PATROL PLAN #1105, 9 Feb, I&H/87, 1 Off, 20 EM, Out 101930A, In 110600A.  
MISSION: Ren and support.

PATROL PLAN #918, 9 Feb, H/87, 6 EM, Out 090930A, In 091700A. MISSION:  
Ren.

PATROL PLAN #919, 9 Feb, E/87, 1 Off, 6 EM, Out 091345A, In 091800A.  
MISSION: Ren.

PATROL PLAN #920, 9 Feb, E/87, 2 Off, 25 EM, Out 091830A, In 100600A/  
MISSION: Ambush.



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58	cont'd	PATROL PLAN #814, 9 Feb, 1st Bn/87, 1 Off, 22 EM, 2 Part, Out 101800A, In 111000A. MISSION: Route Men and locate enemy positions.  PATROL PLAN #813, 9 Feb, B/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 101000A, In 101800A. MISSION: Recon, locate enemy positions.  PATROL PLAN #815, 10 Feb, 1st Bn/87, 2 Off, 19 EM, 2 Part, Out 101900A, In 102300A. MISSION: Recon routes LE PIAGGE (109). Obs PIANINATIGO (3808).  PATROL PLAN #1013, 10 Feb, I/87, 1 Off, 14 EM, Out 100800A, In 111800A. MISSION: Recon.  PATROL PLAN #1012, 10 Feb, I/87, 13 EM, Out 100800A, 101900A. MISSION: Recon.
59	1500	TF A5 SITREP #467, submitted.
60	1505	Reg'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast.
61	1525	Phone fr General Duff: Inquired as to what the following organizations were doing today: 3d Bn "stread, 2d and 3d Bn Rebate. Wants check made on 3d Bn "ebate's activities. ACTION: Phoned Rebate 3 and sent answer to Gen Duff.
62	1525	Reg'd: MTOUSA ltr: Officer's Personal Record of Leaves of Absence, dated 4 Feb.
63	1550	Capt Advermore left for IV Corps.
64	1600	Reg'd: Fr Capt Galtre, HEP: G-3 Report, overlay, and an information bulletin. ACTION: Sit map; notified Col Irvin.
65	1600	Reg'd: G-2 Report and Information Bulletin #98 fr Capt Galtre, HEP. ACTION: Col Works notified.
66	1600	Phone fr Report (Lt Crouch): Negative report submitted on trucks in answer to information desired by CG and put out at orientation this AM. ACTION: Maj Murphy advised.
67	1625	PATROL REPORT #916, Out 081900A, In 090501A. FINDINGS: Proceeded to (L500167) and at 090220A knocked out 2 MI positions with small arms and bazooka fire. A demand to surrender was not answered. Finished the job with hand grenades. One of our men was wounded in the fight. The patrol was fired on by a machine pistol from (L499167) as it withdrew under cover of arty fire. Wounded man was evacuated. Estimated 4 to 6 enemy killed.

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68	1645	G-2, G-3 returned to CP.
69	1720	<u>Msg'd</u> : Fr IV Corps GIB Det, Intelligence Bulletin dated 9 Feb.
70	1724	G-3 left for G4.
71	1745	<u>Phone fr Msg 3</u> : Sitrep: 604: 1 mission destruction and personnel (1393090). Results: position neutralized, 21 rds expended. 605: 2 missions counter-battery (519189) and (511189). Results unknown. 33 rds expended. 616: No change. ACTION: Sitrep.
72	1750	G-2 left for G4.
73	1752	<u>Phone fr "cbate 3"</u> : Sitrep: No change. ACTION: Sitrep.
74	1759	<u>Phone fr "sitrep 3"</u> : Sitrep: No change.
75	1759	<u>Msg'd</u> : IV Corps Issu Mar No 315, dated 091512A.
76	1800	TF 45 ISUM #222, submitted.
77	1800	TF 45 SITREP #462, submitted.
78	1820	<u>Msg'd</u> : IV Corps Sitrep #79, dated 091200A Feb.
79	1830	<u>Phone fr "cbate 2 to Msg 2"</u> : Made arrangements for Lt. Col Nations, Capt Swedberg, Capt Klems, and Capt Edwards to go on air run flights for the PURETIA strip at 1400 tomorrow.
80	1900	<u>Phone fr "return (Lt Dawson)"</u> : PAD Officer 2d Lt Joseph Strock. ACTION: To be placed on PAD list.
81	1910	G-2 returned to CP.
82	1915	<u>Msg'd</u> : 10th Mt Div CO #2.
83	1915	<u>Msg'd</u> : 10th Mt Div Mess #13.
84	1915	<u>Msg'd</u> : 10th Mt Div CO #18.
85	1915	<u>Msg'd</u> : Delinquency Report dated 8 Feb with rate to G-2: "What is current information to outfits on "blackout"? Signed PKL.
86	1915	<u>Msg'd</u> : Action slip with Fifth Army ltr: Utilization of Army Wire Communication.
87	1915	<u>Msg'd</u> : Package fr Leaflet Section PNB Hankins, Unit 14, APO 512, US Army.

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88	1920	G-3 returned to CP.
89	1925	PATROL REPORT #495, Out 090930A, In 091645A. FINDINGS: Contact made with 365th Inf at 091115A.  PATROL REPORT #494, Out 091100A, In 091420A. FINDINGS: Contact at 091220A.  PATROL REPORT #498, Out 090700A. FINDINGS: Obs limited due to snowstorm. No enemy contact (295055).  PATROL REPORT #497, Out 090600A. FINDINGS: Obs poor due to bad weather. No enemy contact. (L285087).
90	1942	Phone fr <u>Systems 3 (Maj Hamilton)</u> : Wants to know what 10 half-tracks for LA LIMA - BARRI DI LUCCA road patrols are being used for. ACTION: Amount received 8 fr TF 45. Amount received 8 fr Amount: 4 being used and 4 in 63d Ord shop. Maj Hamilton notified.
91	2045	Phone fr G-2 to <u>Capt Saunders (CS Ron Irons)</u> : Contact Col Fowler, <u>Retread 6</u> , tomorrow AM concerning raid on <u>BRIGOLINO</u> .
92	2045	PATROL REPORT #919, Out 091400A, In 091730A. FINDINGS: Visibility limited to 100 yds due to snowstorm. Patrol reached (L305164) and returned. No enemy contact.  PATROL REPORT #918, Out 090700A, In 091215A. FINDINGS: Poor visibility due to snowy weather. Reached (L475129) and returned. No enemy contact.
93	2107	<u>Msg'd: IV Corps Icon #740</u> , dated 092024A.
94	2120	Phone fr <u>Box 2 (fr McGuire 2)</u> : At 091630A 2 unidentified men captured, 1 armed-1 unarmed, at (L409059) by 1st Sgt <u>Reselli, Rq Btry, (McGuire (616)</u> . Men were in civilian clothes. Were turned over to infantry (87th), who sent them to CIC. The men were pointed out as suspicious by 2 Italian civilians. Box 2 would like to be notified as to results of CIC questioning. ACTION: CIC reports the 2 men were Alpini, possibly deserters fr the Italian army. Case is pending.
95	2137	G-2 left CP for O4.
96	2135	Phone fr <u>Capt Livermore</u> : II Corps: extremely quiet up to 1900A; some mortar fire in right center sector; arty fire negligible. IV Corps: 92d Div (as of 1800A): little enemy activity; shelling in coastal continues heavy; 636 rds mined arty fall between 0600A and 1700A in vicinity <u>VERGATA (89495)</u> and N of <u>CIN-JUALS CARAL</u> in the (U9095) s were. enemy mule train observed vicinity (178071); active patrolling continues BEP: (1800A) sector quiet; slight arty and mortar fire; moderate patrolling continues; not much contact. ACTION: G-2, 3 notified.

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97	2230	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP report - No change. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.
98	2230	<u>Phone fr Retread 2 (Sgt Anderson) to LaSalle 3:</u> One PW entered C Co Retread lines at (378070) at 092030A Feb. ACTION: Noted for 0600 ISGM.
99	2240	Lt Col Irvin left CP for Officers quarters.
100	2245	<u>Phone fr Habats 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> Part of "G" Co replaced "K" Co of 8550J at La LIMA at 1900A today. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.
101	2230	<u>Phone fr Box 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> SITREP report for 605 FA and 616 FA. - NTA. ACTION: Noted for 2300 SITREP.
102	2255	<u>Phone fr Box 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> 604 FA - 1 mission, destructive, of house occupied by enemy at (1375091). Effect - partly destroyed. No of rds - 26. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.
103	2255	Col LaDue left CP for Officers quarters.
104	2300	TF 45 SITREP No. 469 submitted.
105	2305	<u>Phone fr Reply 2 through Box 2 to LaSalle 3:</u> Area at approximate coordinate (4410-1912) to (4906-1894) smoked at 1430A and 1730A. Amber parachute flares seen over BOCCA GARRINZA (498-173) from C OP (4918-1330) ACTION: Noted for 0600 ISGM.
106	2305	PATROL REPORT No. 812, 8 Feb, 4/87, Out 090100A, In 091800A. REPORT: Enemy terrain observed, PIANGINATICO (13808). Trails - Fresh snow over ice. Icy in spots. No enemy contact. - Hen. Weather - Cloudy.
107	2305	PATROL REPORT No. 811, 8 Feb, 4/87, Out 090900A, In 091800A. REPORT: Enemy terrain observed; Mt. La SERRA (13708), SANLORO (13608). Observed from (1373065). Observation took place practically the entire day. No enemy disposition or enemy personnel located. Trails - Fresh snow over ice. Icy in spots. Weather - Cloudy with snow flurries. Hen.

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1	0330	Rec'd. IV Corps SITREP No. 80, dated 10 FEB 45.
2	0430	Phone fr IFW to LaSalle 2: 1 Italian PW fr from Hq, 3rd Bn, 5th Regt, San Marco - a medic and deserted Feb 8, 1945 and reached our lines at 092030A. ACTION - Noted for 0600 ISUM. (Journal entry No. 98 in Journal of 9 Feb reports the capture of this PW)
3	0535	Phone fr Retread 3 (Capt Preston) to LaSalle 3: SITREP report - No change. ACTION: Noted for 0600 SITREP.
4	0540	Phone fr Box 3 PO to LaSalle 3: 404 FA: No missiles fired. No change in installations. 403 FA: 2 missiles fired - 1 Nightstar adjustment, 1 truck convoy - results unknown - 26 yds - No change in installations. (Unable to report time of firing) 404 FA: Negative report. ACTION: Noted for 0600 SITREP.
5	0555	Phone fr Rebata 2 to LaSalle 2: ISUM report - No change. G Co closed at CALIDA (1377045) at 100100A. ACTION: Noted for 0600 SITREP and ISUM.
6	0600	TF 45 SITREP No. 470 submitted.
7	0600	TF 45 ISUM No. 224 submitted.
8	0630	Sent to CO, Man Tr, TF 45, Consolidated Patrol Report (to accompany overlay) "APPROACHES TO MT SPINOLINO Map 97 IX NW".
9	0630	G-3 left for Retread White.
10	0630	ISUM #741 from IV CORPS to Fifth Army to include 100800A received.
11	0630	Rec'd. Hq TF 45, G-3 Periodic Report No. 166 dated 9 Feb 1945.
12	0630	Phone fr Major McCormick, Fifth Army to LaSalle 3: Called in regards to a quota for Leadership and Battle School. Major Murphy talked with him and said we didn't wish a quota at present. ACTION: Noted.
13	0930	Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 96 dated 8 Feb 1945.
14	0930	Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div, Operation Instructions No. 2 dated 8 Feb 1945.
15	0930	Rec'd. Ltr from Hq 688 Detachment, Subject: Interrogation of Enemy Agent dated 9 Feb 1945.
16	0740	Phone fr Liaison Officer, IV Corps to LaSalle 2: 92nd - Heavy arty active (150 rounds) mixed cal. Little enemy activity. Small counterattack 1950A on (1277046) repulsed by artillery 2030A. Patrol

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- 16 (Continued) continued. 21 PW's. BEZ: Quiet. Slight arty & mortar. Active patrolling. Enemy flash signals and lights. No PW's. LI CHEN: Quiet. No reported patrol contacts. Slight arty fire.
- 17 0930 Message from LaSalle 2 to Retrad 2 and Return 2: Attached are route and terrain studies from air photos of LA MASARA-COMENA Rd 849 Areas. Patrolling and observation should be directed toward a further terrain study of this area to substantiate this report and to obtain further information as soon as possible. The following questions must be answered: (1) Will the road net and adjacent terrain permit the use of tanks? What and where are the obstacles? Can they be eliminated? (2) Will the road net permit the use of motor transportation? What types of vehicles can be used? What improvements are necessary?
- 18 0940 Phone fr Rehata 2 (Junior) to LaSalle 3: Patrol #496 machine gunned and shelled with bazooka, house at (L291099) no enemy returned fire. Brought flanking element upon house and captured 6 PW's (unidentified). Patrol now moving S. on house at (L291063). ACTION: Notified Col Works, called Lt Bromberg.
- 19 0945 G-2 left for BAKHI DI LUCCA. Expected to return 101800A.
- 20 1000 Rec'd. Message fr 126th Mt Ingr Bn: Pursuant to Operation Memo No 19, Hq Fifth Army, 2nd Lt Joseph Street is appointed Bn, P.A.D. Officer, 9 Feb 1945. To: G-3, 10th Mt Div fr Ass't G-3.
- 21 1015 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report dated 8 Feb 1945. Report No. 521.
- 22 1015 Rec'd. Passwords for Fifth Army period 15 Feb to 21 Feb inclusive copies No. 177, 178, 179, 180, and 181 dated 7 February 1945.
- 23 1015 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, Engineer Situation Report period 061800 to 071800, 09 February 1945.
- 24 1015 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army Amendment No. 2 to Operations Memorandum Number 2 dated 8 February 1945.
- 25 1030 Phone fr Box 3 to LaSalle 3: 604, 605, and 616th - NTR.
- 26 1030 Message fr CO, 832d Mt Inf to G-2, TF A5: Reference No. AA. Two more enemy in mortar position 2895 0895. Patrol about ready to make attack. Presence still not known by enemy. All weapons and personnel in position. (Received in code).
- 27 1030 Phone fr Rehata 2 (Junior) to LaSalle 2: Five more PW's (unidentified) taken at (L291063) by Patrol 496. 1 enemy killed. ACTION: Notified sage.

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28	1040	<u>Phone fr 760 Tr (D Co) to LaSalle 3:</u> Status of tanks of D Co, 760th Tr Bn -- 11, running condition, 1 repairable within 24 hours, 2 repairable in more than 24 hours. ACTION: This will be entered on 102300A SITREP.
29	1115	<u>Phone fr S-3, 87th Mt Inf to LaSalle 3:</u> 1 Co, 87th relieved at MT CALVIN (577045) at 100400A, by G Co, 85th. 1 Co closed in Bn Area at 100700A. ACTION: Noted for 1500A SITREP.
30	1115	Reg'd. Ltr fr 10th GIC Detachment dated 7 Feb 1945, Subject: ALBERTI, Alberto and BOSCELLI, Massimo, concerned enemy agents, and inclosed reports on both.
31	1100	TF 45, SITREP #471, submitted.
32	1135	<u>Phone fr Babst 2 to LaSalle 3:</u> Plane rise for one 00 and one S-2 tomorrow afternoon 11 Feb 1945. ACTION: Major Lasek referred this party to Major Twombly at Box 2.
33	1145	<u>Phone fr Reigent 2 to LaSalle 3:</u> At (417043) six enemy shells landed at 1130A. Reported by Able GP at (411046). ACTION: 1330 ISM.
34	1145	<u>Phone fr Realy 2 to LaSalle 3:</u> Money Btry. 3 guns (52461995) fired on from 1015A - 1040A. Two hits on two right guns. No hit on left gun. Observed by Air GP #48. 1000 yards east of this Btry (52461995) intense AA received. ACTION: 1330 ISM.
35	1145	<u>Phone fr Reigent 2 Clerk to LaSalle 3:</u> Fire mission fire by 1st Flame. Time 1000 to 1030A. Target suspected 88-mm gun at MT SENA (577043). Effect of mission: Presumed to be neutralized. ACTION: Journal.
36	1145	<u>Phone fr Reigent 2 to LaSalle 3:</u> Five men dressed in black observed by Baker GP (41210640) near right power line on MT SENA. (Coordinated to be phoned in). ACTION: 1330 ISM.
37	1200	Reg'd. Envelope from PI Sec, IV Corps addressed to Lt Patton, G-2 (Air Photos).
38	1200	Reg'd. Overlays of Patrol Plans for Nos. 923, 925, 924, and 1106, for period 110600A-120600A.
39	1215	<u>Phone fr Box 2 fr Reigent 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> 1 man in black seen at (1345116). Increased activity in this sector. ACTION: 1330 ISM.
40	1240	<u>Phone from Lt Col Marks to LaSalle 2:</u> Action of patrol 496 completed; returning. No reported friendly committs. ACTION: 1330 ISM, Journal.

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| 41         | 1250       |             | PATROL PLAN #923, Co G, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer & 6 EM, Out 110645G, In 111000A. MISSION: Recon SUSSADKILLO (L495188).    |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #924, Co I, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 40 EM, Out 111745A, In 120300A. MISSION: Recon FORCK FARRE (L495153).    |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #925, Co K, 87th Mt Inf, 4 EM, Out 111600A, In 112400A. MISSION: Sniper search VINDICATIACO AREA.            |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #1106, I and R, 87th Mt Inf, 4 EM, Out 111600A, In 112400A. MISSION: Sniper Search BALLEK Mt. SECTION.       |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #104, C Co, 85th Mt Inf, 5 EM, Out 110930A, In 111500A. MISSION: Contact 365th.                              |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #105, C Co, 85th Mt Inf, 5 EM, Out 110900, In 111400. MISSION: Contact 365th.                                |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #106, P/85, 1 Off 12 EM, Out 110700, In 111700. MISSION: Obs POGE A GIUVO.                                   |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #107, H/85, 1 Off 12 EM, Out 110700, In 111800. MISSION: Obs ALPE TRE POTENZA.                               |
|            |            |             | PATROL PLAN #108, B/85, 1 Off 12 EM, Out 110600, In 111800. MISSION: Obs POGE A GIOVO and BALZO DELLA ROSE.              |
| 42         | 1330       |             | TF 45 ISUM #285 submitted  |
| 43         | 1330       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div Daily Bulletin #7 recd. Dated 10 Feb...2 copies.  |
| 44         | 1333       |             | Rec'd: Hq 92nd Inf Div ISUM #143, dated 9 Feb.   |
| 45         | 1335       |             | Rec'd: Hq 92nd Inf Div ISUM #144, dated 10 Feb.  |
| 46         | 1400       |             | Rec'd: Overlay copy from Hex 3, re Carbene and BAR firing, Hq Div 85500, 10 Feb.   |
| 47         | 1437       |             | Letter containing list PAD officials of Div, sent to IV Corps. Attn 1-3 (Major Ireland).                                 |
| 48         | 1330       |             | Phone fr Capt H Davis to Capt Barbara. Will not return to office until 101600A. Action...noted.                          |
| 49         | 1330       |             | Phone fr Sgt James J to Lt Hollis. Relay identity of 11 M4's taken by patrol 496 as soon as recd. ACTION...noted for DG. |





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63	1530	<u>Phone fr Reply 2:</u> Fired on enemy bldg (approx 15 men) at (51550902). Estimate 30% casualties. Possible kitchen. Saw man leave enemy bldg after firing w/ mess kit. ACTION...noted for SITREP and ISUM.
64	1535	<u>Phone fr Helicot 2:</u> Three men via power line at (33841250) at 101525A. Lone man skiing at (362105) at 101525A. Reply 2..Possible mortar or OP at 46011395. mmmade revetment, 2 men approached pos at 101515A. Possible Op or MG at 46261395. Tracks led to pos at 101515A. ACTION...for ISUM and SITREP.
65	1600	<u>Phone fr La Salle 3 to Retread:</u> 85th Mt Inf will maintain troops on positions at CALIPI and LALIMA. The 10th Mt Sen Troops will not be available for use with the 1st Bn 87th. Org. of the 87th Mt Inf consequently released from garrisoning CALIPI and LALIMA will be used instead of the 10th Sen Troop. ACTION...Notified Retread, 10th Sen and 85th Mt Inf.
66	1615	<u>Phone fr Helicot 2:</u> At (37570690) 88mm gun fired on by air OP. Direct hit observed at 101515A. ACTION: noted for ISUM and SITREP.
67	1620	<u>Phone fr Capt Maltry (BEF in Off):</u> Report on disposition of BEF: 6 Regt on the line on the right of the sector--11th regt on the line on the left...1st regt in reserve...1st Bn at BELLO(1086146) 2nd Bn at POMETTIA(582120)....3rd Bn at ESTROLA(976085).
68	1700	<u>Recd:</u> IV Corps G-3 report No87 dated 9 Feb...2 copies.
69	1705	<u>Recd:</u> IV Corps Operations Instructions No82 (IV Corps 1st MAP Inf Div.)
70	1710	<u>Recd:</u> BEF G-2 report no. 98 dated 9 Feb.
71	1710	<u>Recd:</u> BEF Boletia de Informacoes no 98.. <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> dated 10 Feb.
72	1710	<u>Recd:</u> Bef B boletim de Informacoes no. 99 and Appendix A, dated 10 Feb
73	1710	<u>Recd:</u> BEF, list of patrols...fr 100600A to 101200A Patrol #.612216.....contact--patrol 534179.....no contact patrol...536176.....no contact--patrol 53184.....no contact Patrol...552181.....no contact--patrol 534172.....no contact
74	1730	IV Corps ISUM #742 recd.
75	1655	<u>Phone fr Neveke 2:</u> plan change for Neveke raid on SPIGOLINO made. ACTION...on patrol plan #1205.
76	1700	<u>Recd:</u> Hq 10th MT Div Combat lessons no, . dated 9 Feb.

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77	1800	<u>Recd:</u> fr IV Corps Military Intelligence Service booklets.. (large package)..Tactical and Technical Trends, No.53, Dec 1944. to G-2.
78	1800	<u>Recd:</u> Hq 3d AAF Photo Intelligence Det letter of 9 Feb, subject: Special Mds.
79	1840	<u>Recd:</u> Hq 8550-G, letter, tag memo No.3, dated 9 Feb 1945.
80	1850	<u>Recd:</u> 68th Armd. FA Bn S-2 Report number 9, dated 9 Feb.
81	1900	<u>Recd:</u> Hq 10th Mt Div Arty letter of 10 Feb, subject: A ir OP Instructions #2, for G-2.
82	1900	<u>Recd:</u> 10th Mt Div Special Order No.19, dated 10 Feb.
83	1737	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> SITREP, NTR. ACTION...NOTED for 101800A SITREP.
84	1746	<u>Phone fr Rebate 2:</u> All 11 PW's captured today, from 13th co.5th Regt, SAN MARCO(IPW).. ACTION...noted for 101800A ISUM.
85	1755	<u>Phone fr Box 3:</u> SITREP--604th one neutralization mission on enemy OP on Mt LA SERBA (37850810); 4 rounds. Mission effective. 605th...one neutralization mission on enemy billet with 15 men at (51611902) at 1500A. Bldg destroyed; 30 casualties. One enemy billet and camouflaged light gun position at (48272090) at 101530A. Bldg partially destroyed; hits on gun position. 616th NTR. ACTION...entered on 1800A SITREP.
86	1800	<u>Phone fr Retread 2:</u> Requested patrols #104 and #105 be cancelled because of change in G-3 plans. ACTION...permission granted. G-2 will be notified.
87	1800	TF 45 ISUM #286, submitted.
88	1800	TF 45 SITREP #473, submitted.
89	1800	PATROL PLAN 10th Mt Ron tr, 2nd Plat reinforced LMG sec; MISSION: Raid Mt. SPIGOLINO.
90	1940	PATROL REPORT, E/85, 2 Off 81 MM, Out 09090A, In 101330A. Findings: Proceeded according to plan. Attack positions were occupied by 100800A on BORRO AL FOSSO (L289085), with the maneuvering element (one squad) swinging around on NW side of ridge and down through pass at (L289089). Assault was made under covering fire of two 60 mm mortars and one LMG (firing from BORRO AL FOSSO), at about 100907A. One enemy was killed, three escaped,

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| 90         | 1940<br>(cont'd) | and 11 surrendered. Two model '42 MG's and three 38 pistols were captured. 15000 rds MG ammo and all blankets and clothing was destroyed, and the house at (L288088) and (L292084) were burned down to prevent a occupation. No casualties were suffered by the raiding force. Route followed was found to be satisfactory for the size for as used.   |
| 91         | 1700             | <del>XXXX</del> fr G-2 Corps. to G-2: Verbal at LUGG. (2)-Coordinates of corners of defense overprints (two) to be furnished by corps "three days before they are needed"; #1(479285) (479140) (590116) (590285) and #2 (590316) (590170) (700316) (700170). (2)-The uncontrolled mosaic photomap 1:12500 will be ready on the 12th. Pick them up AM of the 13th from Army, Col Ladd (Action: Notified Div Eng), 1000 copies. (3)- 1:50000 maps may be drawn from Corps on the 11th. Sheets 86 II; 87 II, III; 97 I, II; 98 I, IV; 99 IV. (Action... Notified Engrs). (4)- Partisans are issued G I woolen shirt, trousers, old type field jacket, and shoes, and Navy pea jacket. Also knitted cap. Are <u>not</u> issued Mt. Jacket.   |
| 92         | 2006             | Phone fr Kavoke 6 (Capt Sanders): <u>Report on present status of preparations for 110700A raid on MT SPICOLINO</u> : Compiled overlay of all previous patrols in that vicinity, with reports of same, and reports of the previous raid and its plan, were received this afternoon and gone over in detail with Lt Centrallo, platoon ldr. Two assault plans were made, the final decision to be made by the platoon leader. Lt Centrallo contacted Lt Col Wilson and discussed tomorrow's raid on the basis of experience gained from the last one. It was decided to use the same route up to the assault position. Lt Col Wilson obtained the services of one partisan who was on the previous raid; he will accompany the platoon tomorrow. Daylight res of route was made. The force will consist of one platoon reinforced by one section of MAG's. Communication with Kavoke C.P. will be by one radio 284; intercommunication will be by two radios 511. The platoon is now in its assembly area, according to plan. H-hour is 110700A. ACTION...noted for G-2. |
| 93         | 2100             | Phone fr <del>W's</del> & <del>Diversors</del> : II Corps: Very quiet period. Very light enemy activity observed until 101900A. Art'y fire slight and harassing. <del>MT</del> : <del>MTK</del> . 92d: Strong enemy reaction on the coast and in SERCHIO area. <del>LAZAR</del> DI <del>SOTTO</del> has apparently been retaken by enemy. Near CINEALE CANAL strong German patrols infiltrated behind our forces which are N of canal. N. of troops of 366th across canal are unknown. Engineers working on bridges; say some troops have withdrawn across canal to S. 1900A report: An officer 92d Div Art'y reports 1 Co 760 I Bn cut off by enemy N of CINEALE CANAL. 370: No change. 371: No change.   |
| 94         | 2139             | Phone fr Col King, IV Corps G-2 to G-2: 1 Ph fr 7 Co 285th. Rest of  |

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94	cont'd	regt in LA BRZLIA. Mittenwald is not in MASH. 55 PW's picked up in SANCHEO, mostly Italians. 2 Bns of Italians pretty well depleted. ACTION: For Journal.
95	2140	"ac'd: Tr IV Corps G-2, by TNA, Ref No, 766 dated 102025A.
96	2225	Phone fr "ex 2 fr "only 2: Time observed 10:400 - 101800A. Observed enemy working party constructing timber dugout at (534176). ACTION: Lsum.
97	2200	G-2 left for O..
98	2235	Phone fr "astread 3: Sitrep: No change. ACTION: 2300A Sitrep.
99	2240	Phone fr "abate 30: Sitrep: No change. ACTION: 2300A Sitrep.
100	2240	Phone fr "ex 3: Sitrep: 604: 1 neutralization mission on PIANSINATICO (382088). No observed effect. 8 rns total. 605: No change. 616: 1 neutralization mission (333120) No observed effect. 1 personnel mission against platoon in LE MARINE (353100), effect unknown. 1 destruction mission against 88 mm gun at (375001); direct hit. 1 harassing mission on ABREONS (377117). Unknown effect. ACTION: Sitrep.
101	2250	Phone fr "ex 3: Sitrep (2130A): 605: 2 personnel missions, total 26 rounds: 1. Inf at (516190). Fire effective; estimated casualties 25%. 2. Inf in billet at (458229). Fire effective; casualties unknown. ACTION: Sitrep.
102	2300	TR 45 SITREP # 474, submitted.
103	2305	Phone fr "abate 2: (Maj Koerber): Patrol #448, Co B, has requested cancellation on grounds of future operations. ACTION: Permission obtained for Col Works. "abate 30 advised.
104	2345	"ac'd: 85th Inf Report dated 10 Feb. No 11 PW's captured by B Co.

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1	0008	Phone fr Reply 3: 605: 1 mission against track convoy at (497173) and at (495178) from 2147A to 2220A; unobserved. 47 rounds. 1 requested mission fr Patrol #922 on MG at (511174). 61 rounds unobserved. ACTION: 110600A Sitrep.
2	0020	Phone fr Reply 2: 605: Inf observer on Patrol #1105 requested fire upon (59711755). 4 rounds expended. Effect unobserved. ACTION: Sitrep.
3	0025	Msg'd: Fr Lt Bromberg IP: Report #11, re Sgt. Interante Bavaria, dated 10 Feb.
4	0125	Phone fr "etread 3. Maj Ekern: Col Fowler to attend orientation at 110300A. Maj Ekern requests Col Arvin to make arrangements for Col Fowler to talk with CG. ACTION: Col Arvin notified.
5	0520	Phone fr Mex 3: 604: as of 0430A, 4 harassing missions on PLANIMATICO (3808) on (382088). Total of 12 rounds, no effect observed. 605: as of 0430A. No change. ACTION: 110600A Sitrep.
6	0540	Phone fr "etread 3 (Maj Harris): Sitrep: NTR. ACTION: Sitrep.
7	0540	Phone fr "etread 3 (Maj Schooley): Sitrep, Lusa. NTR. ACTION: Noted for respective reports.
8	0600	TF 45 SITREP #475, submitted.
9	0600	TF 45 ISUM #287, submitted.
10	0600	Phone fr Mex 2 to LaSalle 21 No Arty or Mortar fire reported during period. ACTION: Noted for ISUM.
11	0635	PATROL REPORT #1012 dated 10 Feb, OUT, 100637A, In 101710A, REPORT: 1. Mt SPICOLINO (L434095) at 011300A. 2. NONE - No civilians observed. 3. No information from civilians or partisans. 4. Condition of trail - main trail only, clear of ice and snow. 5. Weather clear. 6. No enemy activity and none observed. No captured material.
12	0735	Phone fr Capt Livermore (IV Corps in Off) to LaSalle 21 II Corps - BEF: Sector quiet - Light Arty and Mortar fire - Patrols made no contact. No PW. 92nd Army Arty active in coastal sector - otherwise little enemy activity. Our attempt to retake LAMA di SOTTO abandoned because of stubborn enemy resistance. 93 PW for period. It is believed that troops of 365th Inf are still N of Cimpale Canal. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
13	0742	Phone fr Mex 3 to LaSalle 31 SITREP for 0530A. 616 PA En: 6 harassing missions - effect unknown. (1) FUNTINAYACALA (1338094) enemy gun (375091) PLANIMATICO (383093), ABESTUNE (333117), ROSGAININGO (341110), enemy bullets (383083), - Number of rounds fired, 24. ACTION: Noted for SITREP.

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| 14   | 0742 | Col Werks reported to CP.   |
| 15   | 0744 | Col Irvin reported to CP.   |
| 16   | 0820 | Copy of Combat Lesson No. 2 prepared by Hq, TF 45, dated 10 Feb.  |
| 17   | 0825 | Rec'd: Copies of G-3 Periodic Report Numbers 167, 166 prepared by Hq, TF 45, reports dated 9 and 10 Feb.  |
| 18   | 0845 | Phone fr Maj Ireland to LaSalle 3: Division Historical Officer (Major Ireland) left at 110900A for FIFTH ARMY (Hq) to see Army Historical officer. Will return by 111700A. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 19   | 0900 | PAROLE REPORT #815, 10 Feb 45, Out 101330A, In 110300A. REPORT: Observed PLANSINATICO (13838) from La LIASH (14109) at 101700A to 102300A. No enemy activity or lights in PLANSINATICO (13838). Lights observed in SERRALA (382078), suspected it to be a trap. Trails covered with fresh snow during the night - weather cloudy, visibility unpredictable. |
| 20   | 0905 | Rec'd: ISOM #744 fr IV Corps dated 110819.  |
| 21   | 0910 | Rec'd: G-3 Report #13 dated 10 Feb for period 091800A to 101800A, from Hq 10th Mt Div arty.   |
| 22   | 0905 | Phone fr Capt Aversore (IV Corps) to Maj Walker LaSalle 3: "Rover Joe" will arrive in your sector today. I don't know at what time. ACTION: Notified Lt Col Irvin - Journal.  |
| 23   | 0910 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 522 dated 091200A fr Hq FIFTH ARMY.   |
| 24   | 0915 | Phone fr Maj Hooper to LaSalle 2: I want permission to cut down observation patrolling to one patrol on 12 Feb and 2 on 13 Feb, because we will not have enough men to supply 3 patrols. ACTION: Notified Col Werks for action.   |
| 25   | 0920 | Rec'd: Operation Instructions No 3 fr Hq 9th Inf Div dated 091800A.   |
| 26   | 0920 | Rec'd: Engineer Situation Report dated 10 Feb fr Hq IV Corps, Office of the Engineer.   |
| 27   | 0922 | Rec'd: Memorandum No. 15 dated 10 Feb fr Hq, 10th Mt Div. ORDNANCE GENERAL SUPPLY.  |
| 28   | 0925 | Phone fr Street 2 to G-2: PW deserter surrendered to outpost at (1512163) at 0650A. Polish descent in German outfit. Will send direct to Div cage. Another PW at midnight of 10 Feb was refused by our PW cage. ACTION: Will check - message received by Col Werks.   |

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- 29 0950 Rec'd: G-2 Report No 41 dated fr 091800A to 101800A. fr 68th Armd PA Bn
- 30 0950 Rec'd: Report No. 41 dated 10 Feb for period fr 091200A to 101200A fr 751st Tank Battalion.
- 31 0951 Rec'd: Note from C/S in reference to message fr Heirred 2 dated 09200A. Note reads as follows: This plane is probably for picking up troop movements. Might offer possibility for runs.
- 32 0955 Rec'd: Note for Lt Bromberg, G-2 Sec fr AG (Gordon W Dawson): Ltr, Hq FIFTH ARMY, Subject: Temporary duty, dated 4 Feb 45 placed following named BN on T 17y with 10th Mt Div. S/Sgt Geo A Hanel 3290752 - Col Paul Schmits 39260682 - T/S Fred Valk 12876734.
- 33 1015 Phone fr Maj Koerber (Rebate 2) to LaSalle 2: Col Borjas: Because relief of 85th, patrol activity of 1st Bn 85th will be decreased. There will only be 1 contact patrol with 365th and 2 Pan and Sen patrols. BRASON: Only one company will remain at BAGHI di BACCA. ACTION: Approved by G-2.
- 34 1044 Phone fr Heirred 3 to LaSalle 2: SITREP # of 1030A - MYR ACTION: Sitrep and Journal.
- 35 1053 Phone fr Max 3 to LaSalle 3: Sitrep reports 604 PA Bn NTR, 605 PA Bn NTR. 616 PA Bn 1 harassing mission at (1376098) RIVCRETA - Not observed. 1 harassing mission at (1351100) LEREBINE - Not observed. 8 rounds expended. ACTION: Noted for 1100A SITREP.
- 36 1052 Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP report. NTR. ACTION: Sitrep for 1100A.
- 37 1100 IF 45 SITREP #476 submitted.
- 38 1110 Rec'd: Ltr dated Nov 18 originating fr Hq Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Subject: Repatriation of American Personnel.
- 39 1130 Phone fr Keystone 3 to LaSalle 3: Non party from 3rd Bn 86th Inf released to visit B-F sector 120700A Feb. ACTION: Notified 86th Inf.
- 40 1135 Rec'd: Daily Bulletin Number 8, dated 11 Feb, Hq 10th Mt Div.
- 41 1135 PATROL REPORT #922 dated 9 Feb, Out 101900A, In 102340A, REPORT: Observation of enemy territory TOLLA (1509175) at 102250A. Trails not traveled by enemy. Trails from UNACIDOLA (1512169) to PIADA (1510169) hard packed footpath snow covered and not suitable for jeep. No bridge at (1511168). Weather clear at 102400A. No moon, cloudy and rain at 110030A. Advanced elements of our patrol fired on from (1509174) at (1509174) at 102231A. enemy machine pistols or MG's fired on our patrol at distance of 15 yds. -3-



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| 42             | 1135        | PATROL REPORT #1105, 10 Feb, Out 101930A, In 110100A. REPORT: Observed 150 yds S of CORONA (1517174) at 102230A. No fresh tracks found. Patrol went cross-country. Weather hazy to clear, no moon. At 102230A heard firing in PRADA POLLA area (1509175). Assumed patrol 922 made contact. (Quickly placed LMG in position (1517174) and all around defense to cover rear and NE flank of patrol 922 and listened to fire orders over SCR 300 and observed friendly Arty fire. At 102350A took LMG out of action. Overheard sounds of metal hitting dirt in CORONA (1517174), possible MG being placed into position. Called for Arty fire on this position, and then withdrew and reformed patrol at 110010A. At 110013A heard 7 shots SA at range of 800 yds from crest of Mt BELVEDERE (5217) possibly fired in our direction. |
| 43             | 1111        | Provost Marshall reports that Pvt Johann Gnilinski was turned over to PW cage at 110130A (See Msg #28). ACTION: Phoned Maj. Vladimiroff, Detread 2, who retracted his previous statement and said he would check its source. (Verbal Message).  |
| 44             | 1145        | Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin from Hq IV Corps GSS Det. dated 11 Feb.  |
| 45             | 1202        | Verbal Message: fr Capt Livermore IV Corps Ln O, Reports 5th Army reports that 7000 Czechs are rumored to have deserted from the German Army and are marching South toward La Spezia with some artillery. ACTION: Noted.  |
| 46             | 1203        | Rec'd: Patrol Intentions with overlays from Hq 87th Mt Inf. Overlays dated 11 Feb.  |
| 47             | 1204        | Rec'd: Ltr from IV Corps dated 11 Feb. Subject: Air Target Requests for 11 Feb 1945.  |
| 48             | 1204        | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No 41, dated 10 Feb from Hq IV Corps.  |
| 49             | 1205        | Rec'd: Technical Intelligence report fr IV Corps. A SUMMARY OF GERMAN TANK DEVELOPMENT.   |
| 50             | 1210        | Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report fr Hq IV Corps dated 110000A. Report #249.   |
| 51             | 1215        | Rec'd: IV Corps Sitrep #82, dated 10 Feb.   |
| 52             | 1216        | Lt Col. Irvin and Lt Col Works left CP for Officers quarters.   |
| 53             | 1240        | Phone fr Keystons 2 to LaSalle 2: Col King called Col Works concerning black-out regulations. Col King requests Col Works to call back. ACTION: Notified Col Works.   |

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| 54      | 1300 | Phone fr CIC to Capt Humberg (Lecalle 2);<br>Trousers, 2 prs each; 35-36, 33-31, 31-31;<br>S; Shirts, 2 each, 16-35, 14-33, 14-33;<br>Ties; 1 each. ACTION: Notified Capt Humberg.<br>Clothing sizes for three men;<br>Shoes, 1 pr each, 11 1/2, 8 1/2,<br>9; Socks, 3 pr each; 13, 11, 11.   |
| 55      | 1305 | PATROL PLAN #819, 12 Feb, H/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 121900A, In 130600A. MISSION: Recon Route.<br>PATROL PLAN #820, 12 Feb, C/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 121900A, In 130600A. MISSION: Recon Route.<br>PATROL PLAN #821, 12 Feb, C/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 12100A, In 121600A. MISSION: Recon Route.<br>PATROL PLAN #926, 12 Feb, G/87, 4 EM, Out 121005A, In 121145A, MISSION: Recon Route.<br>PATROL PLAN #927, 12 Feb, G/87, 6 EM, Out 121830A, In 122030A. MISSION: Recon Route.<br>PATROL PLAN #928, 12 Feb, G/87, 6 EM, Out 121600A, In 122000A. MISSION: Recon Route.<br>PATROL PLAN #929, 12 Feb, H/87, 5 EM, Out 120800A, In 121700A. MISSION: Recon of A. GRASS.<br>PATROL PLAN #930, 12 Feb, G/87, 6 EM, Out 121700A, In 122000A. MISSION: Recon Route. |
| 56      | 1310 | Col Irvin returned to CP.   |
| 57      | 1320 | Col Works returned to CP.   |
| 58      | 1330 | TF 45 ISUM No. 228 submitted.   |
| 59      | 1345 | Rec'd: Overlays of Patrol Intentions #412 and #413, 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf.  |
| 60      | 1345 | PATROL PLAN #412, F Co, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Officer, 10 EM, Out 121730A, In 121700A. MISSION: Observation, recon.<br>PATROL PLAN #413, F Co, 85th Mt Inf, 4 EM, Out 121000A, In 121500A. MISSION: Contact 365th.   |
| 61      | 1345 | Phone from CORPS G-2 to G-2, TF 45: (1) Nothing published on blackouts by Corps. Corps however, enforces blackout regulations. (2) We are checking on unidentified planes and will let you know.  |

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62	1400	Phone fr Major Lueck to LaSalle 2: SPICOLINO raid not completed because of fog. Saw no enemy; contacted no enemy. Complete report follows. ACTION: Noted to Colonel Works.
63	1420	Phone fr Rebata to LaSalle 3: MTR. ACTION: for Journal.
64	1430	Phone fr Co B, 760 Tk Bn to LaSalle 3: 14 tanks in running order; 1 repairable within 24 hours; 1 repairable in more than 24 hours; 1 in Ordnance. ACTION: SITREP.
65	1435	Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP 111300A. 60th: fired one destruction mission on a house in PIASINARICO (1320088). House destroyed. 20 rounds expended. 60th: -- 616th: -- MTR.
66	1442	Phone fr RefHead 2 to LaSalle 2: (1) RED will maintain run screen, but does not plan to send out patrols tomorrow, because of G-3 operations which are impending. (2) 1430 - 1450A an estimated 10 rounds of 88 mm arty fell on CUTIGLIANO. Believed coming from (37570870). No damage or casualties. ACTION: Noted. (1) to Col Works. (2) for 1800 ISUM.
67	1442	Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div, Memo No. 14 dated 10 Feb 1945, Subject: Burial and Graves Registration SOP.
68	1442	Rec'd: Hq TF 45 G-2 Periodic Report No. 92 dated 9 Feb 1945.
69	1500	TF 45, SITREP #477, submitted.
70	1500	Phone fr Retread 2 to G-2: Report of 7 unidentified persons on MT GRANDE. (1) Observed by patrol at 1125L from 2000 yards away. Terrain made it impossible to follow. (2) Believed group to be civilians. (3) Patrol returned to CP at 1600, too late to send out patrol to MT GRANDE. (4) Patrol has been dispatched today to MT GRANDE to check report.
71	1600	Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: Observed: gun at SPICOLINO; 7 enemy at (438083); 15 enemy at VISA VEISINO. ACTION: Noted for 1800 ISUM.
72	1600	Hq 85th Mt Infantry Intelligence Memorandum dated 9 Feb 1945 received.
73	1605	Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Rex 2: PW reported positions as follows: Bunker and MG at (150901755); bunker and MG at (151011750); bunker and MG at (151191762). 2 - 81 mm at (151081775); CP at (151051769)
74	1540	Lt Livermore, (in Officer) departed for Corps.
75	1605	Rec'd. Overlay for Patrol Intention #409; 10 Feb 1945.

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76	1545	Phone fr LaSalle 2 to CO Hon Tr: (1) The Hon Tr will <u>not</u> relieve a company from the 1st Bn, 87th. It will not be attached to the 87th. (2) The proposed raid on SPIGOLINO will be pushed towards OSPITALS until contact is gained.
77	1605	PATROL PLAN #1206, 10th Mt Cav Hon Tr, 12 Feb 1945, 1 Officer, 2 NCO's, 6 EM, Out 0800A, In 1800A. DESTINATION: MT SPIGOLINO (LA37093) MISSION: To determine location and strength of any enemy forces on MT SPIGOLINO.  PATROL PLAN #1207, 10th Mt Cav Hon Tr, 12 Feb 1945, 1 Officer, 2 NCO's, 6 EM, Out 0800A, In 1800A. DESTINATION: MT SPIGOLINO (LA37093) MISSION: To determine location and strength of any enemy forces on MT SPIGOLINO.
78	1610	Phone fr G-2 Corps to G-2(Col Kerku): At 111400A 97 I SE A,B,C,D, at Corps Engr can pick up 200 copies of photos. ACTION: Notified Engrs.
79	1640	Major Lueck departed for Officers Quarters.
80	1640	Rec'd: BEF G-2 Periodic Report No. 99 dated 10 Feb 1945.
81	1645	Rec'd BEF "BOLETIN DE INFORMACIONES NO 100" dated 11 Feb 1945.
82	1640	BEF: From 110600 to 111200 -- Patrol on (621217) saw enemies in the point (619219). Patrol on (583202) - No contact.
83	1715	G-2 left for Officers Quarters, expected to return to CP at 111930A.
84	1720	G-3 left for Officers Quarters.
85	1720	Rec'd. Leaflet from Div Arty which was picked up at (425030) morning of 11 Feb 1945.
86	1730	Phone fr Rebate 2 to LaSalle 2: SITREP -- MTR, ENUM -- KC. ACTION: DUM and SITREP.
87	1735	Phone fr Retread In 0 - shells at (4034068) at 111420A, no damage, mortar, 6 rounds. Requie 2 -- shells at (4086068 at 111410A to 111435A. Wire blown out has been replaced. Fire from LA SERRA (37630648) range (?) Italian shells (11). - shells at (380068) at 110900 to 110910A. No damage. Fire fr GGR02A (36410884) 7 rounds. - shells at (40500653 at 1500A. 1 shell.
88	1745	Phone from Retread 2 to LaSalle 2: Retread White 2 observed enemy arty fire in vicinity of VEDICIAFICO (500144) near BAILEY BRIDGE, 6 rounds, 2 of which were duds. Came from direction MT BELVEDERE, Calibre unknown.

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89	1745	Rec'd. One package and 2 envelopes addressed to Capt Patton, G-2 (Photos).
90	1755	Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP - No change. ACTION: 1800 SITREP.
91	1800	TF 45 SITREP #478, submitted.
92	1800	TF 45 ISM #289, submitted.
93	1810	Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: 604th: 1 destruction mission - a house. House destroyed 37 rounds. 605th: 1 mission enemy CP (1455141) Neutralized CP, 8. 616th: 1 harassing mission on enemy gun (1374091) effect not observed. 1 on enemy personnel (1545105) Not observed. 1 destruction mission LEROUINE (1139112) Not observed. 1 harassing AB ETONE (1333117) Not observed. ACTION: Journal and SITREP.
94	1810	Rec'd. Report No. 42, Hq 751st Tank Bn, dated 11 Feb 1945.
95	1900	G-2 and G-3 returned to CP.
96	2025	G-2 (Colonel works) left CP. To return at 220740A Feb 1945.
97	2025	Rec'd. Package fr BEF, PI Section addressed to Capt Patton, TF 45.
98	2035	Rec'd. ISUM #746 fr IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 112000A.
99	2040	Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div, SO No. 20 dated 11 Feb 1945.
100	2040	Rec'd. Hq TF 45, Memo No. 2 "Div Shower and Clothing Exchange" dated 11 February 1945.
101	2040	Rec'd. Envelope addressed to Capt Patton.
102	2100	Rec'd. Shelling Report from Retread 2 dated 11 Feb 1945 with fragment (believed to be 75) inclosed.
103	2220	Phone fr Rex 3: 604th FA Bn...one harassing mission at (1362088) unobserved; 14 rounds. 605th...STR. 616th...one harassing mission on enemy strong point at (1375091). Effect not known. 6 rounds fired. ACTION...noted for 112300A SITREP.
104	2235	Phone fr Rebata, 3-3 HQ: No change. ACTION...noted for 112300A SITREP.
105	2235	Rec'd. Hq OSS Det letter, dated 9 Feb, subject: Interrogation of enemy agent.

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| 106            | 2245        | <u>Phone fr Capt Livermore:</u> II Corps (up to 1800A): Period quiet. Slight increase in arty in left sector. <u>REP</u> (up to 1830A): Sector quiet-slight arty and mortar fire. <u>92nd Div</u> (latest report 1825): B Co., 365th, chased off hill 906 by German counterattack; withdrew to vic SOMMOCOLONIA (L1906). Rest of 1st Bn also in that vicinity; <u>General situation:</u> Heavy counterattack in right sector East of Serchio. Coast sector quiet. ACTION...Journal. |
| 107            | 2245        | <u>Phone Retread 3:</u> SITREP, <u>Operations:</u> 3rd Bn moving into CUTIGLIANO<br><u>INTENTIONS:</u> As planned. <u>CP's:</u> No change.  |
| 108            | 2300        | TF 45 SITREP #479, submitted.   |
| 109            | 2315        | <u>Phone fr Keystone 3:</u> Army requested from Keystone any Bn reliefs that are scheduled to be reported in SITREP. Any division intentions as to change of units will be reported to Corps in the SITREP, giving units affected but not the hour. Time of changing will be reported after move has been completed, as before. ACTION...0-3 to be notified.  |
| 110            | 2250        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> <u>Emergency patrol report:</u> At 112125A, at (1379069), patrol exchanged rifle fire with enemy patrol of seven. Enemy patrol disappeared in direction of ONTANI (13706). Casualties inflicted unknown. ACTION...noted for 112300A SITREP and 120600A ISUM.   |
| 111            | 2330        | <u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Shell Report (from Reply 2). Observer at (150401360). Shells fell at (150401365). Time: 111745A. No damage. Direction of enemy guns, 310 mils. Caliber unknown. Six rounds in two volleys. Suspected battery right. Action...noted for 120600A ISUM; noted in shell report.  |
| 112            | 2340        | Recd: Hq 85th Mt Inf FO #1, Regimental Field Exercise, dated 12 Feb. Also Annex #1 to FO #1. In addition, the overlay to accompany FO #1. Also recd bulletin "Paints to be stressed in Regtl Fld Ex," dated 11 Feb, and bulletin "Adm Info on Regtl Fld Ex", dated 11 Feb.  |
| 113            | 2315        | PATROL REPORT #402:A/85 1 Off 12 EM, Out 101000A, In 111015A. FINDINGS: Snowed all night 10 Feb with strong winds (265075). Tried to climb MT RONDINAIO, visibility poor to zero due to weather and snow conditions; mission discontinued at 111400A. Route selected impractical for attaining mission to DELLE ROSSA (299112). Same holds true for POCE a GIOVO.   |

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1      0040      PATROL REPORT #404, C/85, 5 EM, Out 110900A, In 111400A.  
FINDINGS: Contacted 365th at 111200A.

PATROL REPORT #405, C/85, 5 EM, Out 110800A, In 111030A.  
FINDINGS: Contact made at 111030A.

PATROL REPORT #406, V/85, 1 Off 12 EM, Out 110700A, In 111700A.  
FINDINGS: At 111120A arrived at BURRO EL PESSA (1284065). Observed  
MG pos manned by two men (28950892). Saw two men at (301086), two  
at (305086), two at (317075). All were idle enemy. At 111400A  
four men on skis and two on foot left FOGR GIOVO (290090))

PATROL REPORT #407, H/85, 1 Off 12 EM, Out 110700A in 111830A.  
FINDINGS: proceeded as prescribed. At 1109A from 300042, observed  
five men in dark uniforms moving Southeast at POCCHI DI GIOVO  
(289099). At 1530A four men moving toward east at (289099) from  
house. No packs and in dark uniforms. Observed two men observing  
at 290090.

PATROL REPORT #814, 87th 1 Off 12 EM 2 Part, Out 101800A, In 111000A.  
FINDINGS: Patrol to CASA LAMBERA (1373091) stayed from 102200A to  
110600A. No enemy contact. ROUTE NOW RPT. Trail lay with snow  
cover. Passable but very difficult. Crampens necessary.

PATROL REPORT #816, D/87, 1 Off 12 EM 2 Part, out 110800A, In 111800A.  
FINDINGS: observed ENTARI(13706) from 111600A to 111600A. No enemy  
sighted.

PATROL REPORT #818, C/87, 1 Off 12 EM, Out 111000A, In 111900A.  
FINDINGS: At 111400A read three rounds 88mm fire from (1374087)  
at (1403067). No casualties.

PATROL REPORT #923, C/87, 1 Off 6 EM out 110500A, In 111005A. FINDINGS:  
Enemy observed moving along area I499167, apparently constructing  
emplacements, carrying logs and white cloth up escarpment (1500167)  
from path in rear at 110930A. Observed from SUBSADELLO (1483188).

PATROL REPORT #1013, I/87, 1 off 14 EM, Out 101000A, In 111800A.  
FINDINGS: Area in (4309)(4608) squares observed from 110730A to  
111200A. Civilians: farms at (458090) said no visitors in long time.  
Enemy patrol (5 men) moved up SW side of CERNO ALLE SCALE (4608) at  
111030A. Joined by 4 more enemy at 111300A. Then moved toward M.  
SPICGLINO (4309). Enemy had been observing fr (465078). Enemy wearing  
hobnails; on foot. No overwhites. Our patrol lost parka, shirt, gloves  
on trail at (475068). Camped at (466075) at 101800A. Ascended CERNO  
ALLE SCALE at 110700A. AT 111030A ret'd. Came down at 111230A. Reached  
CP at 111800A. Left seven men at base camp (466075) at 111430A.  
Will come in after staying tonight(11 Feb) (overly follows)

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- 1 contd 0040 PATROL REPORT #1013(contd), ROUTE RCH REPORT: Trails snowed over. Ascent to CORNO ALLE SC LE (4608) in available conditions. For expert skiers only. Weather variable.
- PATROL REPORT #1205, 10th Mt Ren Tr, 2nd Pl at Bainf one IMI sec., Out 101200A, In 111200A. Patrol Findings: Patrol ret'd w/e accomplish- ing mission. Prevented fr continuing by extreme weather conditions; fog. Reached assembly area 101700A. Ren patrol to left lost way and ret'd. Ren patrol (6 men) reached objective, and saw 6 men going down supply trail toward LA SCAFFA (433113). Then they ret'd. (report add: overlay follow).
- 2    0430 Phone fr Retread 6; 3rd Bn, 67th, has closed at CUTIGLIANO, as of 120430A. CP established. ACTION...Noted for 120600A SITREP.
- 3    0510 Recd: IV Corps SITREP #84.
- 4    0545 Phone fr Box 3; SITREP...605th FA Bn. One mission in support of a patrol. Target, heavy wps btry at (519189). Results not observed. 8 rds expended. 604th: three harassing missions at (383087), (378089), (384089). Results of these three missions not observed. 42 rds expended. 616th: Will report shortly. ACTION...noted for 120600A SITREP.
- 5    0545 Phone fr Rebate DQ: Negative report SITREP. Phone fr Retread 3; SITREP...no report. ACTION...noted for 120600A SITREP.
- 6    0600 TP 45 SITREP #480, submitted.
- 7    0600 TP 45 ISUM #289, submitted.
- 8    0621 Phone fr Retread 3 (Laf Ekern): Retread Red still at CUTIGLIANO with Retread Blue. Will remain there for present. ACTION: Keystone 3 advised, plotting map.
- 9    0700 Phone fr Box 3; 616 (as of 0430A); 5 miscels total, all harassing. 1. Enemy billet (353101), unobserved; 2. gun position (377085), unobserved; 3. enemy strong point (375091), unobserved; 4. enemy billets (333117), unobserved; 5. RIVCRETTA (377099), unobserved. ACTION: Sitrep 121100A.
- 10   0730 G-3 returned to G1.
- 11   0740 G-2 returned to C1.



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12	0740	<u>Phone fr Ln 0:</u> II Corps: Same as last night. Quiet. Small groups enemy moving; 2 tanks (888378), Light arty increasing in L sector. BEF: Calm, slight arty and mortar at (L3620). Active patrols. No PW's. 92d Div: Continued enemy reaction SERCHIO; Active arty coastal area. Troops at (L194077) attacked by estimated 200 enemy after barrage. Withdrew at 1815A after hand-to-hand fight. Enemy platoon attack repulsed (172063) at 1930A. Another platoon attack repulsed (155055) at 0330A. Active patrols. 53 PW's. Land M of canal lost.
13	0800	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Provost Marshal:</u> Told Provost Marshal to hold on to refugees Giovanni and Alessandro Baratelli for further questioning by the OSS. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
14	0820	<u>Phone fr OSS:</u> The brothers Baratelli, held at PW enclosure as suspects, will be questioned by OSS this morning. ACTION: Notified G-2.
15	0845	<u>Rec'd:</u> Training Memo #3 fr 10th Mt AT Bn.
16	0845	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3 (Lt Bus):</u> Rebate White desires to fire MG's and mortars; mortar position (490042); MG position (493043); will fire into areas (4805) and (4905). Will fire 13 and 14 Feb. ACTION: Permission granted. On plotting board, told to check with Revoke.
17	0900	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> Rebate White took over Rebate Red CP at 120900A. Closed at same time. ACTION: 1100A Sitrep.
18	0915	<u>Rec'd:</u> 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report #14.
19	0930	<u>Phone fr LaSalle CIC:</u> Report on interrogation of Baratelli brothers will be forwarded to this office. Hereafter closer liaison between CIC and OSS will be maintained to see that suspects are questioned for military information on enemy dispositions on our front. ACTION: Note: to Col Works.
20	0932	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Isum #747, dated 120831A.
21	0950	<u>Phone fr Remount:</u> (520170) to (560200). Strip needed between these points. ACTION: Notified PI.
22	1000	<u>Phone fr Retread 2:</u> At 100155A 1 shell, cal unknown, at (491141). At 10171A 6 shells, 88mm, at (500144). At 101718A 1 shell, 88mm, at (503148). At 102200A 5 shells, 88mm, (500144). At 102219A, 1 shell, 88mm, at (510159). ACTION: For 1330A Isum.
23	1010	<u>Phone fr Lacalle 3 (Sgt Murphy):</u> Return wants to build bridge at SERATURE (563158) on night of 15 Feb. ACTION: BEF notified; requested dissemination of this information, protection to be furnished as well as inter refer.
24	1015	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps ltr dated 11 Feb, "Orders."

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25	1015	<u>Rec'd: IV Corps ltr dated 10 Feb, "Troops Assignments and Attachments".</u>
26	1015	<u>Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div 1st Ind to ltr Fifth Army (8Feb) dated 11 Feb.</u>
27	1020	<u>Rec'd fr Hq OSS Detachment: Summary of interrogation of enemy agents Alessi Alberto and Buselli Massimo: These men, employed by the Germans, infiltrated our front lines at CUTIGLIAMO (A04065) on 8 Feb. 45. They surrendered willingly, and explained that their mission was to obtain information of area North of ARNO RIVER. Their route led them to ABETONE, where they joined a German patrol to enter our lines. Their report (in our files) confirms the location of enemy troop units, mine fields, and communications lines. The report goes on to state, on the word of a civilian, Brogi Oreste, that German movement is restricted to what can be accomplished with horses and mules.</u>
8	1050	<u>Rec'd: Patrol Plan overlays #931 and 932 fr 2d Bn 87th.</u>
29	1035	<u>Rec'd: Reinforcement Plans returned to G-3 by Maj Eckern, 83d 87th.</u>
30	1040	<u>Phone fr Keystone 3: Capt Sherwood: Plan on air support to be decided after our 6 has talked to your 6 this AM. ACTION: Maj Walker advised.</u>
31	1040	<u>Phone fr Rex 3: 604: Mtr. 605: 2 harassing missions at (517176) and (194172). 75 rounds, effect unknown. 616: 1 harassing mission, hotel in LA REGINE (351101). Effect unknown. 1 harassing mission, billets in LA REGINE (351100). Effect unknown. 1 harassing mission, billets at (387081). Effect unknown. 420 rounds expended. ACTION: Sitrep.</u>
32	1045	<u>Phone fr Keystone 3: Ref OP Memo #3, 27 Jan 45, PAD, Civil Defense and Fire Defense report due at Corps on 5th of each month. (See par. 9 and 10, has to do with incidents of bomb dropping or friendly bomb. ACTION: Maj Ireland notified.</u>
33	1047	<u>Phone fr Laballe 3 (Capt Litchfield): Request this hq be kept advised of location of any forward assembly areas of 1st Bn for operation. ACTION: Retread 2 notified.</u>
34	1055	<u>Phone fr Retread 3: Sitrep: No change. ACTION: Sitrep, Journal.</u>
35	1100	<u>Phone fr 760 Tk Bn: Co D tank reports: 14 in running order, 1 repairable in 24 hours, 1 repairable in more than 24 hours, 1 in ordnance. ACTION: Journal.</u>
36	1100	<u>TF 45 SITREP #481, submitted.</u>
37	1100	<u>PATROL FLAK #931, 13 Feb, E/87, 1 Off, 25MEN, Out 131930A, In 140400A. MISSION: Recon of enemy positions along FSO DELLA POLLA.</u>

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- 37 cont'd PATROL PLAN #932, 13 Feb, G/87, 1 Off, 25 EM, Out 131930A, In 140400A. MISSION: Ren of enemy positions along FSO DELLA FOLLA.  
PATROL PLAN #933, 13 Feb, H/87, 7 EM, Out 130830A, In 131630A. MISSION: Ren of ridge south of VIDICIATICO.
- 38 1000 Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div, to CG 85th Mt Inf: (In Off, Lt Shirley): When 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf, leaves BAGNI DI LUCCA area, the remaining garrison (Reinf Co F) will occupy original defense position in area.
- 39 1106 Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div (G-3) to CG, 85th. (Maj Schooley): Platoon of Co G, 85th, can remain at MONTEFATEGESI through 14 Feb to make said. 1st Bn, 85th, will remain vicinity LAMPETRE night of 13 Feb.
- 40 1115 Phone fr Ln C, XXX: Will be at Rebate White in all 121300A. ACTION: Note to G-3 duty officer.
- 41 1115 Phone fr LaSalle 3: Maj Hay and party now at REF. May be reached at LAFER through LUGAR. ACTION: G-3 advised, also Remount 3.
- 42 1115 Rec'd: 10th Mt Div DB #9.
- 43 1115 Rec'd: Additions and deletions to HB list #30 for IV Corps.
- 44 1115 Phone fr ADE: Highway #12 BAGNI DI LUCCA and SAN MARCELLO closed from 1000A to 1300A today at (36900L). No by-pass. ACTION: G-3 advised, G/S advised. Call every unit that didn't have phone out of repair.
- 45 1135 Ref No. #33, this date, deleted on order of DO (Capt Litchfield).
- 46 1155 G-3 left for Oa.
- 47 1200 G-2 left for Oa with Col King, IV Corps.
- 48 1250 G-2 returned to Cf.
- 49 1250 Rec'd: Hq TF 45, SGI Index Item No. 1a-8.
- 50 1253 Rec'd: Fifth Army G-2 Report #523.
- 51 1300 Phone fr Return: Permission requested to fire rocket launchers at (1472-008). ACTION: Permission granted.
- 52 1305 G-3 returned to CP.
- 53 1305 Msg fr Col King, Corps G-2 to G-2: 1. Unidentified plane previously reported numerous times over road fr SAN MARCELLO to CAMPO TEZZORO is apparently American. The Air Corps will not deny it, and we may not shoot it down. 2. Maj Rossetti, head OSS, will be here this afternoon or tomorrow AM.

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54	1325	<u>Phone fr Keystone 3:</u> Reference Message 109, 11 Feb: Information of units being moved must be reported to Corps or SITREPS a day beforehand unless emergency exists. ACTION: G-3 advised.
55	1330	TF 45 ISUM #291, submitted.
56	1345	<u>Phone fr Keystone 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Reference to movement of Partisans out of 10th Div sector. Col Davis says to hold fast until he gives the go-ahead on the movement of Partisans out of any of our sector. He will arrange things with Maj Rosetti at the proper time. The way things are now he wishes to wait before making any definite move. He (this Div) are to continue relations with Partisans as in the past. Corps will give us orders as to when any change in status is to take place. (Message rec'd by Maj Lueck). ACTION: Told DO to notify Col Works.
57	1410	<u>Rec'd:</u> ISUM #149 and #150 dated 11 and 12 Feb from Hq 92d Div.
58	1405	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 (Maj Ireland) to Keystone 3 (Maj Deschow):</u> Aerial bomb report for month of January - NTR. Written message follows.
59	1410	<u>Rec'd:</u> Engineer Situation Report from IV Corps dated 11 Feb.
60	1415	<u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Periodic Report No 42 from IV Corps dated 11 Feb.
61	1430	<u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 3:</u> 604 PA and 616 PA - NTR for 121500 Sitrep.
62	1445	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> Sitrep report - No change except operation scheduled for Red Bn cancelled at 121230A.
63	1445	<u>Rec'd:</u> Sitrep No 85 dated 121200A fr IV Corps.
64	1446	<u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 3:</u> 605 PA; NTR for 121500 Sitrep.
65	1445	<u>Phone fr AMG to LaSalle 2:</u> Jeep destined for BUTIGLIANO with medical supplies asked for clearance. ACTION: Clearance granted.
66	1440	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> 1st Bn 85th Mt Inf - CP now located at (144900A) - closed here at 121344A. 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf - CP now located at (1462005) - closed here at 121115A. ACTION: Notified Col Irvin and noted for 1500 SITREP.
67	1500	TF 45 SITREP No. 482 submitted.
68	1510	Col Works left CP for Officers' Quarters to write an Annex to a FO.
69	1445	Major Ireland going to Hq of 85th and 87th to see Regt Historians. Expects to return at 121700A. Going to Hq, 86th this evening for same purpose. Expected to return by 2200A.
70	1515	PATROL REPORT #413, F/85, Out 121000A, In 121500A. REPORT: Contact made at 121230A with 365th Inf.

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| 71      | 1520 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Arrest Reports from CIC Detachment of PW's.   |
| 72      | 1555 | <u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Periodic Report No 42 dated 11 Feb fr IV Corps.   |
| 73      | 1600 | <u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Situation Report fr Hq IV Corps dated 12 Feb. & 11 Feb.   |
| 74      | 1600 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Air Target Requests for 12 Feb from IV Corps.   |
| 75      | 1610 | <u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Periodic Report fr 92 Inf Div. Report No. 99 dated 11 Feb.  |
| 76      | 1605 | <u>Message fr Capt Livermore, In Off, IV Corps:</u> Apparently it is believed that a German Armored Corps including the 16th SS, the 26th Panzer are or have pulled out from the 8th Army sector. A PW reports the 155th Bn, 1 Labor Bn and 3 Russian (Legion) Bn's are in PANAMO. ACTION: Notified G-2.  |
| 77      | 1615 | Capt Daltro (In Off; B/F) picked up Secret envelope for Maj Adair. ACTION: Maj Murphy notified. (Message fr Capt Bourke)  |
| 78      | 1615 | <u>Rec'd:</u> ISUM No. 748 dated 121519A from IV Corps.   |
| 79      | 1620 | <u>Rec'd:</u> G-2 Periodic Report from REF. Note attached fr Capt Daltie - Patrol on (668214) - No contact, enemies observed on (526177) (525177)   |
| 80      | 1621 | <u>Rec'd:</u> Ltr fr Hq FIFTH ARMY dated 7 Feb. SUBJECT: Change #7 to S.A.N. Instructions.  |
| 81      | 1625 | PATROL REPORT #926, 0/87, Out 121005, In 121454, REPORT: Trails from (1499148) to (1500145) 8 ft wide, very rocky and cut by small gullies - steep banks on one side and all is on the other. Not suitable for motor vehicles at (1500145) which is steep bank where trail meets road. From (15001508) to CA di LUCCA road junction (15105 1430) trail 8 ft wide - very rocky with some snow. Moderately steep and sharp switch-back at (1504145). Guide located at (15060145) is 8 ft wide with steel beams, planks in poor condition. Trail not fitted for motor vehicles. From (150051430) to MERGOLLA road (1508143) it is considered passable for motor vehicles. Trails from (1508143) to VIDIGIATICO (150113) very rough and narrow - footpath only. No enemy seen or contacted. |
| 82      | 1625 | PATROL REPORT #1106, 11 Feb, I & R/87, Out 111630A, In 112100A. REPORT: Surveillance patrol in vicinity of BAILEY BRIDGE (1500145) at 111645H to 112045H, proceeded on route to BAILEY BRIDGE (1500145) and took up position 200 yds N of bridge. Observed for enemy snipers until 112030A. Contacted "R" Co outpost at bridge. Heard no enemy fire and saw no enemy.   |
| 83      | 1700 | Col Irvin left CP for Officers Quarters. Major Murphy accompanied Col Irvin to Officers' Quarters.  |

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| 84         | 1710       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Photographs for Capt Patton.  |
| 85         | 1705       |             | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Observed by Infantry at (1508145) at 121648Z, 2 shells, nature and caliber unknown. Damage unknown. ACTION: Noted for ISUM and SITREP.  |
| 86         | 1715       |             | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Four men observed entering house at (151591901) at 121600A. ACTION: Noted for ISUM.   |
| 87         | 1715       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> FIFTH ARMY weather forecast for period 122400A - 132400A.   |
| 88         | 1716       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> S-2 Report fr 68th Avad FA Bn. Report No. 42 for period 101800A to 111800A.   |
| 89         | 1716       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Patrol Intentions from 85th Mt Inf (2nd Bn).  |
| 90         | 1720       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Intelligence Bulletin dated 12 Feb fr Hq IV Corps Det.  |
| 91         | 1725       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Ltr fr Hq, CIC, V Army (305th CIC Detachment) addressed to Lt. Cave.  |
| 92         | 1745       |             | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> SITREP 121330A to 121630A reports no change for 604 FA, 616 FA and 605 FA. ACTION: Noted for ISUM SITREP.   |
| 93         | 1747       |             | <u>Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> At 121650A 4 rounds of unknown caliber fell 100 yds N of (1508164). At 121208A, 4 rounds of 82 mortar fire fell at (1482151). SITREP - No change. ACTION: Noted for ISUM and SITREP.  |
| 94         | 1800       |             | TF 45 ISUM No. 292 submitted.   |
| 95         | 1800       |             | TF 45 SITREP No. 483 submitted.   |
| 96         | 1825       |             | REJECT REPORT #817, 11 Feb 45, 4/87, Out 111900A, In 121000A. REPORT: Observed enemy MG and mortar emplacements at (1368069) at 120700A. This position previously reported and it was unoccupied this time.   |
| 97         | 1830       |             | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Rejest In O informed Rex 2 that Rejest will make a propaganda broadcast beginning at 121630A and ending at 122130A from (1394088). Rejest requested a cessation of our Arty fire during that period in that area. ACTION: Col Works informed. |
| 98         | 1840       |             | <u>Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Retread Blue 2:</u> Nine men and 2 partisans left Retread (Blue) for (1394088) at 121800A with equipment for a propaganda broadcast.   |
| 99         | 1850       |             | <u>Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> Called to inform us that 3rd Bn, 87 Mt Inf relieved the 1st Bn. 1st Bn opened new OP at (1443015) at 121830A.   |

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100	1850	Col Works returned to CP.
101	1900	Col Irvin returned to CP.
102	1930	Col Irvin left CP for Officer's quarters.
103	1940	PATROL REPORT #412, 12 Feb, F/85, Out 120600A, In 121730A. REPORT: Left our truck for FRACCHI (1275059, arrived at FRACCHI at 120750A. Truck road very bad. Left FRACCHI at 120800A. 100-150 yds visibility, followed prescribed route and went on trail to a point (1292062) from there had wet deep snow. Saw telephone wire running to top of hill (1293066) and followed it and found an abandoned 50mm gun position and 350 rds of 50mm Ammunition belted and boxed - didn't pick it up - At this position visibility very, very, poor, 15-25 yds at 121045A. Stayed at said position until 121230A. Unable to observe due to poor visibility. Arrived back at FRACCHI at 121545A. Weather foggy - no equipment lost, no enemy contact, no enemy observation and no casualties.
104	1950	PATROL PLAN #414, 13 Feb, F/85, 1 Off, 10 EM, Out 130700A, In 131700A. MISSION: Recon route to M RONDINALO and observe enemy.  PATROL PLAN #415, 13 Feb, F/85, 1 Off, 10 EM, Out 130700A, In 131800A. MISSION: Recon route to M MOCCA. Observe enemy.  PATROL PLAN #416, 13 Feb, G/85, 4 EM, Out 131800, In 131600A. MISSION: Contact patrol from M DE VILLA to TEREGLIA.
105	2025	Phone fr Col Works to Lt Kennedy OSS: I have 750 partisans in the LIZZANO BELVEDERE area. I will be home all day tomorrow.
106	2030	PATROL REPORT #1206, 12 Feb, 10 Mt Recon Trp, Out 120800A, In 122015A. REPORT: No enemy sighted.
107	2030	PATROL REPORT #1207, 12 Feb, 10 Mt Recon Trp, Out 120800A, In 122015A. REPORT: Sighted one enemy at (1426097) and overheard about 4 others talking at 121330A. Overheard 2 men moving through the woods at (1421093) 121345A. Visibility less than 50 ft.  PATROL REPORT #409, 12 Feb, F/85, Out 120700A, In 121800A. REPORT: Proceeded on route prescribed. Visibility 25 yds, trail conditions poor, snow soft and melting, no fresh tracks observed, no enemy observed or contacted. No equipment lost.
108	2035	Rec'd: ISUM #749 from IV Corps dated 122015A.
109	2030	Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 21. At 122025A an enemy patrol was fired on by one of our patrols from "K" Co at (1392067). Casualties unknown. ACTION: Noted for 2300 SITREP and 0600A ISUM.

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110	2045	<u>Rec'd: Ltr fr 86th Mt Inf Headquarters - Subject: Comments and Reports on Lessons Learned by Patrols of the 86th Mt Inf.</u>
111	2050	<u>Rec'd: Report #43 fr 751st Tank Battalion dated 12 Feb for period 111200A to 121200A.</u>
112	2045	<u>Phone fr Maj Skert to LaSalle 3: German patrol entered the K Co., 2nd platoon position at (L395068) 122030A. Two of the enemy were hit by our fire while 6 of the enemy are still in the area. No casualties have been accounted for in K Co thus far. ACTION: Col Works notified. Noted for 2300 SITREP. Noted for G-2.</u>
113	2045	<u>Phone fr Maj Callahan for Col Irwin: The Major was notified that the Colonel is stationed in his quarters for the evening.</u>
114	2130	<u>Phone fr Lt McGuicklin to Lt Bourke: Lt McGuicklin will spend the night with the 87th Regiment. He will return in time for the meeting tomorrow morning. ACTION: Noted for Journal.</u>
115	2145	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3: 1st Bn, 87th, closed in area via SAN MARCELLO with CP at (1443015) at 122130A. ACTION: Noted for 2300 SITREP.</u>
116	2155	<u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: At 122125A Rocket fired 19 rounds 75 mm on enemy patrol at (L39260684). Effect was unobserved. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.</u>
117	2215	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 2: Red Bn closed at SAN MARCELLO (1443115) at 122213A. ACTION: For 2300A SITREP.</u>
118	2.25	<u>Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 2: 604th - 1 mission on enemy patrol (323068), 19 rounds, effect unknown. 605th - 1 harassing mission enemy mass (509178), effect not observed. 35 rounds. 606th - MTR. ACTION: 2300A SITREP.</u>
119	2245	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 2: MTR.</u>
120	2300	<u>TF 45, SITREP No. 484, submitted.</u>
121	2315	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 2: Retread blue broadcast at (1394082) entreating garrison at PIANSINATICO to surrender tomorrow morning. Broadcast at 122030A. ACTION: Journal.</u>
122	2320	<u>G-2 (Colonel Works) left CP for quarters, to return 130745A.</u>

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| 1              | 0015        | PATROL REPORT #927, Out 121830A, In 122030A, Time Rec'd: 130015A, ROUTE RCN REPORT: Snow 6" - 2 1/2' deep on trails.<br><br>PATROL REPORT #928, Out 121600A, In 122000A, Time Rec'd: 130015A, ROUTE RCN REPORT: Road from (L498147) to (L504165) to (L505157) will carry tanks. Good drainage.<br><br>PATROL REPORT #929, Out 120730A, In 121500A, Time Rec'd: 130015A, PATROL FINDINGS: At 121200A an unidentified 3-man patrol from PLANACCIO (L500100) proceeded NW on trail to CAMPANETTO (L475120). Enemy tank or possible SP gun with 2 men on top, located on roadside at (L49631775) between 121200A and 121400A<br><br>PATROL REPORT #930, Out 121700A, In 122000A, Time Rec'd: 130015A, PATROL FINDINGS: Trail to VISCONI (L492155) could handle jeeps. From VISCONI (L492155) to (L492165) trail too steep for vehicles. |
| 2              | 0200        | PATROL REPORT #819, Out 122000A, In 130110A, Time Rec'd: 130200A, PATROL FINDINGS: Observed 122215A enemy house at (L412078). Negative results. 122230 another empty house (L410077). No results. Noted between 122030A and 122130A approximately 10 flares fr (L379083) landing (1395075). ROUTE RCN REPORT: Foot trail only. Snow 2' - 3' deep on E and K slopes. Clear: no moon.   |
| 3              | 0130        | Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2: Unidentified plane, single engine, flying low over CP at 130130A. NOTE: Plane also flying over CAMPO TIZZORO. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 4              | 0215        | Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2: 130140A to 130200A, 22 rounds, 75 or 88 cal impact area (L511163). Shells from G A 360 from impact area. ACTION: 0600A ISUM.   |
| 5              | 0235        | Phone fr Retread 2 to LaSalle 2: Unidentified plane still over SAN MARCELLO. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 6              | 0300        | Rec'd. IV COMPS SITREP NO. 86, 122400A February 1945.   |
| 7              | 0440        | Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 2: 5-man enemy patrol met at (1395068). Believed to be evacuating enemy dead from earlier patrol. Our MG's and flares used, but negative results. Action at 132315A. ACTION: ISUM and SITREP 0600A.   |
| 8              | 0530        | Phone from Hebate 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP-NTR. ISUM-NG ACTION: Noted for above.  |
| 9              | 0530        | Phone from Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: 604th-616th -NTR. 605th -AT (L495178) fired 1 harassing mission, 1 high burst registration. 44 rounds expended. ACTION: 0600A SITREP.  |
| 10             | 0600        | TF 45 ISUM #293, submitted.   |
| 11             | 0600        | TF 45 SITREP #485, submitted.   |

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- 12      0645      Phone fr MF guard to La Salle 2: MF guard & CP reported that enemy plane fired at a truck convoy while the trucks were passing through CAMPO TIZZORO at 130515A. He saw the tracer bullets streak towards the convoy from the plane. This plane had been reported flying over CAMPO TIZZORO at 180130A. The truck convoy had all their lights on and were probably unaware that they were being fired at. ACTION...Noted for G-2 and 1330 ISUM.
- 13      0740      Phone fr Capt Livermore: 8th Army (111800) Very quiet period. Regrouping of own forces. II Corps (130600). Arty slight and harrasing. Enemy again smoked SAVENA VALLEY (1844314). PW identification 145 Gren, 6th Co. Very quiet night. Captured three man enemy patrol. REF (130600): Period generally quiet. Arty activity increasing. Some enemy movement noticed. Active patrolling continued. No PW's. 92nd (130600) Period generally quiet. At 122000A, enemy combat patrol engaged our position at (1181060), but was beaten off by our mortar fire. Active patrolling, made little contact. 106 rounds arty used. 21 deserters-ITALIA DIV; 2 from 1048 Div. ACTION...noted for G-2 and Journal.
- 14      0825      Recd: 10th Mt Div Hq Spec Order #21.
- 15      0830      Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div (drafted form) Staff Memorandum, dated 12 Feb 1945. Message form attached to it together with a note from Lt. Col G B Dawson, addressed to C/S "Request approval. I have worked this out with Message Center".....Staff memo was in regard to messages, formerly written on War Dept message forms WD AGO No. 801, to be written in the future on message forms provided by Div Msg Center, sample copy attached. C of S addressed note to G-2 "check for compliance with AR380-5 (copies of encoded message)".
- 16      0845      Recd: Hq XXII Tactical Air Cmd, Daily Int Summary, No. 120, dated 10 Feb. (5 page summary)
- 17      0855      Recd: Hq IV Corps, Off of Engr, Subject: Engr Sitrep., dated 12 Feb. (two copies..G- and G-3).
- 18      0855      Recd: Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report, dated 11 Feb.
- 19      0905      Recd: OSS 2nd Bn, 87th Inf Det Report of Lt E L Kennedy; dated 10 Feb. Intelligence Report.
- 20      0905      Recd: OSS 2nd Bn, 87th Inf Det Rpt of Lt E L Kennedy, Int rpt, dated 12 Feb
- 21      0855      Phone fr Rex 2: At 130730A, Ln C, No. 630, reported enemy patrol 4 to 5 men at (1390070). At 130745A reported 3 PW's, surrendered to our lines at (140290643). ACTION...noted G-2 and for 1330A ISUM.

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| 22         | 0840 | Phone fr Corps G-2 to G-2: Will keep 40 or 50 partisans. Rest will be evacuated on the night 14-15 Feb. Major Rosetti (C of OSS) will be at PP 45 CP this AM.   |
| 23         | 0850 | Fr Retread 2 to G-2; phone: Retread Blue sending down 3 deserters captured at 0730A at 409066. Said to come in as a result of broadcast last night. ACTION...noted in journal.  |
| 24         | 0910 | Phone fr Rebate 3 (Lt Bue): Movement of 1st Bn held up by slide at BAGNY DE LUCCA. Understand that there is large bulldozer available but no driver. Can the Engrs give us help? Answer: There has been a change in movement order--remain as is until you hear differently. Lt C has the information. ACTION...for journal.  |
| 25         | 0930 | Phone fr Rex 2: Observers area Quersicola (1570165)--location of shelled area (1513165) and (1511163); time of shelling from 130200A to 130210A; damage unknown--AZ to guns 36degrees from (1570165). Calibre unknown. 11 rounds, harrassing. Fragments will be turned in if possible. Same area as above at 130245A to 130248A, damage unknown. Guns fired from Corona. Calibre believed to be 75mm, 1 gun firing, 14 rounds--harrassing; Area shelled (1513165) time 130300A--130305A; damage unknown; fired from CORONA. Calibre unknown--12 rounds--harrassing. ACTION...noted for 1330A ISUM.          |
| 26         | 1000 | Recd: Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 99, dated 11 Feb. Appendix A...also attached.  |
| 27         | 1005 | Recd: 10th Mt Div Arty, S-3 Report #15, dated 12 Feb.   |
| 28         | 1000 | Phone fr Mr Brandt: Mr Brandt requests permission to fire on the 200 yrd range in the factory grounds where the 10th CM is located. Wishes to have personnel section of Spec Trz zero in their carbines. Answer: I'll investigate and let you know. Lt Chapman--10th CM Bn, reports range is about 100 yds long and safely constructed. Concrete walls--wooden arches to prevent firing out--earth revetment along the butt--will accommodate about 3-4 men at one time. Permission granted to Mr. Brandt.  |
| 29         | 1015 | Recd: Hq MTO Circular number 12, dated 21 Jan 1945, re Unit Censorship instructions and regulations. Also recd. Circulars #1, dated 1 Jan 1945; #6, 11 Jan; Cir #68, 11 May 1944; cir #71, 18 May 1944; Cir #76, 31 May '44; Cir #80, 13 June 1944; Cir #81, 14 June 1944; Cir #83, 16 June '44; Cir #84, 21 June 1944; Cir #86, 29 June '44; (rest dated 1944) Cir #87, 2 July; Cir #90, 2 July; Cir #99, 11 Aug; Cir # 103, 18 Aug; Cir #110, 5 Sept; Cir #114, 13 Sept; Cir #117, 20 Sept; Cir #130, 27 Oct; Cir #132, 5 Nov; Cir #135, 14 Nov; Cir #145, 1 Dec; Cir #146, 8 Dec...all addressed to G-2. |

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30	1050	Fr Rex 3 (phone); SITREP for 131030A..NTR. ACTION...noted for journal.
31	1050	Phone fr D Co. 760 Tk Bn.. Tk status "D" Co. 760 tk Bn; 14-running order...One, repairable within twenty four hrs....One repairable in over 24 hrs....one in Ordnance. ACTION...for 132300A SITREP.
32	1055	Phone fr Div Engr: Landslide on HWY 12 at (Q377972). Estimate will be clear at 131300A. ACTION...Div Engr will notify units concerned. Major Murphy notified.
33	1056	Phone fr Retread 3: SITREP for 131030A..NTR. ACTION...noted for journal.
34	1100	Phone fr Rebata 3: SITREP for 131030A..Rebata Blue opened CP at FURETTA (L337960); at 131040A. ACTION...noted for 1100A SITREP
35	0900	G-2 to CG Ron Tr..Verbal: Establish OP vie of mortar CP located near VIDICIAFICO. This should be in position by 15 Feb. This is to be used by the General to observe to the West, North, and Northeast. Make it a "show" CP, perfectly camouflaged and dug in. Legs on top.. sandbags, concealed entrance. Keep activity down during day--about 100 yds away from old CP.
36	1205	Hq 10th Mt Div Daily Bulletin #10, dated 12 Feb. recd.
37	1205	Hq 10th Mt Div Strength Return recd. dated as of 2400, 12 Feb.
38	1100	TF 45 SITREP #486, submitted.
39	1210	G-2 & G-3 left for lunch. Expected to return 1300A.
40	1200	Phone fr Rebata 3: 1st En 85th Mt Inf to move to BAGHI DI LUCCA today. ACTION: 131100A SITREP.
41	1215	Phone fr Keystone 3: Col Cronk, CO of (blank) is due to arrive at Div CP between 1400A and 1500A today. Requested that he be told to call Cpl Curtis, G-3, right away. ACTION...notified G3
42	1220	Phone fr Capt Bourke: Capt Bourke in BEF Sector...7th Co-has visited. Has visited 9th Co.... will visit 8th Co. Can be reached at RAPA AZUL 3 until 1345A. Will return to CP between 1600A and 1700A. ACTION...Major Murphy notified.
43	1225	Phone fr Keystone 2: Fr Major Callahan--Keystone2...A Major Thomas J, Semmes--0151254 from MAAF, FIU, has a cousin in the AT Bn whom he wishes to see; Keystons 2 knows this officer and has asked that he check into our "2" section before trying to locate his cousin. He is OK. ACTION...att'n of G-2.

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44		1300	PATROL PLAN #1208, 10th Mt Cav Bn fr: 1 OIF, 2 NCO's, 6 EM, 7 Part. out 131030A, In 132200A. DESTINATION: VISTA del PARADISO (LA1910A). MISSION: To locate and report any enemy installations on or in vis of Vista del Paradiso.
45		1300	Phone fr Rex 2: Air report at 121245: fired on gun positions at (1362094)—15 rds landed about 10 yds fr enemy guns. No damage observed. One ski trooper seen on top of Mt SPIGOLINO (LA309). ACTION...noted for 1800 SITREP.
46		1310	Rec'd: secret code message fr Fifth Army to TF 45, REF Nr 3861.
47		1310	G-2 & G-3 returned to duty.
48		1310	Rec'd: TF 45 G-2 Periodic Report dated 12 Feb (not previously recorded).
49		1330	TF 45 ICOM #294, submitted.
50		1355	Phone fr Rex 2: AT 131130A Require fired 16 rounds, 15 rounds M54 Fuse, 3 smoke on enemy gun located at (1361019510). Effect was good, all rounds landing within 10 to 15 yds from the enemy gun position. Air observer adjusted. ACTION: Noted for 1500A Sitrep.
51		1410	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report #100 fr 92d Div.
52		1435	Phone fr LaSalle 3: Location of units: 85th 1st Bn, BAGNI DI LUCCA. 2d Bn, SAVIRAMA. 3d Bn, PRUNETTA. 86th : as is. 87th: 1st Bn, DOUGLIA. 2d Bn, VIDICIATIGO. 3d Bn, will move when relieved to SAN MARCELLO, MARLIANO, MARLIAN BAESO, LA LIVA, and POPPILO. ACTION: Units and G-3 notified.
53		1435	Rec'd: FR reports fr 87th dated 12 Feb., with overlay attached showing defenses of POILIA and CORONA (from deserter statement).
54		1435	Rec'd: 10th Mt Med Bn Training Schedule f r week 12 Feb to 17 Feb.
55		1435	Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Keystone 3: Request that sufficient supply personnel and vehicles be released fr the 86th Inf today to allow them to move ammo and supplies up tonight. Approx 15 trucks, 40 men. ACTION: Journal.
56		1445	Phone fr Rex 3: 605; 1 mission on 4 MG's in position (1524176). Effective. 74 rounds. 616; 1 destruction mission on enemy gun position. CECCHETTO (1361095). Results unknown. 18 rounds. ACTION: Sitrep.
57		1500	Rec'd: Fr 87th, overlay showing unit locations, dated 13 Feb.
58		1500	Phone fr Rex 3: 604 Sitrep: No change. ACTION: Noted for 1500A Sitrep.
59		1500	TF 45 SITREP #487, submitted.

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60	1456	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3</u> : Sitrep: NTR. ACTION: Noted for 1500A Sitrep.
61	1456	<u>Phone fr Retread 3</u> : Sitrep: NTR. ACTION: Noted for 1500A Sitrep.
62	1504	<u>Phone fr Retread 2</u> : At 131500A, 3 rounds arty of unknown caliber fell on Bailey Bridge (1500A). Bridge still intact. At same time 8 rounds arty, caliber unknown, fell in square in VIDICIATICO (1502-138). 5 civilians wounded. No army personnel injured. ACTION: Noted for 131800A leum. G-2 notified.
63	1512	PATROL REPORT #416, Out 131000A, In 131430A. FINDINGS: Contact made with 365th at 131200A at VITIANA (236000).  PATROL PLAN #1019, 14 Feb, I/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 140800A, In 141800A. MISSION: Rcn and Obs.  PATROL PLAN #1020, 14 Feb, I/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 142000A, In 150500A. MISSION: Rcn and security.  PATROL PLAN #1021, 14 Feb, I/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 141900A, In 150600A. MISSION: Rcn and security.  PATROL PLAN #1018, 13 Feb, I/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 131900A, In 140600A. MISSION: Rcn.  PATROL PLAN #1017, 13 Feb, K/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 131000A, In 131600A. MISSION: Rcn.  PATROL PLAN #1016, 13 Feb, L/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, 2 Part, Out 131900A, In 140800A. MISSION: Route rcn.  PATROL PLAN #417, 14 Feb, A/85, 1 Off, 20 EM, Out 140700A, In 141800A. MISSION: Rcn route to M RONDINAIO.  PATROL PLAN #418, 14 Feb, H/85, 1 Off, 10 EM, Out 140700A, In 141700A. MISSION: Route rcn.  PATROL PLAN #419, 14 Feb, F/85, 1 Off, 10 EM, Out 140700A, In 141700A. MISSION: Route rcn.  PATROL PLAN #420, 14 Feb, G/85, 4 EM, Out 141000A, In 141600A. MISSION: Contact 365th.
64	1506	<u>Phone fr Retread White 6 (Col Nations)</u> : Wants to know by phone if Col Works will come up to his CP tonight. ACTION: G-2 notified. Retread White 6 informed that Col Works would be there.
65	1525	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3</u> : Rebate Blue closed PRUNETTA (1437960) at 131400A.  ACTION: Journal

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66	1543	Phone fr Rebate 3(it Bus): Rebate Red closed BAGNI DE LUCCA (02669-9699) at 1530A, 13 Feb. ACTION: Noted for 1800Sitrep. Called Corps.
67	1615	Phone fr Div Arty: 605 FA Bn: shell report. Location of shell area: Bailey Bridge (150411417) at 1510A. Damage unknown. 5 rounds total. Area shelled (50551345). 2 civilians possibly killed. 5 rounds total. ACTION: 1800A Sitrep.
68	1620	Rec'd: IV Corps Isum #751 dated 131538A.
69	1620	PATROL PLAN #934, 15 Feb, H/87, 6 EM, Out 150915A, In 151530A, MISSION: Ren.  PATROL PLAN #935, 15 Feb, E/87, 7 EM, Out 150600A, In 151400A. MISSION: Ren.  PATROL PLAN #936, 15 Feb, E/87, 6 EM, Out 150215A, In 160130A. MISSION: Ren.  PATROL PLAN #937, 15 Feb, E/87, 1 Off, 12 EM, Out 160130, In 160645A. MISSION: Ren.  PATROL PLAN #938, 15 Feb, G/87, 1 Off, 10 EM, Out 151900A, In 152400A. MISSION: Ren.
70	1630	Phone fr Retread Blue: At 131530A, a partisan reported mortar or arty fire fell at (1415055). Number of rounds or damage unknown. At 131615A 2 rounds (believed arty) observed fr (1409068) at az 80°, 200 yds (1411069). No casualties, no damage. ACTION: Noted for Isum.
71	1645	Rec'd: IV Corps Sitrep #87, dated 131200A.
72	1700	Phone fr Retread Blue: At 131615A, 1 round arty, caliber unknown, fell at (140700705). No casualties. ACTION: Noted for 1800 Isum.
73	1715	G-3 left for OJ.
74	1717	Phone fr Keystone 3:(Lt Col Kosby) Release of 40 men and 15 trucks of 86th Mt Inf is approved and regiment has been notified. ACTION: Col Irvin notified.
75	1726	Phone fr Retread 3: At 131430A - 131600A 34 rounds believed to be 75 mm fell at (1496145) (1501142) (1501144) (Bailey Bridge). Estimated az 340° - 350° from center of VIDICTION. ACTION: Sitrep.
76	1730	G-2 left for OJ.
77	1745	Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Rebate White 6: Col Menden informed that Col works will not be at Rebate White CP tonight. ACTION: Journal.

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78	1730	<u>Phone fr G-2 to Corps:</u> 1. Unit a reported in PANAND are all labor bns. It is more than are usually there, but none have been used as combat troops. 2. Requested air mission (Tac Ron) as in Intel Annex to FO 9.
79	1745	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3 (Maj Kober):</u> Sitrep. No change.
80	1748	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Sitrep. No change.
81	1749	<u>Phone fr Reg 3:</u> 604: NTR. 616: NTR. 605: NTR. ACTION: Sitrep.
82	1750	<u>Rec'd:</u> Fifth Army weather forecast for 132400A - 142400A.
83	1750	<u>Rec'd:</u> 63th Armd FA Bn S-2 Report #43.
84	1750	<u>Rec'd:</u> BEF G-2 Report #101.
85	1750	<u>Rec'd:</u> BEF G-3 Report #101.
86	1800	TF 45 <u>ITM</u> #188, submitted.
87	1800	TF 45 <u>IGUM</u> #295, submitted.
88	1900	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps CSS Det Intelligence Bulletin dated 13 Feb.
89	1900	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #261.
90	1900	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Sitreps #85, 86, Phantom Summary as of 111800A and G-3 Periodic Report #43.
91	1910	G-3 returned to CP.
92	1910	<u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Message #787 "Effective 140001A Feb 45, 3d Plat Co D 84th Engr Bn is detached 4th Corps Arty and attached 1108th Engr C GP. Effective same time, 4th Plat, Co D, 84th Engr Bn is attached 10th Mt Div."
93	1915	<u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 to 710 Ord Co:</u> Authority granted Co to build small arms range as requested in letter to this Hq, 13 Feb 45. Location of range is behind 710th ord shop. ACTION: Journal.
94	1920	<u>Rec'd:</u> Msg fr IV Corps, #790, "In compliance with Fifth Army radio No. 3861, dated 122024A February 1945: 1. Effective 150600A February, 27 AFA Bn is detached 92 Inf Div and IV Corps and reverts to parent unit control. 2. Effective same time, 68 AFA Bn is detached IV Corps Arty and IV Corps and reverts to parent unit control. 3. Upon detachment from IV Corps, 27 and 68 AFA Bn's will move to areas to be designated by CG, 1st Armored Div. 4. Effective 150600A February, 473 Inf Regt. is attached IV Corps. 5. CG 473 Inf Regt. will report to CG, IV Corps at once for instruction. 6. Routes and timing of all



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| 94         |             | cont'd movements will be coordinated with IV Corps HQ."  |
| 95         | 1837        | <u>Msg fr Col Irvin:</u> It will be a policy of the G-3 section not to mention under INTENTIONS in each SITREP the contemplated or expected moves or plans, etc. of any organization or unit of this command until the prospective action is known, BEYOND SHADOW OF A DOUBT, to be certain. ACTION: Attention of all officers, G-3 section.   |
| 96         | 1955        | Capt Livermore left for Corps.   |
| 97         | 1955        | <u>Msg fr Col Irvin:</u> Reference SITREPS: 1. TWL, Radio, and Phone SITREPS must coincide. 2. Corps interested in execution of plans, any plans such as movements, reliefs, etc. Sitreps must indicate: a. by whom completed. b. when completed. c. how completed, i.e. w/o incident. 3. Corps desires a minimum of 24 hours notice on execution of plans to include movements, reliefs, etc. (see Ref No. #95, this date, which will still govern.) ACTION: Attention all officers G-3 section.  |
| 98         | 1955        | G-2 returned to Cf.  |
| 99         | 2025        | PATROL REPORT #414, Out 130700A, In 131800A. FINDINGS: Arrived at summit MT HORNINAIG (L274088) at 131400A. Visibility restricted. At 13145A observed 2 men digging emplacement on MT BURRO EL F0390 (L286087). Visibility then decreased to zero. No further enemy contact. ROUTE RUN REPORT: Trail conditions fair; ice on upper slopes.<br><br>PATROL REPORT #415, Out 130700A, In 131800A. FINDINGS: At 131045A observed 1 man standing at (L285084); appeared to be observing. At same time saw 2 men digging position at (L286087). At 131125A observed dug-in position at (L289089). Observation of these positions made at summit of MT MOCOA (L305045). No enemy contact. |
| 100        | 2035        | <u>Phone fr Bent 3:</u> Capt Weaver called asking for coordinates of Hajeet Near. Vehicle accident was reported to him and ambulance was requested. ACTION: Col Irvin referred him to Hajeet Near for exact location.  |
| 101        | 2057        | <u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Remount 3:</u> (Retread 3 notified 2030A.) Personnel of 86th Mt Inf will relieve 4.2" mortar crews of 87th Mt Inf in COMIGLIANO and VIOCIATICO sectors. Move relieving crews and mortars in CATERLANK sector to VIOCIATICO sector without delay. CO 86th Mt Inf will employ all 4.2" mortars in future operations. (Col Irvin). ACTION: Sitrep 7  |
| 102        | 2100        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Sitrep #44 fr 751 Tank Bn.   |
| 103        | 2103        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3 (Asst Skern):</u> Final report on civilian casualties as result of today's shelling is 5 killed, 1 wounded. No military casualties. ACTION: Noted for LAD600A Issn.  |

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104	2115	G-2, G-3 left for C4.
105	2155	G-2 Report, Hq TF 45, #96, submitted.
106	2200	Phone fr Return to LaSalle 2: Two Partisans killed by suspected Shoe or S mine in RONCONEGREG (1579208). ACTION: Journal.
107	2212	Col Labue left CP for Officers quarters.
108	2215	Rec'd: ISUM #752 from IV Corps dated 132000.
109	2230	Phone fr Retread 3 to LaSalle 3: NTR on SITREP for 2300A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
110	2250	Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: 60A FA; 1 harassing mission (1509179); results unknown. 605 FA; 1 counterbattery mission on enemy battery at (1465196); results unobserved. Enemy ceased firing. 8rds expended. 1 counterbattery mission on 88mm gun at (1475191), adjusted by sound. Results unknown. 23 rds expended. 616 FA; 2 harassing missions on enemy guns (1375091) and (1361095), results not known. 11 rds expended.
111	2250	PATROL REPORT #1-17, 13 Feb, K/87, Out 131220, In 131915A, REPORT: 1. From 1420-1450A COSTA (1374077). From 1630A to 1750A LA SERRA (1376083) observed to MALD (1396097). No activity in COSTA. 2. Negative 3. Negative. 4. Foot trails only. No good for mules - snow scarce. 5. Fair - Observation medium - steady. 6. 151450A - 4 mortar bursts and several 37's fell at (1373077). 1600A to 1630A, WP at (1378041). 7. 1715A - 3 enemy at (1392107) in position. 8. At 1650A, dead American (1377083). No dog tags. White pack overcoat, shoe pass, helmet and pack board with wire reel. 22-24 yrs old, 5' 11", 175 lbs, dark hair and dark complexion. Dead ten days. Wound in left upper chest. Shell craters scattered about.
112	2300	TF 45 Sitrep #489 submitted.

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| 1          | 0030        | PATROL REPORT #1206, 13 Feb, 1/87, Out 13195A, In 132350A. REPORT: No civilians observed - Partisans led patrol - 1 ft. snow on the trail. 2 miles above COSTE (1374077), saw 5 day old tracks. Weather - Good. No contact. Followed route.   |
| 2          | 0115        | PATROL REPORT #1208, 13 Feb, 10 Ren Troop, Out 1315, In 132300A. REPORT: Reached (1427097). Found OP on CRUCE - The partisans pointed out gun positions on PARADISO - Enemy sentry on duty.   |
| 3          | 0130        | PATROL REPORT #1218, 13 Feb, 1/87, Out 13195A, In 140045A. REPORT: Enemy territory under observation along entire route. No civilians observed. Patrol guided by Partisan. Trail slippery with very little snow. Weather good. Patrol made contact with patrol from 10th Regt at (1400075) at 132115A. No enemy contact. No material lost. Followed route.  |
| 4          | 0255        | Rec'd: SITREP No. 88 from IV Corps dated 132400A.   |
| 5          | 0535        | Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP and ISUM - NTR. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 6          | 0535        | Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP - NTR. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 7          | 0600        | TF 45 SITREP No. 490 submitted.   |
| 8          | 0600        | TF 45 ISUM No. 296 submitted.   |
| 9          | 0735        | Phone fr Capt Livermore to LaSalle 2: II Corps: - Active patrolling. Patrol received MG and SA fire, some enemy movement, smoke observed at (1307283)(1322302) - 82 rds of arty in (13728) (3729) grid square. REF: - Quiet front, arty and mortar fire moderate. Active patrolling. Enemy seen carrying entrenching tools at (1444223). 92nd Div: - SERCHIO valley quiet - coastal sector enemy arty more active than usual. 2 enemy patrols engaged in fire fight. Active patrolling (friendly troops) - PW's, 36 mostly Italians. ACTION: G-2 Journal. |
| 10         | 0735        | Phone fr Keystone 3 to LaSalle 3: Maj Hamilton - BIF reports heavy arty fire in LISIAGO in BELVEDERE SECTOR. Do we have any information on this? ANSWER: Nothing has come in but I'll check. - RETREAD WHITE reports no enemy arty but friendly arty has been active for the past hour. - REM 3 - Have no report but will check. ACTION: Notified Keystone 3.   |
| 11         | 0755        | Phone fr CO, 10th Mt Div to C.O., 85th Mt Inf: Move Co C, 85th Mt Inf to VIDIGIATECO during darkness 14 - 15 Feb. Co C is attached 2nd Bn, 87th Mt Inf on arrival. Co C, 85th Mt Inf reverts 85th Mt Inf at 1800, D-2. Direct conference with CO, 87th Mt Inf is authorized.  |

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| 12             | 0830        | Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: Message from Reply 2. We are supporting raid - 1 enemy MG knocked out - 2 casualties, 1 of F.C. party. ACTION: Noted for 1100 SITREP and 1330 ISM.   |
| 13             | 0900        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, Engineer Situation Report for period 111800A to 121800A dated 13 February 1945.   |
| 14             | 0915        | Lt Col Works, G-2 departed fr CP to visit 85th, 87th and 86th Cps. Expected to return sometime after 141300A.   |
| 15             | 0915        | Phone fr G-2 (Lt Col Works) to Maj Kober, Rebate 2: 2 IS-9 agents are going from BAGNI DI LUCCA to location of FIDMALBO through your left sector. They are going to retrieve 3 American pilots hidden there. They would like your help getting through the lines. ACTION: Will notify Rebate Red.   |
| 16             | 0930        | For Journal fr Col Irvin, G-3: 4th Platoon, Co D, 84th Engr Bn (Com) is attached 126th Engr Bn effective 140001A. To Capt Borland, Asst Div Engr.   |
| 17             | 1000        | Rec'd. ISUM #753 fr IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 140800A Feb.  |
| 18             | 1000        | Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report No. 101 dated 13 Feb 1945.  |
| 19             | 1000        | Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report #16 for period 1800A 12 Feb to 1800A 13 Feb 1945.   |
| 20             | 1000        | Rec'd penciled note fr AG, (Lt Col Dawson) to G-2. "Reference entry No 111 in Journal for period 0000A to 2400A 13 Feb. Battle casualty was found by patrol who had been dead for 10 days and wearing no dog tags. I wish you would stress to these organs that men going out on these patrols be checked for dog tags. This man, whoever he is, is still carried as MIA." GED  |
| 21             | 1025        | Rec'd. Two mail sacks addressed to Capt Patton, G-2 (Photos). Also one roll marked "Traces" fr IV Corps PI.   |
| 22             | 1038        | Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: Air reports - From 140750A to 141000A observed trenches and living quarters of enemy at (1424098) did not call down any fire. Visibility was obscure. From 140835A to 141000A at (147901802) saw camouflaged position with netting could not tell what is in it. At (151161780) 2 light guns (field pieces) in the immediate reverse slope. At the reverse slope of MT BELVEDERE at (1525178) 2 mortar positions were seen. At (153011776) enemy dugouts seen. Entire valley FIVANO down the river unked in. ACTION: Noted for 1330A ISUM. |
| 23             | 1040        | Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP 141030A -- 604 FA-NTR, 605 FA- Report on arty support of raid not in, 616 FA - NTR. ACTION: Journal.  |

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24	1100		TF 45 SITREP #491, submitted.
25	1105		Rec'd. Hq XIII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary dated 11 February 1945.
26	1115		Phone fr Co-B 760 Tn to LaSalle 3: Tank status report -- 15 in running order, 1 repairable in more than 24 hrs, 1 in Ordnance. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.
27	1200		Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div ISUMS #155 and 156 dated 13 Feb 1945 respectively.
28	1100		Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: From Reply 2 to Rex 2: The assault platoon moved to its objective 140430A and ran into an ambush at 140620A receiving MG fire from reverse slope of ridge (150051790) also mortar from (150101750) and more MG fire from (150751775). Assault platoon withdrew at 140650A under cover of arty fire on the above mentioned MG and mortar positions. 1 FO Sgt received shrapnel wound in leg and 1 infantryman received shrapnel wounds in face. The reinforced platoon at (150501750) received MG and mortar fire from these same positions. The platoon withdrew at 140640A under cover of our arty fire. Another squad at BU10 (5016) withdrew to L10MS (5016) at 140650A and as they withdrew an enemy MG moved to their previous BU10 position and fired from there on them. They also received mortar fire from (150821766). Our arty placed fire on the MG on BU10 and neutralized it. At QUEVEDOLA observed MG position (active) below the ridge on MT BELVEDERE (152251740). Our arty fired on that position and obtained two (2) target hits. Reply expended 1493 rds of ammo during raid. ACTION: Noted for G-2 and 1330A ISUM and 1500A SITREP.
29	1220		Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2: From Reply 2: Reported from patrol mission at L10A. No enemy activity not previously reported observed. Except at (153101753) observed a well used path in the snow. ACTION: Noted for 1330A ISUM.
30	1230		Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP #88 dated 13 Feb 1945, & #87 dated 13 Feb 1945.
31	1230		Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation as of 0900A, 14 Feb 1945.
32	1230		Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 44 dated 13 Feb 1945.
33	1230		Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 252, 140800A Feb 1945.
34	1320		Phone fr Rex 2 (Clark) to LaSalle 3: From Reply 2 -- At 141210A 5 men in white observed at (1495163) - dugout believed to be in bank at (150331736), smoke coming from this point. Reported by 1st Officer 520 from the INF. ACTION: For ISUM.

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35	1320	From Capt Burke to LaSalle 31 Bourke, Fox, and Austin have left For LIZZANO in BELVEDERE -- may be reached through REPLY. ACTION: For Journal.
36	1320	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps Memo dated 13 Feb 1945 re SECURITY.
37	1330	TP 45, ISOM #297, submitted.
38	1330	Phone fr LaSalle 2 to 87th Liaison: General Rays does not want any more raids in the right sector of REYREAD until further directive.
39	1345	PATROL PLAN #520, Co E, 85th Mt Inf, 15 Feb 45, 1. Officer 33 RM, Out 150700, In 152300A. MISSION: Ren.
40	1440	Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Evoka 2 and Retread 2: No patrol going out at night will return to its base of operations later than daylight.
41	1500	Rec'd: Allied Force Hq Ctr No. 30, dated 18 Dec 1944, re Hounded Progress reports of U.S. Army battle casualties; also circulars, #3,10,11,15,19,20,22,25,26,28,30. One copy of each to G-2 & G-3.
42	1500	Rec'd: EFP G-2 Report #102, dated 13 Feb. Also Saletia de Infos #103.
43	1550	Phone fr hex 2 to LaSalle 2 (Require): Small report: Obs. from 14088-0682. Four rounds bracketed house approx 1000 yds E of OP at 141300A Feb. Firing believed to come from far side of La Serra. ACTION: Journal and noted for 141800 ISOM.
44	1500	TP 45 SITREP #492, submitted.
45	1600	Rec'd: Hq 10th Mt Div, office of Insp General: letter, Subject: Special Insp. of Ire Killed in CaVinana. Reports attached.
46	1600	Rec'd: IV Corps SITREP #89, dated 141200A Feb.
47	1457	Phone fr hex 2: SITREP: 60L--MTR. 686 MTR...605: One mission, support of patrol. Target was 5 mortar positions (50081750), (51071794), (51201782), (52351782), (52311788). All mortars silenced. One mission on objective (49951688) of patrol to relieve patrol. Raiding party suffered 2 casualties--enemy casualties unknown. One concentration on enemy along front (50381200)--concentration effective. One mission on enemy MG's at (50691662); two target hits scored destroying enemy MG's--enemy casualties unknown. One mission against enemy patrol at (49921720). Casualties unknown. Total rds expended 1594. ACTION: SITREP 1500A.

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48	1630	PATROL REPORT #1019, 1/07, 1 Off 12 Hq, 2 Part, Out 140725A, In, 141445A. FINDINGS: Observed from CP at (1413000). No enemy activity seen in PLANSINAYIGO (1383000) or on LA SERNA (1377000). At 141430A, an RAF pilot and partisan were met at (1403000) on way to 3rd Bn Hq. Pilot had been forced down in enemy territory 2 weeks ago, and partisan was guiding him back.  PATROL PLAN #422 F/05, 4 Hq, Out 151000A, In 151600A. MISSION: Contact 365th.  PATROL PLAN #423, G/05, 6 Hq, Out 150800A, In 151600A. MISSION: Recon.  PATROL PLAN #424, G/05, 13 Hq, Out 150730, In 151500A. MISSION: Recon.
49	1700	TF 45 G-3 Report submitted.
50	1715	<u>Read:</u> IV Corps ISUM #754, dated 141529A.
51	1515	<u>Phone fr Estroed White:</u> From 140750 to 0733, Three (75mm or 82mm) shells fell in center of VIDINAYIGO (18003), coming from MT. BELVEDERE (18217). Casualties, one civilian injured. ACTION..141600A ISUM AND SITREP.
52	1530	G-2 and G-3 left CP for quarters. ACTION...journal.
53	1530	<u>Phone fr Rebata 2 &amp; 3:</u> Negative ISUM & SITREP. ACTION...journal.
54	1737	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Sitrep-604-605-616...SER. ACTION...Noted for 1800 SITREP.
55	1600	<u>Phone fr Keystone 2 to Major Mack:</u> I'm over at Laguna. Col. Davis sent me over to look the situation over. I do not like the idea of these troops moving in here with the Partisans still here. It's the idea of two factions in juxtaposition. Col Davis believes it may lead to trouble. You can reach me tonight at Keystone Advance. Tell Col Werks. ACTION...G-2 to be notified.
56	1130	<u>Phone fr Lt Col Irvin:</u> (not previously recorded); Reference AT Plat. 85th and 87th Mt Inf: 85th: 1st Bn A' Plat w/Regt--2nd Bn w/404--3d Bn w/Regt. 87th: 3rd Bn AT Plat w/616 P--1st Bn w/Regt--2nd Bn w/Regt. ACTION...Lt. Schaurly and Major Horn advised.
57	1600	Col King was here--brought overlay on enemy mine from Swallians. ACTION...G-2 to be notified.
58	1800	<u>Phone fr Rebata 2:</u> Five deserters walked into MCHINMACHMI at 141700A. Will be forwarded to Div IPF cage without delay. ACTION...notified IPF cage.

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59	1800	TF 45 SITREP #493, submitted.
60	1800	TF 45 ISUM# 298, submitted.
61	1900	TF 45 G-2 Periodic Report submitted.
62	1810	Phone fr Keystone 3: Keystone 3 wants a report on when 37th War Dog Platoon closes tomorrow. ACTION...G-3 to be notified. Notified for 15 Feb SITREPS.
63	1810	Phone fr Rebassé to La Salle 3: The 1st Bn 85th Gun Plat is now billeted at SAVINANA (L455015). The 3rd Bn 85th Gun Plat now billeted at PRUNETTA (L438959). ACTION...G-3 notified.
64	1930	Recd: letter from Counter Int Corps, mem re Security Hazard, dated 13 Feb...also attached was copy of letter referred to.
65	1900	Phone fr Retread to La Salle 2: Retread Blue reported that K Cq. sighted 3 men on ridge L380080 (at L4835A) travelling SE. ACTION...journal.
66	2000	Recd: Hq IV Corps OSS Det Int Bulletin dated 14 Feb.
67	2020	Phone fr Retread 3: Retread Red is now in vic (L4696) in preparation for a night maneuver...action... Not-to go on SITREP.
68	2030	Recd: 68th Armd FA Bn S-2 Report dated 13 Feb(no.44)
69	2035	PATROL REPORT #419, P/85 1 Off 10 Em Out L40700A, In L41600A, FINDINGS: No enemy observed enroute. ROUTE RCN RPT: Trail conditions fair
		PATROL REPORT #420, G/85 4 EM, out L41000A, In L41500A. FINDINGS: Contact made with 365th at L41230A at (L243D12).
		PATROL REPORT #421 G/85 6 EM out L40730A, In L41700A, FINDINGS: No enemy observed enroute. RCN RPT: Trail conditions good.
70	2100	Recd: IV Corps ISUM #755, dated 142019A(RAFNR 811)
71	2100	Phone fr Retread 2: 1. Retread White reports capturing 9 people (3 OSS ats, one civilian, 5 Italian deserters) at L40630 at (L488152). The 5 deserters will arrive at La Salle IPW cage at about L42330A. 2. At L42025A, a 12 to 15 man enemy patrol at (L381069), L Co. area. Patrol was halted, did not answer challenge. L Co. opened fire and patrol took cover. More information later. ACTION...1. IPW cage notified. 2.-Noted for L42300A SITREP and 150600A ISUM.



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72	2115A		Phone fr Lt Col Nations to Chief of Staff (taken by Lt Col Irvine). Lt. Col Nations (CO 2nd Bn, 87th Inf) at 142115A. OPERATIONS BELVEDERE is quiet. Some small arms firing but in sector lat REF.
73	2130		<u>Read:</u> 5th Army weather forecast, Ref number 5680, dated 141421A.
74	2130		<u>Read:</u> HQ 751st Tk Bn S-3 rpt No.45, dated 1200A Feb 14, 1945.
75	2140		<u>Read:</u> Memorandum from Major Rossetti to Col Works (thru Major Petersen) re movement etc.
76	2130		Phone fr Rebato 2 to La Salle 2: Three Italian PW's (deserters) from HQ Co, 13th Co, 3rd Bn 5th Regt, San Marco Marines. "Positions at 289009 raided by our own troops on 10 Feb now occupied by newly arrived 30 German Alpine Troops." ACTION...Noted for 150600A INDM. Check with La Salle IFN cage for confirmation.
77	2130		<u>PHONE</u> from Chief of Staff (vrbal): Beginning tomorrow, 15 Feb., until further notice, from 0630 to 1830A daily, only 2 vehicles per hour and no 2 1/2 trks will be allowed to proceed past a TUP at SILLA (587146) and a TUP at 558126). All transportation will clear through Capt Smith at LA SALLE 4 before leaving. ACTION...Provost Marshal, Capt Smith, and all organs notified.
78	2140		Phone fr Capt Livermore to LaSalle 2: II Corps: Quiet period with slight increase in arty fire on M BELMONT (9032). Considerable enemy activity in small groups across front. 92d Div: Little enemy activity and shelling during period (1800 Lsum). 15 enemy wearing packs seen in vicinity (1128046). A patrol went to (1157040) and was engaged in a fire fight. Enemy raiding party of platoon strength forced our outposts off hill at (1201079) at 140810A. At 140830A hill was regained. Enemy estimated at 50 infiltrated behind our OPL North of (U965969) at 140400A. Enemy now occupies high ground at (U965969) and is resisting our G/A (1330 Lsum). REF: Slight mortar fire. ACTION: G-2, G-3 advised.
79	2217		Phone fr Require. <u>Object Reply:</u> 2130 Sitrep. No change. ACTION: Note d for 2300 Sitrep.
80	2237		Phone fr Retread 2: Patrol plans received for patrols #1022, 1024, 1024. ACTION: Journal.
81	2240		Phone fr LaSalle 2: To REF relative to establishing TUP at SILLA at (587146) from 0630 - 1830A daily until further notice for purpose of controlling density of division vehicles only. ACTION: REF to phone back. REF said ok.

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82 2245 Phone fr Hebate 3: Sitrep: NTR. ACTION: Noted for 2300A Sitrep.

83 2250 G-2, G-3, left for O4.

84 2255 Phone fr Hattread 3: Sitrep: NTR. ACTION: Noted for 2300A Sitrep.

85 2300 TF 45 SITREP #494, submitted.

86 2310

PATROL REPORT (raid 1-G), Out 140330A, In 140730A. FINDINGS: Left (1508164) at 140330A. Proceeded in column of squads NW to (1501168). At 140550A contacted enemy MG and rifle fire from above at (1501168). 4 enemy MG brought down concentrated fire on 1st squad which attempted to work forward. Bazooka and rifle ~~fire~~ grenade fire delivered on enemy positions. Ineffective due to protected emplacements and wooded terrain. Patrol withdrew at daylight. Heavy mortar fire received in draw. During withdrawal, 2 wounded evacuated. Condition of trails: snow-covered - 0 to 1 foot - drifted in draws. Weather fair with mist in early morning hours.

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PATROL REPORT #1020, Out/2000A, In 142301A. FINDINGS: No enemy territory or enemy observed. Told by partisans with patrol at 142230A that enemy MG (1378078) manned only at night and that trail was mined starting at (1378078) along side of hill. Distance unknown. Condition of trail: foot path. Weather clear, visibility good in snow.

PATROL REPORT #1021, Out 141815A, In 142305A. FINDINGS: Partisans with patrol reported possible mine field in draw (1414070). Draw filled with snow. Condition of trail: suitable for mules from (1403175) to (1409070). Foot trail from there to (1409078). Rest suitable for mules. Small patches of snow on trail. Weather clear, visibility good in snow. No enemy or enemy territory observed.

Addition to PATROL REPORT (raid 1-G): Enemy machine pistol fire received from LBUC (1506165) at 140715A. Enemy mortar fire on lion positions (1507164) at 140640A - 140720A. Arty fire on target effective. Enemy casualties unknown.

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- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Time</u> |   |
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| 1          | 0135        | Phone fr Reg Duty Office: 604 FA Bn closed 150110A POZIO (1511110). (Div arty expects to open LIZZANO at 151200A.) ACTION: Noted for 0600A Sitrep, Journal.   |
| 2          | 0306        | Phone fr Lt Eromberg: 4 PW's (all deserters) fr 7th Co, 2d Bn, 1st Regt, Italia Div; 1 PW fr 12th Co, 3d Bn, 1st Regt, Italia Div; 3 PW fr 13th Co, 5th Regt, San Marco Div. Say that there is a strong point in houses at CASTELLUCIO DI BOUCHEDA (1521000). Also in vicinity are 3 Panza tanks. ACTION: Noted for 0600A Sitrep.   |
| 3          | 0400        | Reg'd: IV Corps Sitrep #90.   |
| 4          | 0400        | Phone fr Retread Dist: No further information as to enemy patrol contacted at 142254A. ACTION: Noted.   |
| 5          | 0400        | Reg'd deposed reg fr IV Corps: 1125 Armd FA Bn is relieved attachment 92d Inf Div 151800A. A Battery, 1125 Armd FA Bn is detached parent unit and will move without delay to VIGILANTICO area (5013). Upon arrival is attached 10th Div. 1125 Armd FA Bn (minus A Battery) will move to SAN MARCELLO area (4201) and upon its arrival is attached 473 Inf Regt. 473 Inf Regt will move without delay to SAN MARCELLO area and is attached TF 45 effective 151800A. Effective 170600A 10th Div is detached TF 45 and will assume the assigned mission in and the responsibility for that part of present TF 45 sector east of 510950 - 510990 - 540020 - 440105 - 440185. In its new sector TF 45 will not utilize more than two (2) infantry battalions in a combat role. All movements will be coordinated with 4th Corps TDC. |
| 6          | 0415        | Reg'd: TF 45 ITR Report #14, dated 15 Feb.  |
| 7          | 0442        | Phone fr Rebate (D): Co C closed in new position (152116) at 0305A. (Vicinity SUBRUCIOIA) ACTION: Noted for 0600A Sitrep.   |
| 8          | 0528        | Phone fr Rebate (D): Sitrep and Issue; MTR. ACTION: Noted for respective reports.   |
| 9          | 0545        | Phone fr Reg: Require Sitrep: 140430A - 154430A. 1 harassing mission on enemy gun position (1399095) unobserved. 1 harassing mission LE RELINE hotel (1351102) unobserved. 1 harassing mission enemy billets ABETONE (1331170) unobserved. 1 harassing mission enemy billet ABETONE (1339114) unobserved. 26 rounds expended. Reject: No change. Reply: 1 mission in support raiding party on 5 mortar positions at (50081750) (51072794) (51201788) (52351782) (52431788) all mortar silenced. 1 mission on objective raiding party to relieve party (49951688). Raiding party relieved. 1 mission on enemy strong point (50381200) molesting raiding party. Concentration effective. 1 mission on enemy MG (50691662). 2 target hits destroying MGs. 1 mission fired enemy patrol, patrol dispersed. Casualties unknown.      |

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9	cont'd	(49921720). Total rounds:1594. Sitrep at 0010A Reply concentration 83 in support of patrol received fr B battery FO targets assigned to C battery. Mission fired 0045A. 19 rounds MIA expended. Enemy knocked out; 1 mission fired on enemy entrenchment by B FO target assigned C Battery at 0015A. ACTION: Noted for Sitrep.
10	0545	<u>Phone fr Retread:</u> Sitrep and Lsun, NTR. ACTION: Noted for respective reports.
11	0600	TF 45 ISUM #299, submitted.
12	0600	TF 45 SITREP #495, submitted.
13	0730	<u>Phone fr Revsake CO to LaSalle 3:</u> Receipt of information from G93 acknowledged. ACTION - Noted to G-3.
14	0755	<u>Phone fr La O IV CORP to LaSalle 2:</u> II CORPS; 5th - Scattered Arty and Mortar. Patrol to (000338) no enemy suspect. Ambush patrol to (000315) took 2 PW's, killed 1 enemy. 21st - Quiet, slight enemy Arty and Mortar fire; 262nd Inf - Small fire fight at (9532). 8th - 3d Bn; 351 IR; Closed (8727). Active patrolling. 6SA - More MO and SA in L sector. 34th - 133 IR & 168 IR in MONTE CATINI. 8th - Quiet, Arty, mortar slight. Some flares. Explosion heard and observed at MONTE CASTELLO (L5719) and M GIBELINA (S75196). No PW's. 22nd - Quiet; Arty slight. Enemy patrols active, contacting our outposts at (L345037), (081974). Our active patrols continue. 3 PW's (all Italians) ACTION: Journal. Note:- Coordinates recorded for IX Corps; 5th, are in the M coordinate square.
15	0756	<u>Rec'd:</u> fr OSS Det., S MARCELLO; Interrogation Report dated 14 Feb.
16	0815	<u>Phone fr Retread Blue to LaSalle 2:</u> No party sent to recover body, in line w/5th Army directive to the effect that lives would not be risked in effort to recover bodies. ACTION: Notified Ex O.
17	0830	<u>Phone fr Rebate 5 (Col Wagner) to LaSalle 3:</u> Col Barlow wants permission to move 3 Pioneer Platoons into the area tonight. ACTION: Permission granted if platoons detruck at CAPUGNANO at the turnaround (L564123).
18	0905	<u>Rec'd:</u> S-3 Report #17 fr Hq 10th Mt Div Army dated 14 Feb.
19	0915	<u>Rec'd:</u> Report #102 fr 92 Inf Div dated 14 Feb.
20	0915	<u>Rec'd:</u> Engineer Situation Report fr Hq IV Corps dated 14 Feb.
21	0915	<u>Rec'd:</u> Ltr fr Hq Mediterranean Theater of Operations dated 12 Feb. Subject: Disposition of Subversive and Disaffected Personnel.
22	0920	<u>Rec'd:</u> Report No. 122 fr Hq XIII Tactical Air Command dated 12 Feb.

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23	0925	Rec'd: Signal Operation Instructions and TC No. 72 for G-3 section and Major Walker.
24	0920	Phone fr Retread 1 (Lt Hynes) to LaSalle 3: Have not tried to recover body because of directive from V Army and instructions from E GRO that attempt to recover body could not be made if lives exposed to danger. - This area is under SA fire. ACTION: Att'n Maj. Lueck.
25	0930	Phone fr 2d IV Corps (Lt Col Maulaby (G-3)) to LaSalle 3: 1125th Armd FA Bn, less A Btry, is atchd 473rd Inf. A Btry, 1125th Armd FA Bn, is atchd 10th Mt Div. 175th FA Bn is atchd 10th Mt Div, effective 151600A. Noted by Col Irvin.
26	0930	Rec'd: ISUM No. 756 fr IV Corps dated 150811A.
27	1000	Rec'd: Message fr IV Corps pertaining to change in Par 1 of message dated 14 Feb. Message reads as follows: That portion of paragraph 1 of message this Hq's, reference No. 806 dated 14 Feb., 1945. Referring to 473rd Inf Regt - Inf Regt is changed to read 10 Mt Div.
28	1050	Rec'd: Ltr from IV COMPS dated 12 Feb. - Subject: Underground Cable Incident. (204 CID Det)
29	0815	Phone fr Hex 2 to LaSalle 2: Div Arty CP closes at CAMPO TIZZORO and opens at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE at 151200A. ACTION: 1100 Sitrep. (Not previously recorded)
30	1000	Verbal - Lt Henderson, IS-9 to G-2 (Col Works): Yesterday, I went to 1st Bn 85th and asked that my agents be allowed to go through the line to retrieve 3 pilots that are hidden out North of PISVEPERICO. They gave me no help, would not send a patrol to guide them, or let me use a jeep to take them forward. The Hq assured me that the agents would not be bothered by patrols. The patrol had been out four hours when it was "captured" by a 1st Bn patrol and returned to En CP. The En drove the agents back to our Hq at GAVINARA. ACTION: Notified Col Barlow and reminded him that I had informed Maj Keiser of the agents (see Msg #15) 14 Feb). Lt Henderson further stated that he is sending the agents back again, this time through CATTIGLIANO. ACTION: Assured him that this time he wouldn't have any trouble.
31	1048	Phone fr MG. 5th Army to LaSalle 2: 5th Army - G 34 vehicle, Mr. Grady (Red Cross representative), Italian doctor, driver, seek permission to go to CATTIGLIANO from SAN MARCELLO. ACTION: Checked w/Major Lueck. Check w/G-4 - Provost Marshal.
32	1100	TF 45 Sitrep No. 496 submitted.
33	1100	Phone fr Score White Dog to LaSalle 3: Tank Status - 15 running order 1 repairable more than 24 hrs. 1 in ordnance.

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34	1100	Phone fr CO 2nd Bn, 87th to G-2 (Col. <del>work</del> ): There is one Partisan Captain and 1 Lieutenant with 37 Partisans, which Major Rossetti states will remain in area. The rest have gone. Is that OK? ANSWER: Yes, our agreement with Major Rossetti was that 40 to 50 Partisans could remain in area.
35	1108	Phone fr G-2 (Col. <del>work</del> ) to 87th S-2: Lt Henderson and 2 IS-9 agents will report to SUTRIANO this afternoon at 0530. They will report into the 4th CP and spend the night with some Italians in town. They wish to go through the lines to the (east of MELO (9907)). They are to retrieve 3 U.S. pilots. Will you give them every possible assistance, as they often have very fine information on their return.
36	1200	Phone fr LaSalle 3 to 86th M Inf CG: Memorandum concerning movements and disposition of troops.
37	1430	Rec'd: fr Capt Livermore (IV CORP Ln O) - G-3 Situation Report dated 15 Feb from IV CORPS.
38	1530	Col Irvin left CP for BEF Hq's. Expected time of return not known.
39	1553	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 45 fr IV CORPS. Report dated 14 Feb.
40	1334	Rec'd: Ltr dated 13 Feb fr Hq WIRTH ARMY; Subject: Security of Info From prisoners of War.
41	1335	Rec'd: Patrol Plan fr Hq 2nd Bn, 87th Mt Inf. Patrol Plan #939.
42	1540	Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin dated 15 Feb fr Hq IV CORPS OSS Det.
43	1345	Rec'd: G-3 Report No. 102 dated 14 Feb fr BEF.
44	1346	Rec'd: ITT Report dated 14 Feb fr Hq 85th Mt Inf.
45	1347	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 103 dated 14 Feb fr BEF.
46	1350	PATROL PLAN No. 939, 16 Feb, Int Sec 87, 8 AM, Out 161900, In 170400. Plan 100 and Ambush
		PATROL PLAN #340, 16 Feb, 7/87, 1 O, 6 AM, Out 161845A, In 162200A. MISSION: Hon.
		PATROL PLAN #341, 16 Feb, 8/87, 8 AM, Out 161915A, In 162300A. MISSION: Hon.
47	1350	Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: Require CP closed VIBICIAYCO (1502139) at 151200A. SINCOP For 151430A - No change. ACTION: For 1500A Sitrep.
48	1330	TF 45 ISUM #300 submitted. - (Not previously entered)

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49	1355	<u>Phone fr BEF In Off (Capt Daltro) to LaSalle 2i</u> BEF - Patrols to (521174), (642222) and (622217) made enemy contact. ACTION: Journal.
50	1400	<u>PATROL REPORT #1107</u> , 13 Feb, I & B/87, Out 140600A, In 141630A. PIAMACCIO observed (1494100). Observed M GRANDE (14911), CASTELLINA (14813) fr 141000A to 141300A. Partisans in PIAMACCIO (1494100) states no Germans in area (14610) and (14611). No enemy contact. Trails snow waste deep. Weather good up to 141200A. Fair to poor afterwards.
		<u>PATROL REPORT #932</u> , 13 Feb, G/87, Out 142000A to In 150100A. Observed CASSA BUID (1506166) 142030A. House at (1509171) 142330A. FOSO DELLA POLLA <sup>M</sup> (1506173) 142345A West along FOSA DELLA POLLA at (1505173) 142400A. Enemy contact; Suspected enemy patrol withdrew at (1505167) 142240A. Snow on trails, rapidly melting. Weather good, very dark.
		<u>PATROL REPORT #931</u> , 13 Feb, E/87, I O, 25 MI, Out 141940A, In 150100A. Enemy terrain observed PRADA (1510168) 142030A. FOSO DELLA POLLA (1511173) to point (1509173) 142300A to 150930A. Slope N 300 yds of POLLA (1511175) 142330A. Called for Arty fire on enemy digging at (1512176) 142400A. Digging stopped and enemy went on ranch towards POLLA (511175) Trail condition fair in spots. Open fields drifted with snow 1 to 2 feet. Woods spotty with snow. Stream rising difficult to cross. Weather good, very dark.
51	1130	<u>Phone fr LaSalle Hq Comdt to LaSalle 3i</u> 110th Sig Co closed LIZZANO in BELVEDERE (1517129) at 150900A. GP opened at 150600A. ACTION: Sitrep for 151500A. Troop location chart. Plotting heard.
52	1425	<u>Rec'd:</u> G-2 Periodic Report fr IV CORPS dated 15 Feb. Report No. 253.
53	1440	<u>Rec'd:</u> Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 45, dated 14 Feb.
54	1425	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> SITREP FOR 1500A. No change...ACTION..journal.
55	1435	<u>Phone fr Rex 4 to La Salle 2i:</u> An american pilot is leading a group of 65 people from PIAMACCIO TO SESTIONE. Group includes four Free French, one German deserter and many Italians. Pilot, downed in Nov, 1944, has been living with Partisans until present time. They have been walking three days. ACTION...notified IPW, journal.
56	1445	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Sitrep...1st Bn closed back in SAN MARCELLO (442456) at 151100A after night problem. ACTION...noted for journal.
57	1500	TF 45 SITREP #497, submitted.
58	1500	<u>Rec'd:</u> 5th Army Weather report, dated 151416A Feb.

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| 59  | 1530 | Sept Livermore Lm O for IV Corps left CP  |
| 60  | 1525 | PATROL PLAN # 1026, 16 Feb, 1/57, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, out 160900<br>In 161800A. MISSION: Recon.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #1026, 16 Feb, 1/57, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, Out 161900A,<br>In 170800A. MISSION: Recon.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #1027, 16 Feb, 1/57, 1 Off, 12 M, 2 Part, Out 162000A,<br>In 170400A. MISSION: Recon.  |
| 61  | 1526 | Special ISUM #757 fr IV CORPS dated 151800A. Ref 828.   |
| 62  | 1530 | Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2: Air CP reports on ridge at (L4617)<br>to (L4614), trails that were faint yesterday are now very distinct.<br>2 dugouts vis (L46136). Two gun positions at (L46136) show signs<br>of weapons having either been recently removed or put in position.<br>From Mt BELVEDERE along ridge to (L46187) trail just in rear of<br>the slopes look much heavier than formerly. On top of Mt SPIGOLINA,<br>saw a trench running from top of crest left about 100 yards. ACTION:<br>Journal and ISUM. |
| 63  | 1540 | Phone fr Keystone 2 (Col Co rite) to LaSalle 2: The 68th can come<br>off the alert. Keystone 2 will notify the 68th. ACTION: Notified<br>Maj Murphy - G-3.  |
| 64  | 1555 | Phone fr LaSalle 2 to Keystone 2 (Maj Proctor): Retread 2 reports<br>that 37 War Dog Plat will close sometime tomorrow. The Plat is being<br>moved by onsen. ACTION: Keystone notified.   |
| 65  | 1600 | Phone fr Box 2 to LaSalle 2: SIERP 151400A - Reject 2 - No change.<br>Reply - 2 Registrations - 1 mission on enemy CP in dugout at (L401178)<br>good effect - no known casualties - 67 rds expended. Require - CP<br>opened at 151400A. ACTION: For SIERP 151400A.  |
| 66  | 1605 | Phone fr Keystone 2 (Major Callahan) to LaSalle 2: Reply to re-<br>quest for information regarding the feeding of Partisans. Partisans<br>that have been disbanded are fed by AMG; operational Partisans by<br>OES. The ration allowance for the latter is insufficient as OES<br>usually arranges with AMG to procure additional rations. ACTION:<br>G-3 notified also 87th.   |
| 67  | 1610 | Rec'd. Sitrep No. 91 fr IV CORPS dated 151800A. Ref 821.  |



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68	1610	<u>Rec'd:</u> Patrol Intentions from 85th Mt Inf, 1st Bn.
69	1614	<u>Phone fr Asst G-1 (Air C) to Air Officer IV General Contact 8899 120:</u> Lt Powell, tell him artillery liaison plane from our Div Arty is available for use. He can make necessary radio installations in plane by getting in touch with Capt Marshall at Air Strip (1637109). Notify me at once his intentions concerning use of plane. Div Arty will furnish observer to fly missions.
70	1615	<u>Rec'd:</u> Report on Interrogation of P/Sgt Hawkins, 6th S&W Wing.
71	1630	<u>Rec'd:</u> Map fr Hq 86th Mt Inf indicating boundaries of 3rd Bn for relief of 1st Bn BIV.
72	1630	<u>Rec'd:</u> Overlay showing positions to be occupied by 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf.
73	1650	<u>PATROL PLAN #425, 16 Feb, 1/473 Inf, 1 C, 10 EM, 1 Part, Out 160700A In 161700A. MISSION: Contact 349th.</u>
		<u>PATROL PLAN #426, 16 Feb, 1/473, 1 C, EM 20, 1 Part, Out 160800A, In 161700A. MISSION: Recon and Obs.</u>
74	1655	<u>PATROL PLAN #427, 16 Feb, 1/473, 1 C, 10 EM, 1 Part, Out 160800A, In 161700A. MISSION: Recon and Obs.</u>
		<u>PATROL PLAN #428, 16 Feb, 1/473, 1 C, 10 EM, 1 Part, Out 160800A, In 161700A. MISSION: Recon and Obs.</u>
75	1700	<u>Rec'd. Hq XXII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 123 dated 13 Feb 1945.</u>
76	1700	<u>Rec'd. Envelope from IV CORPS PI addressed to Capt Fatten, G-2 Photos.</u>
77	1700	<u>Message fr LaBalle 2: After PO No. 9 had been published notification of an additional mine field on MT BELVEDERE at (1631317) was received in the IV Corps 151500AXUM. ACTION: Subsec 2 notified.</u>
78	1705	<u>Phone fr Reg 2 to LaBalle 2: Reg CP closed CAMP YILORD at 151800A. Opened YILORD in BELVEDERE (16304) at 153000A. ACTION: noted for SITREP. L 5112.</u>
79	1705	<u>Phone fr Reg 2 to LaBalle 2: Air CP Report. East of MT SPIROGLIO at (1631095) is an open dugout about 50 yds long. 3 men observed at W end of dugout. ACTION: Noted for EWH.</u>
80	1720	<u>Phone fr Company 3 to LaBalle 3: 47th Inf Regt - CP opened at MOUNT KIMBERLY (163000) at 1700A. Regt CP moved to MOUNT KIMBERLY at 1700A.</u>

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| 1725 | 1725 | Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP for 1730Z. 604 - MG, 605 - 1 neutralization mission on enemy OP (1500172) 3 hits - OP destroyed. 1 neutralization mission on enemy dugout - observation poor - Total rounds 29. 616 - MG. ACTION: for 1800Z SITREP.  |
| 1730 | 1730 | Phone fr Rebate 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP - STR. ACTION: For Journal.   |
| 1800 | 1800 | TF 45 SITREP #498, submitted.  |
| 1800 | 1800 | TF 45, INM 1301, submitted.  |
| 1850 | 1850 | Phone fr Retreat 2 to LaSalle 2: A preliminary breakdown on the PW's that were in CATTOLIANO was: Total persons: 57, 32 in civilian clothes were turned over to the CIC and 5 men who claimed to be with the OSS were turned over to the OSS. There were 20 military PW's, 19 of them Italians and 1 a German. Of the 19 Italians only 2 were recently in the line but not in our sector. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 2000 | 2000 | By TF 45, G-3 Periodic Report No. 172, 15 Feb 1945, submitted.   |
| 2000 | 2000 | Rec'd. 68th Armd PA Bn S-2 Report No. 45 dated 14 Feb 1945.  |
| 2100 | 2100 | Phone fr Capt Livermore (in C) to LaSalle 2: II Corps (251330A): Quiet period, slight harrassing fire. Enemy personnel active, dugouts and trenches seen (P9733), (P9637), (P9433). Enemy continues to smoke area between 89 and 80 castings. 3 PW's during period. <u>REP (151800A)</u> : Sector quiet. No arty, mortar shelling slight. Patrol to (1532175) made no contact but found booby trapped wire obstacle in vicinity. Our troops report at 151700Z enemy putting smoke screen in ravine vic (1621219) and (1614220). 92nd Div (151800A): varied quiet. Slight increase in enemy shelling. 60 enemy observed via MT ALTISSIMO (11306). Active patrolling. QUERCETA (09394) received 37 rounds heavy arty, 32 rounds medium and heavy fall vic (0943938). 4 rounds heavy cal fell vic (0978924). ACTION: Journal. |
| 2100 | 2100 | PATROL REPORT #933, Co H, 87th Lt Inf, 7 LI, Out 1508001, In 151400A, Time Rec'd 152050A. PATROL FINDINGS: Observed 2 enemy bunkers at (149201725) at 151100A. Observed trails from enemy bunkers at (149951676) at 151120A. Civilians reported digging heard at night. Caused by Italians fixing road at (14991613). Civilians in SASSADILLO (1485158) says Germans are concentrating in TRIGNANO (1480185). ROUTE BGN REPORT: Little snow coverage.  |
| 2115 | 2115 | Phone fr Capt <u>Wm Bourke</u> to LaSalle 3: Requests a G-2 representative be sent to <u>TRIGNANO</u> in <u>BELVEDERE</u> . Couldn't indicate reason over phone but said representative should have authority to act. ACTION: G-2 advised.   |

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91	2125	Phone fr LaSalle 3 to Max 3 (Water Gall): Arty Ia Officer to be at meeting tomorrow morning at 0900A at IL PALAZZO (15421A2). ACTION: Col Stevenson at Lugar 3 notified that Arty officer would be at meeting at 0900A tomorrow morning.
92	2146	Rec'd. ISUM 756 from IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 152000A Feb 1945.
93	2100	Phone fr IPW Cage (Lt Bronberg) to LaSalle 3: PW's brought in from the mixed crowd that entered our lines in CUTHILIANO today total 20. 1 is a German, 19 are Italians, mostly from the Italia Division. None are from units in our sector. Interrogation continues. ACTION: Noted for 160600A ISUM.
94	2146	Major Murphy departed fr CP. Will return at 160730A Feb 1945.
95	2300	Read: TF 45 IPW Report No 15, dated 15 Feb.
96	2235	Phone fr Retread 3: SITREP report WTR. Action...noted for 2300A SITREP.
98	2255	Phone fr Max 3: One harassing mission--34 rds--effect unknown; enemy mess hall at (1509178), at 1830A. Noted for SITREP 0600A and Journal.
98	2305	Phone fr Rebata 3: SITREP rpt...WTR. ACTION...noted for 2300A SITREP and Journal.
99	2310	Phone fr Campaign 3: At 2040 Campaign White was in process of effecting relief--still in process of relief. Campaign Blue, same. AT Co, one plat is in position at ORSIGNA (505032) 2230A. Plat is in position at La Lima (AL2325) at 2300A. The FA Bn (1129th) "B" Btry, closed at 1800; "C" Btry closed 1830. Plat is taking over road patrol to FRACCHIA, being effected this evening. ACTION...noted for 0600 SITREP.
100	2335	Phone fr Retread 3: 473rd Inf relief 3rd Bn 87th at CUTHILIANO area at 152330A. ACTION...noted for 0600 SITREP and Journal.
101	2340	Read: Code message from IV Corps, Ref Number 825..dated 151951A.
102	2310	Phone fr Campaign White: SITREP..Campaign White Hq Co. closed at 2000A. E Co. effected their relief 2105A; F Co at 2210A; H Co at 2220A; G at 2310. Also reported that one American and one French aviator came to G. White CP at 1400A; with them were 21 Italian soldiers from Italian unit and one German and 32 civilians. The PW's taken to PW cage. Tomorrow's morning intentions of patrols: routine part, patrol will set out at 160300A, ret 0800A. ACTION... noted for 0600 Sitrep, and Isum, y -

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1	0005	<u>Phone fr Campaign 3:</u> 3rd Bn 473rd Inf effected the entire relief of the 85th Mt Inf at 152340A. ACTION...noted for 0600 SITREP.
2	0035	Chief of Staff left CP.
3	0035	<u>Phone fr Major Kosber:</u> Relief of 2nd Bn advance GP completed at 152230A--detachment minus one platoon "G" Co closed at 160015A; ACTION...noted for 0600A SITREP and journal.
4	0400	<u>Rec'd:</u> II IV Corps SITREP #92.
5	0530	<u>Phone fr Rex 3:</u> 604th FA Bn., No change...05th...no change... 616th, no minimum missions fired. Btry "A" and "B" moving into position--"A" at (149891369)... "B" (150451342).
6	0600	TF 45 Sitrep #500, submitted.
7	0600	TF 45 ISUM #302, submitted.
8	0600	<u>Phone fr Rebata 2:</u> 85th SITREP report: N.T.R. ACTION...NOTED for 0600 SITREP and journal.
9	0605	<u>Phone fr Campaign 5:</u> SITREP...N.T.R.
10	0700	<u>Rec'd:</u> Sitrep fr 751st Tank Bn.
11	0726	<u>Phone fr Capt Livermore:</u> II Corps: Generally quiet. Scattered harassing fire. Patrolling active with some contact. Our raid on BAVCATTEA (PO032) found village unoccupied. Another to FAZZANELLO (8429) resulted in fire fight. BMP: (0600) Sector quiet. Slight mortar and arty action. No patrol contact. No PW. 92d: (0600) Fire fight in right sector. Enemy MG active in both sectors. Enemy arty slight. 20 enemy at 0135A engaged our unit at (1150050) and were repulsed. Considerable enemy activity heard. 36 PW for period (all deserters).

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| 12         | 0815        | <u>Phone fr Rebata 3:</u> ORSIGMA (1507034). K Co relieved at 152200A. MARUSCA (1477007). E Co relieved at 152200A. LA LIMA (14102). G Co relieved at 151900A. CALIGI (13704). G Co relieved at 160600A. ACTION: G-3 to be notified.   |
| 13         | 0818        | <u>REQ'd:</u> Msg fr IV Corps. Effective 160600A, 4th Col Bn is detached 92 Inf Div and will move to BELLAVALLE area (992048). Upon arrival A and B Cos are detached parent unit, will move to VIDL-MATICO area (500138), and upon arrival thereat are attached to 10 Mt Div. All movements will be completed by daylight 17 Feb and will be coordinated with IV Corps TGC.  |
| 14         | 0850        | <u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 (Capt Litchfield):</u> Requested time of closing into Retread White sector of War Dog Plateau. Corps desires report. ACTION: Retread 3 called - to phone bank.   |
| 15         | 0852        | <u>Phone fr LaSalle 3 (Capt Litchfield):</u> Capt Bourke notified to proceed to IL PALAZZO (543143) to contact Major May relative replacement of Brazilians.   |
| 16         | 0853        | <u>Phone fr Maj DeChow (Keystone 3):</u> Air Corps wants a ground marker installed in square (15411) - the letter 'V' - 200 feet long, 12 feet wide (white). Would like to have it in by 17 Feb. Rover Joe has been given your message concerning Cab plane. I expect him to call soon. Capt O'Brien will pass on to you as seen as possible intentions of Air Corps. A meeting was held yesterday evening to discuss them.  |
| 17         | 0900        | <u>Req'd:</u> Fifth Army G-2 Reports #526, 527.  |
| 18         | 0900        | <u>Req'd:</u> 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report #108.  |
| 19         | 0900        | <u>Req'd:</u> 92d Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report #108.  |
| 20         | 0900        | <u>Req'd:</u> IV Corps Engineer Situation Report dated 15 Feb.   |
| 21         | 0920        | <u>Phone fr Keystone CIC:</u> CIC, AMG, OSS are to notify Div wire chief of time of move so that telephones will be removed and taken with them. ACTION: Notified CIC, AMG, OSS.   |
| 22         | 0925        | Complete text of Ref No. 36, 15 Feb Journal: "1. Relieve one company on left (west) sector of 1st BAF area north of SARACCA (56139) night of 16 - 17 Feb. Relieving rifle company will detruck MONZONE (562123) and march in via MONZONE - LE PUSCO di SOTTO (522138) ROAD. Advance detail, relieving company will move to area night of 15 - 16 February. 2. Relieve elements 1st BAF west of GARGIO - MONTANO by 1 battalion (less 1 rifle company) night of 17 - 18 Feb. Detruck CROCIALE (566158). Advance detail, battalion, will move to area night of 16 - 17 Feb. 3. Coordinate all moves through 10th Mt Div Transportation Officer." |

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23	0940	Phone fr Keyatone Adv 3: 701st TD will be with us instead of 894th TD. Lt Col Pond. ACTION: Notified Col Irvin.
24	1000	Reg'd: Fifth Army Passwords for period 22 Feb - 28 Feb Inclusive.
25	1005	Reg'd: IV Corps Ism #759, ref no 839.
26	1020	Phone fr Rebate Red C Co: Inquired as to patrolling. ACTION: May patrol in own zone. Patrols led by officers. No fire fights. At night only. Rebate Red C Co advised.
27	1030	Fr LaSalle 3 to 86th Mt Inf and 126th Mt Engr: Letter of instructions: "1. 86th Mt Inf will conduct development operations for the 10th Mt Div attacks on MT BELVEDERE - MT della TERRACCIA ridge by: a. Relief of 1st BEF elements west of GAGGIO - MONTANO (552167) on 16 - 18 Feb. b. Attacks of MT MARCINELLO - PIZZO di CAMPIANO ridge on (D-2) - (D-1). 2. 86th Mt Inf will relieve the left (west) company sector of the 1st BEF north of SARACCA (526139) during the night of 16 - 17 Feb with one rifle company. This company will detruck MONZONE (562123) and march in via MONZONE - LE FOSSE di SOTTO (522138) road. 3. 86th Mt Inf will relieve elements of the 1st BEF west of GAGGIO - MONTANO (552167) by a battalion (less one rifle company) during the night of 17 - 18 Feb. The battalion (-) will detruck 300 yards east of CROCCIALE (566138), and march to positions. Advance details will accompany the rifle company relieving during the night of 16 - 17 Feb. 4. Co F, 86th Mt Inf, will move by motor transportation to VIDICIATICO (5011) during darkness of 16 - 17 Feb, to relieve 2d Bn, 87th Mt Inf of defense of the left (west) company position area in the present 2d Bn, 87th Mt Inf, sector. 5. 86th Mt Inf (-), Co B, 10th Mt - Bn, athd, will move by motor and marching to area vicinity LA CA (4831A2) during darkness of 17 - 18 Feb. Movement will be made by foot march west of 558126. One battalion reinf, Co B, 126th Engr Bn in direct support, will attack on (D-2) - (D-1) to seize, occupy, organize and defend the MT MARCINELLO - PIZZO di CAMPIANO ridge, and protect the left (west) flank of the division sector. 7. Prepare for future operations. See FO 9, Hq, TF 45, 152400A Feb 1945. 8. Report all movement contemplated under these instructions to 10th Mt Div Transportation officer. 10th Mt Div Transportation officer will furnish times at critical points. (Note: Copy of this note may be found in LaSalle 3 files).
28	1030	Phone fr Rex 3: Sitrep: 604: NTR. 605: NTR. 616: NTR.
29	1100	TF 45 SITREP #501, submitted.
30	1100	PATROL REPORT #938. Has been cancelled. No longer held that point.

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31	1050		<u>Phone fr 760 Tk Bn Co D: 15 Tanks in running order. 1 repairable in more than 24 hours. 1 in ordnance. ACTION: 2300A Sitrep.</u>
32	1100		<u>Phone fr Retread 3: 1st Dog Platoon closed into SAN MARCKLIO (1430L) 161100A. ACTION: Sitrep, Journal.</u>
33	1105		<u>Reg'd: IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #46.</u>
34	1200		G-2, G-3, left for G4.
35	1230		<u>Reg'd: IV Corps G-3 Situation Report #1 of 0700A, 16 Feb.</u>
36	1245		<u>Reg'd: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report #24.</u>
37	1245		<u>Reg'd: IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report #46.</u>
38	1245		<u>Reg'd: IV Corps Sitreps #91, 92 via M/A.</u>
39	1310		G-2, G-3 returned to G4.
40	1310		<u>Phone fr Bivoke to Laballe 2: The raiding party to DELLA GROVE ARCONA (42110L) found the enemy CP unoccupied. A fire fight developed with enemy on S ICCLINO. Five enemy were sighted and the estimated strength there is 8 enemy. ACTION: 1330A Lcom.</u>
41	1310		<u>Reg'd: 473d Inf 5-3 Report #7.</u>
42	1310		<u>Reg'd: IV Corps OSS Det Intelligence Bulletin dated 16 Feb.</u>
43	1320		<u>PATROL REPORT #936, Out 160115A, In 160545A. FINDINGS: (504170) area observed fr (160335) to (160430). Saw no enemy. Observed 10 dummy revetments hastily made, recent at (1506170) at 160430A. No enemy contact. Enemy digging at (1506170); estimated 30 - 50 men noted at 160420A.</u>
			<u>PATROL PLAN #942, 17 Feb, F/87, 1 OFF, 8 EM, Out 171945A, In 180130A. MISSION: Ambush.</u>
			<u>PATROL PLAN #943, 17 Feb, E/87, 1 OFF, 8 EM, Out 172015A, In 172400A. MISSION: Ban.</u>
			<u>PATROL PLAN #944, 17 Feb, F/87, 1 OFF, 10 EM, Out 171840A, In 172200A. MISSION: Ambush.</u>
			<u>PATROL PLAN #945, 17 Feb, G/87, 4 EM, Out 170630A, In 171145A. MISSION: Obs.</u>
			<u>PATROL PLAN #946, 17 Feb, G/87, 5 EM, Out 171905A, In 172330A. MISSION: Ambush.</u>



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44	1330	Phone fr Maj Lober, 85th S-2 to G-2: (See Msg #30, 15 Feb.) 1st Bn 85th, Co E, picked up two IS-9 people at MONTEFICATISI. They had been waiting around there and the civilians said they looked suspicious. When they returned them to BASINI di LUCCA, the bn put them in a truck to go back to MONTEFICATISI. Apparently the IS-9 decided to go back to GAVINANA. The bn tried to do everything possible, but because of the relief going on, they couldn't give the IS-9 a jeep or a patrol to guide them.
45	1300	CO Rep Tr to G-2 (verbal): 1. The OPs at VIDIGIATICO and CASTELLINA are dug and in operation. One Run Plat less 1 squad is manning them. 2. The run tr will move to PARANISIO tomorrow.
46	1330	Phone fr Retread 3: Coordinates of Retread Blue OP at LA LINA (412024). ACTION: Troop location chart, plotting board, sitrep.
47	1330	TF 45 LHM #303, submitted.
48	1345	Reg'd: Msg fr G-4: One square of 15 miles fr 17th Italian Psk Co will be attached to 473 Inf Regt at 161000 Feb.
49	1345	Phone fr Redoubt 3: Permission granted Redoubt to fire 81 mm on 19 Feb fr (1491979); direction of fire NW. ACTION: Plotting board.
50	1415	Phone fr Campaign 2: 2 PWs taken at (196067) were Italian deserters. Turned into 2d Bn. Will be sent to LaSalle cage for interrogation. ACTION: Noted to Lt Bremberg.
51	1420	Reg'd: Note fr C/S attached to Circular Number 10, Allied Forces Headquarters, dated 25 Mar 1944. Note reads as follows: "Markings of friendly Italian Aircraft should be published if not already accomplished."
52	1425	Phone fr Element 3 (Capt Rosandale) to LaSalle 3: Organic vehicles, 165 - to be furnished, 65 - Total - 230. Following order of march desired: (1) Red, (2) Blue, (3) White. Vehicles to CAMIONS bridge (196812) at 171200A. ACTION: Major Walker and Capt Smith advised.
53	1430	Reg'd: G-3 Report fr BEF dated 150800 Feb.
54	1430	Reg'd: G-2 Report fr BEF dated 15 Feb.
55	1500	TF 45 SITREP No. 502 submitted.
56	1520	Reg'd: SITREP No. 93 dated 161200A fr IV Corps. Ref No. 632.
57	1530	Phone fr Reply thru Reg 2 to LaSalle 2: At 7 noted shelling at (151161247). 1 mortar shell fell at 161345A. ACTION: For 1800A ISUM - Noted by Capt Bremberg.
58	1555	Capt Livermore left for IV Corps.

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59	1616	Phone fr Capt Davis to LaBalle 21. Capt Davis called stating that he is settled. Chairs, tables, stoves, and lights are needed badly. Officers will be small. PI and enlisted personnel will be in a separate building. ACTION: Col Works informed.
60	1620	PATROL PLAN #1210 dated 17-18 Feb, 3rd Plat Reg, 2 Off, 6 NCO, 45 EN Out 172000A, In 181200A. MISSION: To raid enemy position on Mt SPIGGLING.
61	1630	Rec'd: ISUM No. 760 from IV Corp dated 161600A. <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>
62	1635	Rec'd: Memo from C/S attached to Fifth Army letter dated 15 Feb. INFORMATION-EDUCATION BULLETIN. - Memo reads as follows - "For appropriate action. G-3 I and E.
63	1645	Col Works left GP for Officers Quarters. Expected time of return 1930A.
64	1645	Rec'd: Report No. 109 fr 92A Inf Div dated 15 Feb.
65	1700	Col Irvin left GP for Officers Quarters.
66	1715	Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary from Nq, 22 TAD. ACTION: Maj Walker advised.
67	1735	Phone fr <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> to LaBalle 21. Retread White patrols are causing confusion in <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> area by movement through. ACTION: Called Retread for confirmation and listed to CQJ.
68	1740	Phone fr Reply 2 to LaBalle 21. Observed possible dugout at 499179 at 161500A and possible MG position at 497173. ACTION: ISUM and SITREP.
69	1800	Phone fr Reg #3 to LaBalle 3: 60r FA, 605 FA, 616 FA have nothing to report for 1630A Sitrep. ACTION: Journal.
70	1800	TF 45 SITREP No. 50: submitted.
71	1800	TF 45 ISUM No. 304 submitted.
72	1805	Rec'd: IPW Report No. 16 dated 16 Feb fr CIG Det. TR 45.
73	1810	Rec'd: b-2 Report No. 46 fr 68th Armd FA Bn. Report dated 15 Feb.
74	1815	Rec'd: Ltr fr Allied Forces Headquarters dated 14 Feb. SUBJECT: SPRINGBORN, Hains Joachim, Pvt., 42136119, Co. L, 87th M8 Inf Regt.

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75	1815	<u>PATROL REPORT No. 934, 15 Feb, 4/87, Out 150800A, In 151730A.</u> <u>REPORT: Saw no enemy in advance to (1A71136), made observations and then returned.</u>
76	1910	<u>Rec'd: FIFTH ARMY weather forecast for 162400A to 172400A. Ref. 7662</u> <u>Forecast 162400A - 172400A Feb 1945 plus 48 hours outlook for front and Pe Valley overcast at mountain top level to one thousand feet over coastal sector. No precipitation. Visibility restricted by fog and haze to less than three miles in morning, improving in afternoon. Minimum temperature 38 - 41 degrees Fahrenheit. Outlook: similar conditions on the 18th except for decreased cloudiness and improved visibility. Scattered broken cloudiness, no precipitation, and good visibility on the 19th. Minimum temperature during period 37 - 40 degrees F.</u>
77	1910	<u>Phone fr Lt Col Irvin to LaSalle 31: Co D, 760 Tn Bn equipped with 37mm guns. One company from 701 TD has 5" guns, 12 total. (701 TD takes place of 894 TD). ACTION: Journal.</u>
78	1845	<u>Phone fr Capt Bourke. Advance CP to LaSalle 31: Has not been able to get over to EL PALAZO (5A31A3) yet to see Remount Plus 6. Advises displacement of this section during daylight hours. ACTION: Journal, D-3 advised. Told Capt Bourke to have Twambly send M Arty Summary to me for orientation 170800A. Noted by Capt Itchfield.</u>
79	1925	<u>Rec'd: F.O. No. 1 fr Hq, 126th Mt Engr Bn dated 161200A Feb.</u>
80	1947	<u>Phone fr Return (Lt Benedict) to LaSalle 31: Inquired about colors for use as identification. ACTION: Told that he may use any colors other than two - black and white.</u>
81	1950	<u>Phone fr Keystone 2 to LaSalle 31: More care should be taken to question all PW's on artillery dispositions. This refers to those taken from outside our sector as well as to those from our own area. ACTION: Noted to Lt Bremberg.</u>
82	1951	<u>Rec'd: Propaganda leaflets "FRONTPOST" fr Leaflet Section, PWB Unit 11, APO 512, U. S. Army.</u>
83	2015	<u>Phone fr Revske GO to LaSalle 31: Arty coordination on SPINGOLINO raid was arranged for, but not effected because Arty had another mission when support was called for. (complete report follows). Coordination w/Arty in tomcrew's raid was arranged for. ACTION: Notified Col Works.</u>
84	2045	<u>Rec'd: Patrol report No. 1209 from 10th Mt Bn received.</u>
85	2110	<u>Rec'd: ISUM No. 761 fr IV Corps dated 162033A. Ref No. 634.</u>

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| 86             | 2110        | Report No. 47 dated 16 Feb from 751st Tank Battalion.   |
| 87             | 2115        | Phone fr La O IV Corps to LaSalle 21. II Corps as of 1600A. Sector quiet. Scattered harassing enemy MG, mortar and Arty fire. At 161030A enemy plane believed flying W of (9030) grid. 1 PW. REF: As of 1800A - Sector quiet. No Arty. Intense mortar fire in TORRE DI NERONE (635225). Slight mortar fire GAGLIO MONTANO. As of 2000A - 1 round 170mm Arty in FORBITTA from gun moved to new position. 92nd Div: Quiet, slight shelling. Some enemy movement observed. Mortar and Arty in SERCHIO sector with GALLICANO as focal point. ACTION: Journal. |
| 88             | 2130        | Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: 605th - 1 harassing mission, 34 rds expended, enemy mess hall (1509178). No observed results. ACTION: Noted for 2300 Sitrep.   |
| 89             | 2140        | G-2 Periodic Report No. 99 dated 16 February submitted. (TF 45 report)  |
| 90             | 2210        | Phone fr Keystone 3 (Maj Hamilton) to LaSalle 3: BOWER JOE said arrangements which he was discussing with Major Walker this afternoon concerning Cub plane will not go through. It is possible AIR CORPS will furnish a Cub and he will see Major Walker tomorrow as they planned. ACTION: Att'n Maj Walker. Per Journal.   |
| 91             | 2230        | Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3: SITREP -- 604th - NG, 605th, 1 harassing mission - enemy mess hall (1509178) effect unknown. Rounds - 28. 616th - NG.  |
| 92             | 2240        | Phone fr Rebate DG to LaSalle 3: Rebate - SITREP 2300A - NG. Action: Noted for Journal.   |
| 93             | 2250        | Phone from Campaign 3 to LaSalle 3: 1125 FA Bn - relief effected at 161000A. 473rd Inf Regt Co 1 - occupied MONTFALGATINI (272026) at 161340A. GP locations - 2nd Bn - GP at (403064), 3rd Bn at (299969), AT Co at (476009), 1125 at (434013), Cannon Co on move to SAN GIORGIO (2899). ACTION: SITREP 2300A.  |
| 94             | 2310        | Rec'd: Hq TF 45 FO #9, Annex #1 Overlay and Annex #2 Intelligence fr Hq 85th Mt Inf, by messenger.  |
| 95             | 2310        | Rec'd classified msg fr Hq Fifth Army dated 16 2120A Feb 1945.  |
| 96             | 2300        | TF 45, SITREP #504, submitted.  |
| 97             | 2340        | Lt Col Works (G-2) departed fr C expected to return 170730A.  |

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1	0156	<u>Recd:</u> Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 94, 162400A Feb 1945.
2	0202	<u>Recd:</u> Classified message fr Hq Fifth Army 162231A.
3	0537	<u>Phone fr Babaco DO to La Salle 3:</u> SITREP—MC, ACTION: Journal and 170600A SITREP.
4	0545	<u>Phone fr Box 3 to La Salle 3:</u> SITREP—604th: No change—605th: No change. 616th: No change. ACTION...170600A SITREP and Journal. (SMT DIV) #1
5	0600	<del>IS</del> IBUM #909, submitted. (SMT DIV) #1
6	0600	<del>IS</del> SITREP #609, submitted.
7	0700	<u>PATROL REPORT #425, 1/473, 1 Off</u> 10 EM 1 Part, Out, 161030A, In 161630A. <u>FINDINGS:</u> Made contact with 365th at 161330A.
		<u>PATROL REPORT #426, 1/473, 1 Off</u> 10 Em, 1 Part, In 160830A, In 161630A. <u>FINDINGS:</u> Patrol to (1262043), (264057) and (1279055). No enemy contact. Route Ran rpt: No rpt on route ran.
		<u>PATROL REPORT: #427, 1/473, 1 Off,</u> 10 EM 1 Part., Out 161630A, In 160830A. <u>FINDINGS:</u> Patrol to (1291070)—did not reach obj.—no enemy contact.
		<u>PATROL REPORT: #428, 1/473, 1 Off,</u> 10 EM 1 Part., Out 160830A, In 161630A. <u>FINDINGS:</u> Patrol to (1292993), (1299003), (1313011), (1303011), and to (1296015), (1290019), (1287003). No enemy contact.
		<u>PATROL REPORT #341, 1/87, 8 EM out</u> 163000A, In 170300A. <u>FINDINGS:</u> Patrol left line at (1503163) at 162000A. Went North to C PUIG (307163) at 162030A to 170100A—made no enemy contact. Used definite trail—no snow—visibility poor. Observed dummy emplacement at (1504166) at 170030A. Alerted by dog with our patrol at (1505166) at 170045A. Mission not accomplished.
		<u>PATROL REPORT #340, 7187, 1 Off,</u> 6 EM, Out 161845A, In 170300A. <u>FINDINGS:</u> Reconnoitered draws assigned—observed no enemy—thought digging heard near BOCCA CORNITA. Went from (15015160) to (1502167) to (1498162) and returned at 170300A. No information from civilians. No trails used. Visibility clear.
		<u>PATROL REPORT #939, Int Sec/87,</u> 3 EM <u>FINDINGS:</u> No enemy contact, (Preliminary report 178110A).

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- 8 0755 Read: Corres re Staff Officers Exchange. (last letter on dated 16 Feb 1945).
- 9 0750 Phone fr Capt Liversmore... of CGOAA: II Corps: Extreme left sector, normal harassing fire--active patrolling. Left center sector, quiet night, considerable flare activity. Right center sector, usual flare activity, slight arty fire. One combat patrol got within 250 yds from COLLINA (1932326) engaged fire fight with 30 man enemy patrol. Right sector one fire fight at (1262330). REP: Sector quiet, arty slight and moderate mortar fire--patrols made contact at (16422), (1622217) and (1615215)--no PW's. ATD: quiet period--active patrolling--no contact--no arty. 2nd: Strong enemy reaction raiding party on Highway #1--arty slight and scattered. Some enemy movement observed. A raiding party drew enemy reaction from MG's--120 mm mortar, Bazookas and MP's--a 20mm gun and arty at (0722469) 32 PW's. only 2 were not deserters. Action...G-2 journal.
- 10 1000 Read: Hq 92nd G-3 Periodic Rpt No. 104, dated 16 Feb.
- 11 1000 Read: MTO letter dated 16 Feb 1945, re Subject: Assignment and attachment of Unit. (10th CID Det assigned to Hq MTOUSA and attached to 10th Mt Div)...effective 0001 hours, 17 Feb.
- 12 1010 Read: Hq IV Corps Engr SITREP, dated 16 Feb.
- 13 1010 Read: Hq 5th Army, G-2 Rpt No. 528, dated 15 Feb.
- 14 1010 Read: Hq TF 45 Operational Instructions No. 12, dated 15 Feb (not previously recorded).
- 15 1015 Read: Hq 126th Mt Engr Bn FO #1, copy no. 31, dated 16 Feb.
- 16 1015 Read: Letter dated Feb 17, from IV Corps to TF 45, Ref NR 637 (170643A).
- 17 1020 Read: Hq IV Corps ISUM #762, dated 170415A.
- 18 0909 Phone to Col Irving: 9th Co., 3d Bn, 11th Brazilian Inf relieved at 170430 without incident by L Co., 36th Mt Inf. Action..journal.
- 19 0950 G-2 left CP at 170950A.
- 20 1010 Lt. Cave, CID Det called on Lt. Col Works.

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|            | 21         | 1030         | <u>Phone fr Box 2: From Reply 2</u> —Large concentration of smoke observed at (150601760) at 171805A. ACTION...Noted for 1330A LZUM and Journal.  |
|            | 22         | 1030         | Lt. Cave, GIC, left CI reports (for Lt. Col Werks) ...Lt. Arrest Reports.   |
|            | 23         | 1020         | Fr Chief of Staff: Action will be taken to correct form "Recommendation for immediate combat award", attached to Memorandum NO.2, 1 Feb, 1945, so its contents will not constitute a violation of security. Action...G-1 notified, action will be taken. LtCol Werks notified.  |
|            | 24         | 1030         | <u>Phone fr Lt-Salls Recall 2: to Capt: Lt. Bramberg</u> reminded of report due on PW's using safe conduct passes. ACTION...Lt Bramberg will call Corps direct w/report, as he has been directed to do by Col Davis and will send report to us. ACTION...noted for G-2.   |
|            | 25         | 1045         | <u>Phone fr Box 3: SITREP...N.T.R.</u> ACTION...Noted for 1100A SITREP and Journal.   |
|            | 26         | 1100         | <u>Read: 2 photostrips</u> showing mts. M. HANON (14931) to N. VIGNON (16716) and   |
|            | 27         | 1100         | <u>Read: Hq 4734 Inf, G-3 Report No. 6</u> dated 16 Feb.  |
|            | 28         | 1100         | <sup>15<sup>th</sup> PVT DIV #2</sup><br><del>TE</del> SITREP #606, submitted.  |
|            | 29         | 1100         | <u>Read: Hq IV Corps, G-3 Periodic Rpt No. 47.</u> , dated 16 Feb.  |
|            | 30         | 1105         | <u>Read: longhand memorandum</u> fr Lt Col G E Danson, AG, addressed to G-2, to which was attached H. North African TO, Adm Memo No.3, dated 14 March '44.  |
|            | 31         | 1100         | <u>Phone fr 760th Tk Bn, Co D: Tank Status: 15</u> in running order...one repairable within 24 hrs.....one Ordnance...ACTION...noted for 2300 SITREP.   |
|            | 32         | 1100         | Sgt Jacques Allain, 4th Groupe de Chasse BAYARRE, pilot from Corsica, was shot down N of Po River in Sept. He crossed Po in a small boat and moved south, skirting N. GIMONE (3417) to the east, crossed LIGNO APERTO (3713) followed east bank of the LINA RIVER to COTTIGLIANO (4006). He did not see any fortifications in the Lina valley and did not know that he had crossed the enemy lines until he arrived in COTTIGLIANO. (Above note written in longhand and journalized). |
|            | 33         | 0940<br>1120 | <u>Phone fr Rebata 2 to Recall 2: Have read</u> no patrol intentions from Rebata Charlie. We have been unable to contact them. Retread White is supposed to be in communication with them but has not contact as yet...action-jal.  |



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34	1136		<u>Phone fr Major Adair (LUGAR):</u> Brazilian Arty at 1873116 receiving rifle fire from direction of your arty. ACTION—Div Arty notified thru Box 4 to cease and desist if they are firing.
35	1145		<u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Situation report fr Hq IV Corps dated 17 Feb.
36	1147		<u>Rec'd:</u> G-3 Periodic Report No. 47 fr IV Corps dated 16 Feb.
37	1200		<u>VERBAL:</u> Co 1st Bn 85th to G-2: - No patrol plans were sent by 1st Bn for today. The area in which "C" Co is located is that assigned to the 87th. The area to the right is that assigned to the Brazilians. We were told by Col Stevens of Corps that we could not patrol in the Brazilian area. Noted by Col Works.
38	1205		Col Works left CP for Officers Quarters.
39	1210		<u>Rec'd:</u> Intelligence Notes No. 94 fr Allied Forces Headquarters.
40	1230		<u>Msg</u> <u>Rec'd:</u> ITR fr IV Corps dated 16 Feb. Message reads as follows; - Effective 170600 Feb, IV Corps (TO) assumes control of all convoy traffic on Route No. 6420 to its junction with Route No. 1228 (1565160). IV Corps Provost Marshal will coordinate MP posts and duties of divisions involved. Until further notice a group of five (5) or more vehicles, when using Route No. 64 from SILLA south and/or Route No. 6420, is considered a convoy and as such, must secure traffic clearances in accordance with Administrative Instruction No. 3, this headquarters, dated 15 July 1944.
41	1235		<u>Rec'd:</u> A Patrol Plan fr Hq 2nd Bn 87 dated 17 Feb.
42	1240		<u>Rec'd:</u> Intelligence Bulletin dated 16 Feb fr Hq, IV Corps, OSS Det.
43	1245		<u>Rec'd:</u> Ltr mailed to Lt Bromberg fr this section. Letter originated fr Hq Fifth Army, SUBJECT: Security of Information from Prisoners of War.
44	1300		<u>PATROL PLAN No. 947, 17 Feb, G/87, 1 Off, 6 EM, Out 180600A, In 180930A. MISSION: Ren.</u>  <u>PATROL PLAN No. 948, 18 Feb, E/87, 1 Off, 4 EM, Out 181720A, In 181940A. MISSION: Ren.</u>  <u>PATROL PLAN No. 949, 17 Feb, E/87, 1 Off, 10 Part, Out 182400A, In 190505A. MISSION: Ren.</u>  <u>PATROL PLAN No. 950, 17 Feb, F/87, 1 Off, 10 EM, Out 181845A, In 182300A. MISSION: Ren.</u>

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| 45         | 1305       |             | <u>Phone fr Recall 2 to Reply 2:</u> In regards to smoke area reported at 171030A, at (150801760). The smoke lasted for about 30 minutes - nothing happened on the part of the enemy both during the smoke or after the smoke, that could be observed. The 405th has fired 2 harrasing missions on enemy mess hall at (1509178) yesterday and perhaps that is the reason the enemy smoked that area. ACTION: Noted for Journal. |
| 46         | 1330       |             | TF 45 ISUM No. 2 submitted.   |
| 47         | 1345       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Operations Memorandum No. 4 fr Hq FIFTH ARMY dated 15 Feb.  |
| 48         | 1400       |             | <u>Phone fr Rex 3 to LaSalle 3:</u> Nothing to report on Sitrep.  |
| 49         | 1457       |             | <u>Phone fr Recall 2 to LaSalle 2; Remant &amp; Hirsch 2:</u> No patrols will be sent out in front of BEF (on in front of BMSOUNT BLUEY where BEF occupies forward fox holes). ACTION: Journal.   |
| 50         | 1500       |             | TF 45 Sitrep No. 3 Submitted.   |
| 51         | 1615       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> PW report fr Hq 85th Mt Inf. SUBJECT: PW Report.  |
| 52         | 1645       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> ISUM No. 763 from IV Corps dated 171529A.   |
| 53         | 1645       |             | <u>Rec'd:</u> Notation fr Col Dawson relative to message rec'd 150815A Feb. Recorded in Journal as Serial No. 16. Note reads as follows - GHO in atchd note doesn't know anything about 5th Army directive nor do I. Text of message relates to recovery of body found when patrol was en-route to its mission.   |
| 54         | 1716       |             | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaSalle 2:</u> 1330A - 1450A - A great deal of enemy activity at CASPIALE (2135133) and gun position E of town at (436134) on reverse slope of tk which there are many ledges and paths. Guns are possibly light. ACTION: Noted for ISUM.  |
| 55         | 1710       |             | G-2 and G-3 left for BCG, G-2 expected to return at 171800A and G-3 at 172000A.   |
| 56         | 1725       |             | <u>Phone fr Rebato to Recall 2:</u> In ans to message on large concentration of smoke at (150801760) at 171005A has our CP seen it? ANSWER: Smoke not seen by my CP. Signed Rebato Red 2. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 57         | 1800       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 3, submitted.   |
| 58         | 1800       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 4, submitted.   |

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- | <u>Ser No.</u> | <u>Time</u> |   |
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| 59             | 1900        | <u>Rec'd. Hq 87th Mt Inf letter, Subject: Prisoners of War dated 17 Feb 1945.</u>   |
| 60             | 1900        | <u>Rec'd. fr Hq 87th Mt Inf, acknowledging receipt of instructions in connection with FO 9.</u>   |
| 61             | 1905        | <u>Phone fr Recall 2 to Corps 2: (1) Request that agents be sent to vicinity of OSPITALE to determine size and identification of reported unit there. (2) Also that Tac Recon Sq fly over OSPITALE to determine size of enemy force there. AHS: Will do both if possible. Will also get a bombing mission if the target is worthwhile.</u>  |
| 62             | 1840        | <u>Phone fr Retread to Recall 2: PATROL REPORT #939, Oct 1900A 16 Feb, In 182400A Feb. BOGA CORNETA (149417) 161900A - 162400A, no enemy contact. Cloudy, visibility fair.</u>  |
| 63             | 1930        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3 to Recall 3: SHELL REPORT: 6 rds 88 mm (or 105) fell at (1361156) on MARABER pos. 18. Marker injured at 1623A. 6 rds 88 mm (or 105) landed at (499159) at 1650A. Two men killed. 7 rds (1 dud) landed in VIDIGLATIO between 1715A and 1719A. No casualties. Calibre unknown. 6 rds fell at 1700A (approx) (Calibre - HE wvy 81 mortar) at (510159). ACTION: 0600A ISUM.</u>   |
| 64             | 1940        | <u>Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army Weather Forecast 172400A - 182400A Feb 1945.</u>  |
| 65             | 2000        | <u>Phone fr Capt Livermore (In O) to Recall 2: RW (1830A): Quiet, slight mortar and arty including FOREPITA. 92nd (1800A): Little enemy activity. No shelling, no PW's. II CORPS (1330A): Quiet, Arty in rt div sector. Some enemy activity; no PW's. ACTION: Journal.</u>  |
| 66             | 2040        | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to Recall 2: Air OP(Supply) 171330 - 171450A - stacks of ammo in well dug in pits (from 5 to 10). Definitely saw 4 or 5 guns light caliber at (436134) just east of OSPITALE; all gun positions the pilot had never seen before. There were several pits without guns in them. He thinks there may be other guns up there because of several well worn paths leading to circular pits, all new. No movement of any kind. All roads had been in use and had been well-traveled recently.</u> |
| 67             | 2100        | <u>Phone fr Maj Callahan to Recall 2: All books were marked "TOP SECRET" and placed in message center on 12 Feb. ACTION: Check back through our message center.</u>   |
| 68             | 2115        | <u>Phone fr Capt Livermore to Recall 2: Check msg center for Corps CI at 180100A. ACTION - to be done.</u>  |

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69	2300	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #5, submitted (Prepared by Recall Advanced CP).
70	2300	Phone fr Box 2 to Recall 2; Requests permission to take FO 9 to fwd on which is ahead of "secret" line. ACTION; Referred to G-3.
71	2345	Phone fr Capt Eastner stating that he and his party stayed at Recall Forward CP.
72	2345	<u>Rec'd.</u> ISUM 764 fr IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 172000A Feb 1945.

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RECALL ADV.

- 1 - Note: (Journal Clerk entry: The following messages dated 17 Feb have not been previously recorded in the Journal.)
- 2 2000 Reg'd: IV Corps Arty, Instructions #30 and 43. ACTION: To be given to CO, TF 45.
- 3 2105 Phone fr Col Irvin: Arrange with Major Bestie for Livermore to pass thru ICP at SILLA tomorrow at 180000A. ACTION: Arrangements made with Lt. Musselwhite of MP Plnt.
- 4 2300 Phone fr Retread White (Lt Gray): Has 2 stiffs - what to do. ACTION: Told to evacuate them through own supply channels to PISTOLA.
- 5 2225 Phone fr Retread White 2 (Lt Jump): Sitrep: NER. ACTION: Noted for 2300A Sitrep.
- 6 2225 Phone fr Recall 2: Sitrep: NER. ACTION: Noted.
- 7 2259 Phone fr Reg 2: 60A: NER. 61S: NER. 60S: 1 harassing mission at enemy mess hall at (509178); effect unknown; 43 rds. ACTION: Noted for 2300A Sitrep.
- 8 2259 Phone fr Remount 2: All march units cleared old area on schedule by 171500A. Red Bn detrucked via 543115 and cleared there 171910A. White Bn detrucked via 543115 and cleared there 172000A. Blue Bn cleared new area via at 172045A. CP at (54261430). ACTION: Sitrep 2300A.
- 9 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep #5 submitted.
- 10 2325 Phone fr Keystone 2 (Major Hamilton): Keystone desires arty reports. Also desires immediate notification by phone, or REMOUNT via of time and place of units closing in. If phone to Keystone out, notify Keystone Advance who will relay message. ACTION: All Off's G-3 sections to note. Use any type of communication that will get the messages thru.
- 11 2400 Phone fr Recall 2: Corps desires immediate notification of bus closing in to areas. ACTION: Remount 2 and Retread 2 advised.
- 12 2400 Phone fr Chief of Staff: Desires notification when this CP officially opens. ACTION: Will phone information.

Note: The entries starting with #13 are for the period 0000A to 2400A 18 Feb 45.

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- 13 0410 Phone fr Recall #1 Mount Blue closed at IL PALAZO (244145) at 180230A. Mount Red closed at 1481183 at 180340A. Mount White Forward closed at 178400A in . Mount closed at LA SA (484145) at 171800A. Park Able (4.2 Co.) closed (484145) at 171800A. Co B, 10th GN closed (481137) at 172300A. ACTION: Keystone S, Maj Dechow notified; situation map.
- 14 0530 Phone fr Recall #2 (Capt Batters): Sitrep: 805: 2 missions. (1) High burst registration at 172300A - 10 rds. (2) Harassing mission at enemy Bn CP at (1808183) - fired at 180118A - 34 rds. 804: NER. 816: NER. ACTION: Noted for 0600A Sitrep.
- 16 0530 Phone fr Batters: Closed PARADISO (494977) at 171800A. ACTION: 0600A Sitrep. Situation map.
- 16 0530 Phone fr Recall Adv #1: Desires coordinates of A Co 126th Infr and of Return Adv. CP. ACTION: Return IO will phone.
- 17 0530 Phone fr Return # (Lt Col Schmalberg): Return Red closed VIDIGIARICO (501139) at 180445A. ACTION: Situation map; 0600A Sitrep.

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RECALL REAR

- | <u>Ser No.</u> | <u>Time</u> |   |
|----------------|-------------|---|
| 1              | 0050        | <u>Phone fr Remount 2 to Recall 2:</u> Remount Blue closed in at 17245A, Remount closed in at 171900A, Park Able closed at 171800A, 256 Park closed in at 172300A, Remount White Fox closed in as of 172400A. Remaining two bas in process of closing in -- times to be reported later. ACTION: Call Recall Advance for 0600A SITREP. |
| 2              | 0107        | <u>Rec'd. Hq 87th Mt Inf, FO 5 copy no. 2</u> dated 171830A Feb 1945 w/annexes and inclosures.  |
| 3              | 0235        | <u>Phone fr Major Hay to Recall 2:</u> Remount Blue has taken over sector with HQ CP at IL PALAZZO (L-584/170) as of 180230A. ACTION: Noted for 0600A SITREP.   |
| 4              | 0250        | <u>Phone fr Remount 2 to Recall 2:</u> Red closed in as of 0240A at (I481152). ACTION: For 0600A SITREP.  |
| 5              | 0330        | <u>Phone fr Keystone 3 to Recall 2:</u> Routine call to check on closing operations --- These closings reported: Remount Blue at IL PALAZZO at 180230A, Remount Red at (I481152) at 180240A, Remount White Fox as of 172400A. ACTION: Noted for commission from telephoned 0600A SITREP but for entry in written 0600A SITREP.        |
| 6              | 0345        | <u>Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 96,</u> 172400A Feb 1945.  |
| 7              | 0400        | <u>Phone fr Recall Adv 10 to Recall 2:</u> Wire connections fr ADV to Keystone very poor. ACTION: Advised Recall adv to have us relay 180600A SITREP if he cannot get through.  |
| 8              | 0412        | <u>Recall 3 to Recall Adv 3:</u> Reported all closing times received since 172300A for 180600A SITREP.  |
| 9              | 0430        | <u>Phone fr Retread 2 to Recall 2:</u> Patrol No 903, Out 172315A, In 180300A, observed BUFO (502166) at 172250A. Observed IL PALAZZO (L504170) at 180040A. Trails muddy; fog heavy, no enemy contact. Out telephons wires near (1502166) and returned to CP. ACTION: File with patrol reports.                                       |
| 10             | 0520        | <u>Phone fr Rex 2 to LaBalle 2:</u> 604th - MTR. 605th - 2 missions: #1-high burst registration at 172350A, #2-harrasing mission on enemy bn CP fired at 180115A; 34 rounds. ACTION: For 0600A SITREP, called Recall Adv.   |
| 11             | 0552        | <u>Phone fr CG, Recall CP at CAMPO TIZZONO, ITALY (I490991)</u> closed and CP at LYZZANO, ITALY (1518128) opened at 180600A. ACTION: For Journal.   |
| 12             | 0615        | <u>Phone fr Recall 2 &amp; 3 to Recall:</u> Advised that all calls now go to fwd CP.  |
| 13             | 0650        | <u>Phone fr Recall 2 to Recall(Adv) 2:</u> Advised that rear CP is now closed.  |

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<u>Ser</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	
1	0600	CP opened in LIZZANO in BELVEDERE (L484129).
2	0600	10th Mt Div Sitrep #6 submitted.
2	0700	<u>Phone fr Capt Rosenberg:</u> Max 2 called and inquired as follows: Permission to take F.O. #9 up to the forward Bn CP - which is ahead of present secret line. ACTION: Permission granted by Major Lueck to take order to forward Bn CP but not into front lines.
4	0900	<u>Phone fr Recall 2 to Max 2, Account 2, Sabote 2, Retread 2, Mavake 2, Return 2, and Hq Sp Troops:</u> Secret line is lifted. Classified material cannot be taken into <u>FRONT LINES</u> . Formal notification will follow. ACTION: Journal.
5	0755	G-3 arrived at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE CP.
6	0915	<u>Reg'd Div Arty G-3 Report #20.</u>
7	0915	<u>Reg'd Div Arty G-3 Report #18 and #19.</u>
8	1000	<u>Phone fr Capt Stanton:</u> Co B 84th CGL closed at FC at (513159) at 172100A. ACTION: Journal; G-3 Situation Map.
9	1000	<u>Phone fr Max 3:</u> 604-816 FA; HYE, 606: 1 harassing mission (L484152) enemy billets - effect unknown. 16 res expended. ACTION: Journal.
10	1010	<u>Msg to CG, 10th Mt Div.</u> CP 84th CGL Mortar Bn. Building No. 29. Lizzano in BELVEDERE.
11	1025	Col Works arrived at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE CP.
12	1044	<u>Reg'd Operational Instructions #79</u> fr Hq IV Corps. ACTION: Turned over to Maj Murphy.
12	1055	<u>Phone fr Col Mathewson (Keystone Advance 3):</u> Col Pond is to call Col Mathewson, Keystone Advance 3, when he gets in. ACTION: Notified Maj Murphy and Col Irvin.
14	1100	10th Mt Div Sitrep #7 submitted.
15	1106	<u>Reg'd IV CORPS G-2 Periodic Report No. 255</u>
16	1106	<u>Reg'd FIFTH ARMY G-2 Report.</u>
17	1106	Reference Journal No. 16, 17 Feb. Complete text: Effective 170600A, 27 QX War Dog Plat is detached TF 45 and attached 10th Mt Div.
18	1106	<u>Reg'd XIII Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary, 18 Feb 46.</u>



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<u>HR</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
19	1100	<u>Reg'd: 701st Tank Battalion Report #48.</u>
20	1100	<u>Phone fr MURPHY Lt Col F, 86th Mt Inf, closed VIDICAZICO at 182800A.. Closed into MAJ dell AC:SG (460114) at 172315A. ACTION: Notified Maj Murphy.</u>
21	1100	<u>Reg'd: BCF G-3 Report #106.</u>
22	1230	<u>Reg'd: IV Corps Sitrep #95 and #96.</u>
23	1230	<u>Reg'd: IV Corps G-3 Situation Reports, 18 Feb 45</u>
24	1230	<u>Reg'd: IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 48, 17 Feb 45.</u>
25	1230	<u>Reg'd: Envelope containing maps Pagan, 1150,000 for "Rover Joe" from Hq, 5th Army.</u>
26	1335A	<u>Phone fr Maj Madden, 701st Tank Bn: Would like Mags with S of BK forces Lt. Froman's force (B Co), Lt. Murphy (Co D). Would like to get hold of Mags for liaison. ACTION: Tank forces have contacted both Regts. (6th MT DIV.</u>
27	1230	<u>to ISUM 25 submitted.</u>
28	1315	<u>Phone fr Reg 5 to LaFelle Lt Regarding guns at OSPITALK. Request decision as to gun granting Col works request for Arty fire on OSPITALK. Col Avra states that Gen Mays does not want fire other than registration on that sector. ACTION: Col works notified.</u>
29	1440	<u>Phone fr Reg 2 to Mc Recall Lt From (L4908513698) observed area shelled at coordinates given. From (181140A) to (181142A). No damage. Direction of enemy guns 3.0 mile from observed coordinates. Distance unknown. Caliber believed to be 88mm, 2 guns harassing fire. 9 rounds total, of which 2 were dud. Fragments later. ACTION: Recorded on shell report. Noted by W.D.</u>
30	1447	<u>Phone fr Reble 2 to HENKES Regt Lt Sitrep IAKKIKIINI - CP Locations - Regiment (L46271414) 1st Bn (L46081515) - 2nd Bn (L47651410) - 3d Bn (L44201420) - Regtl Aid station - (L49081390). SUPPLY POINTS: - Rear (L476010) - Forward (L498140) Medical collecting Pts - Forward - (L476104) (L468135) (L460 116) - Rear - (L409140). ACTION: Operation Map.</u>
31	1457	<u>Phone fr Capt Lingner (Rear) to Recall Lt Capt Lingner from the 360th AA Searchlight Bn called and stated, if his searchlights are interfering with our operation in any way he can be reached by calling Keystone (Advance) and ask for Rear. ACTION: Noted in Journal.</u>
32	1625	<u>Phone fr Reg 3 to Recall Lt SITREP for 18130A - MTR.</u>

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- | <u>Ser</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Time</u> |   |
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| 33         | 1630       |             | <u>Rec'd: Engineer Situation Report dated 17 Feb fr Hq IV Corps.</u>  |
| 34         | 1631       |             | <u>Rec'd: Pamphlets titled (Current Reports From Overseas - No. 67.</u>   |
| 35         | 1602       |             | <u>Message sent to CO, 86th Mt Inf fr Hq, 10th Mt Div: 1. Seize and hold the MT MANGINELLO - PIZZO di CAMPIANO ridge prior to daylight 19 February 1945. 2. Atk of MT BELVIERE - MT della TORRACOLA ridge commences 192300A Feb 1945. Act in accordance with FO 9, Hq EF 45, 152400A Feb. 3. Amend FO 9, Hq EF 45, 152400A, Feb 45: Par. 3 to read: 751st Tr Bn (less Co A and 1 plat Co G) direct support 85th Mt Inf, 86 Mt Inf, 87th Mt Inf. Par 3 to read: Co A (less one Plat) 701st TD Bn atchd Div Arty (See Arty annex). (1) Co A, 84th Cml Bn D/S 86th Mt Inf. (2) Co B, 84th Cml Bn: D/S 85th Mt Inf. (3) 84th Cml Bn (-): General Support - Corps Res available on call.</u> |
| 36         | 1605       |             | <u>Phone fr Keystone 2 (Capt Fernandez) to Recall 2: Defense overprints will be in TAVIRA (1600E) at 181815A, at G-2 office. Send an officer down to get them. ACTION: Capt Davis to make trip.</u><br><u>10<sup>th</sup> MT DIV.</u>   |
| 37         | 1500       |             | <u><del>10<sup>th</sup> MT DIV.</del> Sitrep #8 dated 181500A submitted. (Not previously submit entered)</u>  |
| 38         | 1610       |             | <u>Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: RE: Your msg of 1400A - Are all CP's named open? ANSWER: Only Rebate CP is open. It opened at 181200A. - Will let you know when troops close and other CP's open. ACTION: For SITREP - 181800A.</u>   |
| 39         | 1630       |             | <u>Phone fr Rebate Blue 2 to Recall 2: Request 40 8 1/2 ILL reproductions covering rectangle (L5119) upper left) ((L5714) lower right) of 1/12,500 map. ACTION: Will be ready for distribution at 191200A.</u>  |
| 40         | 1730       |             | <u>Phone fr Rex 3 to <u>RECALL 3</u>: SITREP for 181630A - No Change. ACTION: Noted for Journal.</u>  |
| 41         | 1730       |             | <u>Phone fr Remount 3 to Recall 3: Remount Sitrep report for 1730A - NER.</u>   |
| 42         | 1800       |             | <u>Phone fr Maj Calahan (Keystone 3) to Recall 2: In regards to the OSPITALE area; I flew over that area, quite low for about 30 minutes and was not able to pick up any enemy gun positions. ACTION: Notified Maj Lueck and noted in Journal.</u><br><u>10<sup>th</sup> MT DIV.</u>  |
| 43         | 1900       |             | <u><del>10<sup>th</sup> MT DIV.</del> ISOM No. 6 submitted.</u>   |
| 44         | 1800       |             | <u><del>10<sup>th</sup> MT DIV.</del> SITREP No. 9 dated 181800A submitted.</u>   |
| 45         | 2020       |             | <u>Phone fr Rebate 2 to Recall 2: Patrol Intentions. (overlays will be in later). PATROL PLAN #501, E/85 to (L521172), 2 Off, 4 MM, Out 182020A. In 182220A. - Rcn.</u><br><br><u>PATROL PLAN #401, C/85 to (L52641694), 1 Off, 3 MM, Out 182100A, In 190400A. - Rcn.</u>   |

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- 46 Continued PATROL PLAN #402, C/80 to (L28181587), 1 Off, 3 MM, Out 181300A. In 190400A. - Rm.
- 47 2020 Phone fr Remount 3 to Recall B: B and C Co's left assembly areas 1820A. It is thought that A Co did the same at 1920A. ACTION: Notified G-3 and CG.
- 48 2038 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 97 fr IV Corps, dated 181300A.
- 49 2025 Rec'd: ISUM No. 788 fr IV Corps, dated 181600A.
- 50 2025 Rec'd: Fifth Army weather forecast for period 182400A - 192400A, Feb 1945 plus 48 hours outlook for front and Po Valley. Broken to overcast at 2000 to 3000 ft over the front. Low overcast over southern Po Valley. Visibility restricted by haze to 2 - 4 miles. No rain or snow. Min Temp 25 - 38 degrees F. Outlook: Similar conditions on the 20th, except for improved visibility and decreased cloudiness in the Southern Po Valley and in the coastal sector. Low overcast, rain in afternoon and 5 - 8 miles visibility on the 21st. Min Temp 24 - 38 degrees F.
- 51 2040 Phone fr Hedred 3 to Recall B: Advance CP - Hedred opened VIDIPIATICO at 182000A. ACTION: Noted for 182300A SITREP.
- 52 2040 PATROL REPORT: #1210, Out 171900A, In 181300A. - Arrived in position on Mt SFRIGOLINO (L434094) at 180845A. Enemy opened fire with automatic weapons at 180500A from four positions; 180650A. (1) L428098 - 5 soldiers and 1 civilian dressed in grey knickers with grey sweater. (2) L441099 - 9 soldiers. (3) L439091 - At least 10 men. (All of the above are prepared positions). (4) ~~NAME~~ One undetermined position on VISA DEL PARALISO. No fire converging fire stopped the advance of the platoon. Asked for Arty fire at 180700A. Fire was delivered at 180720A but was not fully effective due to inability to register on positions. Arty fire ceased upon our request at 0730A. Broke contact with enemy ~~NAME~~ ~~NAME~~ ~~NAME~~ ~~NAME~~ ~~NAME~~ and moved back to VIZANHA. CASUALTIES: Own: one man wounded by own hand grenade explosion - not serious. ENEMY: At least one seriously wounded and one slightly wounded.
- 53 2100 Phone fr Remount 3 to Recall B: 1. As of 2040A "B" Company moving up trail slowly. Everything O.K. 2. 2045A - 30 pack mules arrived at 1st Bn CP. 3. 2040A - CP No. 3 reported visibility fair, some fog in valley. 4. 2060A - CP No. 3 reported white ground flare at 80° magnetic thought to be vicinity QUERCIOLA. ACTION: Journal.
- 54 2110 Col Works and Col Irvin left CP for Officers Quarters - Expected to return at 190500A.
- 55 2115 Phone fr Recall 3 to Key Stone B: As of 2045 A "B" Co moving up trail slowly - Everything O.K. - Visibility fair, some fog in valley. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
- 56 2140 Phone fr Hedred 3 to Recall B: "B" Co in position at (L807155) and (L510159) at 2100A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.

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- | <u>Seq</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Message</u>   |
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| 57         | 2150        | <u>Phone fr Retreat 3:</u> "C" Co in position at 1512163 at 182150A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.  |
| 58         | 2156        | <u>Phone fr Reg 2:</u> Shell report: reported by Maj Corey of the 434 FA Group - At 1530A and 1534A 2 rds 170 mm shells landed at (L557134) (1586122). AZ 2430 hills to gun. ACTION: Noted for 0600A ISUM and Journal.   |
| 59         | 2200        | <u>Reg'd:</u> 10th Mt Div Amend to FO 9; sent by code - radio to all organizations attached organizations and 4th Sqr: Amend FO 9, Mq EF 4b, 183400A, to extend the zone of action of the 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf to include objective "M" at MIZANGARA (183183). Objective "M" will be held and held until relieved by elements 1st BNF on order this Mq. In order to expedite relief, CO, 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, will notify promptly the adjacent commander of 1st BNF of seizure of objective "M". |
| 60         | 2205        | <u>Phone fr Retreat 5:</u> Baker 6 reports assault platoons at halfway mark at 2140A. Charlie 6 reports assault platoons passed group of houses along trail up. ACTION: Notified Keystone 5.   |
| 61         | 2210        | <u>Phone fr Retreat 2:</u> Negative report as of 182200A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.   |
| 62         | 2215        | <u>Phone fr Reg 2:</u> White flare observed from infantry OP at (L48691550) AZ 80° at 182050A. Reported by LH 03. ACTION: Noted for 0600A ISUM and Journal.  |
| 63         | 2220        | <u>Phone fr Reg 2:</u> From Reply 2 - FO 531 with B Co 86th at 47551550 at 182140A. ACTION: Attn: G-3 (Major Murphy) Per SITREP 2300A.   |
| 64         | 2230        | <u>Phone fr Retreat 3:</u> Sitrep for 2230A: B & C Co left assembly area at 1930A. A Co at 1945A. Regt OP #2 established 2000A. Regt OP #2 established 2055A. ACTION: Per 2300A SITREP.  |
| 65         | 2230        | <u>Phone fr Reg 2:</u> N.T.A. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 66         | 2230        | <u>Phone fr Reg 2:</u> At 2150 "B" Co halfway to obj 2. "F" Co leaving assembly area point at 2200A. ACTION: Sitrep.   |
| 67         | 2245        | <u>Phone fr Lt Cash at Day OP:</u> Recall OP #1 checked in by phone. Recall OP #1 opened at 182240A. ACTION: Noted for G-2 Journal.  |
| 68         | 2255        | PATROL REPORT: 0942, Out 171920A, In 172230A - Obsn of LA TONNE (497185) and PMA DELLA VILLA (496187) - No civilians - no enemy. Weather foggy - visibility 70 feet. Snow cover 0 to 10". Patrol obsvd LA TONNE at 172030A and PMA DELLA VILLA at 172130A. Patrol returned without incident.   |
| 69         | 2255        | <u>Phone fr Retreat 2:</u> OP #1 482112 opened at 2242 and observed nothing. ACTION: Notified G-2.   |

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| 70 | 2250 | <u>Phone fr Regt 21</u> From Requisite A - ? Shall at (495136) from 2200A to 2210A. ACTION: Noted for 0600 18GM.   |
| 71 | 2300 | 10th Mt Div Sitrep #10 submitted.  |
| 72 | 2310 | <u>Phone fr Regt 21</u> "A" Co moved out assembly area 194AA. "A" reports all companies across river (2250A). ACTION: Journal, Keystone.   |
| 73 | 2345 | <u>Phone fr Regt 21</u> Reply B -- at 214AA "C" 1/3 distance to initial obj. NO with B Co advancing. No contact 2330A. NO with "F" Co moving out 2300A. "A" Co has crossed river at L 497121 at 2300A. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 74 | 2400 | MSG: Call Officer Quarters at the Hotel and have operator ask for Col La Due by name ( He has a phone in his room). This call is to be made sharply at 2400A; in order that the Col may check the moon illumination tonight. ACTION: Noted for B.O. (Not Prev. entered.) |
| 75 | 2440 | <u>Phone fr Regt 21</u> To Col La Due, called as directed.   |

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Eq. 10th Mt Biv. APO 845, U. S. Army for period 0000 to 2400, 19 February 1968

Sec No.	Time	Text
1	0001	<u>Phone fr Memorial 2:</u> MTR. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
2	0005	<u>Phone fr Memorial 2:</u> 2212A 1st Assault Plt Baker reach (L475188). 2327A 2d Plt 86th spread advanced CP at GANSA. 2330A 1st Plt A14 station at CADJULIO (479148). 2348A Rear of "C" Co cleared L468147 at 2330A. ACTION: Notified Gen Keys - Gen Duff.
3	0025	<u>Phone fr Recall 2 to Recall 2:</u> Call me at the same time Recall 2 is called. Check with Ingar on moonlight. ACTION: Noted; calls made.
4	0030	<u>Phone fr Recall 2 to Ingar 2:</u> Try to get the moonlight through. Mass is very thick. Will call you again if you wish another check.
5	0035	<u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> Reply 2: "B" Co on route (L475187) at 2330A. Rear of "C" at (L468148) 2330A. FO of "B" at (L475188). ACTION: Journal.
6	0045	<u>Phone fr Ingar 2 to Recall 2:</u> Searchlight to be stepped up. Request check. ACTION: Check to be made.
7	0050	<u>Phone fr Research 2:</u> Macey SA fire at (L450124) lasted 30 seconds; started at approx 190042A. ACTION: Noted for ISUM.
8	0059	<u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> "F" cleared ravine at (L45201115) at 0015A. FO with "B" in at (L47101680) at 0028A. ACTION: Journal.
9	0110	<u>Phone fr Research 2:</u> 0015A "F" crossed river on way up ridge. 0027A rear of "C" Co at (L469150). 0027A "B" assault platoon on objective. 2d platoon approaching obj.. 0045A "A" Co assault platoon on ridge (exact location not known) believed to be S. 0052A Head of "A" Co (L469122) assault platoon ahead of main body moving N. along ridge top. ACTION: Journal.
10	0125	<u>Phone fr Memorial 2:</u> Baker Co made contact 400 yds S. of BUBSO. Receiving SA, MG and a few rounds of mortar fire at 190122A. ACTION: Informed G/S. Journal.
11	0125	<u>Phone fr Memorial 2:</u> CP's #2 and 3 report MG, SA, and mortar fire vs GAPPAL BUBSO (472188) at 0122A. ACTION: For 0800 ISUM called Keystone.
12	0126	<u>Phone fr Max 2:</u> CP 2 - Macey SA fire at 450124 at 190042A. Macey MG, mortar, SA fire now coming fr SW of BUBSO (477188) at 190047. ACTION: For 0800 ISUM. Informed G/S.
13	0136	<u>Phone fr Memorial 2:</u> SA and MG fire continues fr GAPPAL BUBSO (L472188) at 190122A. ACTION: For 0800 ISUM.

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- 14 0130 Phone from Assault 2 to Luger 3: Take lights off ridge at once.
- 15 0140 Phone fr Assault 2: Continuing SA and MG fire via GAFEL BUSSO. Bursts of fire, interspersed with rifle fire. No tracers. No mortars or grenades. Reported at 190138A. ACTION: Noted for C/s - 0800 ISOM.
- 16 0144 Phone fr Box 2 thru Reply 2: "B" Co engaged fire fight summit BUSSO started 0100A. ACTION: Noted to G-3.
- 17 0150 Phone fr Rebate 1: Patrol #828, Out: 182030A, In: 190130A. No enemy contact. ACTION: ASBATE to check and find out when patrol went, whether plan was submitted.
- 18 0150 Phone fr Rebate: Rebate Blue closed in 190130A. ACTION: Sitrep.
- 19 0152 Phone fr Assault 6: 2-1/2 platoons now on BUSSO. No casualties. ACTION: Journal, Keystone.
- 20 0210 Phone fr Assault 3: All of "B" and attached units except mortars are on objective. Fire fight over. One assault platoon of "C" has reached its initial obj. ACTION: Journal.
- 21 0215 Phone fr Assault 2: Fire fight ceased on BUSSO - No more enemy resistance. ACTION: Keystone, ISOM.
- 22 0215 Phone fr Box 2 fr LH O thru Reply 2: All of Co "B" on obj except mortars. Mortars digging in. No casualties. Have been on Route of Pl's objective. Noted 190205A. ACTION: Noted to G-3. Rec'd MG fire from what was believed to be an enemy patrol at (449157) at 190102. Fire ceased at 190128. ACTION: Keystone, ISOM.
- 23 0200 Phone fr Assault 3: Baker Co reports one casualty - no details. "A" on objective digging in - no enemy - MANGINELLO. ACTION: Journal.
- 24 0200 Phone fr Rebate 1: Rebate White closed - 190100A. Rebate Red closed in 190115A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
- 25 0204 Phone fr Box 2:QOAll "A" Co on ridge. Assault platoon moving N, exact location unknown (at 190241A) (2) Many MG firing 600 yds S of "B" Co objective. 190230A (3) "B" Co dug in on objective at 190244A. ACTION: (1) and (2) Noted to G-3. (3) For ISOM.
- 26 0315 Reg'd: IV COMPS Sitrep #98, 182400A Feb 45.
- 27 0315 Phone fr Assault Blue 2: 2 flares at 190315A (562176) and a light at (545184) at 190330A. ACTION: Noted for ISOM.

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- 28 0348 Phone fr Bex 2: Fox and Able Co made contact on ridge at 190257H. CP's 2 and 3 report SA fire vis MUSCO, 190320A, sort of grenade fire, 190340A. ACTION: Noted to G-3, Sitrep, Isun.
- 29 0355 Phone fr Bex 2: Lead explosion and rifle fire on MUSCO at 0344A. 3 rcs arty fire landed BOCCA CORNETA (482172) at 0342A. Presumed to be enemy. SA fire vis CAMPIANO (482172) at 0355A. ACTION: Noted to G-3, Isun, Sitrep.
- 30 0400 Phone fr Sergeant 2: "Y" Co at Cingle del Buro (L482137). "A" Co and "Y" have made contact. ACTION: Journal.
- 31 0415 Phone fr Sergeant 2: 4 or 6 lead explosions to NW of MUSCO-CAMPIANO ridge, fairly deep. Started at 190400A; over at 190415A. Caused probably by arty or enemy explosions. ACTION: Journal, Isun.
- 32 0530 Phone fr Sergeant 3: "C" closed at 190500A in SERRISIGLIA. ACTION: Notified Gen Hays - Sitrep.
- 33 0530 CS, 10th Mt Div to C.O., 85th Mt Inf: As soon as C.O., 85th Mt Inf, feels that MARCIELLO - PIZZO di CAMPIANO ridge is consolidated, he will withdraw Co F. HAYS, CMCG. ACTION: Notified Major Allen G-3.
- 34 0535 Phone fr Sergeant 4: A, B, C, & F Cos on pos. 1st Plst, A Co, not heard from. ACTION: For Sitrep.
- 35 0544 Phone fr Sergeant 5: The Platoon of "A" Co reached the objective, PIZZO di CAMPIANO (L482172). Enemy still present in the area. ACTION: Journal and Sitrep.
- 36 0600 Msg fr C.O., 85th Mt Inf: Co B on COPPA MUSCO 190300A, Co C on SERRASIGLIA 190500A, F on CHINGIO DEL BURE (L482137) at 190550A, Co A on MARCIELLO at 190300A. Plst, Co A on PIZZO di CAMPIANO at 190530A.
- 37 0600 10th Mt Div ISUN No 7 submitted.
- 38 0600 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 11 submitted.
- 39 0610 Phone fr Sergeant 4: Closed in 190600A at VIDIGIATECO (501138) ACTION...noted to G-3.
- 40 0625 Phone call from Bex 2 to La Salle 2. Reply 2 reports that all elements on objective as of 0530A...ACTION...Journal



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| 0800 | Recd: Hq 5th Army Off of A C of S., G-2, letter dated 7 Feb '45, re SUBJECT: German Int Officials--Interrogators' Index--additions etc....also letter same subject 17 Feb.   |
| 0810 | Recd: Hq 751st Tk Bn S-3 report no. 49.  |
| 0815 | Recd: Hq 10th Mt Div Intel Memo No. 6, dated 18Feb 1945.   |
| 0815 | Recd: Hq 5th Army, G-2 Report no. 130 dated 17 Feb.  |
| 0815 | Recd: Recd, C-3 Periodic Report no. 40, fr Hq 4th Corps., dated 18 Feb.  |
| 0815 | Recd: Hq XXII Tactical Air Command Daily Int Summary no 226. Dated 16 Feb.   |
| 0820 | Phone fr CO, 86th Mt Inf (Col Tomlinson): Col Tomlinson says he will not withdraw "F" Co until situation on ridge clarifies.   |
| 0830 | Recd: Hq 3rd Bn 86th Pa #3.  |
| 0715 | Phone fr Retread 2: (Lt Mc Guckin)...3rd Bn CP open VIDIOTIC (50139) at 0600A. 3rd Bn closed VIDIOTIC at 0600A. ACTION... noted for SITREP 1100A. Situation map...   |
| 0715 | Phone fr Keystone 3, Capt Livermore: REF: patrolling action-no contact; light mortar fire--very light fired from (642214) on (635217); at 2030 MG harassing fire from (642227) recd on (660218); relief of 1st plat 2 Bn, 6 Inf on PRUARD (609202) now in progress. 92nd: 365th Inf readjusting positions--putting 3d Bn at (186046); 3 Bn assembled via (198005); active patrolling cont'd....some contact on coast; light MG and arty fire. II Corps: period quiet--light harassing fires; some enemy activity via (977334), (913333). ACTION...G-3 advised. |
| 0742 | Phone fr Keystone Adv: "Recd: SITREP #98 from Corps. ACTION..G-3 notified.   |
| 0743 | Phone fr Keystone Adv: Recd IV Corps ISUM. ACTION...G-2 advised.   |
| 0855 | Recd: Hq OSS Det, S. Marcello, letter, subject: Military Info etc. dated 17 Feb.   |

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54	0857	Phone fr Reply 2; Co G sending contact patrols to B and A sec. and strong patrol to Ridge X--location of ridge to be given later. ...FR Reply 2...visibility zero as of 190830A..Action., jrnal.
55	0830	Phone fr Recall 3 (Lt Col Irvin): Withdraw Co F by dark, 19 Feb '65. ACTION...Capt Rosendale advised.
56	0815	Phone fr Recount 2; Visibility lifting. Heavy activity increasing at BACCHETTI (1A47117) and on HAPPEL BUSO (1A72169); MG and intermittent rifle fire. 3 rounds mortar read near BACCHETTI at 191330A ISUM.
57	0925	Phone fr Recount: CP temporarily in School House next to Hotel Belvedere in LIZZANO in BELVEDERE..(518129). ACTION...noted on opps map.
58	1000	Reed; IV Corps SITREP #965.
59	0935	Phone fr Recount 2; Co F (1 Platoon) receiving a/s and MG fire fr Mt. BACCHETTI (1A47117). Sustained two casualties. ACTION... journal, Isum and Sitrep.
60	1000	Phone to CO, 85.-87, Mt Inf, 84th Cal Bn; 1st Plat, Co B, 84th Cal Bn is relieved from D/S 87th Mt Inf, and is assigned to D/S of 87th Mt Inf. FWD observer, 1st plat, Co B, 84th Cal Bn, will report to CO, 87th Mt Inf for instructions in accompanying 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf.
61	0936	Phone fr Reply 2 (Liaison G No. 1): Inf CP #1 reports, at 190845A, 5 or 6 rifle shots, believed to have come fr Via SERRASICOGIA (1A47117). Three bursts of MG fire observed fr same place at 190848A. Three rounds mortar fire and intermittent rifle fire fr same place at 190857A. ACTION...journal, Isum, Sitrep.
62	0950	Phone fr KEVIN Box 2; From Corps counter-battery--possible 170mm gun location at (1A421822A87). ACTION...Rever Joe notified.
63	1040	Reed; IV Corps ISUM #768, dated 190903.
64	1050	PATROL REPORT #943, E/87, 1 Off, 8EM, Out 172315A, In 180300A. FINDINGS: Obsvd BUJO (506166) and vicinity; no enemy contact.  PATROL REPORT #944, F/87, 1 off, 10 EM, ...cancelled--run mission to be accomplished by patrol 942. C/G requested that ambush be cancelled.

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65	1100	10th Mt Div SITREP No. 12 submitted.
66	1050	Phone fr <u>Remount 2</u> : B Co. CP on SERRASIGLIA reports one enemy truck moving West over bridge at (1457196) at 191000A. ACTION...Major Lueck notified.
67	1047	Phone fr <u>Reply 2</u> : From Fed above #512...Concentration #23... Fire fight has developed at concentration #53... (14474011400)... Intermittent MG and mortar fire landing via concentration #52 (14523012650) at 190915A. Adjusting an enemy infantry assembly area at (14787518465) at 191045A. ACTION: G-2 notified.
68	1120	Phone fr <u>Remount 2</u> : CP #1 (1462112) and CP #2 (1479131) report enemy MG and 8/A fire at Barchetti (1447127) and at N. PIAGGI (1452127) at 191110A. ACTION...Major Lueck notified.
69	1300	PATROL REPORT #401, 8/85, 1 Off, 3 EM, Out 182100A, Em, 190400A. FINDINGS: Covered indicated routes. Found routes passable. No enemy contact.  PATROL REPORT #402, 8/85, 1 Off, 3 EM, Out 182100A, 190400A. FINDINGS: Covered indicated routes. Found routes passable. No enemy contact.
70	1330	Recd memo fr Lt. Col Peterson, G-1, dated 19 Feb, to Capt McCahfield...re Staff Off Exchange letter 5th Army (23 Feb 45). "You have been selected for the G-3 detail.....be prepared to depart on 28 Feb."
71	0940	Phone fr <u>Return 3</u> : Location of units: Return rear--MARISCA 476000 (Return rd, 51951130; A, CASTELLUGGIO (541110); "B" BARCHI DI LUCCA (265970); "C", LECORCI (540810); "D" PIANACCIO (501100). ACTION...noted on ops map.
72	0955	PHONE fr <u>Recall 3</u> : (1)-Have CO's 85, 86, 87th Mt Inf read copies of FO #1, Hq 751 Tank Bn; (2)-Have they full knowledge of manner in which they are to be supported by tanks and TD; (3)-Do tank elements have liaison with supported inf units? ACTION...85            86            87 (1) yes            yes            yes (2) yes            yes            yes (3) yes            will get one yes

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73	1034	<u>Phone fr Air O to Rex 3:</u> Arty in plane will not be required in Air ops—however, Arty obsvr will be necessary to orient Air Corps in this sector—Request that he remain available at field. ACTION...(Maj Ball) WILCO.
74	1100	<u>Phone Rex 3 SITREP as of 0930A:</u> 604; NTR—605; four harassing missions at 442150—456182—491217—524193. 616; NTR. 175th: Two harassing missions at 523193 - 460179. ACTION...1100A SITREP.
75	1110	<u>Phone fr Require 2:</u> Have not made contact with observers (Fwd Observer with Inf). Am sending additional observers to make contact. ACTION...Journal.
76	1145	<u>Phone fr Maj Hamilton to Recall 3:</u> The Engrs want to close highway 66 at (L465955). They will close it tonight. It will be a four hour job if they do it. Will it interfere with any tactical move? ACTION...noted for Col Irvin for action....
77	1155	<u>Phone fr Reply 2:</u> From Fwd Obsvr/530: four prisoners captured via CAMPANO (482172); are being evacuated to Regt'l OP (Remount); time, 191127A. Patrol in contact w/enemy at (453135) at 191145A. ACTION...G-3 advised.
78	1205	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> Patrol from Co A on CAMPANO attacked house at (L481173). Killed 4 enemy, took 3 prisoners. Captured 1 81 mm mortar, 165 rounds mortar ammo and one 20 power scope. 1 captured overloy of enemy arty concentrations being sent back. Time: 1145A. Co F took BIACHETTI. Killed one, captured one. Own troops, no casualties (Co F). Co F platoon on BURN HILL killed 2, captured 2. Our 4.2's and 81 mortars are firing into SEPTALE and draw leading up ridge at 1140A. Co A on MANGINELLO in fire fight with 8 mm enemy patrol. Time 1140A. ACTION; Notified Col Works and G/S.
79	1250	<u>Phone fr Capt Bourke to Maj Hamilton: Evertson 3:</u> Called Major Hamilton in regards to closing Highway 66 at (L465955). Major Hamilton said the road wouldn't be closed. ACTION; Notified Col Irvin -- Journal.
80	1250	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> Co F, MT SERRA DI BIACHETTI, 3 prisoners, 2 walking, one wounded. Killed 3 Germans wounded 1. 4.25 is not accurate. Enemy reported in 1st Bn Sector. ACTION; Noted G-2 and Jeungal.
81	1255	<u>Phone fr 350th Fighter Group:</u> Major Gabor of the 350th Fighter Group called from Stack B wants to be notified as to what the arrangements are for him to come forward.
82	1300	<u>Phone fr Remount Blue 2:</u> OP report: At 191100A, smoke fr bldg (L548182) indicates enemy occupation. ACTION; G-2 notified.

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83		1320	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> Co "A" on MT MANGINKILO has captured 6 more German prisoners. ACTION: Noted for 1800 ISUM.
84		1330	Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #8, submitted.
85		1345	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> 2 more PW's captured on MANGINKILO at 1330A. ACTION: Journal, 1800A ISUM.
86		1410	<u>Phone fr Recall OP No. 1:</u> NTR as of 191410A. ACTION: For Journal.
87		1410	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Observer's location at (14909513498) was shelled at 191145A - No damage - 300 mils to enemy guns no of rounds undetermined. Harassing fire. From Requite 2 - Observer's location QUERICIOLA (15126016320) - at 191145A - 9 casualties all wounded and evacuated. Asimuth to guns 700 mils - 8 rounds arty shells which burst on percussion. Caliber unknown. ACTION: Noted for 1800A ISUM.
88		1410	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Remount White reports platoon has taken SERRA DI BIANCHETTI. Now reorganizing, killed one, one captured. Shell reports - reported by Requite 2 observer's location (14909513498) - shelled area was the OP (14909513498). Same as above coordinates. Shelling commenced at 190900A to 190902A - damage, none - 300 mils to enemy guns - 3 rds arty shells caliber unknown - harassing. ACTION: Noted for 1800A ISUM.
89		1415	Capt Livermore, 1st Lt left for IV Corps.
90		1440	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> Counter Attack of between 35 and 40 enemy on Co C position on SERRASITICA broken up by our arty fire at 1420A by mortar fire. Enemy withdrew down ridge. Captured 3 prisoners. ACTION: Told C/S.
91		1500	<u>Phone fr CO, 86th Mt Inf:</u> Co B, 86th has 15 men dug in at (1466162).
92		1515	<u>Phone fr CO, 10th Mt Div (Major Gen Hays personally) to CO, 86th Mt Inf:</u> Kill or drive out the Germans now in SERRASITICA area before dark. ACTION: Journal.
93		1515	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 40 dated 18 Feb 1945.
94		1515	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 97, 181200A Feb 1945.
95		1515	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 19 Feb 1945.
96		1515	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 98 182400A Feb 1945.
97		1515	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq BEF G-2 Report No. 107 dated 18 Feb 1945.
98		1515	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq BEF G-3 Report No. 106 dated 180800A Feb 1945.

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<u>Ser No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	
99	1500	Phone fr CO, 86th Mt Inf to CO, 10th Mt Div. Germans are withdrawing from <u>REHABOUIA</u> area. CO, 86th considering occupation of their position. 3 prisoners taken there. ACTION: Noted Col Irvin and Journal.
100	1510	Phone fr <u>Retread 2</u> : Retread reports an enemy gun located at (1508175). ACTION: Notified PI.
101	1515	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq 751st Tank Bn, 8-3 Report No. 30 dated 191200A Feb 1945.
102	1330	Phone fr <u>Box 3</u> : From Reply 2: Remount white reports platoon has <u>BICHENNY</u> (1446116); now reorganizing; killed one enemy and captured one; no casualties; now firing A-2 mortars on <u>CEPITALK</u> (145313); time 1151A. Inf CP #2 reports slight increase small arms fire in <u>MANGINELLO</u> (1453134). Some small arms fire <u>FRANAMA</u> (14514); at 1156A. CP's No. 1 and 2 report much machine gun fire in <u>PIAGOR</u> (14412); at 1211A. FC #512 (N Co, 86th) reports captured 2 and killed 1 enemy at 1230A. ACTION: <u>SITREP</u> , <u>INM</u> , <u>CG</u> advised.
103	1355	Phone fr <u>Retread 3</u> : 8 rounds approx 80 mm fell at <u>CHERIGOLA</u> (151116) at 1130A; casualties 3 Officers and 9 MM; courses from behind N. <u>REINDEER</u> . ACTION: C/S advised. Noted for <u>SITREP</u> 1300A.
104	1405	Phone fr <u>Recall 3</u> : Div Arty notified to send 1 Officer over here to C-3 every 2 hours to get poop. ACTION: Journal.
105	1410	Phone fr <u>Remount 3</u> : At 1400A C Co, 86th hit by counter attack of about 40 men from (451161); situation well in hand. <u>Red Bn</u> , 86th report 2 non-battle casualties - these were the last reported earlier. ACTION: C/S, CO, 86th and 87th advised; <u>SITREP</u> .
106	1430	Phone fr <u>Major Miles</u> : Can be reached thru <u>Leghorn</u> long distance, then <u>Jambone</u> , thru <u>Group Operations</u> (350th Fighter Group); has 6 officers and 3 enlisted men to report up here tomorrow - wants to know when and where to report and what equipment to bring - are flying up in light planes. ACTION: Referred to Major Walker.
107	1450	Phone fr <u>Box 3</u> : <u>SITREP</u> as of 1330A. 604th, <u>NR</u> , 604th; 1 mission - destruction - infantry assembly area @ (477180); fire 2x effective - casualties unknown. 1 mission - destruction enemy skirmish line at (454143); fire effective; casualties unknown. 6 missions shooting in defensive fire at (454139), (444160), (439135), (454199), (451125). 1 destruction mission 35 mm enemy counter attack at (450157); fire effective; enemy scattered behind ridge. Total 312 rds. 61; <u>NR</u> , 175; 1 harassing mission at (481193); effect unobserved; 37 rounds. 1 harassing mission on (440179); effect unobserved; 30 rounds total. ACTION: C/S advised; <u>SITREP</u> .

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108	1450	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> The 7th Co of the 10th Regiment was the unit we found on the ridge. Fighting strength of 80 men, C.O., 1st Lt Simon. ACTION: Notified Col Werks and IV Corps.
109	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #13, submitted.
110	1550	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq Fifth Army Weather Forecast 192400A - 200400A Feb 1945.
111	1550	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 237 dated 190000A Feb 45.
112	1555	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> CP #2 and CP #3 - report enemy mortar fire falling in vicinity of CAMPANO (L482172). Mortars are (L480159) TRIGALINO. Counterbattery has been called for. No Action; Noted for 1800A ISUM.
113	1550	<u>Phone fr Regt 5 to Recall 5:</u> Call me when Recall 6 comes in to CP.
114	1601	<u>Phone fr Remount 6:</u> Krauts do not have prepared positions in front of C Company. Withdrew from ridge and squad patrol following them. 7 enemy killed. More patrols ordered out to clean up enemy.
115	1610	<u>Rec'd.</u> Hq 10th Mt Div Arty G-3 Report #21 for period 17 Feb 1800A to 18 Feb 1800A.
116	1615	<u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 6:</u> Notified of information received from Remount 6. Remount 6 will not go too far in following enemy.
117	1615	<u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Remount 6:</u> Do not go too far in following enemy. Just make sure enemy is not in prepared position. ACTION: Remount 6 will be notified.
118	1627	<u>Phone fr Recall 3:</u> Lt Col Townsend, Lt C, 5th Army arrived CP. ACTION: C/S, G-3 advised.
119	1655	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Shelled area (L480152) at 191600A; no damage - azimuth 5700 mile to enemy guns - 5 mortar shells - harassing fire - size of crater that was inspected was 6' in diameter. No fragments to be turned in. ACTION: Noted for 1800A ISUM.
120	1740	<u>Phone fr Recall 5:</u> (Hq Comd) Check on CP security. Send map on security to CP. 1 civilian turned over to SIC.
121	1740	<u>Rec'd:</u> Classified Msg fr IV CORPS, Msg NR, 174, 191239A
122	1740	G-3 Periodic Report went out at 1715A.
123	1745	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> G's 2 and 3 reported enemy MI and S/A fire via CAMPANO (L4817). Final report on A Co's action on MT MARGINELLO this morning: - 4 enemy killed, 8 captured, 1 of which died on way down and was buried. 1 of remainder badly wounded. ACTION: Isum.

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| 124        | 1645        | Phone fr Remount 6: PW interrogation resulted in following information: The enemy on the ridge taken today were to be relieved tonight. The mountain bn. that was at PANARO has been pulled out - no indication of destination. Of the 80 Germans on the ridge, Remount 6 believes they have accounted for 35 (killed or captured). ACTION: Corps advised; C/S advised; CO, 89th and 86th advised; IWH.  |
| 125        | 1742        | From Chief of Staff: Orientations will be held at 1900A daily starting 20 Feb. These meetings take the place of the previously scheduled 0000A meetings; orientations will be held in War Room. ACTION: Staff and IA Officers notified.  |
| 126        |             | Lt Foulas (Rover Joe) wants to know if his installations can remain where he is. Lt Col Irvin told him to remain in place, to have anyone attempting to eject him call him.  |
| 127        | 1800        | Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP #14, submitted.   |
| 128        | 1800        | Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM #9, submitted.  |
| 129        | 1805        | Phone fr Box 3: 175th fired 4 harassing missions (A93181), (A93176), (A93185), (A92167) unobserved - 160 rounds total. ACTION: Noted for 2300A SITREP.   |
| 130        | 1815        | Phone fr 5th Army (G-3 office): G-3 (or Asst) called with the following message: Has your Headquarters been notified that there hasn't been any postponement? ACTION: Notified Major Murphy. The person calling didn't say who he was.   |
| 131        | 1850        | Trace of German no fire line for each of following organizations: FA, Engr, and 86th, sent out.  |
| 132        | 1832        | Phone fr Remount 3: Small counter attack up S. slope of PIZZO DI CAMPIANO. Using burp guns and small arms. Arty registry has stopped enemy movement, but attack still continues. ACTION: For G-3.  |
| 133        | 1834        | Phone fr Recall 2 to Remount 3: German password is changed at 1300 daily.  |
| 134        | 1740        | Item No. 121 of Journal for this date is cancelled and the following is substituted therefor: "Rec'd. Incoming Msg No. 17A fr IV CORPS, 191239A. PAREN KEY ER SIX SIX THREE PAREN PAREN FROM FOURTH CORPS TO FIFTH ARMY CMA TWO CORPS CMA REF RPT REF CMA ONE ZERO BY DIV CMA KING TWO INF DIV CMA SIX TWO ABLE ABLE BDE CMA TAKE FOX FOUR FIVE CMA SEVEN ZERO ONE TAKE DOG BN CMA SEVEN FIVE ONE TAKE KING BN CMA EIGHT FOUR CMA RPT CML BN CMA EIGHT NINE FOUR TAKE DOG BN CMA ONE SEVEN NINE CML RPT CML SUGAR GEORGE CO CMA BTKY CHARLIE THREE SIX ZERO SLY BN RPT SLY BN PAREN PARA ONE PD CONFIRMING VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN<br>(Continued) |



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- 134 (Continued) ONE INF DIV RPT IMP DIV CMA BAKER EAST POL DASH ONE ZERO MT DIV RPT MT DIV CMA AS DEFINED IN OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS NO RPT NO CIVILIAN RISE CMA THIS HEADQUARTERS CMA DATED ONE SEVEN FIVEHUNT ONE NINE FOUR FIVE CMA IS EFFECTIVE ONE EIGHT ZERO NINE ZERO ZERO ARLE PD PARA TWO PD THE BELIEVED UNIT FAMES THREE EN RPT EN CMA ONE ONE RPT CMA ONE INF DIV RPT IMP DIV CMA BKP RPT IMP FAMES WILL ASSEMBLE AND REMAIN IN REAR OF THE FRONT LINE POSITIONS AND WILL LEAVE ONE SQUAD IN EACH PRESENT PLATOON POSITION PD PARA THREE PD THE BELIEVING UNIT FAMES THREE EN RPT EN CMA EIGHT SIX MT INF RPT MT INF FAMES WILL TAKE ALL RPT ALL PRECAUTIONS RPT PRECAUTIONS NOT RPT NOT TO HAVE ITS RPT ITS PRESENCE DISCOVERED BY THE ENEMY PD.
- 135      1720      Phone fr Reply 3: 5 harassing missions at (1454169), (1454177), (1455199), (1455196), (1493172) since 191430A. 1 personnel mission on estimated 30 enemy at (1434135). Several direct hits on bldg using fuse delay. Unknown casualty count. 1 destruction mission on 15-man counter attack supported by 1 machine gun. Attack repulsed; machine gun silenced at (1454199). 212 rounds fired in all missions. ACTION: SITREP.
- 136      1805      Phone fr Recall 5 to FM (Ggt): Directed to inform all guards not to challenge American soldiers during twilight hours if plainly recognized in the streets.
- 137      1810      Keystone 6 arrived Recall 6 CP - 191810A.
- 138      2830      Phone fr Keystone 6 to Recall 6: Attack will be carried out as scheduled.
- 139      2910      Phone fr Keystone 2 to Recall 2: Two "Stars & Stripes" representatives will be arriving Recall CP some time this evening. ACTION: Col Christopherson notified for reception and billeting.
- 140      2935      Phone fr Keystone 3 (Major Hamilton): Schedule for air support will be followed as set up. ACTION: Noted to G-3.
- 141      1945      Phone fr Remount Blue 1: Report negative. ACTION: Noted to G-3.
- 142      1945      Rec'd. overlay dated 191410A Feb 45 amending Overlay No. 1 to accompany FO No. 5, fr Hq 87th Mt Inf.
- 143      1930      Phone fr Remount to Recall 2: Total Remount prisoners: SERRA (C)-3, BLAGNETTI (F)-1, CAMPANA (A)-4, MARCINELLO (A)-7 --TOTAL: 15. Total Remount enemy killed: SERRA (C)-7, BLAGNETTI (F)-3, PIACCHI (F)-1, MARCINELLO (A)-5, CAMPANA (A)-4 -- TOTAL: 20.

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| 144        | 1945        | <u>Phone fr Recount 2 at 1410A:</u> After withdrawing Germans came forward towards positions of Co C pretending to surrender with hands above head. When close to positions, they hit the ground and opened fire on Co C at about 1420A. ACTION: Notified 60th, 87th and Corps.   |
| 145        | 1945        | <u>Phone fr Recall 2 to Recount 2:</u> Sgt Chester, your Message Center refused to receive the G-2 and G-3 reports and sent the messenger back. ACTION: Will correct the matter without delay.  |
| 146        | 1947        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Advanced CP's 5 and 6 opened at 191930A. ACTION: Noted to G-3.   |
| 147        | 1952        | <u>Phone fr Recall 01:</u> NTR. ACTION: Noted for Journal.  |
| 148        | 2010        | <u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Max 5:</u> Inquiry revealed that artillery firing is merely harassing action by 603th FA in vicinity of 2000A COMPANY.  |
| 149        | 2010        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> A patrol believed to be enemy was sighted at (1514175) at 191945A. Size unknown. ACTION: Notified G-2.   |
| 150        | 2015        | <u>Phone fr Cag:</u> 8 PW's to date - all fr 7th Co, 1044. Info: 3rd Platoon was holding ridge. Co boundary from BOGA GOMETA - SPICOLINO - ABSTONE. Relief by 232nd Fus Bn expected tonight. Advance party of which was already at 7th Co CP early this morning. 7th Co then to go to M. BELVEDERE. Due to reorganization afloat, 8th Co will become a heavy Company again. Forward artillery observers were on PIZZO DI CAMPIANO, were from 142nd Artillery Regiment, part of 142nd TROOPMAN DIV. Observers have left now. Mt Training Battalion left FANARO and SESTOLA for PAVILLO. 134 Fus Bn will make counter attack as soon as possible. PW spent 3 hours going on foot from OSPITALE to SERRASIOGIA. Had some from Germany yesterday. Crossed BERGHER FARD to BOLLANO. Men in positions did not have password. Used HEIT - WER DAY 5th Co in position H to VOLLA, 6th on left. ACTION: C/S, 85th, 87th and Corps. |
| 151        | 2025        | <u>Phone fr Recount 6 to Recall 5:</u> Do you think it will be in order for me to spend the night with 3rd Bn? Enemy action has accounted for one of our enlisted men being killed, and one officer and one enlisted man being wounded. ACTION: Instructed to call Recall 6.  |
| 152        | 2030        | <u>Phone fr Recount Blue 2:</u> Now have direct line to us.   |
| 153        | 2045        | <u>Phone fr Require 2:</u> At 1935A fire fight at (1475171). Burp guns heard. ACTION: C/S, INUM.  |
| 154        | 2050        | <u>Phone fr Require 3:</u> At 2000A Retread White CP reported unidentified patrol moving toward SERRIOGIA at (1514165). Unidentified number: Reply 2: Liaison C. 510 who is with 1st Bn 84th reports front lines preparing for counter attack; scattered small arms fire over next (Cont'd).  |

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154(Continued)		of area. No patrol activity 2000A. ACTION: Notified G-2 and Journal.
155	0000	Rec'd. from Hq Fifth Army - Appendix "A" to Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 531, dated 1 Feb 1945, and G-2 Report No. 532 181200A Feb 1945.
156	2020	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 99, 191200A Feb 1945.
157	2030	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps Ltr No. 769 Fr IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 191500A.
158	2055	Phone fr Hqooon: Opened forward OP 1900A (1A971AA). ACTION: Map - Journal - SITREP.
159	2100	Phone fr Mountain Blue 3; Negative report for 2100A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
160	2115	Phone fr Reply 4; Observer with G, 86th (1A6018) reports friendly patrol encountered enemy patrol 300 yards NW of position. Friendly patrol returned; no casualties. One possible enemy casualty. Noted at 19200A. ACTION: G/S, ISHM.
161	2100	Aerial photos received; Sets sent to FA - 3; 87th - 4; 86th - 3; 87th - 4.
162	2100	G-2 and G-3 left for quarters to return at 20050A.
163	2100	Rec'd. Fifth Army enemy and friendly mine fields overlay. Will be published as annex to Periodic Report tomorrow.
164	2150	Rec'd Phone call fr Maj Gell (SGX); Counter attack at (A773180A), size of counter attack unknown. Artillery is firing on it. More detail information when it is known. ACTION: Noted for G/S and G-2.
165	2200	Phone fr Aax 3; Counter attack at (A7730180A) being taken under fire by Artillery - strength of attack estimated at 40 men - 192125A. Reported by Reply 2.
166	2150	Phone fr Aax (Col Arns) to Recall 51. There are a considerable number of cases of "D1's" in one battalion, and especially in one Btry - D Able. The surgeon has been working all day but does not seem to be able to determine the common cause. Request additional help to determine cause of ailment. Also, General Mays called in regard to Arty firing and we have cut down on the harassing missions. However, there is a counterattack going on now so if there will be cause for further firing you will know what it is. Resreen called and wanted to know if he could have permission to fire mission every 2 1/2 hours in the vicinity of GAFIANA and ROOCO-CORRETA. ACTION: Will have someone over first thing in the morning to aid in determining cause of sickness. Suggest you call Gen Mays direct in regard to Arty fire.

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| 167        | 2150        | Phone fr Recall 01 to Recall 03; SITREP: NTR. ACTION: Noted for Journal.  |
| 168        | 2155        | Phone fr Max 2 to Recall 21. Lt Toole of Inf who is at PRADA (510169), reports the sound of movements such as equipment coming from vicinity of CANONA (5117) at 192110A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.  |
| 169        | 2200        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Recall 31. CAMPANO apparently surrounded by 40 man patrol - 16 man sent from BUBO to assist in repelling the attack. ACTION: Noted for Journal.  |
| 170        | 2210        | Phone fr Maj Call (Max 2): Reply 2 Liaison O #530 reports all quiet except CAMPANO area, thinks platoon is covered by 40 man enemy counter-attack. FORWARD OBSERVER 532 who is with A Co 86th Inf is firing arty support of the defense. Co "B" 86th is sending 16 men to help stem attack at 192203A. ACTION: Noted G-2 and 0600 Issu.   |
| 171        | 2210        | Phone fr IFF: Lt Brombert, IFF, reports 7 more PW's. Six of these seven were from the 7th Co 2044 Reg and 1 from the 3rd Co 232 Fus Bn. The six enemy were all captured on 2 MONSINELLO (4515) and the one from 3rd Co 232 Fus was captured at SERRA del BARDHETTI (4411). Six men from 3rd Co 232 Fus Bn were sent from SCAFFA (435113) this morning to SERRA del BARDHETTI to reinforce the 3rd Plat of the 7th Co. At the same time 16 men went to SPINOLINO (4309) and they (the whole group) came from SESTOLE (42203) on the 14 Feb, on which day they relieved mountain troops at SCAFFA (435113). |
| 172        | 2220        | Chief of Staff departed for quarters. Will return 200430A.  |
| 173        | 2220        | Phone fr Max 2: From RUMPL 2 - "C" Btry still firing on counter-attack - Avc fired battery 6 rounds, 7 times - 192216A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.  |
| 174        | 2230        | Phone fr Retread 21. One air burst from enemy arty piece at (1513163) at (1513163) at 192058A, killed one man and wounded one man. ACTION: Noted for 0600 Issu and Journal.   |
| 175        | 2240        | Phone fr Max 2: From Requite 2 - In C who is with the 2nd Bn 87th Inf reports Infantry observer at (15116) observes flare appearing to be 400 yards from observer at 350° azimuth. ACTION: Noted for G-2 - 0600 Issu.   |
| 176        | 2242        | Phone fr Rebate 21. At 192242A rec'd word KINGS from 3rd Bn - All set. ACTION: Noted for Journal.   |
| 177        | 2245        | Phone fr Max 2: From Reply 2 - Fire effective on counterattack - counterattack considered to be repulsed at 192230A. ACTION: G-2 & Journal.   |
| 178        | 2245        | Rec'd; ISUM #770 dated 192120A from IV Corps.   |

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179	2250	<u>Phone fr Retread 6 via Liaison Officer:</u> Retread 6 requested lights shining on 1st and 2nd Bn positions be turned off. ACTION: Called Lugar 3 and had them turned off.
180	2255	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to Recall 3:</u> Searchlight from BHP shining on 1st Bn RETREAD - Will you lift this light? ACTION: Notified G/S.
181	2300	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 15 submitted.
182	2300	<u>Phone fr Remount 3:</u> Counter-attack on CAMPIANO repulsed at 192230A. Arty fire very effective. ACTION: Sitrep.
183	2305	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Enemy movement observed west of BOCCA CERCHIYA - Wicken fired 3rd Bn volleys - fire effective 192305A. ACTION: G-2 notified and 0600 ISUM.
184	2320	<u>Phone fr Rex 3:</u> We are receiving heavy shelling CAMPIANA - Will call in more information as soon as possible. ACTION: Sitrep and ISUM.
185	2325	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Retread Red crossed the LD on time. ACTION: Journal.
186	2330	<u>Phone fr Maj Cell:</u> Arty fire reported on CAMPIANO Ridge was a mistake. ACTION: Noted G-2 and Journal.
187	2344	<u>Phone fr Keystone 6:</u> Mag - Secret - Urgent - 1. Hold one Inf Bn in reserve to be committed only on Corps order. 2. Notify this Hq at once designation of Bn selected. ACTION: Notified G/S.
188	2355	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Forward Observer #612 who is with Retread B Co reports Infantry jumped off at 192320A. In O #620 who is with Retread Red reports leading elements passed (510169) at 192255A. Rear of "F" Co receiving mortar fire at 192255A. Forward Observer #112 who is with "G" of Rebate reports at 192330A Co marching column of two's then halted 200 yds above road at (52321632). ACTION: Noted G/S.
189	2315	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> The left element (3rd Bn) crossed line of departure on time - Right element was on LD but communication has been broken and it is presumed that they crossed on time. Will notify you later. ACTION: Notified CG and G/S. (Not previously recorded).
190	2320	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Retread White crossed LD on time. Line to Retread Red is out. ACTION: Noted for G/S and CG.
191	2330	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> Right - 1st Bn, crossed the LD on time. ACTION: Noted for G/S.
192	2400	<u>Phone fr Rex 3:</u> 605th - 3 harassing missions on (439172), (442177), (448193). 244 rounds expended. 604th - NTR - 816th - NTR - 175th - 3 harassing missions (439173), (497175) and (498176) - 36 rds for each mission. (Total of 108 rounds). ACTION: Noted for Sitrep.

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Phone fr Rebate 3 to Recall 3: I Co has been held up at 519161 by rear elements of C Co by not continuing to cross the LD.

194 2400

Phone fr Remount (Blue 3): Two companies moving into position. ACTION; Noted for Journal.

195 2400

Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate Red CP at (1528163). Head of column at (153141656). RSBATE (Blue) - "K" Co crossed LD on time - I Co held up by "C" Co, crossed LD at 2400A.

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| 1                        | 0005        | <u>Phone fr Recall 6F #1: Recall 6F #1 - NTR at 200005A. ACTION: Journal.</u>  |
| 2                        | 0005        | <u>Phone fr G-3 to Retread 5: 3rd Bn, Retread, has been designated as Corps Reserve and will be committed only on orders from this Hq.</u>   |
| 3                        | 0008        | <u>Phone fr G-3 to Keystone (Maj DeChew): Retread Blue has been <del>RECALLED</del> designated as Reserve Bn. ACTION: Remount 3 notified at 200023A. Rebate 3 notified at 200025A.</u>   |
| 4                        | 0008        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3: Hourly report - Retread Red 700 yds from LD. No contact. Retread White advancing from LD. No contact as of 192400A.</u>   |
| 5                        | 0015        | <u>Phone fr Remount 3: "K" and "L" Co's are in position. Story of seven 50 Cal. MG moved to positions vicinity (L489151) to support the 87th, 2 - 75 AT Guns to same vicinity for same reason. ACTION: Journal.</u>  |
| 6                        | 0015        | <u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 6: Mortar fire to rear of Fox Co of Retread. No coordinates. Report one hour late.</u>  |
| 7                        | 0015        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3: "B" Co has encountered resistance 800 yds in front of LD by 2 "Burr" guns. 200014A. NOTE: G2 and Journal. Rebate 3 notified at 200015A. Remount 3 notified at 200020A.</u>  |
| 8                        | 0018        | <u>Phone fr Rex 2: In O #620 who is with 2d Bn 87th - present position (506159) at 192351A. At 200004A reports SA fire in vicinity of COMCHA - identified by tracer - sounds like "Burr" firing in bursts and originates from a southerly direction. At 200006A from Lt. G #610 who is with 1st Bn 87th - reports 2 of the Co's of his Bn have advanced 200 yds. "B" Co meeting some resistance. ACTION: Noted for O/S - G-2.</u>  |
| 9                        | 0030        | <u>Phone fr Rebate 3: Head of column 1st Bn at (533171). No resistance. ACTION: Notified CG and Journal.</u>   |
| 10                       | 0030        | <u>Phone fr Recall 6 to Recall 5: On these calls that are coming in from the regiments to Maj Ireland; why is not a representative of G-2 or G-3 up there? When these people call in from the field, I want to be sure there is somebody up there to get the right dope from them. This one report on mortar fire indicates that it was at 11:00 o'clock, so the report was an hour late. Are the people in the field being quizzed as to what time mortar fire occurred, direction it came from, etc. ACTION: Maj Ireland is duty officer sir, and a representative of G-3. He is qualified to handle the duties. G-3 is now working here with me and is coordinating his activities between this room and upstairs. I know about the report being an hour late, and am trying to check on same. Noted by AB.</u> |
| 11                       | 0040        | <u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Retread 3: Have a report that Baker Co is being held up by small arms and mortar fire. ACTION: That is right sir. Charley on left is advancing, but Baker is still held up. No mine casualties as yet. Noted by AB.</u>  |

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12	0045	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> From Require 2 - Forward Observer #612 with Co "B" 87th now 200 yds E of (51661760) being held up by SA fire and light mortar - 200020A.
13	0055	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> From Require at 200035A Forward Observer with "A" and "G" of 87th both going ahead. No resistance, and they are now 400 yds S of (50821756). At 200040A Ln O with 2d Bn 87th reports 3 grenades or explosions like grenades and SA fire vicinity of (50821756). ACTION: Noted for C/S and Journal.
14	0100 081	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> 200100A - E Co on right held up by AN 800 yds from LD (Arty reports mortar fire on B Co). C Co on left progressing slowly thru mine fields. G Co at 200010A - 300 yds in front of LD - no resistance (Regt'l CP has observed flashes of AN - vicinity POLLA (1500176) No confirmation from 2nd Bn) F Co also progressing - Ingsr clearing mine along road to POKONA - Bridge detail is moving up. ACTION: C/S.
15	0100	<u>Phone fr Akaba 3:</u> Head of column - 1st Bn - has met slight opposition just E of 3 PILARUNA (1534170) - Not held up. No report from 3rd Bn. ACTION: C/S.
16	0100	<u>Phone fr Remount (Blus 2):</u> Wire is running all along the front from 52 easting to 53.5 easting. Enemy weapons firing are MG - Machine Pistol and rifle grenades. A red flare sighted at about (52168) at 200045A. A Co 85th has cleared (532167) and "B" Co is sending out combat patrols. ACTION: Noted for C/S.
17	0100	<u>Phone fr Retread 3 to Recall 5:</u> The information on Red Bn is slow coming in. Baker is still held up and they are using hand grenades. Charley on left is still moving. (Noted by RB) ACTION: C/S.
18	0115	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Ln O #620 with 2d Bn 87th observed white flare off right slope of BELWENK at 200047A. At 200045A observed 2 rounds time fire approximately 80 mile right of crest. At 200048A Forward Observer #612 with "D" Co 87th - same position. SA fire seems to be coming from (51661760). Observer with "C" Co 87th 200 yds east of (51661760). At 200050A MG fire coming from 200 yds E of peak of BELWENK firing in a southerly direction down slope. ACTION: C/S.
19	0130	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Ln O #620 - 2d Bn 87th at 200108A reports a land mine explosion short of POLLA has killed four partisans at 200108A. Cannot give exact distance from POLLO. At 200117A - White flare observed coming from top of BELWENK another at 200118A. ACTION: Noted for C/S.
20	0130	Message fr IV Corps to 10th Mt Div: Msg dated 2 192331A. Ref No. 4002. Contents - 1. Hold one Infantry battalion in reserve (from IV Corps to one Infantry Division. REF report BRP and 10 Mt Div for action and for information to Fifth Army, 92 Inf Div, TF 45 to be reported to be submitted only on Corps order. 2. Notify this Hq at once designation reported of Bn selected.



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| 21            | 0048        | <u>Phone fr Rebate 2:</u> 200042A - 1st Bn fired on by 3 Bump Cans and 2 grenades above S PILANENA at (1534170). ACTION: Journal. (Not previously recorded)  |
| 22            | 0119        | <u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> "E" Co of 85th reported 1 white flare top of BELVEDERE at 210103A. 3rd Bn 86th reports 3 flares over BELVEDERE and increased firing. ACTION: Noted C/S.   |
| 23            | 0120        | <u>Phone fr Recall 6 to Recall 5:</u> Rex is not firing any missions. Who told you that they were going to do so? Also, what have you heard of Baker who was reported held up. In the dark, these people do not always know where their patrols are, and I have cautioned them of the danger involved with Arty fire under such circumstances. Have you heard any demolitions. Please try to find out what these demolition noises are as nobody seems to know. Check with S-2 of Retread and Rebate on this. There is a possibility that the boche may be moving out. ACTION: Information on Rex firing was received by message Sir. There has been nothing received on the demolitions, but I will check it immediately. Last reports indicated Baker was still held up and Charley on left was advancing. |
| 24            | 0135        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Right to left - 1st Bn - B Co - Still held up - situation still in hand - expect to be moving soon. C Co - On main CROWN ridge - moving slowly - cutting through barbed wire. 2nd Bn; C Co 4 partisans killed in mine field - (Engrs requested from Regt). F Co - no report.  |
| 25            | 0140        | <u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> 87th 800 yds beyond LD at 200027A - Cans from Remount 3. From Remount Blue - Organization in front ex has met M1 fire and no fire.  |
| 26            | 0150        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Mortar barrage (10 - 12 rds) falling on Red Bn 8 of 200027A at 200140A. Reported by Regt'l CP. ACTION: C/S.   |
| 27            | 0200        | <u>Phone fr Recall CP #1:</u> Left flank is advancing up Mt BELVEDERE at 200155A. Three loud explosions at an azimuth of 65° from CP. CP at (497138). ACTION: Noted for C/S.   |
| 28            | 0200        | <u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Message from 616 PA CP - reported 2 rds enemy Arty fire just landed in vicinity VINCIGIATCO. More details when available. ACTION: C/S.  |
| 29            | 0200        | <u>Phone fr Remount 3:</u> Report for 200200A - Negative.  |
| 30            | 0200        | <u>Phone fr Remount (Blng):</u> Things are quiet. Bn is ready to go on assigned mission. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 31            | 0210        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> "E" Co receiving mortar barrage and still held up 800 yds in front of LD. Situation OK. "C" Co edging slowly forward cutting their way through barbed wire about 350 yds in front of LD.  |

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- 31 Continued G Co 200 yds S of POLA - 4 partisans killed in mine explosion. Engrs have been requested to Regt. "L" Co approaching objective. Suspected enemy guns location in C FLORIO - an automatic weapon. - no casualties except 4 partisans. We request information from Rebate on location of Rebate (Blue).
- 32 0210 Phone fr CO 85th: Co I (right 3rd Bn) is pinned down by fire from above them. This is only information thus far this evening (0200A). No locations of Rebate Red. Telephone is weak. They are trying radio. They are trying Rejeat wire.
- 33 0200 Phone fr Recall 5 to Retread 5: What is the dope on these land mines? We do not know anything yet. Apparently there are some mines. We have a report that 4 partisans were killed south of POLA. These Partisans were guides from George Co. we got a report that George Co has just reached POLA. Just how the P were being used is not distinct. If George Co is in POLA, that would shove your leading elements way up. That is right, sir. They should be ready to turn due west. Whether they are all the way in, I do not know. Reports from Baker indicate they are moving.
- 34 0205 ~~FRANKLIN LINDBERGH LINDBERGH LINDBERGH~~ Maj Rogers, Liaison O from IV Corps reported to Col. Labus for duty, for a few days.
- 35 0225 Phone fr Recall 4 to Rebate 2: Where is the Blue Bn? The last report was from a wounded man as follows: At 200100A they were approx 300yds from top of M BuiVADAM. Resistance at that time was M-pistols or MG's - hand grenades and some Arty. He saw 4 MG's or Burps and 2 of them were knocked out by our troops. Co K was following Co "L" and bumped into "M", also at that time had contact with Co "B" of 87th. ACTION: O/S
- 36 0225 Phone fr rebate 2: At 200135A MG fire was heard to the right front of CP. They saw two blasts about 100 to 200 yds below crest at AZ of 13° from CF (LS1915B). They were loud explosions like a mine. ACTION: O/S
- 37 0210 Phone fr HQ 10th Mt Div to CO IV Corps: 0200 Sitrep - Summarizing. Reg Retread 0210A - Reg Rebate 0210A - Reg Remount 0200A.
- 38 0215 Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 6 (Lt Allen): Did you get the report of 4 Partisans killed in a mine field? The best that Rebate could locate this was south of POLA. He indicated that White Bn was about to start west. He assumes that the Partisans were with his element. That might account for some of the explosions. Also, a mine barrage was laid down on Baker Co at 0140A - 10 or 12 rds. That might also account for some of the demolitions. Baker Co is reported to be advancing.
- 39 0225 Phone fr Rex 2: (1) Explosions at 512171, loud large flash, not Arty. Believed to be mine field. Observed at 200110A. (2) Observer with Co B, 87th, in same position (vic Corps) held up by small arms fire. 0122. Will check hours delay. (3) Rejeat 3 and Rebate 3 reports friendly fire (believed to be friendly) 0130A. (4) 0157A at 50051360, 3 shells (No. 39 continued on Page 5)

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39	Continued	from AZ 0°, arty shells, large Cal. Are checking craters now.
40	0225	Phone fr CG, 34d Bn, 86th Inf: Remount Blue reports approximate location of Kerats Red at 533173. Remount blue instructed to maintain contact.
41	0230	Phone fr Retread 1: At 200205A, No support platoons had been committed. ACTION: C/S informed.
42	0230	Phone fr Recall 2 to Retect 2: Can you contact Rebate Blue? ANS: Yes, but the FC with Rebate Blue asked that he not be called as he was close to the enemy and did not want the phone ringing. When he calls, I'll inform Max as to his location.
43	0240	Phone fr Remount Blue 3: approximate location of 2nd column of Rebate Red (1528173). He just rec'd mortar fire at (1532172). ACTION: C/S and Journal.
44	0245	Phone fr Retread 2: At 200130A Retread 2 observed flares from summit of Mt BELVEDERE - friendly troops were revealed to be 200 - 300 yds from summit. ACTION: Noted for C/S & Journal.
45	0242	FRASER:RECALL 3: Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount 3: Instruct Remount Blue to begin its mission. ACTION: Capt Rosenau notified.
46	0250	Phone fr Rex 2: Rebate 3 reports arty fire believed friendly close to cr in our own troops at (533176) at 200145A. White flares from nose of ridge at (5017). 1st Bn 37th at (516172) at 200032A. ACTION: Journal.
47	0300	Phone fr Retread 2: 200300A - RTH - ACTION: Noted Sitrep.
48	0304	Phone fr Rebate 3: B Co nearing objective. Distance indefinite - location indefinite - receiving few casualties - have by-passed 2 positions which they are mopping up - Calling for arty fire to counter-battery enemy mortars. No contact with "B" Co. No further report from Rebate Blue. ACTION: For C/S and Journal.
49	0310	Phone fr Rex 2: At 200248A observer 612 vicinity Co "B" 87th Inf. Received arty fire. Cannot give you any information as to kind of fire how heavy or whether "B" Co is moving or not. ACTION: Noted C/S -
50	0315	Phone fr CG, 85th Inf: B Co 400 yds from objective (Mt OROGLESOC) - still moving. ACTION: Noted C/S.
51	0315	Rec'd: IPW Report No. 17 dated 19 Feb from Hq 10th Mt Div.
52	0315	Rec'd: Tng Memo No 2 dated 16 Feb fr Hq Fifth Army - RESTRICTION OF AIR CTR.
53	0320	Phone fr Retread 3: <sup>B Co</sup> Flamed down by heavy AM, mortar and arty - suffering heavy casualties - Stopped sb of CORONA - grazing fire from BELVEDERE

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| 53        | 0330        | Base "B" Co casualties evacuated.<br>"D" Co took CORONA - Arty fire will be used between CORONA and Mt BELVEDERE. ACTION: For C/S.  |
| 54        | 0330        | Phone fr Remount Blue 3: Remount Blue is approximately 30 Yds short of objective at this time. Will notify when objective is attained. ACTION: For C/S.   |
| 55        | 0329        | Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2 at 200326A - Remount Blue reported they were about 25 Yds short of their objective. From Require 2 - at 200253A, 1 red flare observed 200 Yds left of (5117).   |
| 56        | 0310        | Phone fr Rex 2: From Require 2 at 20249A - 1 Arty rd fell 400 Yds E of (5117), 3 more rds fell 1000 Yds E of Mt BELVEDERE. At 200250A - 2 more rds observed in same area. At 200254A - 1 red flare observed 200 Yds left of (5117). At 200248A, 2 white flares observed, 1 on W slope of BELVEDERE and the other out of CORONA. From Reply 2 at 200322A at 0310A Remount Blue 3 reports Remount Blue 250 Yds short of its objective in Phase I. No casualties. ACTION: C/S. |
| 57        | 0340        | Phone fr Co, 85th Mt Inf: C Co is pinned down by fire at 528175. B Co is at 533172, and is to aid C Co. Rebate Red 6 has authorized rifle fire against some enemy positions.  |
| 58        | 0335        | Phone fr Recall CP #1: Attack is still on way and enemy fire seems to be fading, like they were withdrawing. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 59        | 0340        | Phone fr Retread 3: B and C Co's have by-passed CORONA and made contact on other side. - moving forward. They must have information on REBATE BLUE.   |
| 60        | 0335        | Phone fr Remount 3: 0300A Report - Btry of seven 50 Cal. MG's are now in position to support RETREAD - Coordinates will be given later in morning. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 61        | 0355        | Phone fr Remount Blue: 0345A - Objective of Phase I taken. Troops are on the objective digging in. Location of enemy MG - 2 MG's at (532172) and 2 at (531172). ACTION: C/S.  |
| 62        | 0355        | Rec'd: Sitrep No. 100 dated 192400A from IV Corps.  |
| 63        | 0405        | Phone fr Rex 2: As of 200335A, our forward line between BELVEDERE and (52781830). From Require 2 at 200345A observer #612 with 87th Co "B" is in vicinity of (52221786) made contact with friendly elements. (Do not know which unit it was and will check back. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 64        | 0410        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Rex 3: Do you have any information re: Remount Blue? ACTION: Nothing as yet on Remount Blue. We are checking with forward observers and will advise you immediately. Rebate Blue was on objective at 0345. INSTRUCTIONS TO REK #3: Make every effort to  |

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64	Continued		check with <del>XXXXXXXX</del> Blue. Forward Observers, and let me know immediately of any word.
65	0400		<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Right - Left - 1st Bn, B Co - Moving fwd - have passed CORONA, still moving. C Co - Moving fwd - have passed CORONA CONTACT established with B Co. B Co in contact with Rebate Blue. A Co - is following - Bn CO moving fwd. B Co has prisoners. 2nd BN: G Co - No contact with Bn at present. F Co - Short of objective - requested mortar and Arty fire at 0350A - only contact with Bn is by radio. Engr assistance requested by G Co is on way. Retread Red is making run before ordering bridge detail fwd - A number of friendly tanks have just passed Retread GP moving forward. ACTION: C/S.
66	0415		<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> L Co - On top of objective at 0330A. I Co <del>was</del> on top of objective at 0410A. K Co on top of objective. M Co not reported. Receiving hvv Arty fire from E and NE. All except two men of L Co MG Plat are casualties, no communication with Bn CO at present.
67	0415		<u>Phone from Rebate Red:</u> Co C (left) is 200 Yds from objective (Mt. FERGOLESICO vicinity). Co B (right) is moving. Gen Duff is behind Co B. Co A still in reserve.
68	0425		<u>Phone fr Rex (Lt Warner) to Recall 5:</u> Reports Rebate Blue on ridge (Mt BELVEDERE) at 200330A. There was rather heavy MG and mortar fire which held them up awhile. They suffered some casualties. (Msg given to Recall 6)
69	0430		<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Require 2 - 612 Observer at (152201783) has made contact with friendly elements. 610 Observer - Line to Require is out. Require 2 621 Observer - is 200 Yds short of (150571748) at 0350A. Reported by Require. Reject 2 - Constant enemy Arty fire from E and NE. 3rd Bn 85th at 0335 - enemy mortar fire encountered, asked for Arty at 0340 - fire delivered in vicinity (153231793) - Bn concentrations every 3 min until 0400A Mortar fire ceased. Reject 2 from Wire Sgt in L Co 85th - His Co bringing up rear was zeroed in by MG and mortars-held up - suffered casualties. All but 2 in MG section - remainder of Bn on BELVEDERE RIDGE at 0330A.
70	0435		<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Reject 2 - B Co, 85th Inf was at 532172 at 0330A. C Co, 85th Inf, held down by mortar fire at same time. Require 2 - Observer 621 ("F", 87th) is 200 Yds short of 50571748 at 0350A.
71	0450		<u>Phone fr Retread 2:</u> Captured 10 PW's. ACTION: C/S.
72	0450		<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> Rebate Blue 6 at 0415 approaching objective - L Co badly shot up - "I" Co is not on top. Rebate Red - at 0420A, "B" Co pinned down just below objective - have filtered some men through. "G" Co in assault position. ACTION: Att'n G-3.
73	0455		<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Arty Ia O with 3rd Bn 86th reports at 0420A OP #3 reported both enemy and friendly MG and SA fire over SERRAUCICIO (462153).

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74	0500	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> Rebate Blue - I Co - Definitely on top. I Co getting on top to right and rear of I Co. K Co - Position unknown. Rebate Red - Nothing new. ACTION: For G/S - Sitrep 0600A.
75	0500	<u>Phone fr Remount Blue 3:</u> Report 0500A - Troops in position awaiting 2nd Phase. ACTION: For Sitrep - 0600A.
76	0505	<u>Phone fr Rex 3ite RECALL 5:</u> Require fired for Fox Co, Retread, one valley w/converged sheaf (5059 - 1745). F Co moved forward. No more fire was called for.
77	0520	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Reject 3 - I Co, 85th, has contacted 87th and reports that Retread is in position from VOLPIANO to (1523178). Both Retread and Rebate Item are on objective. ACTION: G/S.
78	0520	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Forward Observer with "C" Co 86th Inf reports enemy patrol of about 40 men at (46101590). Reply is taking it under fire, at 200503A. NOTED: G/S and Journal.
79	0510	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> At 200445A "F" Co was in vicinity (50571738) advancing towards (50551738) receiving considerable AM fire from (50551738) and also from (50821756). Require 2 - "G" 87th is above and to right of (50821756). "G" Co does not occupy (50821756). ACTION: G/S.
80	0515	<u>Phone fr Return 6 to Recall 5:</u> G Co of Engineers Treadway bridge moving forward. CORONA has been taken. Reserve Co of Inf moving into CORONA. ACTION: G/S.
81	0520	<p align="center">VALLE</p> <u>Phone fr Remount Blue 2:</u> 1 Trip flare at La VALLE (543172) at 200504A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
82	0525	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> From Require 2 - At 200520A flashes at (50531739). These flashes could be M88 hand grenades or mortars. Also Arty shells falling on top of M BELVEDERE. Cannot tell where Arty shells are coming from. ACTION: Journal.
83	0540	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> Remount Red - An officer of Red Bn on CAMPIANO Ridge stated he heard sounds which he thinks is a motor convoy in the valley NW of Mt BELVEDERE. ACTION: Noted Journal.
84	0550	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> "C" Co 85th at (530175). "B" Co 85th at (531174). "A" Co 85th at (532173). From Forward Observer #112 with "D" Co 85th. ACTION: G-3 and Journal.
85	0540 <del>0640</del>	<u>Phone fr Recall 6 (Lt Allen) to Recall 5:</u> Find out between now and 200700 if Shooter's Bn is able to move boldly and follow Weally. If not, Stones Bn will be ready at 0700A. This information requested as soon as possible. ACTION: G-3 notified.

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- 86 0550 Phone fr G-3 to Rebata 61: Find out between now and 0700A if Shaler's Bn is in shape to move boldly and follow Neely. If not, Stames Bn will follow Neely and be ready to move at 0700A. We will await reply.
- 87 0550 Phone fr Recall OP: Recall OP - Sgt Arraguin - White phosphorus shell landed about 300 Yds from OP - 30° E. ACTION: Journal.
- 88 0600 Phone fr Element Blue 1: Positions since last report of 200515A - They remain the same. We are still dug-in and have contact with Rebata Red.
- 89 0555 Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebata 61: If you need any assistance in wire, call on us. We will send out our Signal Co wire crews if you need them. ACTION: Notified Lt Allen.
- 90 0600 Phone fr Recall 5/Lt Allen: We have reported hourly to Corps on our situation and reaching of objectives.
- 91 0600 Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 16 submitted.
- 92 0600 Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 10 submitted.
- 93 0610 Phone fr Reg 2: From Requirer: - Shall report. OP of Requirer (50071347) at 200540A to 200550A - communication lines were knocked out - direction of enemy guns from above coordinate AZ 23°. Caliber of gun and distance to gun unknown - 15 to 20 rds harassing fire. ACTION: Noted for 1359A ISUM.
- 94 0626 Phone fr Rebata 1 (Maj Schoelger): Arty FO reports - Rebata Blue on ridge complete - condition fair. Rebata Red is on objective (ridge) receiving heavy Arty fire which makes them feel it will not be possible to stay unless counter-battery is received. FA attempting to locate enemy guns. ACTION: Noted Rover Joe.
- 95 0630 Phone fr Reg 2: Fwd Obsv 510 and 530 - Situation unchanged 0400A. Reply 2 - O of Element Red believes he heard mortar convey in valley NW of BELVEDERE at 0555A. Fwd Obsv 530 - OP #3 reports small forces fired on ridge fr 50250 toward OP #3 at 0523A. REPLY 2 - OP #3 reports friendly SA and MG fire in vicinity of BELVEDERE at 0506A COMBETTA at 0525A. REPLY 2 - Retread reports ELEMENT Blue in pos awaiting attack at 0523A. Two rds of arty or mortar fire landed in vic of (1480151) at 0615A. ACTION: G/S, Imm.
- 96 0700 Reg 4: Classified Mag fr IV CORPS, 19 Feb 45:  
1. Hold one infantry battalion in reserve to be committed only on Corps order. 2. Notify this headquarters at once designation of battalion selected.
- 97 0700 Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebata 5: Any recent word on condition of Rebata Blue? ANSWER: Only radio communication. Wire went out at 0600, and wire party was sent out at that time.

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98	0700	<u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 6 (IA Allen):</u> Message fr Rebata 3 indicates Rebata Blue's condition is fair. Rebata Red on objective but receiving heavy arty fire. Cannot stay unless counter-battery received. Field Arty attempting to locate enemy positions. ACTION: General Hays directs that people be informed to push on out of fire.
99	0710	<u>Phone fr Retread LH Off:</u> At 0400A 1st Bn on obj. Reserve Co and GP (2nd) moving forward. 8 Co on right receiving fire from MT HELYBERNS. At 0630A 2d Bn still pinned down by very heavy mortar fire - having great difficulty in obtaining artillery counter-battery fire. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
100	0710	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Reply 2 - 6 rds of 81mm mortar at 149157 at 190615A. Object 2 - enemy fire has slacked off; still intermittent. ACTION: for Isam, C/S.
101	0710	<u>Phone fr Lt McGuckin:</u> Have gone to regiment. ACTION: Noted to Col Irvin.
102	0710	<u>Phone fr Rebata Blue 2:</u> 7 PWs are on way back to our GP. Will send them to Regt. ACTION: Notified G-2.
103	0710	<u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebata 6:</u> Any recent word from Rebata Red? ANSWER: C Co is receiving heavy fire. 155's falling in their area and they are getting counter-battery. The ridge has not been cleaned out yet. C Co is separated by burp guns. ACTION: They will push on, and get out of enemy fire. Pushing thru cannot be done at present time. Maj Kay is moving one Co to assist them. Burp guns must first be cleaned out.
104	0710	<u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebata 6:</u> What is position of Rebata Blue? ANSWER: Having tough time hanging on. Subjected to fire from either side of ridge, and out of contact with his liaison officer. No contact with arty.
105	0720	<u>Phone fr Recall LH Off:</u> II Corp - Moderate Artillery - small groups of enemy observed across front. (1900236) in enemy strong pt. 92d Div. - 1st Bn 371 relieved 2d Bn on positions. Normal patrolling. HEF - m2 fire on 2d and 3d Bn, 5th Regt at 200225A. German patrol approach 7th Co, 6th Regt, 200225A. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
106	0725	<u>Phone fr Rebata Blue 3:</u> Rebata (Schawly) would like to use smoke on obj. "E". ACTION: Notified Lt Col Irvin.
107	0730	<u>Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebata:</u> Smoke on Obj E is authorized. ACTION: Journal and Rebata.
108	0730	<u>Phone fr Rebata 5:</u> Request ambulances from 10th Med Bn. Action: 10th Med Bn notified.



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109	0730	<u>Phone fr Retread 2:</u> RED in pos digging in. WHITE held up by (503177) mortar. Are about 500 yds S of coordinate given above. ACTION: For C/S, G-3.
110	0730	<u>Phone fr Remount Blue 3:</u> K & L Cos are in S Base of Rebata Red Obj. Rebata Red has 1 Co on obj; one in rear mopping up. Reserve Co, and Remount K & L, will continue on mission. ACTION: For C/S, G-3.
111	0730	<u>Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div:</u> To G.O., 85th Mt Inf, 86th Mt Inf, CG, IV Corps. Cos Co, 3d Bn, 86th Mt Inf will atk and assist 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf to secure Obj D. 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf, clear out resistance in some of action, reorganize and continue the atk. 2d Bn, 85th Mt Inf, to follow 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf. ACTION: G.O. 85th and 86th advised; Corps notified.
112	0730	<u>Phone fr Rebata 5:</u> Able Co is moving out down ridge with 1 plat Baker Co and supported by D Company in position. ACTION: G-3.
113	0745	<u>Phone fr Rebata 6 to Recall 6:</u> 2d Bn, 85 Mt Inf is moving to a point 400 yds below obj D (NY 08001800) and will prepare to follow 1st Bn, 85 Inf in atk. 3d Bn, 85 Inf will remain in position prepare to continue atk. ACTION: G-3 Notified.
114	0745	<u>Phone fr Rebata 3:</u> A is moving down ridge toward obj "E" followed by 1 plat "B" Co supported by "D" Co in position. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Map.
115	0755	<u>Phone fr Remount Blue 3:</u> 1 Co. at check pt 3 at 800739 moving on. K Co moving out at 800739A. 1 Co reports (L534189) heavy fire fight apparently 85th Inf. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Map.
116	0800	<u>Phone fr Recall 3:</u> To CGs 85th, 86th, 87th Inf: Report when you consider the areas within your zones of action to have been mopped up. ACTION: Phoned out 800800A.
117	0800	<u>Msg'd:</u> REF Anexo No 1 AD PLANO DE EMPREGO No. 5, No. 126, 19 Feb 45.
118	0800	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Remount Blue on check point 3 (544181). Present location of CV 610 is 800 yds S of (516166). Unable to contact FO for last 2 hrs. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
119	0820	<u>Phone fr Surg to Recall 5:</u> 23 casualties thru collecting sta as of 0815. 11 went thru Clearing Sta at VALDI BURA. Ambulances have been dispatched by 10th Med Bn. ACTION: G-3.
120	0820	<u>Phone fr Remount Blue 3:</u> 1 Co at (L534181) - 85th abreast on ridge. K Co at 0800 (L534178) and following. ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.

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121	0820	<u>Phone fr Recall 6 to Remount 6:</u> Pull Fox Co off the ridge and have it rejoin its Bn. Let me know when this Co has rejoined its Bn.
122	0830	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Remount Red - enemy has occupied ridge at (44491509) at 0805. ACTION: C/S, Journal, Map.
123	0835	<u>Phone fr Retread 1:</u> 1st Bn opened new CP (no coordinate as yet) "A" Co has contact with B on right, C on left. "G" in contact with 2d Bn. 2d Bn: "G" extends from FOLLA. 200 yds W. "F" (1404174) advanced elements. "E" has detachment at (1404170). "G" and "F" pretty badly shaken up. Eng driven back from GORONA. Did not build bridge. ACTION: Map, C/S.
124	0840	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> At 0805A saw 30 enemy troops at (51641742) moving along ridge. At 0825A saw same men at (52901746) now crossing. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Map.
125	0850	<u>Phone fr Revay Joe:</u> Cub observation plane on way up - (Rex 2 called 0844, plane in air being briefed now.) ACTION: Noted.
126	0858	<u>Phone fr Rebata 3:</u> Blue Bn dug in on objective - ready to be relieved by relieving unit. Red Bn - has taken objective E (1538184) continuing on. ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.
127	0900	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> Summary - Isolated fighting at CAMPIANO increasing this AM. Platoon of "A" Co still in pos. B Co is supporting platoon on CAMPIANO and assisting with supply. About 15-20 enemy between NEGRO and SERRASSIELA. Our platoon at (472169) is isolated, but is being reinforced. Contact has been lost. Small counter atk being repulsed all along ridge. Remount Blue "L" is at Check point A ( ) "K" is at Check point 3 (544181). ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-2, G-3.
128	0900	<u>Phone fr Rebata 5 to Recall 5:</u> Schedler is ready to move when Bn assembled. He is dug in on left slope BELVEDERE. Went up Mt and took obj. Hit there with arty fire -- mortars, reorganizing; has two Co's; is ready to asst 1st Bn, 85 Inf; will hold ground till relieved. ACTION: G-3.
129	0900	<u>Phone fr Rebata 2:</u> RECALLED 7 PWs, 4th Co, 104th Grenadiers. Captured by Co G; were in outpost; had no communication; and did not know the situation. 2 more PWs already on the way down. ACTION: Insm, G-2, Map, Journal.
130	0910	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> 2 armored vehicles observed moving on road at (1519190); can they be curs? If not, we are going to open fire. ACTION: Referred to Asst G-2. Vehicles cannot be curs; permission given to open fire.
131	0915	<u>Phone fr Remount 3:</u> Co 2 at (539183) and on line with 1st Bn Rebata. ACTION: C/S, Map.

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132	0938	Phone fr <u>REY (Maj Adair)</u> : REY has not been able to contact 85th Inf by radio - Are they on the air? ACTION: Called Comm C of Rebata to check communications and call this office back.
133	0940	Phone fr <u>Retread 3</u> : POLLA is burning. "K" Co will atk (5018   at 1000A. B and A are in contact with Rebata Blms. 3 air bursts over MURGIOLA at 0915A. 5 mortar bursts between (50168) and (508170) at 0923A. 2 arty bursts 200 yds W of BELVEDERE crest. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.
134	0940	Phone from <u>Recall 3 to Kavrons 3 (Capt O'Brien)</u> : Location front line positions: L Co 86th Inf (537182); K Co 86th Inf (538178); 1st Bn, 85th Inf (532175); 3d Bn 85th Inf (524177); 1st Bn 87th Inf (521181); G Co, 87th Inf (508176); F Co 87th Inf (50417A). ACTION: Journal.
135	0940	Rec'd: Fr H.E.F. 1st Inf Regt, "Pyrotechnics Used By the 1st Regt".
136	0945	Rec'd: Msg fr Capt Hoover, Regt 2, to G-3: Passed following coordinate 32.B - 17.0. Passed at 0932.
137	0945	Phone fr <u>Recall 6 to Retread 6</u> : Move G Co back the way it came and put it in along side of F Co. Then attack to seize and occupy C. ELORD. Reduce Ridge vicinity K 24 with reserve company. Put Engineer Co on bypass at COCMA without delay. Map up zone so as to evacuate casualties and bring up supplies. Give me a list of your casualties.
138	0945	Phone fr <u>Recall 6 to CG, 85th</u> : Have 3d Bn gain contact with 1st Bn. Have Blms mop up side slopes. Have Woolley push on. Storm is now on way up and will follow Woolley, but will not pass thru Woolley until Woolley is definitely stopped. Woolley is about ready to move out now.
139	0945	Phone fr <u>Hex 6 to Recall 5</u> : Moving a platoon of 20s up in MT BELVEDERE COROLESCO saddle. 605 FA Bn (- 1 Btry) will shift to support 85 Inf - reinforce fires 604 FA Bn.
140	0945	Phone fr <u>Hex 2</u> : At 0900 "F" 87th has accomplished mission. Fired smoke mission for Hovey Joe. 12 man enemy patrol at (A62158) at 0900A. Approx. 25 Jerries are withdrawing fr HOSPITALS (time and direction of movement follow). Furthest point adv Remount Blue is (538183) at 0828A. Resistance stiff. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Map.
141	0955	Phone fr <u>Rebata 2</u> : IFUs - Sgt and 6 privs taken at (1533170) at 200600A. Were combat outpost in 2 bunkers, and of 4th Co, 104th Gr. Strength of 4th Co - 48 men. 2 plato at 3 sq each. 1 LMG squad. Mortars atndd (?). 8th Co on rt, 2d Co on left. 1045th Regt left adjoining unit. Atk was surprise - knew nothing of their own reinforcements. ACTION: Map, G-2, C/S, Corps.

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| 153            | 1020        | <u>Phone fr Bax 2:</u> Dud at 52141715 at 0940A (about 70 mm). Subject 2 observers cannot locate friendly troops on L objective. Are directing fire on (541166) at 201005A. Retread shell report - at 0936A at (509172) 2 rds, unknown cal. Between (506168) and (508170) there was mortar fire (9 rds). ACTION: Journal, G-2 Shell Report. |
| 154            | 1024        | <u>Phone fr Retread Blue (Sgt Phelps):</u> Am now with my Bn at VIGNIATICO awaiting orders. ACTION: Journal, C/S.   |
| 155            | 1025        | <u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 10:</u> Are you ready to lay lines into GUGGIG MONTAROT? ACTION: Will check with G-3.  |
| 156            | 1030        | <u>Phone fr Bax 2:</u> At 477827 vehicle moving N at 0950A. at (519194) 3 tks registered on by Air Cp at 0915A to 0945A. Used 108 rds. Tanks still moving N; 2 are lost, one still being fired on. ACTION: Noted to G-3, Rover Joe.   |
| 157            | 1036        | <u>Msg:</u> Lightning 6, Keystone 6 and party arrived CP. ACTION: Forward Recall 6 if notified by phone.  |
| 158            | 1045        | <u>Phone fr Bax 2:</u> 2 Tanks at (510190). One is on road now (1045A). Moving slowly N. no effects from arty fire. ACTION: Rover Joe, G-3, Kap.  |
| 159            | 1046        | <u>Phone fr Account Blue 6:</u> Fronte lines - Rebate Red (535181); Account Blue "L" - (on Rt flank of Rebate Red); Account Blue "K" - (540180). Want permission to neutralize AF fire being received from ridge line above so Account Blue K can advance. ACTION: Check with G-3. Call back for decision.                                  |
| 160            | 1057        | <u>Msg:</u> Lightning 6, Keystone 6 and party left CP and proceeded to Recall Forward CP.   |
| 161            | 1100        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Div Arty S-3 Report #22   |
| 162            | 1100        | At 1045 CG 5th Army, CG IV Corps and party arrived at CP. Departed at 1100A. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 163            | 1100        | Col Works went to bed at 1100A.   |
| 164            | 1100        | <u>Phone fr Bax 2:</u> Our tanks and TD's are stopped in QUERCIOLA waiting for road to be swept of mines; CG Div Arty orders tanks and TD's to push on as there are only AF mines there. ACTION: C/S, map.  |
| 165            | 1100        | <u>Phone fr Bax 2:</u> At (537183) our Rt Bn (3/86) (?) took hill 1088 at 201000A. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.   |
| 166            | 1100        | <u>Phone fr Recall 6:</u> Air has just bombed PULLA and 300 yds N G. FIORIO -   |

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| 142        | 0955        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Hq, IV CORPS G-3 Situation as of 200700A February.  |
| 143        | 0955        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV CORPS Sitrep No. 100, 192400A February.  |
| 144        | 0955        | <u>Rec'd:</u> IV Corps Issu No 771, 200800A February.   |
| 145        | 0955        | <u>Phone fr Recall 1 to Recall 6:</u> Estimated casualties since midnight 19-20 Feb. Rebate 75-100; Remount 1, Retread 80, total for command 166 (est). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 146        | 0955        | <u>Phone fr Recall 1 to Recall 6:</u> Estimated casualties from Retread; George Co - 25; Tom Co - 25; Retread Red Co - 30; 1 Capt and 1 Lt Lt injured among above group - one man killed. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 147        | 1000        | <u>Phone fr Recall 6 to Recall 5:</u> Recall 6 advised Retread if Retread Red thinks it possible to take his reserve Co and relieve Rebate Blue on its initial obj and can be accomplished by mutual understanding between Retread Red and Rebate Blue. Schaler will be approached to relieve him and push to next hill to fight and be ready to follow Stone. ACTION: Rebate 5 notified by telephone 1015A.  |
| 148        | 1003        | <u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> Situation right to left: Red in contact Rebate Blue; Red Bn dug in - all set; A Co in reserve CCHONA; Bn SF 400 yds S CCHONA; B on right, C on left dug in on objective. (coordinates - will call in) White Bn - g on right at PALLA extends 200 yds W of PALLA; F Co in C. FLORIO; elements of E Co in PIAMALLO - remainder of E Co attacks at 1000A on obj (500168) - from (50A190) (present positions). Enemy resistance from 1st Bn seems slight - snipers only - receiving some arty fire. ACTION: Journal, Map, C/S. |
| 149        | 1006        | <u>Phone fr Rebate 2:</u> Rebate 2 - 26 PWs; Remount 2 - Observed 20 men via (428104) at 0830A. Fired mortar and MG fire on men, and above 5 casualties. At 0900A saw 2 men unidentified at (428096). ACTION: Map, G-2, Corps, C/S.   |
| 150        | 1006        | <u>Phone fr BVP (Maj Adair):</u> At 200955 have started diversionary action. ACTION: Journal, C/S.  |
| 151        | 1010        | <u>Phone fr Rebate 3 to Recall 5:</u> Head of column of Rebate White is at (525168) at 0950A. Rebate Blue has been given orders to defend MT. BELVEDERE and MT GORGOLLEGG Ridge when Rebate White passes by. ACTION: C/S.   |
| 152        | 1013        | <u>Phone fr Remount Blue 1:</u> In regard order given this unit to attack obj of Rebate Red with 1 Co - this objective has been passed by both units - they are now beyond check point 3 (95th Inf at 153181 and our 1st elements abreast of that (153179) - to carry out original order 1 Co must march to rear. ACTION: C/S notified - Remount Blue told to disregard original order. Notified CG, Journal.   |

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167	1050	Phone fr Recall 6: Air has just bombed POLLA and 300 yds N. C. FLORIE - Rover Joe told to get air out of there and farther N. ACTION: C/S, G-3, advised.
168	1100	Hq 10th Lt Div SITREP No. 17, submitted.
169	1100	Phone fr Rex 2: At (521200) town suspected occupied by 1 battery artillery. Adjusted fire on town. Received direct hit on building at 0905A. At (5191519130) 3 tanks registered on by air CP. Tanks moved. 105th FA took over fire mission, effect unknown. ACTION: N, C/S, Journal.
170	1110	Phone fr Retread 2: PWs report: 3 105mm guns at (522200). ACTION: N, C/S, Rover Joe, G-3.
171	1110	Phone fr Regiment Blue 3: We are receiving fire from positions in front of the 1st Bn, 85th Inf (1532121). Our artillery cannot fire there because it is out of our zone. We have requested that 1st Bn, 85th put fire on these positions but to date they have refused. ACTION: Notified S-3, 85th and also Gen Ruffner. Gen Ruffner stated he would take care of it.
172	1115	Phone fr Regiment In Officer: F Co has moved to (1468137). 1 platoon A Co has relieved F Co on (1452127). 1 platoon from A Co has moved to SERRASINGIA to reinforce C Co at (1458153). ACTION: Map, C/S, G-3 advised.
173	1115	Col Yarborough and Major Schinke, 473rd Inf visited CP.
174	1125	Phone fr Regiment 2: F Co relieved by A Co vicinity (1453127) at 1125A. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Map advised.
175	1130	Message fr G-2 to CG, AT Bn (Verbal): General Hays directs that you recon routes, plan defense, and familiarize your units including the Recon Troop with the CAMPANO RIDGE with the mission of occupying the ridge upon Division order. You will <u>not</u> relieve the unit tonight. ACTION: For Journal.
176	1130	Phone fr Regiment 2: "A" platoon holds CAMPANO. "B" Co has detached group to envelop enemy between BULSO and SERRASINGIA. A party of 15 - 20 enemy noted there. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Map, G-2.
177	1130	Phone fr Rex 2: Fire fights reported at (1446183), and enemy personnel at 1000A on COSTELLO RIDGE going SW to position (1469192). At 1115A "E" Co, 87th advanced from BUIO toward (1400166). Forward elements are along line (1402166). ACTION: G-3, C/S, Map.
178	1135	Phone fr Rex 2 with 85th: "C" Co 85th is at (1536182). This is a portion of front line. ACTION: G-3, Map, C/S.

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179	1140	<u>Phone fr Highway 2:</u> Med in pos dug in - White almost in pos - has enemy reserves Co at (500168). 72 PWs taken. ACTION: G-3, G/S, Corps.
180	1145	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> 1 tank (cy) at (518195) - moving back. 1 tank (cy) at (519191) - stopped. 1st Bn, 86th - saw staff car at (49011912) moving N on road. Fired obsvd mission at (459162) on 40-50 men in gulch. Fire effective. Inf on way to this pt to sleep in an ey. G & S Cos, 85th - are at (525187) and (529177); are digging in at 0945A. Heavy air burst at 1128A at (519151). Reply received 6 rds at (543175) at 1100A. ACTION: Map, G/S, G-3.
181	1145	<u>Phone fr Hasegawa:</u> 1 plat TD's, 1 plat med tanks - located at (520170) to proceed as roads cleared. ACTION: G/S, G-3 advised. Map, G-3's 85 & 87 advised.
182	1215	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Heavy Tank burning at (519191). ACTION: G/S, Journal, Map.
183	1215	<u>Phone fr Highway 2:</u> 2st 90-95 PWs taken this morning. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Corps.
184	1215	<u>Phone fr Lt Col Peterson:</u> Col Harold, 5th Army G-3 to arrive about 1200A, ACTION: G/S, G-3 advised.
185	1215	<u>Phone fr Highway 1:</u> At 201018A at (520173) 1 rd air burst undetermined caliber. At 201019A at (518168) 2 rds air burst caliber (7). ACTION: Journal, Shell report.
186	1220	<u>Phone fr Capt Bergerson, Gen Clark's Aid, to Regal 5:</u> Have Capt. Humphrey, Gen May's Aid call me. ACTION: Lt Allen, Jr. Aid notified.
187	1220	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> 3d Bn 86th - 14 Jerries going into building at (457166) at 1200A. Correction in former message requested - G & S Cos, 85th are at (438178) and (435183). ACTION: Map, G/S, Journal.
188	1225	<u>Phone fr RUSHY AIR CO:</u> At 1200A - read from OSPITALE to FANANO is usable. No enemy observed. One white vehicle seen in FANANO (440180). Tanks seen at POLLA from dive bombers. ACTION: Map, G/S, Journal.
189	1245	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Observed from (49131314) two people going into house (49011912). Shell report (528175) shells landed within 5000 Yds, shells reported by Subject 2, 1230A. ACTION: Journal, G/S
190	1245	<u>Phone fr Regiment 2:</u> "A" Plat on CAMFLANG has killed 20 enemy since noon yesterday. 1 friendly casualty - killed, 5 wounded. ACTION: Map, G/S, Journal.
191	1245	<u>Phone fr Hasegawa:</u> Tank hit mine at (521174) and burning - a complete loss. ACTION: G/S, G-3, 85th, 87th advised.

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192	1255	<u>Phone fr Remount Blue 3:</u> "G" Co (1546183) foremost elements inching forward. ACTION: Gen Hays, C/S, Map, Journal.
193	1305	<u>Phone fr Rebata 3:</u> Rebata Red just beyond obj E moving toward obj F. (1540184). Rebata Blue is waiting for Retread Blue to relieve them. Rebata White is following Rebata Red. ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S, Corps.
194	1307	<u>Phone fr Box 2:</u> Shell Report (Rebata Blue) - at (529175) at 201250A. Nothing known of caliber or amount. <u>Object 5:</u> Receiving time fire at (525175). at 1315A. <u>Object 2:</u> We are shelling in area in preparation for troops moving in. Just fired Bn 10 volleys at (5426184). Front lines now at (5406185) at 1305A. <u>Require 2:</u> Fired on enemy guns at (51841896). Target hits obtained, gun neutralized at 201325A. Enemy guns at (54622060) (54922044) (52291943) (52691926) (arty pieces).
195	1308	<u>Phone fr S-3:</u> Cf 10th Medical Bn closed LIZZANO 201200A. ACTION: Map, Journal, Sitrep.
196	1330	<u>Phone fr Box 3:</u> Enemy mine field (1525175). ACTION: Eng.
197	1330	Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 11 submitted.
198	1335	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> 75 men with packs going fr SESTOLA to PANARO along road. "G" Co atk successful, launched at 1300A, completed at 1330A. ACTION: Mover Joe, Map, C/S.
199	1335	<u>Phone fr Retread 3:</u> G and F Co's consolidated in pos. G tied 1 section of MG's in with RED. E Co at (499168). Retread Blue released to Retread. Taking up defensive pos at (518184) and (508175). ACTION: G-3, C/S.
200	1335	<u>Phone fr Remount 2:</u> Company C, 86th launched attack from M. SERRASIGGIA E toward Ridge I - (467158), supported by arty. As of 201100A Platoon on CAMPILANO has killed 70 Germans since 191200A. Platoon from Baker (Abel) Company has reinforced Abel Platoon on CAMPILANO - have been in constant fire fight since 191200A. Quiet on MANGINELLO, BAICNETTI, BURS. ACTION: G-3, C/S.
201	1340	<u>Phone fr ENTRA:</u> Bypass at (1622137) is open to all traffic as of 201200A. ACTION: Journal.
202	1345	<u>Phone fr Recall 5:</u> Surgeon reports evacuations as follows: 34 from Rebata, 32 from Retread, 4 from Remount, and 3 from Require - total 73. The above is for LIZZANO Col Sta. 20 evacuated to other Col Sta. Grand total 93. ACTION: Journal.
203	1350	<u>Phone fr Recall 5:</u> Hq Comdt and Sig Off departed for Gaggio MONTANA at



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| 203        | 1350         | (continued) 1250A to reconnoiter for CP installations. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 204        | 1405         | Phone fr 10th Med Bn: Clearing flat of Co "D" closed in LIEZARD 201900A. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 205        | 1410         | Phone fr Reconno 3: 1 Plat of mediums will move from LIEZARD to URSICOLA to VAL PIANS (1518183) as soon as they can get by bypass at URSICOLA. ACTION: Notified C/S, journal.  |
| 206        | 1415         | Phone fr Reconno Plus 3: X Co, (1546184); L Co (1548185); left flank about 400 yds ahead of Rebate companies taking lot of enemy Arty fire-- are on open slope. Want some arty support as before. ACTION: Notified Arty, Map, Journal.   |
| 207        | 1416         | Phone fr Rebate 3: "B" Co attacking objective "F". ACTION: Journal, map. (Major Schooley)  |
| 208        | 1417         | Recd: Hq 10th Mt Div, IFF Report HQ.17; dated 19 Feb 1945  |
| 209        | 1436         | Phone fr Return (Lt Col Parker): Do you want Treadway Bridge in at CORONA? I am leaving now for that location. ACTION: Bridge is needed.   |
| 210        | 1420         | Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebate 6: Have Rebate Red push as far forward as fast as possible and have Rebate White overtake him, pass on through him, and push on to the final obj as fast as he can. Retread Red will relieve Rebate Blue and Rebate Blue will follow Rebate White. The entire Rebate Regt will remain on the BELVEDERE--TORRACCIA RIDGE tonight. ACTION...Journal. |
| 211        | 1457         | Recd: Field msg fr Reconno BELV Blue 2 to Recall 3; Major Murphy: Urgent that we receive answer to our Arty request. ACTION...Major Call says he is firing now.  |
| 212        | 1458<br>1430 | Phone fr Reconno Blue 2: At 1445A..L Co at 54918L--moving fwd and will take obj. F co. at 55018L moving fwd--12 more PW taken via (552182). ACTION...Journal, Map, ISUM, SITREP.   |
| 212        | 1430         | Phone fr Reconno 2: "C" Co killed 4 enemy and captured 2-4 PW's. Now occupy ridge and are digging in. ACTION...G-3, Journal, Corps.  |
| 213        | 1500         | Recd: Hq IV Corps letter dated 20 Feb, Subject: Orders, placing HQ(3) on get service with 107th LAA Gp at STAFFOLI(03568).   |
| 214        | 1520         | Recd: Fifth Army Photo Int Centre--an Interpretation rpt No, H209.   |
| 215        | 1525         | Recd: Hq IV Corps GSS Det, Int Bulletin No.2, dated 20 Feb.  |
| 216        | 1525         | Recd: Hq 751st Tk Bn S-3 Report no. 51, dated 20 Feb.  |

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| 217        | 1330       |             | Phone fr Rex 2; From Require 2; at 1335A, mine field 525175--Require 6 contacting Engrs for its extant. ACTION: G/S, CO 85th Mt Inf advised; map.  |
| 218        | 1435       |             | Phone fr Recall 6 to Reacon 6: I want tanks over to support the 85th and 87th. Get all your tanks up on the ridge and push them on down behind the 85th. You can expect a counterattack tonight and I want your armor to participate in it. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 219        | 1445       |             | Phone fr Recall 6 to Return 6: I want tanks to be able to move up on BELVEDERE RIDGE. Get a bypass fixed to get armor to CORONA. Give the tanks all the help you can to get them up on the ridge. Get more mine sweepers to clear the mines faster. I want all the tanks up on BELVEDERE RIDGE by night. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 220        | 1445       |             | Phone fr Rex 2; G/87--at 1325A receiving enemy arty fire. At(525175) shells landed: 2 rds, at 1310A. At 1350 III/85 was at (523176). Church in BOCCA CORNETTA being shelled at 1315A. 44 PW's w/8 guards came to VIDIGLIATINO at 1355. C and D cos., 85th, have 90-95 PW's at (536178) and (535182). Two plato C Co, 86th moving NE at 1300 at A63154. Our troops moving toward Fox objective at 1440. (544184)and (543185) coordinates of Bns. of 86th at 1425A. ACTION: G-3, map.  |
| 221        | 1500       |             | Phone fr Recall 5; to Rebate 1, Remount 1, and Retread 1. Make a thorough search for our dead and have them evacuated expeditiously. Enemy dead can be piled by the roadside and evacuated at your convenience. An informal report of numbers of dead will be submitted to this hq daily. ACTION... journal.   |
| 222        | 1500       |             | Phone fr Recall 6; to Retread 6: I want you to put your men on GAROGALISO and BELVEDERE so to be ready for a possible counterattack. Relieve Rebate Blue troops on GAROGALISO as soon as convenient. ACTION. Journal.  |
| 223        | 1500       |             | Phone fr Rex 2 from MEV; Amer forces, 1 Co, strong, seen moving fr hill 1088 at (538183) toward (543187). One squad surrounding and cleaning up at (543187). Americans moving fr 546183 to hill 928 at 549188. (one German Lt has deserted--reports Co annihilated by arty fire at (1552184). Our front line (1st Bn, 85th) are at 541185. Holding fast for 2nd Bn to go thru. 3rd Bn 86th in close contact at 541185 - 545184. Enemy fire now consists of 14 mortars and burp guns. We have suffered 25% casualties in 1st Bn, 85th. Have taken 60 prisoners. |
| 224        | 1520       |             | Phone fr Remount Blue 3; Bn objective reached at 1500A. Units occupying objective and mopping up. ACTION...notified Recall 6(rep). G-2, G-3.   |
| 225        | 1520       |             | Phone fr Recall 6; to Rebate 6...Get in touch with Scheeler and find out just where you should take over on BELVEDERE RIDGE, and establish areas of responsibility for defense. ACTION...journal   |

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| 226            | 1500        | 10th Mt Div SITREP # 18 submitted.   |
| 227            | 1530        | Phone fr Retread 2: PW's Information: 2 75mm guns, 530194; Two 75mm guns 533195; One 150mm gun 540196. 30-man strong point 494180, part of 14th Co, 1044th. ACTION...arty..map, C/S.   |
| 228            | 1540        | Phone fr Rex 3 (relay message fr Realy 2): Observer 522 with C Co Remount reports his location 46081619. ACTION...sit map.   |
| 229            | 1545        | Phone fr Recall 6 to Keystone 6: Remount Blue has taken its obj and I've notified the BEF to take over. ACTION....journal.   |
| 230            | 1550        | Phone fr Rex 2 to Rajest 6: Concentration 456 A on 54501895 at 201520A effective. Direct Hit on area F. ACTION...journal.  |
| 231            | 1606        | Phone fr Lt Col Evans (AGC-5th Army) to Maj Walker (A19): Will recommend to 22TAC for tomorrow air--- that in addition to preplanned missions hit on 20 Feb that the towns of MASERNO (L5522), RANOCCHIO (5326); CASTEL J0'AIANO (6025); VILLA D'AIANO (5927) be attacked on 21 Feb. Rover Joe effort to continue. ACTION...journal. |
| 232            | 1610        | PHONE fr Remount Blue 3: Engr Flat atch to us already cleaning out GAGGIO AREA. ACTION...8/8, C-3 advised.   |
| 233            | 1600        | Reed: FIFTH ARMY weather report...Ref ME 5730, dated 201616A.  |
| 234            | 1630        | Reed: IV Corps SITREP #101, dated 201620A  |
| 235            | 1500        | Phone fr Asst C-3, BEF: Our arty is shelling FORMACH (1552188) heavily. A PW (warrant officer) in the front of 1st Bn/1st Inf BEF said that 1st, 2nd, and 4th Cos. of 1044 Inf Regt were almost totally destroyed.   |
| 236            | 1515        | Phone fr Revoke 6: CP opened on SERRASIOCCIA (L463154) at 200930, in Remount White "C" area. Using their wire at present, but it is out most of the time. We are trying to get Signal Co to put in wire for us. ACTION..map, SITREP, jwal  |
| 237            | 1555        | Phone fr Remount Blue 3: Left one plat heavy guns and one rifle plat at S. FILONAIA (534170); would like permission to pull them forward to MAZZANUANA (554184). ACTION:::Permission to be obtained later. C/S noted.  |
| 238            | 1600        | Phone fr Major Rogers, IV Corps Ln O: IV Corps advanced CP will move to CASTELIBACCIO (1544115), evening of 20-21 Feb. ACTION: Notified C/S and G's.   |
| 239            | 1615        | Phone from Ln O., 86th: F Co, 86th closed tonight VEDRIATINO as of 201615A. ACTION: Noted.   |
| 240            | 1615        | PW to Recall 5: Need more men as guards for PW's. ACTION: Take men from sections in CP area who are doing nothing.   |

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- 241 1620 Phone fr Capt Beards to Todd (S-3, Map): Q. What do you have on BELVEDERE A. Nothing. Q. Where are your nearest elements to BELVEDERE? A. 1 Platoon (Medium), 1 platoon TD (701st) and (3800th); 1 platoon tanks enroute to VALPIANA (1518182). ACTION: G/S informed per request.
- 242 1623 Phone from Air C to Rover Joe: Require 2 reports Friendly plane fired 2 rockets on friendly troops on S. slopes of BELVEDERE at 1615. From ~~any~~ do not attack targets that lie within 1500 yards of our front line troops. ACTION: Journal.
- 243 1640 Phone fr Recall 6 to Luger 6: Major Ray is mopping up objective. Notify General Macarombas that Recall 6 called personally to notify him to take over. ACTION: Journal.
- 244 1645 Phone fr Hobate 5 to Recall 5: We have a marked map of CP's; gun positions taken from German wounded (officer) who has been evacuated. Request that this office be interrogated in reference to this map. ACTION: G/S and I/F.
- 245 1700 Phone fr Regiment 2: "A" Co Platoon on CAMPANO (1421172) has killed 26 Germans and captured 23. The prisoners are being interrogated at Regiment CP and will be sent down. ACTION: Noted for 1800A ISUM and Journal.
- 246 1716 Phone fr Rex 2: At 1700A saw light gun or mortar at (1428166) - F Co, 86th; A Co, 86th; G Co, 86th; 1st Bn, 86th - situation stable at 1730A. At 1645A saw enemy tanks (?) immobile, at (1519191). From BEF - Americans have taken hill 1053 (15418). Have taken over objective "X". ACTION: G-3, Map, G/S, Rover Joe.
- 247 1720 Phone from Corps Ia O: 1st truck with half bridge on blow up on mine at (1518175) at 1610A. Head of column of 3rd Bn, 87th reached CONOMA (15117) at 1630A. ACTION: Notified G/S.
- 248 1730 Recd: G-3 Periodic Report fr Hq 92d Div, dated 18 Feb. and overlays.
- 249 1800 Recd: Hq IV Corps Situation Report dated 19 Feb (subject: Ngr Sit Rpt.).
- 250 1800 Recd: Hq TF 45, S-3 Report No. 11, dated 19 Feb., also overlay.
- 251 1730 Phone fr Retread Ia O: Retread Red will extend East to saddle below MC GONSOLESCO and N to VALPIANA. Retread Blue, VALPIANA and PELLA. ACTION...G/S, Journal.
- 252 1730 Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 6: Retread Blue to hold line VALPIANA - PELLA. Retread Red to hold line VALPIANA-BELVEDERE. Hobate Blue to hold GONSOLESCO. Each Bn CO personally to sight in each gun for defensive fires. ACTION...Jrnl.
- 253 1733 Phone fr Col Stevenson (IV Corps at LUGAR): Brazillings have been ordered by CG, IV Corps, to relieve also 3d Bn, 86 Mt Inf, on MARRANGARA, w/o delay. BEF will atk when 85th jumps off from hill 1053.

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- 254 1840 Phone fr Haseen (Capt Todd): One platoon makes just S of CORONA waiting for ditch to be bridged. One platoon and one platoon still at S88170 covering ridge and waiting for road to be built to saddle between M. BELVEDERE and M. GORGOLISCO. ACTION...C/S, Map.
- 255 1735 Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebata 6: Rebata White to push on to final obj., Rebata Blue to hold GORGOLISCO, leaving 1 Co. there in case it's necessary for the Bn to move. Rebata to hold GORGOLISCO-TORAGGIA ridge. Wash Bn 50 personnel to sight in guns for defensive fires when they settle in defensive positions. ACTION...Journal.
- 256 1805 Phone fr Rebata 3: Rebata Red OP reports Rebata White has passed thru Rebata Red lines - as of 1755a. ACTION: C/S, C-3.
- 257 1910 Phone fr Retread 3: Red - line M. GORGOLISCO to M. BELVEDERE VALPIANA. Co dispositions unknown - communications out. One - I Co: from 51518 to 51518L. K Co: fr 514178 to 509176. L Co: res in CORONA. WHITE: fr PELLA TO 499168; Co. dispositions not known. ACTION...C/S, C-3, map.
- 258 1900 Head: Hq 86th Mt Inf Spec Court Martial Orders NO. 8, dated 15 Feb 1945
- 259 1700 Phone fr Remount 6 to Recall 5: Recall 6 directed that Remount Blue, from around GAGGIO MARYANO, but REF will not move out until Corps gives order. ACTION: Move up heavy weapons and have Remount Blue button up for the night.
- 260 1750 Phone fr Rebata 1: Rebata Red has taken 1/2 of obj "F". Rebata White still moving forward to relieve. ACTION: Notified Major Murphy, C/S
- 261 1800 Phone fr Red 4: Report by Rejeat 2-1800--our front lines 545180, 547185--White is passing through Red. ACTION...C-3.
- 262 1800 Phone fr Rejeat 3: 1715 Require 6 reports troops being shelled on road between GURIGOLA and CORONA. Ammunition of fire 5400 miles. Ky CBO has been informed. Rejeat 2 reports our front lines are now approx 1/2 (one-quarter) of the way into obj F, 1745a.....from PW captured fr prisoner today, an overlay showing a 6 gun battery at (49152022) and arty Bn GP(2nd Bn) 546207; also an Inf Co. at 55412000. ...1730a,,,ACTION...Arty, map, C/S.
- 263 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 12 submitted.
- 264 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO.19 submitted.
- 265 1810 Phone fr Return 5 to Recall 5: CORONA road is not over 15 feet wide and it will take the angle dozers we have to fill it in. One tank blew up after hitting a mine, and they are up there sweeping the road now. The mines can get up by moving off the road. The mines are holding us up. Recall 5 to Return 5: I want a report of the situation as of 201830a. ACTION...Journal.

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| 266        | 1820        | Phone fr Retread 3; Bridge crew going forward in 6 X 6 below CORONA, was blown up by mine; one infantryman killed. A bulldozer clearing path around truck was blown up. CORONA road now blocked. Mine sweepers pressing forward VEL PIANO. ACTION: G-3, Engrs.   |             |
| 267        | 1830        | Phone fr Remount 3; Remount White closed in at 1750A--location 503138. ACTION...map.   |             |
| 268        | 1845        | Phone fr Return 3 to Recall 3; Cannot contact companies...negative report. Col Parker will present report personally. ACTION...Journal.  |             |
| 269        | 1700        | Phone fr IPW (Lt Bromberg); The following info was gained thru interrogation of PW's: The E line stretches fr MT BELVEDERE to (525180), manned by 8th Co; (525980) to (536990) manned by 4th Co, of 84th. men (a large amt of PW's have been taken NE from this Co); (536190) to LE CROTTE, manned by 2nd Co. of 100 to 110 men (no PW's of this co. yet). Above co. are part of the 1044. The 1st Bn CP of 1044 is at LE CROTTE (555199) in support of 1st Bn is the 13th Co with 3 75mm Inf guns and three 150 mm guns in Pos fr (520995) to (533000) (one gun in pos at (524998). Regt CP at S MARTINO (540257). One btry of 105mm at Vic of FORNO (549205) one btry of 105mm (3 guns) at CASTELLUCCIO (52152000). Main Regt supply route is thru ZOGGA, CASTEL D'AIANO, MONTESE, MASERNO, ALBARELLI to Bn at CASTELLUCCIO and thru to other Bns. PW's state that another Div is supposed to reinforce the 232nd Div. Have been expected last few days. Bn CP of 2nd Bn 232 Arty Regt at ALBARELLI. Trains and Adm Hq of 1044 at SALTO (548262) 3 Sp guns seen at CASTELLUCCIO on 13 Feb (75 mm). ACTION. Journal...map..G-2. |             |
| 270        | 1845        | Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebate 6; If a solid defense is met at MT TORBOCCIA, dig in until daybreak. I'M only concerned that you block the roads and paths to your positions. Know your adjacent units to avoid fire fights tonight.   |             |
| 271        | 1920        | Phone fr Rex 2; At (570175) saw Lt Cal gun in house. Was rolled out and fired on S side; also done at (566178). On hill 1053(547189) and to (552184) noted heavy mortar fire this PW--4 gun btry at (462195). More guns 500-600 yds to rt...dummy gunn position at (459195). Bef liaison says: BEF atk in progress at 1920. ACTION...G-3, map, C/S, G-2.   |             |
| 272        | 1930        | Phone fr Rex 2 (two); 2nd Bn 85th--adv elements on George objective at 201900A, At (544187) 20 shells, HV, 88mm at 201849A ACTION .G-2, G-3 C/S, journal, ISUM.  |             |
| 273        | 1930        | Phone....A Co, 87th, located at 520175. ACTION...Map.  |             |
| 274        | 1930        | Phone fr Keystone 2 to Recall 2; No enemy tr mvmts observed of any size. A few trks and 100 horse driven vehicles vis of MODENA but nothing to report. Will phone in neg rpts during the day tomorrow as to the results of Tac R.  |             |

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| 275                | 2050        | Phone fr Rebate 5: Report just received message fr Rejact that thru L Officer through White Bn—Front L troop now on phase line 3. Recd receipt for radio message sent to White Bn Comdr. which authorizes him to secure high ground NE of Obj C and continue the attack on obj. H in morning—received no word as to what he is going to do. ACTION...Jral, C/S, G-3. |
| 276                | 2000        | Phone fr Box 2: Reply 2 - F gun at 47031941 taken under fire 1730A by arty dir CP - hits obsv. ACTION...journal.   |
| 277                | 1855        | Phone fr Col Pond, Keystone 3: Searchlights will not be on until moon goes down. ACTION...G-3 advised.   |
| 278                | 2005        | Phone fr Remount 3: 3rd Bn has reorganized obj—all dug in. 2nd Bn closed into VIDIGIATIGO at 1750A. All quiet everywhere else. ACTION: notified G-3.   |
| 279                | 2020        | Phone fr Remount Blue: Two Co's of 3d Bn, 86th are in pos and consolidated. Have not seen or heard 2d Bn 85th. SEV is assembling in MAZZANUANA(553184). ACTION...notified G-3.   |
| 280                | 2020        | Phone fr Maj Callahan to Recall 5: We now have one direct line to Keystone Adv; also a line to Keystone Bn at CASTELLINOTTO and Keystone 6, 2, 3. Col Stevenson and Keystone adv can be reached thru this line. ACTION: notified C/S.  |
| 281                | 1930        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rusoon 3: 2nd Bn, 85 Inf is going ahead. The Brazilians are at "M" now. Gen Hays has ordered an advance to "H" tonight. An attack in more than one column at night is not believed advisable so the Brazilians will remain there and attack up to "C" and 875 in the morning. ACTION...journal.   |
| 282                | 1900        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Retread 6: Recall 6 wants plenty of bazookas on your front down toward VALPIANA and plenty of ammo on hand in case of a counterattack, and make sure the arty is in there and well buttoned up in final defensive lines. ACTION...Journal.  |
| 283                | 1930        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Return 6: Report progress in getting tanks up ridge to the NE of SCORNA. ACTION...journal.  |
| 284                | 2028        | Phone fr Rebate 5: No confirmed reports from Rebate White. However recd message that Bn Comdr was on F objective—assume that troops are ahead a good bit—I believe G obj to be taken, no confirmation. Bn recd heavy arty fire around 1700-1730...all communications out. Journal.   |
| 285                | 2015        | Hq 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Rpt NO.4 submitted, dated 20 Feb 1945.   |

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| 286        | 1900       |             | Phone fr Revoke Fwd CP: Unable to contact CP 3 by radio <del>1900</del> —no communication with OP 2. 1913 CP 1 visibility good no activity. Rapid comm good. 1934, contacted reply Charlie CP, asked to have them contact Revoke Fwd CP 2. 2000 to 2004A unable to contact 2 and 3. 2000A some report as CP 1, visibility good, no activity, communications good. ACTION: told G-3.   |
| 287        | 2015       |             | Phone fr Capt Turish (REF Ln C): REF plan no longer depends on whether we get Hill 1053 or not. REF will relieve 3rd Bn, 86th—relief in progress now. Orders are to defend ID - keep out active patrols and prepare to attack 1/2 hr before dawn on Corps order. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 288        | 2100       |             | Phone fr CO 126th Engr: (1).- Crater S of CORONA has been filled. (2).- Crater in CORONA has been bypassed. (3).-Road swept of mines to 200 yds. S of VALPIANA. (4).-Tn Comdr checked with Engrs and says he is ready to cross. (5).-They have gotten some ID's and some the up there at about 202000A.   |
| 289        | 2100       |             | Phone fr Retread 3: 126 Engr, Co. G has not opened road thru CORONA... want mines swept from road, CORONA to VALPIANA—vital that this rd be opened at once. ACTION: Capt Sayre says road is open—by-pass constructed and swept for mines clear to VALPIANA 4-4—hit that left area at 1900, saw job done. Sayre will call Retread 3—this Hq will be notified if work has not been done.  |
| 290        | 2100       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Two of Ln Officers with 2nd Bn, 85th haven't reported that Bn is on Objective "G". Want to know if our troops are going to stay on position or are they going to move on? ACTION: Told G-3. Called arty in answer to question.  |
| 291        | 2100       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Rejeet 2: Observer No. 420 (2nd Bn, 85th) has just reported that he is on G objective. Time 2030A. Wisden 2: Same report as above. They are digging in there and they also have a report from the Brazilians that they are holding up for the night. Rejeet 2: 2035A observer 420 reports Rebate white at front lines fame line #3. Reply 2: Observer #520 reports Rejeet Ln Officer is in position on G Objective. 2032A. Observer #530 reports PO #521 who is with "A" Co, 86th, all quiet at present, evacuating pm wounded 2003A. At 1600A saw 12 enemy headed due east on road at (1457196). At 1630A saw 9 enemy leaving house at (1468194) heading due east. Inf listening post think they heard vehicles on same road. 2030A. ACTION: Notified G-3. |
| 292        | 2110       |             | Phone fr IFW - Lt Bromberg: Prisoners of war after 201200A - 140, before 1200A today - 44. Just brought 10 more in. Total cleared through cage since action night of 19-20 - 194 (Does not include all cleared through medical channels). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 293        | 2129       |             | Phone fr Air Officer, IV Corps: All air requested tomorrow has been granted by Air Corps - Never Joe planes increased. ACTION: Journal.   |



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| 294            | 2140        | Phone from Rebate 5: 3 prisoners from 2nd Co, 104th state that 1st Bn of that Regiment was to be shifted the 23rd and a new Division was to move in. Reliability doubtful. ACTION: IPW notified.  |
| 295            | 2230        | Phone from Rex 2: From Reply 2: Time 2115A. FO with A and G of 86th reports situation quiet. FO with 1st Bn, 86th - observed captured German map which plots enemy CP in house at (146861940). Building possibly still being used as CP. Fired harassing mission, effect unknown. ACTION: Notified IPW.   |
| 296            | 2215        | Phone fr Retread 3: G Co (1511169) (FRADA); 1st platoon G Co (1507175); 1st Bn CP (1519175); C Co (1520183); B Co (1521179); 3rd Bn CP (1517176); 2nd Bn CP (1506166). ACTION: C/S, Map, CO 2/86th, CO 85th and 86th.   |
| 297            | 2250        | Rec'd. Hq XXII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND Daily Intelligence Summary No. 128 dated 18 Feb 1945.   |
| 298            | 2250        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 288 dated 200800A Feb 1945.  |
| 299            | 2250        | Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 532 dated 191200A Feb 1945.   |
| 300            | 2150        | Phone fr Recall 6: Move your tanks to VALPIANA and to the M. BELVEDERE - M. DELLA TORRAGLIA ridge to support front line elements of 10th Div. Report location of your tanks every hour to Recall 3. Additional Engr support will be made available. ACTION: CO, 751 Tank Bn, CO 85th and 87th.  |
| 301            | 2230        | Phone fr Retread 3: 1000 SITREP. ETR. Dogs used successfully by Retread Red on nights of 18-19 and 19-20 Feb. Used scout dogs to spot enemy.  |
| 302            | 2300        | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 20, submitted.  |
| 303            | 2300        | Phone from Rex 2: From Require 2 at 2220A. At (14911020190) B Battery fired 2 volleys VT fuse on 6 gun enemy battery - unobserved. Effect unknown. ACTION: Map.   |
| 304            | 2130        | Phone from C/S to Rascon: If you believe it advisable, I can send the force at GORONA to VALPIANA. "Recall 3"; Take the tanks to VALPIANA. The CG directs that we get out stuff up on the ridge. Rascon 6: I would like to have some more Engr help on this. Our tanks are standing by and everyone is a little gun shy since that tank blew up and the way isn't apparently clear. Our tanks were leading this morning when that stuff blew up and there weren't any TD's up there yet. The General tried to get up, but decided they ought to attempt a different route, at which they weren't successful. We've been checking with the Engrs and they say they are working at the road. The force at GORONA will be sent in right now and the heavy stuff (4 tanks and 2 TDs) is at (1422170) (Continued). |

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- 304 (Continued) The other two TDs are up above them with blown tracks. The Engrs said they wouldn't guarantee anything on that road after that tank blew up this morning. I reconnoitered BELVEDERE today but wasn't able to find any roads, but routes can be built up there. Here are the locations of the platoons: A Co CP (1644199), 1st Platoon (1632192), 2nd Platoon (1645196), 3rd Platoon (1652203). B Co, 1st Platoon (1518174), 2nd Platoon (1521170), 3rd Platoon (1504166). C Co, 1st and 3rd Platoons vicinity (1550168), 2nd Platoon (1505161). D Co, 1st and 3rd Platoons (1512163), 2nd Platoon (1511167). Recall 5: We had a report at 2030A that you had at least one TD on the ridge. Rasccon 6: Our report came in three hours ago that they were 200 yds below the ridge with blown tracks. They assembled at (1521170). This afternoon at about 1500A Rex 6 came up and suggested to the Lt that they try a new route to the right. At 1730A we received a report that they did not make it and had their tracks blown off. ACTION: C/S, Map and 126th Engrs.
- 305    2310    Phone fr BEF: BEF reports that their radio intercepted radio from Rebata White who stated that they had reached Hill 1079 and wish permission to move on to M. TORAGGIA. ACTION: Requested confirmation through Artillery Radio channels.
- 306    2300    Phone fr Retread 2: Loud explosion heard from N of BOCCA CORONATA at 2245A. Believe it is bridge being blown because they heard masonry falling. ACTION: M.
- 307    2310    Phone fr Rasccon: 1 group at CORONA not in position but cooperating with Engineers, Lt Beck. 1 TD bogged down after search for new trail. ACTION: C/S, CO 85th and 87th.
- 308    2340    Phone fr Remount Blue: Getting small counter attack from vicinity of (1555189). Request location of Rebata Red so we can put Artillery fire on counter attack. ACTION: Told Remount Blue to contact Rebata White through Arty Im Officers - also to contact BEF.
- 309    2345    Phone fr Rex 2: BEF sending patrol of 1 platoon reinf. to M. CASTELLO at 2230A to confirm report that Germans had withdrawn from CASTELLO. ACTION: Notified 85th and 86th.
- 310    2337    Phone fr Major Dechow (Keystone 3): From BEF: Counter attack at (1555189) - what are we doing? Corps Artillery notified. ACTION: Are checking with Rebata & Rex & BEF to obtain clearance to fire artillery. Will advise Keystone 3. -- Remount Blue will handle it - cannot use artillery there.
- 311    2340    Phone from IFF: From PW report. 2d Co, 4th Mt Bn on SERRASIOGIA left DAGAUNA 2 days ago to relieve 7th Co, 1044th Regiment. CP of 1st Co, 1044 between TORAGGIA and COSTELLO. 1st Co is all around COSTELLO. 3rd Co on E Slopes of TORAGGIA. ACTION: Notified Corps, 86th, 85th and 87th, Arty.

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312	2220	Phone fr Rebate 2: FRONT LINES: L boundary (1522178) to (1530177) to (1540185). 3rd Bn: received slight harassing artillery; 1 casualty at 202000A. 1st Bn: No Change. 2nd Bn: G Co receiving arty fire. ACTION: Rex requested for coordinates.
313	2350	Phone fr Rebate 2: Co G has reached forward slope of Objective "G". ACTION: Notified General's aide.
314	2350	Phone fr Rex 2: Confirmation of counter attack from vicinity (1553189). Lt O with Rebate White is directing arty fire on (155411970) at 1135A. Target, automatic weapons. ACTION: Journal.
315	2350	Phone from Keystone Battle: Major Dechow calling. Has 3rd Bn, 86th been relieved at MOZAGAZA? BEF states that they haven't. ACTION: Notified Ramount 3 who states relief is not complete. 3rd Bn Co having trouble with Brazilians.
316	2355	Phone from Revoke Fwd CP: At 2240A CP #1 - N.T.R. At 2305A no communication with CP #2 and #3. At 2400A contacted CP #3. ACTION: Journal.
317	2400	Phone from Hasecon: 1st Platoon B Co still moving toward VALPIANA. ACTION: C/S, CO 87th.

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| 1          | 0006        | Phone fr Rebate 2; 3rd Bn - NG; 1st Bn - NG; 2nd Bn - from Artillery FO with Co E, small counter attack apparently developing at (1553198), have artillery on it. Co G receiving small arms fire and automatic weapon fire from Hill (1550195) and (1554189); artillery requested. ACTION: Map, CG, Corps advised.                     |
| 2          | 0010        | <u>Rec'd. Hq TF 45 8-3 Report No. 12 dated 201030A Feb 45. (1 copy).</u>   |
| 3          | 0010        | Phone fr Rex 2: Local counter attack at (1553198) on Rebate White. Artillery is firing on counter attack. Action: Notified Recall 6.   |
| 4          | 0030        | Phone fr Rex 2: Forward elements of Rebate White at (155201930) at 0025A. Cannot determine flanks of Bn.   |
| 5          | 0030        | Phone fr Remount Blue 10: Counter attack has receded. Sporadic small arms and machine gun continuing on our position. ACTION: Notified General's aide.   |
| 6          | 0040        | Phone fr Remount 2: 3rd Bn got 34 PWs, 1st Bn got 13 PWs (6 from 4th Mt Bn). 1st Bn killed 26 during 24 hour period. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 7          | 0040        | Phone fr Rex 2: (From Reply 2:) FO #531 observed enemy assembling at (146431674). Taken under fire by Reply artillery. Fired 4 volleys from 0015A to 0030A. No effect reported. FO #510 with 1st Bn, 66th reports Co G casualties, 1 officer killed, 3 enlisted men killed, 7 wounded. 13 PWs sent to Regiment 0015A. ACTION: Journal. |
| 8          | 0040        | Phone fr Rebate 5: E Co located (1552193). ACTION: Map, CG.  |
| 9          | 0050        | Phone fr Rex 2: Ln officer reported enemy mortar activity at (155215) at 0048A. ACTION: Map.   |
| 10         | 0100        | Phone fr Rex 2: From Ln Officer 520, requested fire on mortars at (152201932) and (152592007). Fired C and D batteries from 0035A to 0045A unobserved 0031A. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 11         | 0100        | Phone fr Raccoon 6: 1st tank got across demolitions, 2nd tank hit mine same place as Broadway as this afternoon and blocked road. Engrs working on it. Expect road cleared in an hour. ACTION: C/S & 67th Inf.   |
| 12         | 0120        | Phone fr Rex 2: (Reject 2) SHELL REPORT: Shelled area (155201930) east range 3000-4000 yds, azimuth 5600 to 5800 m. Still receiving fire at 0105A. Reject 4: OP located in saddle between MT COSTELLO and MT TORACCIA. It's 1st Co dug in forward slope of MT COSTELLO. 3rd Co E slope of MT TORACCIA. ACTION: Journal.                |
| 13         | 0120        | Phone fr Return 5: Co C, 235 Engr working on road up to BELVEDERE ridge - Major Boyd will let me know as soon as he hears from Co C. ACTION: C/S.  |

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14	0120	Phone fr Rascoen: 2 platoons medium tanks held up just before ditch at CORONA — 2 tanks disabled. Are waiting for road to be cleared. ACTION: C/S.
15	0140	Phone fr Rex 2: Rebate White pinned down by artillery, mortar and small arms fire. White Bn forward elements now at (1554197). ACTION: Phoned CG.
16	0140	Phone fr Keystone 3: 1st Bn, 1st Regt, BEF has moved in ahead of 3rd Bn, 86th — is this OK? ACTION: This is according to plan. C/S and Map.
17	0150	Phone fr Rebate 5: Communication with 2nd Bn, 85th reestablished. 2nd Bn, 85th are not to attack "H" objective at dawn but will attack in morning after reconnaissance. ACTION: G-3 advised, Corps advised.
18	0152	Phone fr Rex 2: Remount Blue Left flank (1552185), R. flank (1554184) believed to have been by-passed by leading elements of Rebate. Left Co of Remount Blue trying to contact Rebate — not in contact now. ACTION: Remount Blue advised as to location forward elements Rebate White at (1554197).
19	0315	<u>Rec'd.</u> (By Messenger) Confirmation copies of IGMS Nos. 772 and 773 from IV Corps to Fifth Army dated 20 February 1945.
20	0315	Phone fr Rascoen 3: Disposition of armor remains unchanged. Road still blocked. Have called for tank wrecker. ACTION: Journal.
21	0315	Phone fr Retread 3: SITREP — NFA except for scattered artillery fire.
22	0320	Phone fr Recall 2 to Rebate 2: Request position and status of 2nd Bn, 85th. 2nd Bn reports (unconfirmed) as being on objective "G" with one Co. Still receiving small arms and mortar fire. Will check and make sure they are on objective. ACTION: Waiting for confirmation.
23	0330	Phone fr Rex 2: (From Rejeet 2) Rebate White's position has not changed. Rebate White formulating change of plan. Time 0315A. No change in position of Remount Blue. Time 0315A.
24	0335	Phone fr BEF: BEF reports attack to jump off at 0530A. In C along points 718 - 7Aa - 779 - 799 and FORNICE (1559187). ACTION: Journal.
25	0340	Phone fr Rebate 5: Rebate White is on Objective "G". Bn Commander has gone a little to N. of objective on reconnaissance. Reports saddle between "G" and "H" is very deep gorge, strongly held by Germans. Rebate White has one Company unknown commanding position. ACTION: Notified Corps.

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26	0405	Phone fr Hox 2: (From Reply 2) In officer reported at 0356A that OP#3 reported small arms fire in vicinity of CAMPIANO. ACTION: Journal.
27	0512	Phone fr Recall 3: BEF plan is to attack at 0530A. LD is roughly along line (571184), (567184), (559187); scheme of maneuver is to flank M CASTELLO from L. ACTION: C/S, GO 85th, Hox and Remount time advised.
28	0515	Phone fr Requite 2: Observer #60 (523176) cannot observe landing of shells. Approximate AZ 5000 mils. Distance of one gun over 3000 Yds at 210450A. Rebate 3 (thru Rejet) receiving shelling at (513145), approximate AZ 5000 mils at 210453.
29	0530	Phone fr Rebate 2: Counterattack materializing against objective G; strength and exact positions unknown; Arty being requested. ACTION: C/S and G-3 advised. Maj Gall has two Bns firing now at 0540A.
30	0540	Phone fr Hox 2: From Wisdom 2 at 0530A; BEF moving out as planned. ACTION: G-3 advised - map.
31	0600	Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 21 submitted.
32	0600	Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 13 submitted.
33	0615	Phone fr 1 BEF (Capt Turkish): 1st Bn, 1st Regt, BEF jumped off at 210530A. Points LD are 718 meters, 744 meters, 799 meters, 779 meters. Points are in areas 15618 and 15718. They pushed out patrols from those points during the night.
34	0630	Phone fr Remount 3: At 0615A, 2 rounds enemy Arty, estimated as 75mm landed vicinity 148851520. Approached on AZ of 130°. ACTION: Journal.
35	0630	Phone fr Maj Boyd: 1st Plat, Co C, 235th Engrs, found a possible by-pass that may work in vicinity of 521173. This is a route across country. ACTION: C/S and Col Irvin notified.
36	0645	Phone fr Rebate 2: Rebate White is under increasing counterattack. Communications are out. Do not know which direction. ACTION: C/S notified.
37	0650	Phone fr Capt Turkish: 3rd Bn, BEF, jumped off (no time specified) moving forward meeting little or no resistance and have occupied hill 1803 (568186).
38	0655	Phone fr Return 5 to Recall 5: Stark still working on road to ridge. First trail has been abandoned and we are working one (1) TD up on right side of trail to ridge. If we need an armed bulldozer we will call for it. ACTION: C/S - Ben Adv.

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39	0700	<u>Phone fr Recall 5 to Return 5:</u> Move out the damaged vehicles from trail. ACTION: C/S.
40	0700	<u>Phone fr Retread 2:</u> Small counterattack "C" Co area. Some mortar, some Arty. Communications out. Will keep us posted. ACTION: C/S.
41	0705	<u>Rec'd:</u> SITREP No. 102 dated 202400A from IV Corps. Ref 6017.
42	0715	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> Rebate White is on edge of objective. Does not know coordinates of locations.
43	0715	<u>Phone to Remount Blue 3:</u> Location of BEF as of 0630A. Informed Remount 3 of BEF situation. ACTION: C/S.
44	0715	<u>Phone fr CG Recall:</u> Asked why he was not told when 2d Bn, 85th, was stopped. ANSWER: C/S was told by the G's night phone. Gen said to keep Col Stone informed as to progress of BEF. ACTION: 85th was notified of latest BEF position.
45	0700	<u>Phone fr Rebate 3:</u> Rebate, 2nd Bn, reports counterattack by fire and movement in draws NW of hill #1018 (555198). Col Barlow is on the ridge and is sending a company of 1st Bn down the ridge to NE to contact 2nd Bn on hills #1027 and #1036 (vicinity 554196) and clear out enemy reported in area.
46	0725	<u>Phone fr 1 BEF (Capt Turkish):</u> NTR. Capt Turkish told that Rebate White was on edge of objective.
47	0630	<u>Phone fr BEF, G-3:</u> FORNAGE (559187) is in our hands. Fire is still coming from vicinity CAFFAL di RONCHIDOS. (Not previously entered)
48	0748	<u>Phone fr Rebate 5:</u> Rebate Blue reports counterattack developing in vicinity 1527178 - estimated enemy to consist of 15 men plus MG. Blue is calling for Arty fire. ACTION: C/S.
49	0750	<u>Phone fr Recall OP:</u> Recall OP No. 1 - MH fire coming from PULLA and CORONA. Enemy Arty fire is registering on CORONA. Do not know where Arty fire is coming from. ACTION: Noted for G-2.
50	0753	<u>Phone fr Retread 2:</u> Counterattack developing N of PULLA. Arty is neutralizing enemy. Enemy strength is unknown. Counterattack in C Co area (previously reported) seems to be in hand. ACTION: C/S.
51	0745	<u>Phone fr Recall 6:</u> Recall 10 - Band every effort to get heavy wire up to Lt Col Stone, Rebate White, going through GAGGIO MONTANA and MAZZAMANA. Coordinate with Rebate. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3.
52	0750	<u>Phone fr CO, 85th Mt Inf:</u> There are small patrols in 85th zone of action, but no objectives are surrounded as reported. (Div Arty reported Ob) G surrounded at 0630A). I Co is enroute to RANCHIDOS Di SOTTO (545182).

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53	0800	<u>Phone fr Air O to Rover Jess:</u> Arty believes enemy gun positions in LZ216 vicinity PANANO also 85mm fire being received from vicinity MONTESE (15624). Send Armd Ren flight to area and try and spot gun positions.
54	0803	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Present line of BEF from elevation point #803 in (5619) are to following (56301895). One Co moving towards Hill #875 in (5519). BEF Hq reports enemy counterattack at (544187) at 0630A.
55	0810	<u>Phone fr G-2 to RETURN:</u> Issue maps of the sector to our EL. This is for a little additional planning. In addition to normal maps, include layered maps.
56	0810	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> From 86th at 0740A - BEF in position at (558188) - (568187).
57	0820	<u>Phone fr BEF Ln Off:</u> 3rd Co, 1st Bn, near 875 hill. 2d Co, 1st Bn, near FORNACE facing COSTELLA. 1st Co area MASANGAMBA. 3rd Bn - Recon patrols on line 718, 776, 803, 779, 799. Receiving fire from FORNICICO and hill 887. CP of 1st Bn at FORNACE can clearly see enemy elements abandoning crest of COSTELLO. ACTION: Map and G/S.
58	0815	<u>Phone fr G-3 to Redoubt:</u> Movement Order: Be prepared to move with least practicable delay to 86th Mt Inf area to effect relief of 86th elements on the ridge. Call Transportation Officer for arrangements and time.
59	0820	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> Germans seen going N from M COSTELLO at (573195) at 210816A. ACTION: G-2 and Journal.
60	0820	Maj Lueck left CP at 210820A. No time of return designated.
61	0830	<u>Phone fr Rex 2:</u> From Reply 2; CP at (48921545) area shelled (48921546) Continuous shelling, damage not reported. AZ to enemy guns 4300 mils. Distance to gun unknown, believed to be 75mm at 0631A. CAMPIANO was shelled, AZ to enemy guns 320° at 0620A. Area (48061520) was shelled by enemy guns at an AZ 382° - possible 105mm gun. - at 0740A. ACTION: G-2 notified.
62	0830	<u>Phone fr Rebate 2:</u> Rebate White left "G". Moving toward "H" approximately (1555196). ACTION: Map, Journal.
63	0830	<u>Phone fr Gan Duff:</u> Send Lt Dunne to my quarters at once, prepared to move out Recon. ACTION: Notified.
64	0835	<u>Phone fr Rex 3 to G-3:</u> Ln O with BEF reports enemy pulling off Hill #977 into MALAMERONE valley.



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- 65 0820 Phone fr Rebate 2 to Recall 2: Counterattack petered out. White pushed off on time.
- 66 0821 Phone fr Retread 2 to Recall 2: Counterattack petered out. Will phone details later.
- 67 0822 Phone fr Jager 2 to Recall 2: Counterattack petered out. Our troops have passed point. ACTION: Notified CG, Corps G-2, and Journal on Messages No. 65, 66, and 67.
- 68 0735 Phone fr Recall 5 (Capt Humphrey) to Rex 3: Every piece of Corps Arty to fire on enemy pulling off hill 977 into MALANDRONE valley.
- 69 0840 Phone fr Lt Sharp: Ammunition for 10th Mt Div Units - 175 FA Bn, A Co - 1125 Armd FA Bn - A Btry 701 TD Bn. This report fr 201800A to 2 Mar 1800A.
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| 75 HE - 11,750            | 105 Smoke - 430               |
| 75 Smoke - 1175           | 81mm HE (L) - 700 MEXICAN     |
| 3" Gun HE - 1800          | 81mm Heavy - 700 M-58 fuse    |
| 3" Smoke - 60             | 81mm Smoke - 700              |
| 105 HE (M-48 fuse) - 2150 | 81mm Heavy - 1400 - M-53 fuse |
| 105 HE (M-51 fuse) - 2150 | 4.2 HE - 200                  |
|                           | 4.2 Smoke - 60                |
- 70 0840 Phone fr Recall<sup>5</sup> to Return 6: Arrange to have immediately, Engineer (white) tape in hands of all Inf elements for purpose of marking mined areas. ACTION: To be taken care of at once.
- 71 0855 Phone fr Retread to Recall 5: Request long range Arty support on roads leading up to north and west from positions. ACTION: G/S - Rex 3 notified and will fire on targets as phoned to them.
- 72 0855 Phone fr CP #2: Lt Robinson - No radio communication to CP #2 from 1st CP. Sent Ken patrol to CP #2 to establish communication. Contact to CP #3 but readability poor. CP#1 reports visibility to Mt BUIVIERE good. No activity by friendly troops. CP#1 498139, CP#2 462153, CP#3 512163, CP 483136. ACTION: Noted on map.
- 73 0910 Phone fr Retread 2: Five rounds of mortar fire fall in POLLA (508175) Do not know where fire came from at 0800A. ACTION: G-2 notified.
- 74 0920 Phone fr Retread 3: Counterattack in direction of "G" Co was beaten off at 0800A. Twenty-five enemy killed. No friendly casualties.
- 75 0923 Phone fr Rex 2: At 0745A about 60 enemy troops coming over hill towards (50921780), carrying small arms and automatic weapons. They are firing on our troops. Our Arty is firing on them, they have been silenced by our Arty and 5/A and mortar fire. We are standing for another attack.

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| 76         | 0935       |             | Phone fr Lt C, BFP: 1st Bn took Hill #875 receiving fire from Hill #930. 3rd Bn holding position - strong enemy resistance on right.   |
| 77         | 0945       |             | Phone fr Maj Walters (at LETA ADV) as of 0930A: Left Bn - One Co on #75 (5519), one in FORNACE (5518), one Co just N CAROH (552193). Right Bn, one Plat on hill 718 (5618) and #803, one on #779 (5718), one on #779 (5718). Still moving forward on L. Some resistance from Hill #930 (5619). Also fire from TORRACCIO.   |
| 78         | 0930       |             | Phone fr CO, 10th Mt Div to CO, 86th Mt Inf: Prepare to concentrate on orders this Hq's, 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf vicinity MAZZANZANA, to attack on order this Hq to support attack of 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf, Hqn routes. Report the time necessary to effect the concentration at MAZZANZANA for attack. ACTION: 3rd Bn, 86th - CO, 86th Inf.  |
| 79         | 0940       |             | Phone fr Rebase 5 to Recall 5: White Bn, CO, is a casualty. Heavy Npms CO is killed. They are being heavily shot up and at present time we can only assist them with 4.2 mortar fire. The Executive Officer has gone ahead to take over command of Bn. ACTION: O/S.  |
| 80         | 0943       |             | Phone fr Recall 3 to Return: Get Engineers working on tank by-pass near GORGNA. ACTION: My getting Bangalore torpedos to explode mines cannot estimate a time. Will continue work. Tk Co.  |
| 81         | 0948       |             | Phone fr Hex 3: RANOCCHI (15420) bunk located on road near draw - Can we get Air? ACTION: Yes - Rover Joe.   |
| 82         | 0950       |             | Phone fr Recall OP#1: Everything quiet and nothing to report.  |
| 83         | 0950       |             | Phone fr Retread 1: 1. "C" Co attacked by 80 men at 210700A. Attack beaten off at 210800A. No friendly casualties. 25 enemy dead. 2. At 210730A eight man enemy patrol approached (1509179) and were driven off. 3. Between (1509181) and MARNE enemy observed and our Arty is firing on them. 4. 3rd Bn has scattered enemy on our right flank and in front of "E" Co. Enemy patrol in front of "K" dispersed by Arty. Situation under control. ACTION: Map, G-2. |
| 84         | 0955       |             | Col Works calling 85th, 86th and 87th: Want to know estimated number of enemy dead in each Bn area - To be reported by 1430A.  |
| 85         | 0955       |             | Rec'd: Issued #774 fr IV Corps dated 210900A. Ref No. 100.   |
| 86         | 1000       |             | Phone fr Hex 3 (Maj Gall): The BFP doesn't have Mt CASTELLO (567193) Hill #977. They gave the wrong slope to Arty Lt C. BFP has taken Hill #875. ACTION: O/S.  |
| 87         | 1000       |             | Rec'd: Report on Pyrotechnics used by the 1st Regt - BFP on D and D41.   |
| 88         | 1000       |             | Rec'd: Overlay of positions fr Hq, 87th Mt Inf as of 21 Feb.   |

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- 89 1000 Phone fr Roveke; CP#1 (VIDICHIATICO) No activity. CP#2 (SERRANOCIA) still no communication. 511 radios will not work, and 300's have not yet arrived. Messenger is on way down. CP#3 (JUEGICOLA) - No definite report. Radio is being jammed. Will abandon CP as ordered by G-2. ACTION: Journal.
- 90 1005 Phone fr Col Avera to Recall 5: Stone is badly mauled - in need of water, food, ammunition, and stretcher bearers. He is unable to push on in present condition. ACTION: G/8.
- 91 1010 Phone fr Keystone 2: Intelligence school to be held at the training area at LIDGRATA located two miles N of PIZIQUILL. One officer and one Sgt to be either a Div G-2 ass't or Regimental or Battalion S-2. The Sgt and Intelligence Sgt School will begin at 1200A, 9 Mar to the 26th Mar. Submit officer and Sgts' name, rank, serial number and organization before the 25th of Feb. Officer accommodations provided. Sgt to bring bed roll. Both are to bring equipment, map boards and grease pencil. ACTION: G-2 and G-3 notified.
- 92 1015 Phone fr Rex 2: Air report - No activity on PANANO valley, but at (440175) quite a new well beaten trail and some bunkers. Nothing in PANANO and along road. ACTION: Noted A In Off and G-2.
- 93 1017 Phone fr G-3 to CG, 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf: Concentrate your Bn vicinity MEEZANGANA without delay. Send contact patrols to 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf. Prepare to support attack of 85th Mt Inf on objective N. ACTION: CG, 86th Mt Inf was informed.
- 94 1030 Phone fr HADCOB 2: One platoon light tanks now at 345184. Two more platoons moving up. Engrs are using bangalore torpedoes. Further developments will be called in. ACTION: G/8 - G-3.
- 95 1030 Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report fr Hq IV Corps dated 21 Feb, 0700A.
- 96 1030 Rec'd: Overlay Of Fields Of Fire from Co "A", 701st TD Bn, dated 21 Feb, 1015A.
- 97 1030 Phone fr Rex 2: A large vehicle traveling S on road via following (545210) also lot of personnel traveling on same road at 0952A. ACTION: G-2 - M - J - 85, 86, 87, XV Corp.
- 98 1035 Phone to CG, 86th Mt Inf: Elements 10th Lt AT Bn arrived VIDICHIATICO at 1340A, 1410A, 1440A to-day.
- 99 1045 Phone fr Remount 2: Estimate of enemy dead. 1st Bn area - 81. 2nd Bn area - 23. 3rd Bn area - 20.
- 100 1100 Phone fr Recall 2 to Keystone 2: Request to Corps G-2. Tactical Men to observe road S of ALBARILLI (5431) for enemy troop movements.

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| 101        | 1100       |             | Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 22 submitted.   |
| 102        | 1115       |             | Phone fr Major _____: Tactical Ran report received 1110A. Time over area 0940A. 100+ horse drawn vehicles going NE from P 7015 toward AULLA (7821). ACTION: Maj Walker and G-2 notified.                                   |
| 103        | 1135       |             | General Clark, Lightning 6, Keystone 6, and party arrived at CP.   |
| 104        | 1145       |             | Phone fr Retread 3: CP of Blue BH is being moved to (518173). ACTION: Noted G-3.   |
| 105        | 1145       |             | Phone fr Remount Blue 2: From Wisdom that Armor and troops are coming from NW in the (5219) area moving S towards VALPIANO. (Unconfirmed) Need more 98 IV SR sheets, and additional pass-words. ACTION: Noted G-2 and G/S. |
| 106        | 1150       |             | Gen Clark, Lightning 6, Keystone 6, and party left CP.   |
| 107        | 1120       |             | Phone fr Capt Turish: From 21115A - 21132A, bombed Mt COSTELLO. Disposition 3rd Bn BEF - 8th Co 544163; 9th Co 555164; 7th Co 547167; Bn CP 551167. ACTION: Map.   |
| 108        | 1145       |             | Phone fr Retread 3: Reports 19 prisoners captured - Identified as 3rd Co., 7th Reg., 11th Div. Action: Noted G-2, C/S.   |
| 109        | 1155       |             | Phone fr Gen McMarney's Aide: Called Recall 2 and wanted to speak to Gen McMarney. ACTION: None.   |
| 110        | 1217       |             | Rec'd: Map of enemy found on Mt BELVEDERE 21 Feb 45. Found by Rebata Blue 2.   |
| 111        | 1215       |             | Phone fr Keystone 3 to Recall: Have Keystone 5 call G-3, at Keystone battle. ACTION: Will notify Keystone 5 when he arrives.   |
| 112        | 1150       |             | Phone fr Recall 2 to Retread 3: Send the sharpest PW, NCO or officer from 114th Div by Jeep w/o delay to our PW cage. Total PW's estimated: 1st Bn, 100—2d Bn, 40—3rd Bn, 10...total 150. ACTION: Notified PW cage.        |
| 113        | 1200       |             | Phone fr Revoké OP's: OP #1: American planes strafing and firing rockets at (490175), at 211045A. OP #2: No communications. OP #3: Only friendly planes overhead to report. ACTION: Rover Joe, Journal.                    |
| 114        | 1235       |             | Phone fr Major Schooley: A & B left M. GORGOLISCO and are moving to obj. "F" to be used at Rebata 6 sees fit. ACTION...G-3, Journal.   |
| 115        | 1200       |             | Phone fr Capt Turish: From 21115A - 21132A bombed MT. COSTELLO. Disposition 3rd Bn, BEF. 8th Co. 544163; 9th Co. 555164; 7th Co. 547167; Bn CP 551167. ACTION: Map.  |

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116	1200		Phone fr 5th Army 2 to Div 2: Troops were observed yesterday moving South from FERRARA to BOLOGNA and also yesterday in the vicinity of BOLOGNA. None seen S of Rv 99. I expect the 10th to run into a Bn at least and later on other elements of the Div.
117	1205		Phone fr IV Corps G-2 to Div 2: Same info as fr Army 2. This Div has been opposite 8th Army in the COMAGGIO lake district. Elements of this Division have been recently identified in line.
118	1210		Phone fr Rex 8: Remount Blue - 15 Rds undetermined cal. at (547175) at 211000A. Remount Blue now moving and assembling at (554183). Air strip - Just fired (A54120) at light vehicles on road in both directions; also on personnel walking. Action at 211043A. Reply 2 - Three Germans left house at (453165) at 211015A. Enemy in village at (A51168) at 211000A. Three enemy at (456176) at 211015A. Dugout position and one AT gun at (A47173). Remount White notes two gun emplacements at (A47193). Three to four men around position. Reject 2 - At 211021A at (553193) report enemy G/A in area. Effect unobserved. 185th FA - Armor and foot troops moving along road at (521531) at 211126A. Plane was sent up and saw 2-47's strafing area.
119	1200		Phone fr Capt Bourke to Rex 2: What is the story on 2nd Bn 85th. B and G Co's are pinned down at 55561950 receiving Arty and mortar fire. Also 88 fire from RANOCCHI 543200. ACTION: G-3, Maj Walker and G/S notified.
120	1220		Phone fr G-2 to PW Cage: Sending over a prisoner from 114th Div. Give him the works immediately and send me report as soon as possible. ACTION: Will do so.
121	1230		Phone fr Maj Schooley (Rebate 3): 2nd Bn 85th in column of Co's G, F, E, Head of column now is at phase line 2. ACTION: G/S - Map.
122	1255		Phone fr Maj Madden: A light tank Co is spread out alongside of ridge with left element at 536177. Capt Guthridge with support of Remount started up with two platoons of medium tanks. Meeting difficulty, but one tank has reached top of ridge and heading East. Engineers expect to have mines cleared by 1800. ACTION: Rebate 5 notified.
123	1300		Phone fr Retread Blue: Casualties since 202400A - Eight from mortar fire since dawn. Arty support limited. Lack of mortar support because of poor communications. No contact w/enemy at 211100A. Enemy possibly held up in perimeter of our defense. Strong patrol action and light G/A at three points shortly after dawn simultaneously on (518183), (511180), (511175). Strong enemy patrol to (518183). Took one "I" Co prisoner and then withdrew to house. Our patrol flanked house; enemy surrendered. Thirty-one prisoners, 2 wounded. Recaptured our own man. 12-14 man patrol w/SIA and Arty fire. Enemy withdrew to MARNE, leaving three dead and also a MG. Enemy captured fr 741st IR, 3d Co, total 33. Two enemy captured from 1044th. Captured enemy marched for seven days from PO VALLEY and

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- 123 Continued attacked at once. Communications very bad because of mines. Accurate mortar fire from enemy. ACTION: G-3 Map, C/S, Corps.
- 124 1300 Rec'd: Engineer Situation Report, 20 Feb 45, fr IV CORPS.
- 125 1300 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report, 19 Feb 45, 924 Inf Div.
- 126 1300 Rec'd: Reversion of Training Memo, 18 Feb 45, FIFTH ARMY.
- 127 1300 Rec'd: Change #8 to S.A.E. Instructions, 17 Feb 45, FIFTH ARMY.
- 128 1300 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 50, 19 Feb 45, IV CORPS.
- 129 1300 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 108, 20 Feb 45, 924 Inf Div.
- 130 1300 Phone fr Keystone Battle (Col Pond): REF reports REF troops on H 850 pinned down by arty from H 1036 and H 1027. Aren't these hills held by our troops? ANSWER: Yes, I'll check with REBATE and call you back. - REBATE 3 says REBATE WHITE has not passed PHASE LINE 2 (L553193). I'll try to get complete story for you. ACTION: For Journal, Col Irvin notified.
- 131 1320 Phone fr Keystone 2 (Col King): Tactical AIR Recon Report: (211150A to 211150A). CASTELNUOVE (18520). No movement. AULLA (P7525); 3 horse drawn vehicles moving east. AULLA to TREBBANA (P7426); 5 horse drawn vehicles moving north. (P7015) to AULLA; 8 horse drawn vehicles moving NE and 10 Motor Transport moving SW. (P7418) to MASSA; no movement seen. ACTION: Journal.
- 132 1345 Phone fr Lt Courser - 86th LN Off: Patrol from 1st Bn, 86th, moving in the saddle between BUGO and CAMPIANO were shelled by enemy arty - 2 killed, 6 wounded. Apparently Germans observed patrol and moved in on area through which patrol would go and get the entire patrol. ACTION: For Isum and Sitrep.
- 133 1345 Rec'd: fr IV CORPS ORDNANCE OFFICE: Reference teletype No. 6009 this headquarters dated 201835 February 1945. Correct Periodic Ammunition allocation for listed 81mm mortar items to read as follows: 700 rounds 81mm mortar HE (heavy) with fuse M-52, 1400 rounds 81mm mortar HE (heavy) with fuse M-53, 700 rounds smoke.
- 134 1345 Phone fr Recall to C.O., 84th CML Bn; C.O. 84th Mt Inf, C.O., 10th Mt AT Bn. Co A, 84th CML Bn will be in B/S 10th Mt AT Bn upon relief of 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf, by 10th Mt AT Bn, 21 Feb. ACTION: CO 84 CML Bn notified 1345A, CO 86 Mt Inf Notified 1350A, 86 Mt Inf will fwd message at once to CO, 10th Mt AT Bn.
- 135 1350 Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 5: You can expect a counter attack tonight. Have your tanks button up, positions dug in well. Get

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| 135        | Continued  |             | bazookas along roads, and get communications up to forward positions. Also lay trip flares and AT mines. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 136        | 1330       |             | Hq, 10th Mt Div Issu No. 14 submitted (not previously entered).  |
| 137        | 1350       |             | Rec'd: Signal Operation Instructions, 25 Feb 45, 10th Mt Div.  |
| 138        | 1350       |             | Rec'd: AFGOde No. 2075, effective: 22 Feb 45   |
| 139        | 1400       |             | Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div to CG 85th Mt Inf: Have 3d Bn (-) dig in and hold Obj F. Have 1st Bn (-) dig in and hold Obj E. Have 3d Bn Co, now W of OGGIOLESCO move to Hill 1027; dig in and hold it. Col Barlow will seize and hold Obj H (MT DELLA TERRACCIA) with 2d Bn, 85th Mt Inf. 3d Bn, 86th Mt Inf; now vicinity MARZANUANA, will be committed on della TERRACCIA by this hq, when 2d Bn, 85th has been expanded. ACTION: Phone to CG 85th, CG 86th, CG 3d Bn, 86th. |
| 140        | 1430       |             | Phone fr Rebata 3: I Co approaching Obj "F". K Co following I Co. L Co defending Obj E. A, B, and D Co's in column marching toward Obj F. REBATE WHITE 2d elements believed to be at H 1053. ACTION: Notified: G-3, C/S, Gen Hays.   |
| 141        | 1440       |             | Phone fr Capt Davis: PWs came from MADENA through MONTESE. Were driven into rear area under cover of darkness. Are security conscious. Are from 7th IR, 114 I.D. ACTION: G-2, Journal.   |
| 142        | 1440       |             | Phone fr Keystone: Tac Hen. W of road S of ALBARELLI and area MONTESE - ALBARELLI and PAMANO. Absolutely no movement seen. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.  |
| 143        | 1450       |             | Rec'd: Div Arty S-3 Report #23, 20 Feb 45  |
| 144        | 1450       |             | Rec'd: Captured German documents sent down by 3 Bn, 85 Mt Inf.   |
| 145        | 1450       |             | Phone fr Rebata 2: Delayed report of estimated Germans killed: (To G-2): - 1st Bn 85th Inf: - 47 Germans killed. ACTION: G-2, Journal.   |
| 146        | 1450       |             | Phone from Army G-2 to G-2: Expect whole Division in your area tomorrow and expect counter-attacks. ACTION: Noted in Journal.  |
| 147        | 1450       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: from BEV - front lines as of 1320A (555194) (560190) (565187) (568186) (571187). Reply 2 - at 1330 a MG was noted in a house at (457185). Being taken under fire. "B" Co, 86th, shelled by arty, killing 2, wounding 6, at (476172) at 21130A. 87th - Co's B and C are 100 yds S of (522178), dug in on objective. Line runs fr to (518183). Have contact on H and L. Killed 25 enemy, took 38 prisoners. ACTION: G-3, Journal, C/S.                       |
| 148        | 1450       |             | Phone fr Recall 6: To Maj Walters: Has attack on 875 began? ANSWER: The attack is moving along, extending generally eastward.  |

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| 148            | Continued   | Have not reached 930 point yet. Resistance is mainly automatic weapons, but no details as to how heavy fire is. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 149            | 1450        | Phone fr Retread 2: PW reports that 3 88mm guns at CASTELDUCHIO (15220) have been knocked out. IPW reports identification of 3rd Co, 741 Rgt, 114 Light Mtn Div. Each rifle Co has 6 to 8 LMG's and 6 to 8 unnamd AT guns. ACTION: Isum, Map, G-2, Rover Joe.  |
| 150            | 1450        | Phone fr Recall 6 to Remount Blue 6: Take one company to Hill 1053 (1548189) and if hill is not held, and held strongly, your company will occupy and hold that position. If it is held strongly company will return to MANSAGANMA. ACTION: Notified G/S, Journal.   |
| 151            | 1450        | Phone fr G-3, REF: Bn CO, 1st Bn, 1st Regt, REF says H 1036 is occupied by Americans. He has been ordered to move E down ridge 930. ACTION: Col Irvin notified.  |
| 152            | 1450        | Phone fr Rex 2: 85th - front lines at (540185) (543187), at 1400A. 3 enemy squads seen at (510180) at 1220A. Were neutralized by arty fire. ACTION: G-3, Journal, G/S.   |
| 153            | 1455        | Phone fr Recall 6 to G-3: Notify CO, 3d Bn, 86th, that if elements at MAZZAGANA have a Brazilian liaison officer with them; send him to contact 2d Bn, 85th. ACTION: CO, 3rd Bn, 86th notified.  |
| 154            | 1500        | Hq, 10th Mt Div, Sitrep No. 23 submitted.  |
| 155            | 1500        | Phone fr Revaks 2: #1 OP - at 1245A reports Amer planes over BELVEDERE. #2 - at 1300A established radio contact with OP #1. At 1430 SPITFIRES were shelling at (4718). Chm peer. 40 Jerries crossing 3-span bridge in single file at (457196). Turned right, went 200 yds, turned right again and went 100 yds, entered large building. ACTION: G-2, Rover Joe, Map, G/S, Corps. |
| 156            | 1500        | Phone fr Rex 2: To Rebate, Retread, Remount, Corps: A large vehicle and numerous personnel seen traveling S on road (545210) at 210952A. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 157            | 1500        | Phone fr Recall 6 to Resort: How is wire coming that is being run to 10277 ACTION: Latest word (about one hour ago) indicated that completion would be in about an hour. Should be almost completed now.   |
| 158            | 1540        | Phone fr Raceon: Nothing to report except 2 Plat Med. at (1543148) will try to work to HE. ACTION: For Journal.  |
| 159            | 1543        | Phone fr Biv Eng O (Lt Smith): REF is putting in Bailey Bridge ju N of GAGGIO - MONTANO - are working now. ACTION: For Journal.  |



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| 160     | 1545 | Phone fr Rebate 2: 2d Bn renewed attack at 1350A and were advancing. Col Barlow is assignant of orders with respect to the employment of 85th Mt Inf. ACTION: G-3 notified.   |
| 161     | 1545 | Phone fr Col Stevenson: American Troops estimated to be a company are reported by REF to be at G. ZOLF0 (L543190) - Officer from 3d Bn 86th will identify and Col Stevenson will call back. ACTION: G-3 notified (Maj Murphy).  |
| 162     | 1545 | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 51, 20 Feb 45, fr IV CORPS.  |
| 163     | 1545 | Rec'd: G-2 Report, No. 533, 20 Feb 45, fr FIFTH ARMY.   |
| 164     | 1555 | Phone fr Max 2: Rebate Blue - noted enemy troops moving S through CASTELLUCIO at (523202). Were carrying heavy packs. Followed by vehicles. Asked for more information on number of troops. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal, Rover Joe.   |
| 165     | 1600 | Phone fr Keystone fr REF: 1 PW fr 1st Co, 1043, taken 210900A at (554193). 1 & 2 Co's came to front line because of our attack. Bn had been resting. Left ROPFR0 (637267) 20 Feb, early AM, walked to ALBARELLI (546206). Strength: 1st Co: 45 men; 2nd Co: stronger than 1st. Thinks rest of bn is moving in. 1st Bn 1045, is between M COSTELLO (548192) and PIETRA COLORA (L599222). PW saw 4 c.m. with edelweiss moving S just N of ALBARELLI. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal. |
| 166     | 1600 | Phone fr Col Matthewson: Ln O from 10th Div has not arrived at REF left flank. 3 S.P. guns in vic of MALARDOME (L570197) - went up draw - we are trying to get tank fire on them. ACTION: Notified G-3.   |
| 167     | 1620 | Phone fr Retread 2: Civilians are returning to their houses in vicinity of ROCCA CORNETTA. We are still firing in that area. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 168     | 1630 | Phone fr Maj Walker: Road S of GORONA is blocked by tank and 2 vehicles destroyed by mines - Have been there since 2300A last night. Retread packing in supplies by packbeard. Ass't Div Eng has been trying to clear road without success. ACTION: Notified G-3.   |
| 169     | 1645 | Phone fr Recall 6 to Keystone 5: Attack building up N of VALPIANO. Enemy troops marching in. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 170     | 1645 | Rec'd: 751st Tank Battalion Report No. 52, 21 Feb 45.   |
| 171     | 1700 | Rec'd: Sitrep #103 fr IV CORPS dated 211200A. Ref No. 101.  |

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- 172    1700    Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 6: In C, Field Artillery F.O. at 1630A phoned Rex that Col Stone was at (554195) and that Col Stone was going forward to verify that his front line was forward, unimpeded and at that time his radio went out. ACTION: Journal.
- 173    1640    Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 2: Have you a In Officer with BEF? Lt Sue is In Officer with BEF. He is at Div Hq, BEF. Col Matthews at BEF 1st Regt CP notified - he will have him sent forward at once. ACTION: G-3 notified.
- 174    1645    Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount 3: Has the AT Bn closed into their area? Ans: They are moving in now but will not close until late tonight. We will give you an hourly report beginning at 211700A. ACTION: G-3 notified.
- 175    1705    Phone fr Remount 2: CAMPIANO, BUSSO, quiet. A little enemy artillery at 211330A, at (468162). No counter attacks. ACTION: ISUN, G/S, G-2, Journal.
- 176    1720    Phone fr CO, 10th Mt Div to CO, 3rd Bn, 84th Mt Inf: Recall the Co sent to 1053 to MAZZACANA and keep 3rd Bn, 84th Mt Inf there. Maintain contact with 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf, and be prepared to pass through that Bn and attack objective (MT DELLA TORRECCIA) at daylight tomorrow.
- 177    1725    Phone fr Remount 3: 1. Recon Troop (-) one platoon has left FORNELLATO enroute to MT MANGINELLO. 2. One platoon, Recon Troop enroute to SERRASIOCCIA and Ridge X to relieve "G" Co. 3. "G" Co, 10th AT Bn at foot of MT. preparing to move to SERRASIOCCIA. 4. "A" Co, 10th AT Bn now in PARKS preparing to move to NUBO and CAMPIANO.
- 178    1725    Phone fr Retread 2: Enemy counter attacks checked off during the afternoon. Column of enemy (undetermined strength) moving 8 500 yards N of VALIGNO (518180) at 211705A. 88mm arty fire has increased in intensity throughout sector. ACTION: Journal, G-2, Rover Joe, Map, G/S Corps.
- 179    1725    Phone fr Rex 2: BEF is attacking N. COSTELLO from FORNELLO (1569188) and from H 887 (1522191). From LN C. with BEF. ACTION: Notified G-3
- 180    1730    Phone fr Rex 2 fr BEF LN C: A bn jumping off at (574181) - 1 Co attacking NW, 1 Co attacking to Right at 1720A. ACTION: G-3, G/S, Journal.
- 181    1800    Rec'd: S-3 Report No. 13, TF 45, 21 Feb 45.
- 182    1800    Phone fr Gen Duff to Recall 6: Rebate White at (556197) and moving forward. Has met light opposition. ACTION: Rebate White will keep moving and button up at dark. Have Rebate 6 call me when operation is

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- 182 Continued completed and I will decide at that time if Remount Blue will pass thru.
- 183 1800 Phone fr Rabats 5 to G-2: Received orders to submit report on number of Germans killed in our zone. How accurate must it be. ACTION: This information requested by General Hays, and it can be just estimated.
- 184 1800 Phone fr Col Curtis (Keystone Battle) to Recall 5: 1st Bn, BRF progressing south along MILADROME to (564195) east of Hill 930. 3d Bn, BRF, is progressing from FANELLO. Exact location front not fixed. 2d Bn, BRF, is advancing from S. GUANELLA (575142). Have reached Hill 779. Reserve Bn, 3d, 11th BRF just in and NE of GAGGIO MONTANA. Verified that Brazilians received fire from Hill 1036 this A.M. Verified that contact with our troops at Hill 1014 at approx. 1300A today. Also elements of our companies were contacted in vicinity of C. ZOLFO. They reported that our troops were proceeding toward Hill 930. Brazilians sent out patrol under white flag and identified this contact about 1500A. ACTION: G/S, Map, Journal.
- 185 1800 Phone fr Retread 6 (Col Fowler): Enemy counter attack of undetermined strength at VALPIANA (15118). We are countering with all our 75mm arty, mortars, MG and S/A fire. Will keep you informed. ACTION: Confirmation of former report. Checked with Rex 2; they have had easy under arty fire for 15 minutes. Notified G-2, G/S.
- 186 1800 Phone fr Capt Turish (BRF LN 4): M. COSTELLA taken 1745A by BRF. ACTION: Journal, G/S
- 187 1800 Phone fr Reveals 2 (Lt Robinson): 8 men are on way to GAGGIO MONTANO, from which they will move up to Hill 1053 (15418) and establish new CP as ordered. Communication will be by radio, relayed through GAGGIO MONTANO to VIDICIATICO and then telephoned in. 2 platoons (Reveals) are now on way to M. MANGIHELLO and SERRABIGGIA. As soon as they take over CP #2 on SERRABIGGIA, my platoon will move to new CP in GAGGIO MONTANO. ACTION: G-2, G-3, Journal.
- 188 1800 G-3 Periodic Report No. 178 sent out.
- 189 1800 Rec'd: Weather Forecast fr FIFTH ARMY, dated 211415A
- 190 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div Ism No. 15 submitted.
- 191 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 24 submitted.

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192	1803	Phone fr Retread 3: Boundary (RP) between Retread Red and Rebate on right is - 1531178. This point was agreed to on ground between Col Fowler and Lt Col Shaler. ACTION: Journal, Map.
193	1815	Phone fr Max 2: From arty Liaison officer with the BHF. BHF has now reached (562193). 1st Bn has just left GUANELLA (57452810) moving toward Hill 887 (572191). Fighter Bomber at 1522 have seen enemy positions at (47041990). All bombed in target area. 10 direct hits on buildings, 2 hits over, strafed and dived. Reconnaissance for armor and troops at (420195). 1500A, no movement seen. From Reg 2 fr BHF: Troops sighted in vicinity of (55561006). Do not know whose troops they are. Co L of the 85th reports friendly tanks on Hill 1088 and other reports heavily mined and trapped, on Hill 1088 (53481775) to (53701835). 2d Bn renewed attack at 1350A until 1610A. Liaison plane No. 4 reported (501200) 3 possible anti tank guns also 3 possible 88mm guns. Plans was forced to leave area before effect of fire noted. At 1522A another plane 420 reported troop movements in the same area registered fire sunset. Deemed unsafe at blackout substitute fire stopped after few rounds were fired. Liaison plane 420 at 1535A asked for 435 barrage. Fire stopped after 2 rounds. ACTION: Journal.
194	1815	Rec'd: Isum No. 775 fr IV CGSFS, Ref No 102' 211900A.
195	1833	Phone fr Rebate 3: "E" Co is beyond Obj "G". ACTION: Attn G-3.
196	1835	Phone fr Capt Livermore (Corps LN O): 92d - (1350A) - 365th fired on enemy mortars tank patrol to (140044) no enemy reaction. Mortar and enemy activity - quiet period. BHF - (1618A) - FORNELLO (569188) Hill 930 have been taken. 2d Bn (-) has been ordered to attack right of 3d Bn. At 1620A attack from Hill 930 is continuing toward COSTELLO. 92d (1330A) - generally quiet - patrols, no contact. 23 Pz - 201200 - 211200A. TF 45 (1330A) quiet - some enemy movement observed. II Corps (0700A) increased contact during night - combat patrol to DI SOPRA (982331) driven back. Enemy reaction to all patrolling very sensitive. Scattered movement observed, between 97 and 88 E generally along 33 N. Enemy raid on pos (783278) at 0500A unsuccessful. 1 deserter. ACTION: Journal, noted.
197	1845	Phone fr Recall 5 to Return (Capt Bayres): What is the situation on road to CORONA still blocked by truck and tank. A wrecker is supposedly on its way. The mine field is being cleared, and they are now as far as CORONA. Estimate that they will be close to VALFLINK by morning. The BELVEDERE trail is ready for tanks but unable to contact tank people to see if they are going to try it. ACTION: C/S, Journal.

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198	1900	Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2 to Rex: We are now at (523177) and observing designated points. Rebate red reports 1710A German activity & enemy observed at (551207) Alas 2 Germans left house and went to two buildings at (55032067). ACTION: Noted Journal.
199	1900	G-2 Periodic Report No. 5, 10th Mt Div sent out.
200	1900	Phone fr Rex 2: From Air OP at 211820A. 1 Battery 88mm guns at (152101990). 2 hits were observed. ACTION: Journal, G-2, G-3.
201	1930	Phone fr Recall 6 (Capt Humphrey) to Rebate 3: How far is Stone from objective H. ACTION: Cannot say definitely as have not received accurate report of location. Think they are up the forward slopes of H as their last Co has passed objective G. They report receiving heavy MG fire, and being heavily shelled. This report has not reached arty yet.
202	1935	Phone fr Retread 2: Counter attack at VALFIANO (15118) was broken up by arty support before it got well underway. Estimated 60 to 80 enemy in attacking force. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
203	1935	Phone fr Remount RED 6: 45 to 50 men observed going into houses located at (14,51169) at about dusk tonight. Arty now firing on it. This is in town of FIANO DELLA PARRIA. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
204	1950	Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 6 (Capt Humphreys): TD Platoon in position 1097 just north of GAGGIO MONTANA and can fire from that point. They will continue to march tomorrow morning maintaining ability to fire. ACTION: CG notified.
205	1950	Phone fr G-2 to Corps 2: The C/A on VALFIANO has been broken up by arty fire. We received a propaganda leaflet welcoming the 85th and 86th to Italy. Recommend the secrecy of the 10th Mt be lifted. ACTION: Will see about lifting secrecy.
206	1950	Phone fr Rebate: At 1800A 85th Inf was as follows: Left of "B" on (531178); A Co on right of B; C on right of B; Co I at Hill 1033 (54,8189); Co L at Hill 1027 (552193); Co K in reserve at unreported location. 85th Mt Inf CG will displace to location vicinity (549142) during night.
207	2000	Phone fr G-3 to Rebate, Retread, and Remount: Rebate, white, taken final objectives at 1950A. ACTION: Noted in Journal.
208	2000	Phone fr Remount 3: Request that searchlights be kept off 86th area. Prefer they are not turned on at all. Lights on BELVEDERE light up our area. ACTION: Referred to Col Irvin.

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209	2000	Phone fr Recall 6 to Gen Duff: Have Maj May move up and contact Lt Col Stone at daybreak and locate routes to his position and location of his front lines in case it is necessary to use his bn.
210	2000	Phone fr Gen Duff: 2d Bn, 85th Mt Inf is on its objective (MT DELLA TORRACCIA). ACTION: Map, Journal.
211	2010	Phone fr Rascon 3: 1 Med plat at (545188); 1 Med plat at (544183); 1 L Plat (536178); 2 L Plats (538181). Have contacted Gen Duff and Bn Comdrs. They are in good firing positions. 2 Tanks at (526177). Tanks are not at VALFIANA. 1 Tank hit a mine near CUCOMA but is still mined. Will send additional tanks to VALFIANA when road is clear. ACTION: Map, Journal.
212	2000	Phone fr Recall 3 to Lugar (Maj Adair): 85th Co I at Hill 1013 (1542189); Co I at Hill 1027 (1552193); 3d Bn, 66th at MAZZANAMA (1555185). Have the searchlights kept off the ridge in BOBO - CAMPANO area. Watch out for reflection on this area. ACTION: Noted for G-3.
213	2020	Phone fr Retread 3: Neither Bn of Retread has heard or seen armored vehicles in vicinity of (1518189) - Bns were alerted as to the possibility of armor. ACTION: Attn G-2.
214	2025	Phone fr Col Davis (Keystone): Requests more information on location of 721 JC Regt. ACTION: Check being made with Lt Bromberg. Notified Col Davis: 721st is rpt still in line on 8th Army front. 741st has been in rest area for past 5 weeks at Lake Comacino.
215	2025	Phone fr Recall 2: Checked with Lt Bromberg and found that 721st is in the line. 741st had been in a rest area before moving to our sector. ACTION: Journal.
216	2030	Phone fr Rep TF: OP #1 - enemy arty obsvd on crest of BELVEDERE, several (7) 5-10 at 1705A. OP #2 - No communications. OP#3 - Displaced fwd to (548190), and should arrive at 211030A. ACTION: G-2 notified, Journal.
217	2045	Radio Msg fr 5th Army ASG: Night bombers to work area to your front tonight. ACTION: For Journal.
218	2045	Phone fr Keystone Adv 2: 18th Army Group requests the following info: from what sector of the 8th Army front did the 741 Yeager Regt Come? ANSWER: Lake Comacino. Is the 721 Yeager Regt still in line. ANSWER: Yes. If so don't know where? When did they leave the 8th Army front? 7 days ago. To be referred to Lt Bromberg. ACTION: Questions answered by Bromberg - noted to Keystone 2.

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219	2045	Phone fr Rex 2: At (518189) suspected arm vehicles and personnel assembly. Are firing 3 volleys. ACTION: G-2, Map, C/S, 87th, 85th 86th.
220	2045	Phone fr Rex 2: 85th Inf Obsv - (548206) (555197) are reported coordinates of 3 LOS's (which he got from a PW). 85th, 2d Bn - is now on Obj "H" at 2020A. Air CP - at (579248) saw 1 large gun at 1730A. At (562237) 3 square sand-bagged emplacements noted. 4-6 gun enemy battery (LOS or 75) at (568232). These were neutralized and ammo dump blown up. ACTION: G-3, Map, Mover Joe.
221	2045	Phone fr Capt McIntyre, S-3, 2d Bn, 85th: We were just about to move out about 202300A for "G". We were back in a dug-out completing plans when the enemy zeroes in on us. They pinned down half the battalion, and apparently had a couple of roving 88's. There were approximately 100 casualties. Three times during the night they attacked. They were still shooting at us in the afternoon about 4:00 o'clock. You could hardly ever see any of them, and never could spot their guns. They fired at us at will and we had a rough time of it. They almost got General Duff and they did get his aid. We had a pretty rough time of it, and are all pretty rough. We had many officer casualties. ACTION: Journal.
222	2045	Phone fr Recall 2: Four copies of enemy propaganda leaflets will be forwarded to this headquarters: ACTION: 85th, 86th, 87th, Div Arty.
223	2045	Phone fr Capt Ramberg Through Major Gull: Previous report of "armor" in message taken at 212000A was in error. Fwd obsv had noted 1 half-track at coordinated given. ACTION: Journal, 85th, 86th, 87th.
224	2100	Phone fr Retread 3: Story behind the tank report. An obs from "C" Company told F.O. with "G" Company, RETREAD, that he thought he saw a tank in a haystack at (1512189). Arty fired the target. Haystack was burned. No evidence of tank. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
225	2115	Phone fr NEF: 2 PW's of 1 Bn, 1043 Regt captured on Hill 1036, by NEF (1555195). Prisoner states his Bn was in Res and was to relieve 1st Bn of 1045 Regt which was in front of PISTHO COLOGRA. Due to our surprise attack, Bn was ordered to BELVEDERA. ACTION: Journal, Map.
226	2130	Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary No. 129, XIII Tactical Air Command, 19 February 1945.
227	2130	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report, IV CORPS, No. 239, 21 February 1945.

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- 228 2130 Rec'd: Fifth Army Photo Intelligence Centre General Interpretation Report No. 4210, 21 Feb 1945 (Capt Patton)
- 229 2130 Rec'd: Envelope fr IV CORPS P.I. containing Air Photos.
- 230 2130 Phone fr CO, 86th Mt Inf: 2d Bn has been instructed to remain Corps Res vicinity VIBICATIAGO. 1st Bn, when relieved by 10th Mt AT Bn, will be taken in 86th organic vehicles to vicinity GAGGIO - MONTANO. Relief will not be completed before daylight 21 Feb. Regt GP will move to vicinity GAGGIO - MONTANO when relief is completed. ACTION: Journal.
- 231 2130 Phone fr Keystone 2: Tac Sqn Report - 211625A - 211710A. 15 horse drawn vehicles, 26 Mt Veh, 30 jeeps, mainly SW of area (M0663) (M0758) (M1764) (M0573). 1 large tank moving S at (18779) No movement in area (19266) (18773) (19380) (18977). 12 horse drawn vehicles, 25 jeeps, 50 mtrol going S at (18373). Within 2 mile radius of (17474) saw 16 horse drawn vehicles, 6 mortars, going in all directions. Saw 4 motor vehicles going S at (18769), 3 going S at (15470). Saw 8 motor vehicles, 14 jeeps, 80 bicycles moving from MODENA to (15161). 5 Motor vehicles going from (16333) to (16851). Total estimated as Fus Bn. ACTION: G-2, Map, C/S, Journal, Regts, Arty.
- 232 2130 Phone fr Lt Courson, Remount 10: Location Units 1 Bn 86th on CAMPIANO ridge: M. MANSIHELLO - 1 platoon Co A 86, M. SERRASIOGIA - B Co 10 AT Bn and 20 Recon Troop (less 1 platoon), Midge I - all C Co 86th and Section 21 mortars and section BMG and 1 platoon Recon Troop. M. CAPPEL BUSO - 1 platoon E Co 86th and section 21 mortars and 1 section BMG and A Co 10 AT Bn (less 1 platoon). M. CAMPIANO - 1 platoon E Co 86th and 1 platoon A Co 10 AT Bn. One 75mm howitzer on M. CAPPEL BUSO - Remount 6 requests relief of gun and crew so group may accompany Remount led upon completion relief. Remount 6 requests searchlights vicinity SILLA - KRETTA be extinguished when moon sets. ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.
- 233 2235 Recd: IV Corps LSN #776, dated 2213A, Feb 21, 1945.
- 234 2220 Phone fr Revoke CP: CP Report: CP #7:(VIBICATIAGO) No activity. CP # 2(SERRASIOGIA): Radio wave length is jammed; communication temp. out (for past two hrs.). CP #3(HILL 1043, (15418): Not yet established. Expect contact at 212330A. ACTION: Journal.
- 235 2235 Col Irvin, G-3, Col Works, G-2 and Col Thompson departed for quarters. ACTION: C/S
- 236 2255 Phone fr Rejest 2: Shell Report: 1 Co, 85th, 6 shells fell at (1547157) at 212230A. Harnessing fire, light arty. No damage. Fr Requisite? In O 620, is hearing strange noises on his radio; believed to be a



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- 238 2255 German effort at jamming; using a 609 radio on B channel. ACTION: Journal, ISUM, 110th Signal. (cont'd.)
- 237 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 25 submitted.
- 238 2305 Phone fr Rebata 3; 3rd Bn has one platoon NE of Hill 1096 (1555195) in contact with Co G. JOURNAL(addition), Map, G/S.
- 239 2310 Phone fr 751 at Tk Bn; Four tanks are now on M. BELVEDERE (1526177). The bottleneck on the CORONA Road, caused by a damaged tank (previously reported) will be cleared in a short time. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
- 240 2310 Phone fr Retread; 2nd Bn reports medium caliber arty fire passing overhead of their position at (1507276) at 212306A and landing on MT BELVEDERE (523127). Counterbattery fire now in progress. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 241 2310 Phone fr Raseon 3; to: Recall 5; Disposition of tanks are as follows: One platoon C....543184, One platoon G....543188, One platoon (lights).... 537180, Two platoons (lights)...543184, One platoon (4 tanks) 526177--in saddle just east of BELVEDERE-CONGOLESCO. Tanks are set up to VALPIANA yet. Expect road to be cleared by morning and then will try to make it. E Co has one platoon in vicinity of QUERICOLA. ACTION: Duty O to JMC plot on map and notify Corps.
- 242 2350 Recd; Hq 10th Mt Div IPW report no. 18, dated 20 Feb., also IPW #19, Feb 21.
- 243 2335 Phone fr Rax 2; Fr Lt O with BEF; 1st Bn BEF holds a line (1556195)-(556192)-(1558195). 3rd Bn BEF holds a line (1570192) - (1573195) - (1574191). 2nd Bn BEF in reserve at (1570180). ACTION...G-3 Journal.

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| 1       | 0016 | Phone fr Rex 2; Shall report; Possible mortar fire coming from 2000-2500 yds from 1518162 on AZ 800 mls, at 212350A. Area shelled unknown. ACTION...journal.  |
| 2       | 0125 | Phone fr Remount Red 6; Relieving units are in position very tired. Remount Red 6 is retaining command of the sector and is keeping some troops in position until morning. Some scattered enemy small arms fire, 220115A. ACTION: journal, C/S  |
| 3       | 0230 | Phone fr Revoke; CP #1 enemy Arty bursts on MT BELVEDERE, azimuth of 30° -4 bursts halfway up MT VELVEDERE at azimuth of 50°. CP #2 and CP #3 out of communication. ACTION: notified G-2.   |
| 4       | 0230 | Reed; Special report, telephoned by Keystone 2, (written report will follow), on Enemy Capabilities.  |
| 5       | 0135 | Phone fr Remount Red; Guns at (1A71201) firing on BELVEDERE have been counterbattered by 9 volleys; effect unknown. On road from FANANO to SESTOLA, approx one mile from FANANO, numerous gun flashes observed, at 220130A. ACTION: Map, ISUM, journal.   |
| 6       | 0400 | Reed; IV Corps SITREP NO. 704, dated 212400A, Feb 1945.   |
| 7       | 0400 | Phone fr Revoke OP #1; Can see explosions on West side of BELVEDERE at (522175); think it is caused by mines going off. ACTION...checked with Retread 2. He reported mortar fire on G Co positions was setting off stock mines. Counterbattery has been requested...journal, ISUM.  |
| 8       | 0425 | Phone fr Major Schaeley; Reported by 85th Regt Sergeant; Objective H, previously reported as taken, has not been taken. Rebgte White is still 400 yds fr objective. Regt CP is getting ready to move. ACTION...journal, map, notified Corps.  |
| 9       | 0522 | Phone fr Rex 2; from Require. In Op620 reports at 220455A, F Co, 87th Mt Inf reports one mile NW of ROCCA CORNETTA a motorcycle pulled up and turped around and went back. A tank was then heard in the same vicinity. Arty fired on it, with unobserved effect. ACTION; Checks with 220520 report by Retread; Revoke OP #1, was contacted, but had seen nothing in that direction at indicated time except a few light flashes,, possibly from arty-bursts. ACTION ISUM. |
| 10      | 0545 | Phone fr Rebate 3; New CP opened at (1549162) at 220545A. ACTION: MAP SITREP, journal   |

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| 11                       | 0520        | Phone fr Retread 3: At 0505 motorcycle pulled up behind ROCCO CORNETTA stayed a few minutes and left. Shortly after, a sound as if vehicles came into ROCCO CORNETTA. Some Arty fire landed on ROCCO CORNETTA and then all was quiet. ACTION: G-2.   |
| 12                       | 0600        | Phone fr Rex 2 (Require): Ln C #621 at 220528A observed a pink flare just in front of K Co (87th) position. An inf man on our left has spotted enemy activity approx 200 yds North of 15035017385. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 13                       | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #26 submitted.   |
| 14                       | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #16 submitted.   |
| 15                       | 0645        | Phone fr Rex 3: 604 FA -- 12 counterby unobserved, 244 rounds. 605 FA - No missions. 616 FA - 8 harrasing missions -- at (1485199), (1522191), (1518189), (1489197), (1522191), (1513187) -- unobserved. 10 destruction on enemy troops unobserved -- at (1513187), (1519196), (1483191), (1483198), (1479182), (1518189), (1539196), (1523190), (1545202), (1478182). 1 destruction on enemy mortars at (1527188) - mortar neutralized - total 235 rounds. 175 FA - 2 harrasing missions - enemy assembly area at (1546207), 105 rounds. 2 defensive fire (1560212), (1562214), 7 rounds unobserved. ACTION: Journal. |
| 16                       | 0650        | Phone fr Rex 2: (Require 2) Ln Officer 621 (87th). Infantry reported enemy motor activity in ROCCA CORNETTA at 220620A. Our arty is firing on it, but cannot observe effect. ACTION: Asst G-2, Isum, Journal.  |
| 17                       | 0704        | Phone fr Retread 3: SITREP - no change. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 18                       | 0738        | Phone fr Capt Case: Keystone 6 will be at Recall Advanced CP around 0930A. He wants one of the General's aides to be on hand to guide him to M. BELVEDERE. Capt Case can be reached at Keystone Battle 5: ACTION: C/S, Capt Humphreys.   |
| 19                       | 0755        | Phone fr Col Condes: Mortar and small arms fire on positions at CAMPIANO. Mortar fire coming from vicinity (1480177). Rifle fire coming from (1478172). Our arty has fired on these two positions. Relief of 1st Bn, 86th by 10th Mt AT Bn effective at 220705A.   |
| 20                       | 0800        | Rec'd. BEF, G-2 Periodic Report No. 110 dated 21 Feb 1945.   |
| 21                       | 0815        | Phone fr Major Schooley: Report to Schooley thru Arty. 2nd Bn jumped off on attack 0745A. Moving up ridge. ACTION: 1100A SITREP.   |
| 22                       | 0845        | Rec'd. Overlay from 10th AT showing their positions.   |
| 23                       | 0810        | Phone fr Remount 6 to Recall 5: Have instructions to move to GARDIO MONTANA. I'll leave my CP open here until I'M opened up at the new place. I don't  |

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| 23             | 0810        | (Continued) think Hampton will be opened up until 1100 or 1200A. I'll call you when they are assembled up there. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 24             | 0820        | Phone fr Rex 2: (Origin Reject 2) Ltn Officer with 85th (2nd Bn) reports at 0820A firing mission at automatic weapons at (1540285).  |
| 25             | 0820        | Phone fr Rex 2: 604 & 175 FA Bn just fired at (15542026) at (15542035). Results: Fire effective, troops advancing. At 230815A. ACTION: Told G-3.   |
| 26             | 0830        | Phone fr Revoke: OP/1 at 0755 Obs on RDOCA CORNETA good. No activity. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 27             | 0830        | Phone fr Rex 2: Ltn Officer with 2nd Bn, 85th reports he (Ltn O) is now at (1556201) and troops are advancing. Time 0825A. ACTION: Notified G-3.   |
| 28             | 0830        | Phone fr Retread 3: Fire fight PIZZO DI CAMPIANO (1485173) - No details. Called Remount Red (Col Condes) said there was a fire fight and as soon as any details came in we would be informed. Is it a counter attack? ACTION: G-3, G-2.  |
| 29             | 0845        | Phone fr Rex 2: Suspect counter attack at CAMPIANO. Battery C firing at (148461730). Radio communication only. Time 0835A. Action: O/S, CG.  |
| 30             | 0840        | Phone fr Col Condes: Definitely a counter attack. Request Col Berman to send up aid men previously requested. 6 casualties. ACTION: Col Berman notified and said he knew the story and everything under control.   |
| 31             | 0855        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 777 from IV Corps to Fifth Army to include 220800A Feb 1945.   |
| 32             | 0915        | Phone fr Rex 2: Arty A Ltn Pilot observed truck (one) towing a gun going into ALBERELLI, one medium tank going N on road out of MASERNO (15522). Time: 0900A. ACTION: Told A Ltn O. Confirmed by ground observation at 0920A.  |
| 33             | 0905        | Recall 2 left for Remount CP. Will also visit Remount Red, White, and Blue. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 34             | 0820        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf to organize occupy and defend MT DELLA TORRACCIA; make compact defense upper areas, combat patrols to clear out slopes, clear out FOSCO DEL MALANDRONE to contact with NEF, squad outposts on lower slopes during daylight which withdraw to center during night. Boundary between 85th Mt Inf and 87th Mt Inf, effective 220600A is SARSO DELL OGA (1524192) to 87th Mt Inf, point (1531178), LA VALLE (1534171) House 630 (1549162). 85th on East, 87th on West. Rear boundary TORRENTE SILLA. (The above message fr CG, 10th Mt Div to CG, 85th Mt Inf). ACTION: Also phoned to 87th Mt Inf for their information. |

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| 35      | 0920 | Phone fr Rascon: Present disposition of tanks of 751 Th Bn: Co "C" -- 1 platoon at (1578189), 1 platoon at (1546189), 1 platoon at (1543183), all mediums. 2 platoons of mediums of "B" Co at (1526177). 1 platoon of light tanks at (1545182), 1 platoon of light tanks at (1532168), 1 platoon of light tanks at (1512163). ACTION: Map & SITREP.             |
| 36      | 0920 | Phone fr Retread 3; Report fighting continuing on CAMPIANO (1485174). Enemy using arty and mortar fire. Fight continuing. Res Troop and AT Bn are on the ridge. Action: Told C/S, G-3, Div Arty.  |
| 37      | 0945 | Phone fr Asst Recall 6 to Ramount 6, Rebate 6, and Retread 6; Recall 6 directs that plenty of heavy wire and spare radio parts be made instantaneously available; that the howitzers be placed up where direct fire is possible. The heavy wire will be used for the forward to reduce the possibility of arty taking it out. Action: Planned out, Journal.     |
| 38      | 0950 | Phone fr Ramount 2: 2 PWs, 2nd Co, 4th Mt Bn picked up at TOMINELLI (1476145) at 220900A. Firing on CAMPIANO has ceased. ACTION: Notified C/S.  |
| 39      | 1000 | Phone fr Rebate FWD(Lt Schevris): Can you tell us if and when the REF are going to move out? We would like to know in order to arrange for billeting of reserve bn when it is relieved upon order from Recall Hq. There is no indication that REF will move. Bn will have to bivouac if no houses available. ACTION: Att'n. G-3. Phoned to Rebate 3 at 221025A. |
| 40      | 1000 | Phone fr Rebate Blue 6: Blue 6 made contact with Rebate White 6. They have F Co on right of objective. E Co is moving to occupy position on left of positions. G Co is at point 1036 in reserve. (Objective is MT DELLA TORRACCIA 557203) ACTION: Journal.  |
| 41      | 1045 | <u>Rec'd.</u> Overlay of roads and bridges from Div Engrs.  |
| 42      | 1000 | Phone fr Rebate 3; Rebate 6 is at Rebate Red CP. I am now at my new CP at (1549162). ACTION: Journal.   |
| 43      | 1005 | Phone fr Keystone 2; Lt Col King informs us that enemy is capable of counter attacking us in strength of one division at any time. Direction unknown. This is a likely capability. ACTION: C/S, Asst Div Comdr.   |
| 44      | 1010 | Keystone 6 and party arrived Recall 6 CP. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 45      | 1015 | Item No. 34 of Journal, this date, phoned also to 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf for their information.  |
| 46      | 1015 | Recall 2 to Rex 2: Keep your sub planes alerted for movement and concentration of enemy troops to our immediate front and flanks and movement from the N toward our positions. Report all such information to us at once.   |

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47	1035	Phone fr Recall 2 to All Regts & Arty; Latest enemy situation and Corps capabilities (Phoned earlier by Col King).
48	1050	Phone fr 751 Tk Bn: A Co - 1st Platoon at (1622192), 2nd Platoon at (1645190), 3rd Platoon at (1658202). B Co - 1st Platoon at (1619174), 2nd Platoon at (1526177), 3rd Platoon at (1543184). C Co - 1st Platoon at (1543184), 2nd Platoon at (1517190), 3rd Platoon at (1543184). D Co - All platoons range fr (1543184) to (1537279). Assault guns at (1611166). ACTION: Sitrep - 1100A.
49	1050	Rec'd. Hq 751st Tk Bn FO#1, 161500A Feb 45 and other misc operational data addressed to G-3.
50	1100	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #27, submitted.
51	1115	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREPs No. 103 (4 copies), and No. 104 (1 copy) dated 211200A and 212400A February 1945, respectively.
52	1115	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Reports No. 51 (1 copy) and No. 52 (3 copies) dated 20 and 21 February 1945, respectively.
53	1115	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 22 Feb 1945.
54	1115	Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report #24 dated 21 Feb 1945.
55	1110	Phone fr Recall 2 to Retread 3; Gave coordinates of CAMPANO counter attack to 87th. Told them to try to get communication with AF Bn in order to give supporting fire on counter attack.
56	1115	Phone fr Col Works at Retread Red CP; Counter attack on CAMPANO about 70 men. Request exact location of counter attack so 87th can give supporting fire. ACTION: Notified 87th of location.
57	1130	Phone from 10th Mt Div to CO, 10th Mt AT Bn and CO, 86th Mt Inf; Elements 86th Mt Inf now in position on PIZZO DI CAMPANO are attached 10th Mt AT Bn effective 221200A and will remain on position until further orders this Hq. Notify this Hq what unit or units of 86th Mt Inf are attached by this order. Report to this Hq when situation permits release of these elements to 86th Mt Inf.
58	1100	Phone fr Remount 2; Counter attack on CAMPANO has died down. Only sporadic fire now. 50 sal MGs of 86th at (1489251) fired on counter attack and helped break it up. ACTION: G/S.
59	1120	Phone fr Recall 6 to Hillout 6; You will have 1 platoon of Remount remain with your position. ACTION: Journal.

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| 60      | 1130             | Phone fr Remount Blus: Stone wasn't quite to top of 1083. F Moving on ridge to NE. E Co is moving to NW about 0930A. He was receiving sporadic machine gun and sniper fire. Arty support was there, but received short rounds. LE BOCHE is a system of trenches. G at 1036 on reverse slope. Col Barlow was (1549188). There are some Brazilian troops on ridge who are dug in the gap between Sheler and Stone. Col Barlow's advance CP is at CAPPELLA DI RONCHIDOS. There is a gap between 3d Bn, 85th and 2d Bn, 85th, from about 200 yards South of 1027 to 1036. Lt Col Stone's G Co is on 1036, dug in. His NW Co is on 1036. Slim's are not up. Tanks cannot move N of about 1027. Stone is in good shape. He has taken some casualties, but his Res Co (G) is about intact. ACTION: Journal, Map. |
| 61      | 1145             | Phone fr Rex 2: Firing has ceased on Hill "H". General Hays is on Hill "H". ACTION: Notified G/S, G/3.  |
| 62      | 1145             | Phone fr Remount 3: 1 platoon of "B" Co under Lt Hallett will be attached to 10th Mt AT Bn according to Div. order. ACTION: Notified G-3.   |
| 63      | 1150             | Phone fr BRY CP Fwd: Sgt Fred W. Perry of E Co, 85th and 17 EM arrived at C. BODONE with 8 PW's. Will send PW's and men to MP Plat. Call Luther 102. ACTION: Notified G-3.  |
| 65      | 1200             | Phone fr Retread 5 to Recall Asst 5: Men moving around South slope. Do not know whether friendly or enemy. ACTION: Phone to Redoubt 6. Men are curs.  |
| 66      | 1200             | Phone fr Remount 2: PW's report Counter attack on GAMPIANO was 60-70 men. Our casualties due mostly to own arty. Counter attack has been repulsed. ACTION: Informed G-3, G/S.   |
| 67      | 1205             | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rascon 3: Check on coordinates of 2nd Platoon G Co. ACTION: The correct coordinates for 2nd G Co are (1579189).  |
| 68      | 1220             | Phone fr OP #1: Enemy tank at (1489187). ACTION: Map.   |
| 69      | 1230<br>(424150) | Phone fr CO, 10th Mt AT Bn: Strength of positions, 10th Mt AT Bn at 221200A: (424150) - 40 men, 1 MG, 2 mortars; (462130) - 2:30 Cal MG's, 2 mortars, 4 light cal. MG, 90 men; (473167) - 4 50 cal MG, 2 30 cal (?), 50 men; (483172) - 17 men and 1 Off, 1 plat, Co B, 86th Mt Inf. ACTION: Journal, Map.  |
| 70      | 1225             | Phone fr Retread 5 to Recall 5: Retread 6 a casualty. Hit in leg in Baker Co area about 1215A. ACTION: Recall 5, G/S.   |
| 71      | 1245             | Phone fr Maj Schooley (Rebate 3): (From White Bn 2-4 and Magr). E Co reached obj yesterday at dark - no resistance. Upon reaching obj were subjected to intense arty and mortar fire - prohibited reinforcement of that obj prior to darkness. After darkness E Co withdrawn to consolidate   |

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- 71 (Continued) Bn position this morning. Attack jumped off and objective was taken meeting resistance from small arms and M Pistol. Effective strength of White Bn due to casualties, lost men, etc during the night is about 50%. ACTION: Journal, O/S, Lt Col Irvin.
- 72 1245 Phone fr Capt Reid, 85th Inf: Turned over to G-2, 1 brief case and a dispatch case containing documents taken from a dead German Army officer. Picked up at (1543182). ACTION: Turned over to Lt Brumborg for inspection.
- 73 1250 Phone fr Return (Capt Sayre): Should we complete tramway to top ridge it will take 1 Co until 2000; 24 Feb to complete. ACTION: Referred to Lt Colonel Irvin.
- 74 1300 Phone fr PW Cage: 12 Noon (Period) 34 prisoners. 5 evacuated through Medical channels.
- 75 1330 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army "Fifth Army Book of Facts".
- 76 1305 Phone fr Rex Asst 2; to Recall 5: Location of TBs: One section (1519170), one vehicle with baggage off (1526177). Other vehicle from this section working its way up the saddle on BELVEDERE. Other Platoons (1547188) firing into vicinity of FORNO AND ALBAZELLI (1546207). ACTION: Map, Journal, G-3 Periodic Report.
- 77 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM #17, submitted.
- 78 1345 Phone fr Remount Blue 6: Have returned from Rebate White - L Co, Rebate Blue will fill gap between 2nd and 3rd Bn. Stone would use rations and ammo. Mules would help. Location of 3rd Bn, 86th: "L" Co at (1550187), "I" Co at (1549182), "K" Co at (1553185), CP at (1551183). ACTION: Journal, Map. Gen Duff called Col Wagner.
- 79 1355 Phone fr Remount White 6: 2nd Bn, 86th has a rifle platoon at PLINANDO. 5 Col 50's in same area (1488151). Remount's 2nd Bn are at VIDICATICO. ACTION: Map, Journal.
- 80 1400 Phone fr Redoubt Asst 6: Counter attack at (1475167) - strength unknown. Will give details as soon as possible. ACTION: O/S, G-3 notified.
- 81 1400 Phone fr Recall CP #1: CP No. 1 - M.T.R. as of 221400A. ACTION: Noted Journal.
- 82 1415 Rec'd. from Hq Fifth Army, aerial photo for Maj Walker.
- 83 1330 Phone fr Rex 2: (Fr Rejest 2) - 3rd Bn, 85th - M Co at (1543182) to (1545190), K Co at (1549192) to (1552194), I Co at (1552194) to (1555195), L Co at (1555195) to (1559191). 3rd Bn, 85th CP at (1543183); 1st Bn, 85th extends down ridge from (1543182) to GORGOLECCO. ACTION: Map, Journal.



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84	1415		Rec'd. Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 229 dated 211200A Feb 45(2 copies).
85	1415		Rec'd. Hq XIII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 130 dated 20 Feb 1945.
86	1415		Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 534 dated 211200A Feb 1945.
87	1435		Phone fr Return 3: RETURN -- "A" at (1535154) closed at 211430A. "B" - MC - (1500100), "C" at (1509140) - closed at 201800A. "D" Co at (1500139) - closed at 212230A. Bn CP - MC. ACTION: Map, Journal.
88	1430		Phone fr Recall 5 to Rex 5: I want a strong wire run to the feet of that bluff on CAMPIANO BUSO ridge. If wire fails you can use voice communication but maintain communication. ACTION: Journal.
89	1450		Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn S-3 Report No. 53 dated 221200A Feb 1945.
90	1445		Phone fr Recall 6: Phoned to Rex 3 - On that counterattack at CAMPIANO BUSO, I understand that from one prisoner you learned there are 170 Germans there now. Put those other Btry's to work and neutralize the area completely. ACTION: Journal.
91	1445		Phone fr Redoubt 6 to Asst Recall 6: We have an Arty concentration on them at 4774 - 1744 and find it effective so are putting over mortars on the same spot.
92	1445		Phone fr HeloCo CP: From OP/2 SERRAZZONE; From 212300A to 212400A - spotted 3 enemy Arty positions in area G MURIANA 359° azimuth from CP at (463154). Friendly Arty shelled a concentration on TIGNANO for three minutes at 212330A, area shelled (479185). At 211145A fire fight between American and enemy troops for ten minutes on ridge left of TUGHANO 360° azimuth from OP; suspected enemy patrol trying to infiltrate our lines. Rec'd arty support, 12 rounds on that area. Friendly 60mm mortar fired concentration of 15 rounds on SERRAZZONE (453180). From 220700A to 220800A, 6 enemy moving in and out of red top bldg (45751980). Nine enemy moved from same bldg along highway into PANANO. Moving in pairs both ways. Undetermined amount of enemy moving along PANANO - SESTOLA highway at 220730A. At 220735A, three enemy crossed bridge at (458196) moved into SERRAZZONE (4518) also two enemy motorcycles crossed same toward TIGNANO (4718). At 220900A - 221000A concentration (large) and much activity around bldg at (436185) also much activity into bldgs at (431185). ACTION: Journal
93	1500		Phone fr Recall 6 to Rover Joe: Have <del>any</del> <sup>ENEMY</sup> guns neutralized immediately. ACTION: Journal.
94	1500		H <sub>2</sub> 10th Mt Div Sitrep #28 submitted.

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95	1503	Phone fr Rex 2; Reject 2 at 1445A - Area being shelled at 554193, azimuth 400 mils - has been reported to Kentucky 3. WISDOM 2 at 1455A - Three horse drawn vehicles going North North East at 555230. ACTION: Journal.
96	1510	Phone fr Account 6; - To Asst Recall 6: Closing down present CP. ACTION: Journal.
97	1515	Phone fr Rex 2; From Reject 2; Enemy shelling has ceased on objective "H" as of 221505A. ACTION: Noted G-2, C/S and Journal.
98	1515	<u>Rec'd</u> : Counter Intelligence Corps 10th CIC Detachment arrest reports.
99	1512	Phone fr Reject 2 through Rex 2; 1512A - 85th being shelled by enemy; requested fire on enemy personnel in vicinity 560206 - enemy surrendered. Took five prisoners. From Require 2, 1510A. At 1450A (1508183) enemy troops in house. Fired C 16 rounds, report of 8 target hits.
100	1510	Phone fr Retread 3; (1) Enemy target at 525188 sighted - air support called, enemy tank destroyed. (2) Self propelled gun sighted at 515186. Seven bombs dropped, no direct hits. (3) Body of enemy troops marching up trail at 47151810. ACTION: C/S - G-3.
101	1515	Phone fr Retread 2; Information received from a captured enemy map: (1) Two houses at 488197. (2) One house at 489196. (3) A creek at 490197. (4) A bridge at 494188. (5) A house at 501181. (6) BERENA at 507192. (7) PABCO GHINO at 511191. These positions all marked on this map. Enemy mine field 200 Yds NW of UERCIOLA.
102	1520	Phone fr Rex 3 to Recall 5; In connection with report that objective "H" was receiving heavy shelling, all of Corp Arty was turned loose on counter-battery fire and shelling of that area has stopped. In addition, a Bn and a half is firing timed fire on reverse slopes of CAPPE HUSD searching all possible assembly areas. ACTION: Journal.
103	1520	Phone fr Asst Recall 6 to Retread 6; Put the Partisans in down there at ROTCA CORNETA. ACTION: Journal.
104	1520	Phone fr Account 2; Captured 3 PW's in vicinity CAMPIANO. One from 1st Co, 4th Mt Bn. One Sgt from 5th Co 1043. One Sgt from 6th Co 1043. Both getting mountain tag w/Mt Bn. Said 1st Co badly shot up. Another Co in TRIGHANO this morning. ACTION: Informed AG LO, Div Arty and C/G.
105	1600	Phone fr Recall CP #1; At 482154, 1515A, three planes strafed bank of river.

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| 106        | 1600      |             | Phone fr Rex 2: From Air CP 1540A: Gun position at 5572A3 estimated 150 or 170mm neutralized. Suspected gun at 55922295. Gun position at 56452428. Unable to fire on them. ACTION: Reported to Kentucky CO.   |
| 107        | 1600      |             | Rec'd: Sitrep No. 105 dated 221200A from IV Corp.   |
| 108        | 1610      |             | Phone fr Racoon: Have an Italian civilian in custody. Was seen watching N BELVEDERE with field glasses. What shall I do with him? ACTION: Bring him to our PW cage. Poisoned PW cage, told them to get hold of CIC and take care of him.  |
| 109        | 1625      |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Reject 2 reports - In O with 2d B <sup>+</sup> of 85th is in need of ammunition and supplies. In O with 3d Bn 85th reports they are expecting counterattack. No further report. ACTION: Rex told to get communications back and find out more about counterattack.  |
| 110        | 1625      |             | Rec'd: Overlay fr Hq 87th Mt Inf indicating present dispositions and boundary lines.  |
| 111        | 1630      |             | Phone fr Rex 2: From Reply Charlie 6 - From Rover Joe - 1615A. Fighter bombers at 1530 bombed troops and guns in town area 5420 and 5421. Six bombs in building, two in woods to east. No movement seen, no results observed. Made run of roads N of town ALBARELLI to 546215 for guns. No movement, observed explosion in building on fire area 522200. ACTION: Noted G-2 and Isam and Journal.  |
| 112        | 1632      |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2: At 1520A - 54017915, enemy defensive area fired on by C Btry. 79 rounds expended. Expect many casualties. ACTION: Noted G-2 - ISUM.  |
| 113        | 1545      |             | Phone fr Account 3: CP opened at GAGGIO MENTANA at 221525A. ACTION: C/S - SIMEP 1500A. (Not previously entered.)  |
| 114        | 1635      |             | Phone fr Rex 3: Our Arty is firing on ALBARELLI (5420) and FURNO (5420). Our Cubs getting AA from CASTELLUGGIO (5220) and somewhere N of TERRACIA. Can Rover Jo pick them up? ACTION: Notified Rover Joe  |
| 115        | 1650      |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Adjusting one Bn of guns against one Btry of enemy guns at (555235) at 221650A. ACTION: Noted G-2 and Journal.  |
| 116        | 1700      |             | Rec'd: Fifth Army Weather Forecast: For period 222400A - 232400A. Clear to scattered cloudiness during morning hours, becoming broken to overcast at 4000 to 5000 Ft by mid-afternoon. Light rain during late afternoon and evening hours. Visibility 4 - 6 miles in haze. Min temp 29° F. Outlook: Broken low cloudiness, light rain during early morning hours, and visibility restricted to less than five miles in haze on the 24th. Gradual improvement on the 25th, bringing scattered multilayer clouds, no precipitation, and visibility good. Min Temp gradually increasing to 32° F. early on the 24th. |

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| 117            | 1645        | Capt Livermore, LA Off, left for IV Corps. (Not previously recorded).  |
| 118            | 1710        | Col Ladue left 10th MT Div at 221252A.   |
| 119            | 1727        | Phone fr Raseon: Arty is firing ALBERELLI (5420) and FORNO (5420). Can your Ltry help; theny Raseon will coordinate with arty on this mission. ACTION: For Journal.  |
| 120            | 1650        | Phone fr Raseon 3 to Capt Todd: Maintain a messenger at Remount CP at GARGIO MONTANA. Alert your LA Off at Div CP that you are on move and wire isn't in to advance CP. Raseon will start to move at 1715A to GARGIO MONTANA. ACTION: C/S notified.  |
| 121            | 1714        | Phone fr Retread White 2: At 1500A approximately 30 men observed at (L471181) moving into defilade position. Retread White brought fire on position. Arty also fired. Believe there is still a number of Germans on E slope of CASPIANO (487173). Request the positions of our troops on ridge. ACTION: Positions given - Att'n G-3. |
| 122            | 1725        | Phone fr Lt Bronberg, IFW: 221725A - Prisoners taken on SERRASIOCIA RIDGE are being stripped of valuables on the spot, including all documents and even blouses. ACTION: G-2 notified Col Cordes that provisions of the Geneva Convention will be strictly adhered to.   |
| 123            | 1735        | Phone fr Rex 2: Bombers at 1616 hit FARNO (549204). Two bombs on road center in center of town; Two 100 Yds SE, Two 100 Yds SW. Balance unobserved. Strafing and rocket passes. No movement seen. Intense light AA from FARNO. Hon for guns and flashes and roads NE and NW of ALBARELLI; No movement. ACTION: Rover Joe - Journal.  |
| 124            | 1710        | Phone fr Rex 2: 87th - at 1705A at (51851895) enemy tank hit twice by Arty. Tank moved behind house. Four Jerries went behind house, which was fired on by Arty, and bombed and strafed by planes. ACTION: Map, G-2, C/S, Check Rover Joe.   |
| 125            | 1755        | Phone fr Redsub: We have taken no prisoners. Our communications w/Arty are OK.   |
| 126            | 1755        | Col Works checking further for PW's who were stripped of blouses.  |
| 127            | 1800        | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 29 submitted.  |
| 128            | 1800        | Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 18 submitted.  |
| 129            | 1800        | <u>Rec'd:</u> S-3 Report from Hq 473rd Inf Regt dated 22 Feb.  |
| 130            | 1815        | <u>Rec'd:</u> Message fr CO 85th: S-2 3rd Bn, sending 12 prisoners identification II Co, 741st Regt, 114 Jaeger Mt Div. Captured after fire fight in front of 3rd Bn position at this time unknown. Earlier identification of  |

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- 130 Cont'd three prisoners of war was 13th Co, 741st Regt, 114 Jeger Mt Div. These PWs have been evacuated to Div HQ. Five rifle companies reported in this An strength 50-80 men. 13th - 14th Co's presumed on right of 12th Co, 11th on left. More information as soon as obtained. ACTION: Com - G-2
- 131 1900 Rec'd: Isum No. 778 from IV Corps - Ref No. 167. Isum dated 221535A.
- 132 1845 Phone fr Reject (Maj Jackson): At 221755A BAGGIO MONTANA was shelled. At to enemy guns 28° from (L54951625). Two craters, caliber not to exceed 105's, third crater was larger, either 150mm or 170mm, at 35°. Shelling is still going on. ACTION: G-2, Corps.
- 133 1900 Phone fr Rex 2: 1. Reply Able gun position being shelled (1548166), azimuth 100 miles. One killed, two wounded. 2. Prisoner stated that attack this morning on SERRACCICIO consisted to two companies, 120 men. 3. Reject 221830A (L556157) azimuth 300 miles, 3 rounds. No damage. 4. Require 221810A - At 1805A observer at L52301780 saw enemy gun flash, azimuth 32°, distance to flash approximately 8000 Yds. 5. Require 221830A - Two enemy dug in at (L52421865). ACTION: G-2.
- 134 1900 Phone fr Retread 6 to Recall 5: Partisans moving into H0000 CORNETTA and will have supporting firms. Notify all friendly troops. One partisan Capt is acting as Arty VC. ACTION: Notified Rex, Retread and Remount.
- 135 1845 Phone fr Capt Livermore (IV Corps): II Corps - quiet - scattered movement reported, Arty fire slight. PW 1 (14th Co 576th IR). Active patrolling (1330). B.P (1630) - sector quiet. Patrol to L615215 made no contact. M mines at 576169 - shoe mines - Heavy mortar and arty fire resolved on COSTELLO at 0900 - 0930A. 20 PW (5 1st Co 104th). IF 45 - sector quiet, no Arty. No PW's. 944 - Numerous enemy personnel in small groups engaged, considerable activity observed. Mine PW's. ACTION: Journal.
- 136 1930 Phone fr Revoke Rear: Div OP #2 - Nothing to report.
- 137 1945 Rec'd: Message fr CC 86th Inf; OP at 55251670. Receiving heavy Arty fire from North North East. ACTION: G-2 and Rex 2.
- 138 1945 Rec'd: Overlay fr 86th Mt Inf dated 221800A showing disposition of elements.
- 139 1955 Phone fr Rex 2: Observer on Hill #1053 (1548189) reports all quiet in that area and no indication of a counterattack. Will call at once as soon as we can get better communication. ACTION: Noted G/S - G-2.
- 140 2015 Phone fr Rex 2: Report from Forward Observer on objective "H" reports no counterattack at 220005A. More details on observers position later. ACTION: G/S.
- 141 2015 Phone fr Rex 2 - Maj Inembly: Definite confirmation that forward observer is on objective "H". ACTION: G/S.

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- 142 1950 Phone fr Recall 5: Call to Ass't G-4 (Capt Smith) - Tell G-4 to organize a party to remove the dead in rear of our positions. Remove both our own and enemy dead. Party to initially include an officer. Call battalions and find where dead are located and remove them to collecting points. If necessary, personnel may be used from Veterinary personnel now in training. ACTION: Journal.
- 143 2035 Phone fr Rex 2: From Requirs 2: Two flares (white) observed at 2000A GUNNETTA at 221730A. ACTION: Journal.
- 144 2037 Rec'd: IPW Report No. 20 from CIC Detach't. Report dated 22 Feb. (Included personal note to Col Works concerning stripped prisoners.)
- 145 2100 Phone fr Rebate 4: PR report: 14 PR's, 11th Co, 3rd Bn, 741st Reg, 114th Jaeger Div. Place of capture at (555200) at 221400A. Unit strength 45 to 50. Two Platoons of three squads each as of 20 Feb. One IAW per squad, 1 dead, 6 wounded in addition to these prisoners. In composition from the 115th to 15th Co. The 14th Co is presumably a MG Co. The 15th an 81mm Mortar Co. Entire Bn is in area at different points. Dispositions are unknown to PR's. This is the first engagement for them since August 44. Many of the prisoners are less than one month in the unit and many in combat for first time and many were reclassified 4 Y's. Div consists of the 741st - 742nd - 661st Arty Reg. This Div is not a Mt Div - not equipped for mountains and do not know how to ski and were not authorized to wear the Mt Blueweiss insignia. ACTION: Noted O/S and Journal. IV Corps
- 146 2045 Rec'd: Message from IV Corps, Ref No. 6020 - To 92 Inf Div, 760 Tn Bn, Co A, 760 Tn Bn for action for information to Fifth Army, one Inf Div, Bn, 10th Mt Div, 701 Tn Bn, 751 Tn Bn, 92 Inf Div please pass copy to 760 Tn Bn, Co A, 760 Tn Bn, 10th Mt Div, please pass copy to 701 Tn Bn from IV Corps (1) Move Co A, 760 Tn Bn to SILLA (5814) area without delay. (2) Effective upon arrival in area, Co A is detached 760 Tn Bn and 92 Inf Div and comes under direct control of IV Corps. (3) Unit representative will report to advance CP, IV Corp. (58117) without delay. (4) Routes and timing will be coordinated through IV Corps TOC.
- 147 2130 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report dated 22 Feb. Report No. 260. IV Corp.
- 148 2055 Phone fr Maj Schooley (Rebate 3): Situation as concerns White Bn - Bn is dug in on positions - supplies have first priority of action at present time and they are moving in satisfactorily. Enemy situation seems to be well in hand - no unusual activity noted. Sporadic Arty fire being received. Communications are out to White Bn at present time. ACTION: O/S.
- 149 2130 Phone fr Retread 3: HOCGA GUNNETA (495173) occupied and defenses completed at 222100A by 77 Partisans and one EM 2d Bn. A Co heard motors running in vicinity 15220 (approx 3000 Yds N & Co position) 2100A. ACTION: O/S - Sitrep 2300.
- 150 1800 Phone fr Rex 2: Red alert was in effect for about four minutes, starting at about 221745A. (This message not previously entered) ACTION: Journal.

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- 151 2145 Phone fr Revoke Rear: Last report Div CP #2 - Situation quiet. ACTION: Journal.
- 152 2150 Phone fr Recall CP #1: NTR - ACTION: Noted Journal.
- 153 2200 Send message received fr IV Corps (Serial No. 146 - 2045A) to 701 TD Bn.
- 154 2145 Rec'd: Appendix "A" to IV Corps G-2 Report No. 260.
- 155 2145 Rec'd: Ltr and forms of German Intelligence Officials - Interrogator's Index - Cross-Reference Sheets. Ltr dated 21 Feb.
- 156 2145 Phone to CO, 86th Mt Inf by Col Irwin: Lt Col Wagner, Ex C, has all available from Hq Service Co's, 100 men from 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf, mules and jeeps, and will, with Lt Col Burge, G-4, take supplies into 2nd Bn position areas to-night. Communication with 2nd Bn, 89th was established for about 35 minutes this afternoon. Tell 2nd Bn to contact 1st BEF at limiting point 902 at 567198.
- 157 2210 Rec'd: IV Corps Index dated 224035A, Ref No. 109.
- 158 2150 Phone fr Rebate White 6 to Recall 5: As in same position as I was when Recall 6 left me. Did not attack as we were short of ammunition. Are on top now and are going to make a coordinated attack tomorrow morning. We have water, rations, and ammunition. Have fed supper and men are feeling fine. More supplies are coming in at midnight. RECALL 5: Establish contact with the 1st Regt of the BEF at limiting point 902 at 567198. Send a patrol to clear out F0650 Del MALANEROCHE to BEF position at MALANEROCHE (570197). ACTION: Informed CG and G-3.
- 159 2200 Phone fr Keystone 2: 3830 KC effective at 230100A as channel for tea ren info. ACTION: Cover Joe, G-4.
- 160 2200 Phone fr Revoke Rear: Report from Div Outpost #2, Situation Quiet. ACTION: Noted Journal.
- 161 2240 Phone fr Rebate 2: Am sending documents to the CP. ACTION: Journal.
- 162 2250 Phone fr Retread 2: (538189) - 105 or larger at this location is firing into bn area, and has been since 222230A. ACTION: Arty, Journal.
- 163 2258 Phone fr Retread 2: At 222250A "D" Co heard vehicles (?) out in front of their area. ACTION: Asked for check on location, number, type.
- 164 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 30 submitted.
- 165 2302 Phone fr Revoke Div CP #2: All quiet. ACTION: Journal.

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| 1          | 0015       |             | Phone fr Revolve Rear: Suspect enemy patrol to reach at (468137). We have double guard posted. Have sent 8 man CM patrol to the ridge for security. ACTION: Asked for check on activity.   |
| 2          | 0018       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Observer on M. BELVEDERE states there are no tanks in area NW of mountain in vicinity of (532182). ACTION: Checked with Retread 2, who had reported tank. He states that activity has ceased, but TD's are standing by.  |
| 3          | 0045       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: 2 or 3 arm'd vehicles moving S at (519190) at 230044. TD's have been alerted. ACTION: Asked for recheck soon. Rex 2, at 230048A, states that vehicles may be only trucks; ACTION: asked for check again. Called Retread to inform him.   |
| 4          | 0105       |             | Phone fr Revolve Rear: OP #2 Quiet. No contact made with previously reported enemy patrol at (468137). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 5          | 0135       |             | Phone fr Retread 2: Confirmation of previous report of 2 or 3 arm'd vehicles moving S in vicinity of VALPIANA. ACTION: Arty notified, TD's and battalions alerted.   |
| 6          | 0140       |             | Phone from Luggar 3: Receiving Mortar fire from (564199) LA POGGIONE. Can we fire on that position? ANSWER: No.  |
| 7          | 0140       |             | Msg fr Capt Bourke: Series of 4-6 rifle shots fired in rear of Div CP. I went out and investigated and found a guard (Pvt Joseph Jallish - 36988572 - Co C, 10th CM) who claims he and another guard saw a man earlier in the evening, challenged him and he ran. At 230125A, they again saw a man, challenged him, he started to run and they both fired. ACTION: Notified MP's to check the area thoroughly. Told Pvt Jallish to be more careful and not to become so excited. |
| 8          | 0140       |             | Phone fr IPK Cage: 29 prisoners since 220600A. 232 AR, 1044, 1043, 741, 4 Mtn. Unconfirmed rumor that 721st Regt is on its way here. 2d Bn, 741st I.R., is in this area (Was approaching MODENA about 3-4 days ago). ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal, G/S.  |
| 9          | 0204       |             | Phone fr Revolve Rear: OP #2 - All quiet. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 10         | 0210       |             | Phone fr Retread 2: Negative report on tanks previously reported. Arty fire noted from (508183) (500184). ACTION: Arty notified, G/S registered.   |
| 11         | 0215       |             | Phone fr Sgt Barish (M.P.): Sgt Barish called to say that he and another M.P. combed the area where the reported prowler was and found nothing. ACTION: Journal.   |



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| 12                       | 0215        | Message fr Capt Ranberg: A PW, under guard, was brought directly to G-2 office at 221115A. ACTION: PW and guard sent to cage; Sergeant 3, the sender, told that prisoners will be sent to the cage, and not direct to the CP.   |
| 13                       | 0215        | Rec'd: Appendix "C" to IV Corps G-2 Report 260 and information on 114 Jaeger Division fr IV Corps.  |
| 14                       | 0245        | Phone fr Retread 2: Shells falling at (525176) about 105 cal. Enemy vehicles, armored, (?) still in vicinity of VALPIANA. ACTION: Ism, Journal.   |
| 15                       | 0302        | Phone fr Require: Receiving mortar fire at (50641792) at 0200A. ACTION: Ism.  |
| 16                       | 0305        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Keystone 3: Nothing to report.   |
| 17                       | 0314        | Phone fr Remount Rear: Of #1 - Quiet, Nothing to report. ACTION: Ism, Journal.  |
| 18                       | 0352        | Phone fr Revok CP: Negative report.   |
| 19                       | 0350        | Phone fr Div CP #1: Normal arty fire on E slope of BELVEDERE. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 20                       | 0415        | Rec'd: DPK Report No. 21, 10th Mt Div, 22 Feb 45.   |
| 21                       | 0415        | Phone fr Revok Rear: Situation quiet. CP #2 Nothing to report. QM patrol returned after patrolling ridge near SERRASICOLA. Found no enemy. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 22                       | 0445        | Rec'd: Sitrep No. 102, 222400A Feb 45, Ref No 110 from IV CORPS.  |
| 23                       | 0450        | Phone fr Recall - Rebat: Talked with Maj Keebler who informed me Col Wagner had returned to CP. Supplies to 2d Bn, 85th did get through. ACTION: Journal, Noted for Col Irvin.  |
| 24                       | 0507        | Phone fr Retread 3: "E" Co CP believed enemy battalion is at (477193), and with its CP at (471161). ACTION: Arty, Map.  |
| 25                       | 0519        | Phone fr Gen Duff - Recall 3: Inquired as to activity in sector during the night. Check and see why there are only 27 Partisans and 1 EM at ROCCA CORNETA, whereas the C.G. had ordered 40 Partisans and 1 plat. ACTION: M.I.L.C.G.   |
| 26                       | 0525        | Phone fr Recall 3 - Retread 3: Talked with Maj Ekern per request of Gen. Duff, answer as follows: I believe Col Schmalzer had issued orders prior to receiving the C.G.'s. I am definitely sure that he (Col Schmalzer) is going to reinforce the complement already at ROCCA CORNETA. ACTION: Notified Gen Duff as directed. |

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27	0600	Col Works and Col Irvin reported in at 0600A.
28	0600	Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep HQ. 31 submitted.
29	0600	Hq, 10th Mt Div Issm No. 19.
30	0615	Col Works and Col Irvin left for show.
31	0650	Phone fr Rebata White 6: Rebata White 6 called in over Arty Ln Off line - Bn in pretty good condition - having trouble with communications. A great many supplies came in last night - Arty is about to fire concentrations in front of our positions. ACTION: G/S, G-3.
32	0650	Rec'd; Anaxo No 2 AO Plano de Emprego No. 5, 21 Feb 45, from REF.
33	0710	Phone fr OP #2(Reveke): Situation quiet. ACTION: Journal.
34	0735	Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebata 3: What is situation in regard to communication to Rebata White? ACTION: Arty (Reject) put in a line to them last night. The Regt has not been able to get thru as yet. A line was almost completed last night but it was torn up. Wire men sent out immediately to repair from the break. Every attention being given to this matter.
35	0730	Phone fr Reject (through Rex): In C #410 at 230500A, from 153410G on LZ 327 saw enemy forces and equipment (tanks and horse-drawn vehicles). No distance given. Air sqm CP's are checking the report. ACTION: G-3 Journal.
36	0800	Phone fr Recall 27 to Recall 5: We are ready to evacuate 29 PW's and 5 civilians. ACTION: Go ahead with the evacuation of them.
37	0800	Phone fr Keystone 2: Col King called to check on arty fire heard in our sector (from Castelluccio). Answer: Rex is supporting Regiment's cleanup of enemy positions on Objective M. Action: Journal. REBATA
38	0755	Phone from Recall 5 to Major Callahan: Get a line up to Pissa di Campiano and the 2nd Bn of 87th thru CP of AT. I will contact GO of AT. ACTION...To be taken care of.
39	0845	Phone fr Kettle 6(424 FA Gp): Have observers fr the 185 FA Bn at BELVEDERE. 633 FA Bn base of H working forward. 185 FA Bn (CAPPEL RONCHLOS); 633 FA Bn working toward H; 185 FA Bn working toward H. All have radios. Wire following. Have been told to contact Div Arty and Inf Observers. ACTION: Journal, G-3.
0905		Phone fr REF, Capt Adair: Patrolling - Mortar fire on COSTELLO - 1 platoon Della CASELINEZ (1576196) at 230600A organizing position. Honey

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40	0905 (cont'd)	contact at SANTA MARIA (610215) between 2000A and 2300A--no casualties. Patrols between (1563197) - (1570198), no contact. Patrol to (1503202) and to (1597210) - no contact. Patrol to MARANO RIVER Valley S of OBRAT DELLA SABBANE (1584206) - no contact. Patrol still out to Hill 674 (1648218). ACTION: G-2, Journal.
41	0910	Phone fr Rax 2: Brazilians receiving MG fire from 552194 - hitting at 562195. ACTION: Rebate 3 notified.
42	0850	Phone fr Ln C to REF to Recall 2: Coordinates (597214) 10 men seen climbing hill--unknown--reported by a Pvd O, 1st Bn, 230810A. Isum, G-2, Journal.
43	0905	Phone fr Require 2: Enemy in bldg at 50281877 at 0830A. Totion, Jral, Isum.
44	0905	Phone fr Reject 2: Lines the same. Making preparation for attack with 10 min fire as of 0900. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
45	0910	G-2 departed for Rebate Whm SP. ACTION: Noted in Journal.
46	0917	Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: Def on Hill 930 (1562199) are receiving MG fire from Hill 1027 (1552194) Contact 3rd Bn and have it stopped.
47	0910	Phone fr Redoubt 5: 1 plnt "B" Co, 86th Inf attached to 10th Mt AF Bn is about played out. Strength has decreased from one off, 34 men to 1 off, 23 men. Can this outfit be replaced? Things are quiet now. ACTION: G-3.
48	0917	<del>Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: Def on Hill 930 (1562199) are receiving</del>
48	0930	Phone fr G-2 (Recall) to 5-2 Redoubt, Remount and Rebate. Report to G-2 as soon as possible, by telephone, the <u>times</u> and <u>routes</u> of patrols ordered for daylight run by Recall 6. Each patrol is to take along an Arty P/O and yellow snake. Use snake whenever air or arty support is desired.
49	0910	Phone fr Reply Charley: Fired 14 rds in bldg 50281877. No further movement. Ln C #633. ACTION: Journal, ISUM.
50	0925	Phone fr Rax 2: Reject PO: Inf crossed LB at 230905A. ACTION: G-3, C/S/
51	0950	Head IV Corps ISUM #780, dated 230947.
52	0930	Phone fr Reject 2(Through Rax 3): Enemy 80mm gun firing again, from same area as previously reported( as 100 miles from obj N). Have notified Kentucky and all planes in air to look for it. ACTION: ISUM, Journal.

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- 53 0950 Phone fr Rex2 from TD 2: one TD of plat TD 2 hit mine at 540184; no casualties. Leaves 3 TD's along ridge in opp condition.
- 54 0950 Phone fr Revok of #1: Can see tank at (489187). Only turret is visible. ACTION: Rover Joe.
- 55 1000 Phone fr Recall 3 (to Redoubt 5): Be sure you have plenty of wire and Engr tape--if not order supplies. Wire in your area and mark paths through mined areas. ACTION: journal.
- 56 1010 Phone fr Redoubt 5: "B" Co, 10th CM, CP at FOOGIO FORATIO(446137). ACTION: map, journal.
- 57 0950 From CG, 10th Mt Div to CG, 85th Mt Inf: How are things coming? Have you got wire to Wooley and Scheeler? We are still having trouble getting wire in. The wire to Wooley and Scheeler is still out this morning. We had wire to them until arty shelling started and then it went out. Your communication people are not wire conscious. They should have a repair crew in the general vicinity when shelling begins. Do you maintain wire to Bras or do Bras, help you out that? He work both ways. Is Stone pushing on this morning? He was short of ammo last night, but he has gotten stuff up to him now. We sent 230 mules with everything on them to Stone so he should have enough now. Stone says he has 50% casualties and I feel sure he is wrong in this ~~MAGNETA~~ respect. His men are probably scattered around, many in the Brazilian area.
- There is a point. I want Rebate White to tie in with the Brazilians. The Bras are now in MALANSHORE(570197), and they want us to make contact with them at 902. Stone should push his patrol through and contact Bras. This patrol can swing around see what is on his front.
- How are the men getting along?
- They are in pretty good shape.
- Have Scheeler send one patrol with arty observers, and see if they can observe enemy assembling along road for ALBARKILL. Also, see what is on their south.
- Try to locate those 88's, and mortars. Try to locate any targets that can be knocked out by our arty.
- The patrol ought to take 1053, the ridge down toward feature 872. A patrol ought to go down in that way. At all times, patrols should be kept under observation in case they need help. If they get into trouble, they are to get arty fire on the enemy.
- Wooley's patrol should go down 1008 to the southwest toward FIANKHO running down. They will get to a point where they can overlook the road.
- The time of departure and route should be coordinated with Rover Joe and Arty. 15 men and one off, in addition to an arty observer should be sufficient for each patrol. Get them organized and send them out.
- I want you to have Wooley and Scheeler to draw wire fr Engrs and start wiring in their positions. All avenues of possible approach by enemy will be wired first, and then wire in all along. We will get wire to you.

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- 58 0930 Fr CG 10th Mt Div to C G IV Corps: I am having the following action taken: Sending out patrols from my front to find out just what is out there. I will coordinate with air and arty on this. We will try to find out just how much of the enemy is out there.  
Wiring in whole defense line. It will be wired in so that when we are relieved, it will be strong. I am going to relieve Bn who has just reached final obj. It has been considerably reduced in strength and has not much punch left. Relief will be made by 3rd Bn of 86th after dark tonight.  
Gen. Crittenger: There will be a man from the ND here at 1000A. He is a Col, Fr here. I will send him to your Hq to be shown around
- 59 1020 Phone fr Reg 2 to Rex 2 to Recall 2: Tank taken under fire at 523019A5 by 410 Reject--no results known--time: 1025. Action. Jbtural.
- 60 1010 Phone fr Lt Col King (Asst G-2, 4th Corps)...To Gen Duff: General Howard, G-2, 5th Army states that the 10th Mt Div, is now authorized to wear their shoulder patches. He further states that the 27th German Div, originally NW of Bologna, is now SE of Bologna. However, it does not appear that it is orientated in connection with our present op operation, although there is a probability that it may be used in connection with this operation.
- 61 1100 Read: Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation as of 230700A (2 copies)
- 62 1100 Read: Hq IV Corps SITREP NO 105, dated 221200A. (5 copies).
- 63 1100 Read: Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Rept No. 53, dated 22 Feb
- 64 1015 Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Col Tomlinson: 3rd Bn, Blue, to relieve Rebate White tonight, and I want them (Hay) to take the obj, if Stone has not.  
I want one co to push from 1063 to NE, 400 to 500 yds. to ridge. Then push another co. to north toward 1055. When he has established a good firm perimeter defense on hill mass, then I want strong patrols to push the Boche out by patrol action. I want Hay to keep in touch with Stone's operations.  
The relief will be under cover of darkness. We have a lot of supplies in there. Figure out what you need and notify G/S.  
85th will hold their right, hill 1086, 1018, ravine to east, and ravine to NW will be boundaries. 85th will be on Hay's left. Hay will be plenty facing W and NW and a little to the east.  
(570198) MALANDRONE IS Brazilian held. They want to make contact with us at a (902) (568198). So after Hay has secured position, have him send a patrol down that ravine and make contact with Brazilians. A letter of instructions will come out. Stone will not know of these instructions so Hay will tell him.

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- 65 1130 Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Schmalzer: Organize a couple of patrols to go out this afternoon...About one off and 12 to 15 KM. Check their route, give them radio communication, and have their actions observed by your CP. All movements should be coordinated. Have an arty observer with them. Send one patrol with the object of maneuvering around to ascertain what enemy assembly is taking place north of BOCCA CORNETA. Plan its route so it will be under observation.  
Another patrol from SASSO DELLA COA should work down to see road, and down to CAMPIANA. Both patrols must coordinate actions.  
I also want you to draw wire from engr and wire whale positions in. You will have solid double apron of barbed wire around your positions. Wire your weakest points first.
- 66 1050 Phone fr BEF Ln (thru Rex 2): At 231045A, the BEF is sending 2 strong patrols to hill 902 (1569199) and BELLANISTA (157202005). They will try to take these positions and hold them. Fr Reject 2: Enemy arty landing near (1522569) (note incorrect coordinate), coming on AZ 100 miles from this positions. ACTION: G-3, journal.
- 67 1035 Fr Chief of Staff to Surgeon's Office: Have you any trenchfoot cases? ACTION: Seven suspect cases--none yet confirmed.
- 68 1050 Phone fr Rex Ln O with BEF: Front lines of BEF: (1566196) - (569196) - (573194) - (576196); (1579195) - (1582192) - (1585193) - (1587195) (1588197) - (1589199) - (1592200) - II (1516198) Action..journal.
- 69 1100 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #32 submitted.
- 70 1105 Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 5: Front elements have reached a point 200 yds. N of marker on M TORRACOLA. Action: Asst Recall 6, C/S, journal.
- 71 1115 Phone fr Recall 6 to Rex 6: How is Stone's Bn coming? After a concentration of fire, they jumped off and are moving up. This was about 45 min ago.
- 72 1120 Phone fr Rex 2...from Require 2: At 231000A, at (519190), fired 25 rds on an armored vehicle on the highway. Effect unknown. At 230220A, at (510184), fired 28 rds on advancing enemy troops. Fire very effective. At 230800A, at (5021877), fired 14 rds on enemy tre in a bldg. No further movement observed. ACTION:ig-3, Ism.  
Frm Reject 2;;;3rd bn, 85th...a patrol has just left, at 231115A, fr Hill 1053 (548189). Patrol will be out all day; going to PRATI (54151935); will continue on trail to hill 832 (539196). ACTION: G-2, map.

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- 73 1115 Keystone 5 and party arrived. ACTION: Journal.
- 74 1115 Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall Asst 6: Firefight on east slope. Two Brazilian combat patrols coming in fr the east. ACTION: Recall Asst 6... Will give you two how fr Remount White.
- 75 1130 Phone fr Remo-mt 2: Have captured 2 PW's from 1st Co. 741st Inf Regt. Co now located at BASSA DEL COCA (1522191), where the men were digging individual fox holes last night. Co strength is 50 - 60 men, with 9 IM's and 5 close combat AT guns. ACTION: Asst G-2, map, Teum, Journal.
- 76 1125 Read letter fr 3326 SIAM Co., dated 22 Feb, Subject: Violation of Radio Security. Attached to it was a note fr Maj Callahan Div Sig, addressed to G-2, "this is a copy of report rendered to army by SIAM. Off were using the radio sets when violation occurred. #3 of letter has no doubt been followed by enemy?".
- 77 1140 Phone fr Rebate 3: Patrol to vic 872 departed at 1100a; overlay to be sent, containing routes and times out and in. ACTION: G-2, G/S.
- 78 1155 Read: G-2 Periodic Rep No. 261(Hq IV Corps) dated 230800a Feb 1945.
- 79 1155 Read: Allied Force Hq (Office of Asst C/ 3, G-2) Intelligence Notes No. 95, dated Feb 13, 1945. also... German CB data, Dec 44(Reinforcements).
- 80 1155 Read: fr 2602d Publications Depot, 35 copies of book "Mil Report fr United Nations #20".
- 81 1150 KRAMM/Redoubt 5: Tell Col Cordes to organize a couple of patrols--one officer and about 8 EM, should move south toward MANGIMILLO, with the purpose of taking recon and obsn. They will report if enemy is occupying, or building up forces.
- Another patrol to move from ridge down to the NE, to a point where they see into the valley. I want them to get too far out. Make certain that there is proper coordination.
- I want you to get wire and start wiring your positions in with a double apron of wire. Wire in all the way around and wire solid. Wire local points only.
- 82 1200 Read: propaganda "Life" "Death" pictures(3) from 10th Div Arty, addressed G-2.
- 83 1200 Read: Hq 10th Mt Div Arty G-3 Report #25, dated 22 Feb.
- 84 1200 Fr C/S to Rebate at 1050a; Remount, 1125a; Retread, 1055a; Rex, 1059a; Reject, 1140a; Reply, 1130a; Requite, 1100a; Redoubt, 1056a; Resort, 1058a; Return, 1054a; Return, 1101a; Revake, 1103a; Rebell, 1105a; Notify all Cadre having men in front lines to take immediate precautions against trenchfeet. CG considers this a command responsibility. An officer will

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| 84      | 1200<br>(contd) | see that each man has his feet massaged twice a day and that socks are changed and dried at each massage. THIS TO BE EFFECTED AT ONCE.  |
| 85      | 1215            | Phone fr Rebate 3; Radio msg from 2d Bn 85; "Enemy c/atk at 1159A. Have used all Bn Res. Having a bad time holding". Next plans to use part of 3rd Bn, 85th, to reinforce if necessary. Will call on Div if 3rd Bn is not enough. ACTION: G/S, CG, Div Arty, BEP.   |
| 86      | 1225            | Phone fr Redoubt 5; Friendly troops are on top of M CAMPANO. Patrols working further down ridge. ACTION: G/S, Journal.  |
| 87      | 1233            | Phone fr Recall 3 to Keystone Battle 3 (Capt O'Brien); Msg fr Rebate White on TORRACCIA; strong enemy counterattack at 231200A. Bn res has been committed—Bn having a tough time. ACTION: Corps notified.   |
| 88      | 1245            | Phone fr Remount Blue; Rebate White is receiving very little arty support on c/atk. Maj May is now going up to White's position with his adv party. ACTION: G/S, CG, G-3.   |
| 89      | 1245            | Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Rebate 3 at 231219A; to Remount 3 at 231224A; to Retread 3 at 231150A; and to Redoubt 5 at 231247A; Appoint a countermortar officer for each Bn and Regt. G/mortar off to report Mortars to Div Arty (Rex 2). Report names of officers to G-3 by 1800A, 24 Feb. We will have them instructed. ACTION: All org notified...journal. |
| 90      | 1300            | Phone fr Rex 3; Brazilians are at Hill 902 awaiting contact with 85th. ACTION: Rebate 2 notified.   |
| 91      | 1232            | Phone fr Rex 3; We are receiving friendly arty fire in via VALPIANO. Our arty is not firing. Check with the tanks. Action: 751st T Bn notified. They will check their tanks.  |
| 92      | 1315            | Phone fr G-3 to Remount (see ser no. 47-Feb 23), re 1 phat B Co, 86th, W/10 AT about played out etc...can outfit be replaced...? CG 86th "Relief will take place on the 24th in morning"...Redoubt informed.  |
| 93      | 1335            | Phone fr Lt Col Stevenson (BEP); Report just recd from CP on M COSTELLO observed troops on TERRACCIO withdrawing fr direction of LA BORRE and fr Hill 1083 towards KALABRONE draw. ACTION: CG, G/S, Journal, G-3, Rebate informed this is probably a friendly patrol fr White Bn contacting Brazilians in sight.  |
| 94      | 1350            | Phone fr CP #1; nothing to report. Action: G-2  |



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95	1245	Phone fr Recall 6, (Asst) to Rex: Do you know of counterattack? ACTION: We have good communication with forward observer, and will give them all the arty support possible.
96	1304	Phone fr Recall 6 (asst) to Rebate: What is situation of Stone's front? C/A... Said to be coming from F co's left flank at 1355A. G co. had been committed, with all reserves, on the right.
97	1335	Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Remount CO: One co of Hay's to get up in there just in rear of Stone. This co. not to be committed unless fight is critical and it looks like we are to lose high ground. See p co on reverse slope.
98	1345	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Rebate 6: What news of a/atk? It was mostly local, with main action relieved fr enemy who were driven fr top of ridge. There was much MG and arty fire. It is quiet now. INSTRUCTIONS: One co of Hay's Bn will move to high ground, and not to be used unless necessary. This is still your show and if it is necessary, you can use part of your 3rd Bn. BEP reports from Mt COSTELLO that amount of men was observed coming into MALABECNE DRAN. Col Barlow is of opinion this is his patrol making contact with Brazilians.
99	1400	Phone fr CG 10th Mt Div Arty to (Recall 5) Chief of Staff: Message relayed fr 633rd (Lefty 6) in code. Gun Ruffner received message at 1350 (then 25 to 30 minutes old). Bn making desperate attack to take obj. Easy Co at left destroyed. Committing G Co. Request immediate reinforcements move to hill 1036 with immediate support. ACTION: Message being investigated. NOTE AT BOTTOM: this pertains to G-A early this AM assigned H.E.D.
100	1403	Phone fr Lt Col Stevenson (BEP): Of an Mt. COSTELLO observed close fighting on Hill 1083 and La Barre. Do you want fire support from M COSTELLO? ACTION: a/s, U-3, Journal.
101	1400	Patrol intentions for Redoubt, Remount, and Rebate road, plotted and communicated to Rex and Rover Joe. Patrols are as ordered by Recall 6.
102	1420	Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 6 (Asst): Fwd Observer just back fr TERRACCIO reports that nothing happened since we ceased firing. The front line is reported to be across the SW nose of TERRACCIO, coming toward 1079..... Between 1079 and 1085. The report fr Lefty 6 seems to be old, and fr this morning.
103	1330	Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM #20, submitted.
104	1455	Rec'd. Hq 88th Inf Div, G-2 Report No. 230 dated 221200A Feb 1945. (2 copies)
105	1455	Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 535 dated 221200A Feb 1945.
106	1500	Rec'd. Overlay of mine emplacements from 2nd Bn 87th dated 221900 Feb 45, and overlay showing occupation of BOCCO CORNUTA dated 221100 Feb 1945.

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- 107 1500 Rec'd. German documents fr Message Center, who said they were sent in by the 87th.
- 108 1500 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP #33, submitted.
- 109 1500 Rec'd. fr <sup>Colonel</sup> Peterson, G-1: "CG, 85th Inf reports following casualties in 2nd Bn for entire operation: Killed-33, Wounded-82. Total - 115."
- 110 1320 Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Rex 3 (Maj Gall): Any recent news, and have you a sub over the area? We had 3 subs up a few minutes ago. We just called FO 412 who says that they have not called for any more fire. He was at (1566202) when reported this. S-3 wants no more fire. Things seem to have quieted down.
- 111 1430 Phone fr Keystone 2 (Fernandes): Tac/R Report: - 231210A to 231300A. No activity on roads N. of Belvedere. All secondary roads covered carefully. 3 motorized transports moving N into ZOCCA. 100 Inf in square at MODENA; 50 Inf going S out of town. From MODENA to MARANELLO, 6 motorized transports. Otherwise no movement seen in BELVEDERE Sector to MODENA to REGGIO. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 112 1515 Rec'd. Overlay of Patrol Intention #627, Co K, 85th dated 23 Feb 1945.
- 113 1515 Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn, S-3 Report No. 54 dated 231200A Feb 1945.
- 114 1520 Phone fr Col Davis, (Keystone 2): Inform Col Works that the secrecy of our unit is lifted. We can wear our shoulder patch. Question: Does that include the word mountain? Ans: Yes, if it is an authorized addition. ACTION: Noted Col Works and Journal.
- 115 1530 Recall 2 to Keystone 2 (Phone): Officer identified by insignia as being from 1st Bn, 741st Regiment was killed near VALPIANA, 21 Feb. He had documents containing administration and tactical information. Some documents had locations of units, and code symbols for 26th Panzer Regt. All of these were forwarded immediately to Corps G-2 (IV Corps). Our IPW and OS man states it is possible that the 741st Regt was committed in conjunction with the 26th Panzer Div on the 6th Army front which would account for his possession of some documents of that organization. One document was a training schedule from the 26th Panzer Regt dated 12 Feb 1945.
- 116 1550 Phone fr Rebate 2: Communications with right flank still very poor. Unconfirmed report indicates that the moon counter attack was by a force of about 25 enemy. Sector is now quiet. ACTION: Corps, G-2, G-3, Journal.
- 117 1550 Phone fr IPW: A PW states that when the 741 Jaeger Regt left Lake Connaccia, the 721st was in line to the SE. ACTION: Corps, G-2, Journal.
- 118 1600 Phone fr Rebate 2: Rebate Blue has captured a German Arty radio which is in good working condition. It is being forwarded to G-2. ACTION: Set will be turned over to 110th Signal for possible use, as seen above.

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| 119     |      | Orders of CG: "Notify Organization COs to have each company commander police his area. Pick up equipment that is lying around and turn it in to S-4s. Equipment found by individuals should be turned in and not retained." Phoned to Rex 3 - 1537, Rebate - 1605, Remount - 1450, Retread - 1515, Redoubt - 1455, Revolve - 1539, Resort - 1600, and See - 1530.  |
| 120     | 1430 | Phone fr Rex 6; Pearson has in Officer with May's Bn. He has forward observer going up. 3 lines 110 going up. As soon as Pearson gets in communication with May, He will take over direct support and Williams will revert to reinforcing.   |
| 121     | 1510 | Phone fr Recall 5 to Retread (White): In regard to situation in CAMPIANO do not do any firing at all over there until we get some of the trails marked. Wait until further orders before firing. I will have flags put in between PIZZA DI CAMPIANO and BOCCA CORNETA. If you see anything let us know. ACTION: Noted.   |
| 122     | 1520 | Phone fr Recall 5 to Redoubt 5: We want you to mark trail so people can fire in front of you. Warn men not to go beyond flags on markers.  |
| 123     | 1522 | Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebate 6: When you get a mine field mark it off with tape and also mark a path thru with tape. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 124     | 1600 | Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Report: At 200 yds right of (150341840), 5 to 6 rounds in quick succession. Azimuth from crater - 300 mils. Time 231630A. ACTION: ISUM, Journal.   |
| 125     | 1615 | Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Remount 6 and Rex 6: Col Weeks reports that he just came from Hill 1036 and he says Rebate White is on near slope of hill just above 1079. Krauts are on north side of 1083. Enemy arty does not fire when Rover Joe is in action. A sub plane would help. Rebate White has had quite a few casualties. This apparently falsifies report that came in earlier to effect that Rebate White was 200 yds north of monument on 1083. ACTION: Noted in Journal. |
| 126     | 1635 | Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 6(Asst): E Co is just a little to the NE; 100 yds directly north of the 7 and 1079. F Co is west of hill 1079 toward 991. G Co has not been heard from and location is unknown. ACTION: Try to get more info. and call back.  |
| 127     | 1630 | Rec'd. M; Fifth Army Weather Forecast 232400A - 242400A Feb 1945.  |
| 128     | 1645 | Rec'd. M; IV Corps SITREP No. 107, 231200A Feb 1945.   |
| 129     | 1645 | Rec'd. 4 copies of enemy propaganda sent in by 86th Mt Inf.  |
| 130     | 1645 | Phone fr Capt Preston (Retread): All Bns have wire and Mag tape - where installations have not been wired in and taped, it will be done at once. ACTION: Journal.  |

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131 1645 Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Rebate 6: What do you know of Stone's position? K and F Co's are in line below peak this side of 1079. G Co, is on a knoll extending just below hill 1079 to 1018. It seems they tried to push forward, were pinned down, and never did move forward. My patrol reported 75 men below 1079 in potential reserve (555196). The G-A this morning seemed to be merely their attempting to advance when they met enemy fire. Co from 86th moving up and has made contact with Bn CP located on Hill 1036, H Co mortars at (552192). ACTION: Map, Journal, G-3, Issu.

132 1645 Phone fr Remount 2: Op of first Bn, through 20-power scope, can see the following: Mine field 3 rows, 50 yds wide at (1525169). Mines have not yet been buried. At (1525190) some unnatural fresh rock piles can be seen; possibly gun positions. ACTION: G-2, Map, Journal.

133 1700 Phone fr Remount 6 to Recall 6 (Asst): Rebate White is on reverse slope of 1079. Col Weeks reports that Stone's CP is just below 1036, with an CP on top. They apparently have been there all day. Stone gave information that he was on 1063 because that is where he thinks he is. However, he is actually on 1079. This has been checked by compass. ACTION: G-3, Journal.

134 1720 Rec'd: IV CORPS Issu No.781, Ref No 113, 231605A.

135 1720 Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebate 6: Rebate White will hold his ground and will not give ground. Find out if Rebate White has sent a patrol to contact R&P? Let us know. ACTION: Rebate White will relieve 1 company tonight and remainder tomorrow. Remount Blue will pass thru tonight.

136 1730 Phone fr T/Air Ren No. 10: Time over area 1210 to 1300A.  
1. Vergato (15824). No movement seen. 2. J M.T. moving north at (15347) into 2000A. 3. VIGNOLA MARANELLO (15153) no movement seen. 4. MODENA MARANELLO 6 M.T. moving south. 100 plus Inf in SW corner of MODENA and 50 Inf marching out from MODENA. 5. MODENA REGGIO no movement seen. 6. REGGIO SCANDIANO, SASSULO, MONTE FIGRINO and adjacent roads only 1 M.T. 7. MT. PIELMELAGO and PAVULLO no movement seen. 8. 3 large M.T. entering PAVULLO from south (SESTOLA 14221). 9. PANARO area no movement seen. 10. No flak. 11. Smoke area (15321). ACTION: Issu, G-2 and Journal.

137 1730 Phone fr Rex 2 fr Rejeet 2 (From Rejeet Liaison Off)(with 24 Bn 85th): The front lines of G Co (55562020) to (55802000) (Elements of E and F in with it). Top of Hill (331083) is occupied by elements of Co's E, F, G. Col Stone is with Maj Hay on Ren. The counterattack this afternoon at about 1200A was on the left flank. All quiet now. ACTION: G-3, Journal.

138 1745 Rec'd: 3-3 Report No. 15, TF 45, 23 Feb 45.

139 1740 Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 5: Front line is held by G Co. Elements of R&P on top of Hill 1063. ACTION: Asst CG & Journal.

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140	1743	Phone fr Rebate White 5: Front lines (556203)(F Co) on forward slope. Left of F Co and in rear is E Co (556204) (approx). G Co has been pulled back. (1300A).
141	1756	Phone fr Rebate 3: Front lines are approximately along the 20 merthing. G Co has been pulled back into reserve. I don't believe there are enough enemy out in front to interfere seriously with relief tonight. ACTION: Journal, C/S, SITREP 1800A.
142	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #21, submitted.
143	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #34, submitted.
144	1815	Phone fr Recall 6 to Box 6: When Krauts shoot at us, I want it to be a policy to lay fire on them even if we do not know exactly where they are. We want to teach the Bechs that whenever they are to shoot at us, they are going to get return fire. ACTION: Will do. - Pearson now has two lines up to Hay's CP.
145	1830	Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Report from Require 2: At 231700A - area shelled (1521179) 20 rounds, azimuth to enemy guns 310° believed to be 105mm. at 231700A 6 rds landed at (151451665), azimuth to enemy guns 310° from position (1507174). ACTION: Noted shell report - ISUM - Journal.
146	1845	Phone fr Rebate 6: BEF on our right at 1036. Krauts hold Hill 902. Request permission to contact BEF at another point. Rebate plus is organizing small combat groups. Barbed wire being shipped up to Bns by animals. ACTION: Journal.
147	1850	Capt Livermore (In O) departed for Corps.
148	1850	Rec'd. Passwords fr Hq Fifth Army for period 1 to 7 Mar 1945, inclusive. (4 copies).
149	1905	Phone from Recall OP #3: OP #3 opened. Have one SCR511 at OP. Will relay to Jeep. SCR284 at Jeep to relay to Div CP. OP #3 at (1559203). Want to move 3rd Platoon from Div OP #1 to GAGGIO MONTANO. ACTION: Journal.
150	1910	Phone fr Retread 2: Patrol Report - Route to W of VALPIANO road. 4 soldiers wounded. Went to (1517187). Position located at (1517187). Enemy digging 3 or 4 fox holes around us. Our patrol allowed to get within 50 yds where enemy opened up with AN fire. Thought they killed 4 Krauts. Position located at (1522188). Also digging in around position at (1519188). Enemy seen digging large hole just to E of road. Thought to be gun position. Enemy digging in along mule trail from CAP LA MONTE (1519190) to CASA DEL LAGO (1515196). Snipers located around ORLANDO (1522186). All positions being dug in along this sector have grazing fire. There is a house with red roof at (1518196). Believed to be supply installation or gun position. House is fortified. Patrol states you cannot have daylight patrols in that area without casualties. If arty will fire time fire between (Cont'd).

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150(Continued) CAP LA MONTE and CASA DEL LAGO any time at night you can catch people digging. 3rd Bn Patrol was cancelled because of action of 1st Bn patrol. ACTION: Notified Div Arty of targets.

151 1930 Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol to (1533190). Mission accomplished. No weapons position found, one prisoner, no shots fired. 6 prisoners surrendered to 1st Bn OP due to our mortar fire.

152 1920 Phone fr Rex 2: Time 1830 from B Btry - 4 rds. (1) Time fire landed at (1525143), back azimuth 61°34'. (2) Reject 2 - 4 rds time fire, burst over (1526141). Time 1825A. (3) Require 2, Time 1848A. Buildings on fire (a) (153021950) (b) (154352030) reported by (152301765) Require 2. (4) Require 2. Enemy shelling - Time from 1727 - 1745A. Shell landed on top of M. BELVEDERE. Azimuth 5400 mils from (152051820) believed 88 mm, flat trajectory, sharp report from explosion. Require OP (14730019540) adjusted fire on suspected enemy gun battery during time that enemy gun ceased shelling of MT BELVEDERE. Later, after adjustment, enemy resumed fire for short time. ACTION: Journal.

153 2055 Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Remount 6: What is the plan? Ray is now at 1036, and he wants you to give this to him. (Change in boundary). I Co is around there now. I Co will move in and G Co will be taken out. The other two will be left in. I Co will go thru G Co, K Co follows until they get there and then go up the left. Just prior E and F pull out, L Co will be left in reserve, moving up to 1027. Heavy weapons support 1036. Jumping off time 0700, preceded by 20 minute arty preparation. ACTION: You will get support from Rover Joe and all possible arty.

154 2030 Phone fr Recall 5 to Remount 6: There will be a 20 minute arty preparation. ACTION: Journal.

155 2100 Phone fr Rex 2: BEP to take hill (1572202) and M LAGERN (1578201) tonight. Arty preparing now. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.

156 2100 Phone fr Remount 3 (Minor): What support can Remount Blue Bn expect from Rover Joe tomorrow? What time? ACTION: All air effort will be in your sector at earliest moment. Attempting to have planes here at 0700A - however may not be possible - expect them anyway at 0730A. ACTION: Journal, G/S.

157 2100 Rec'd. CI Publications fr Hq 15th Army Group dated 12 Feb 1945.

158 2100 Rec'd. Intelligence Bulletin No. 3 fr Hq IV Corps OSS Det dated 23 Feb 45.

159 2035 Phone fr Gen Crittenberger to Recall 6: What are recent developments and your immediate plans? ACTION: Today's developments covered, and plans for mmw morning attack set forth. Communications discussed at length and if communications are not satisfactory tomorrow Corps wireman will be requested.

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160	2040	Phone fr Rex 2: (From Require 2) A Brazilian soldier shot a German dressed in American uniform at (1556191). Observed large amount of smoke believed coming from smoke generator at (1484273). ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.
161	2055	Phone fr Ln O - Retread: Retread Red 2 reports his OP confirms positions and coordinates of message Serial No. 132, Journal. (Mine field & fresh rock piles). ACTION: G-2, Journal.
162	2106	Phone fr Lt Col Mathewson (BEF): Brazilians are on Hill 902 -- I have just checked with them. Have your unit arrange time for contact. ACTION: C/S, Journal, Rebate.
163	2115	Phone fr Retread Ln O: Retread Red is prepared to fire mission with 75 mm Howitzer on targets indicated in Journal entry 132 (Enemy incomplete mine field and gun positions). ACTION: Journal.
164	2115	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 782 to Fifth Army to include 232000A Feb 1945.
165	2120	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Remount 6: Rover Joe won't be over until 0715 in the morning. Can't get off the ground earlier than that. ACTION: OK. Noted in Journal.
166	2125	Phone fr Col Stevens (BEF) to Recall 5: Answering your call sir. Will you run down reports we have of German sniper being killed; and dressed in American uniform? ACTION: Have received no such report but will trace it down and advise.
167	2150	Rec'd. German maps sent in by S-2, Retread - IPW.
168	2200	Phone fr Recall 6 (Lt Allen) to Rex: Send over fire plan for tomorrow, with someone to explain it. ACTION: Maj Gall will be over.
169	2115	Phone fr Air O, IV Corps: Army says 22d TAC has agreed to get planes in area for Rover Joe as soon as possible -- however will be impossible prior to 0715. Tac/Ran will be in your area tonight. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
170	2210	Phone fr Keystone 3: BEF has 1 platoon on point (Hill) 958 (1574203) and more people on the way up there. They rec'd some fire from LA SERRA (5720) and will move to take LA SERRA. ACTION: Noted G-3. Rebate 3 - Maj Schooley notified.
171	2210	Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol Report - Out 231200A, In 231820A, 1 Officer, 15 EN to (1543195) at 231230A. Observed some enemy but made no contact. ACTION: G-2, ISUM: Journal.
172	2210	Rec'd. German map to accompany those mentioned in Item 167 of Journal for this date. Sent in by Retread.

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173	2225	Phone fr Recall 5 to Col LaDuc, IV Corps: The time is on the even hour just as it was originally. Artillery had the idea it was 11 hour minus 10. Now they are coordinated. ACTION: Noted in Journal.
174	2230	Phone fr Recall 2 to Reveke 2: Pull in all your CPs and put the men into the defense of the ridge. ACTION: Journal.
175	2250	Asst G-2, Major Lueck, left CP for his Quarters.
176	2240	Phone fr Ln C WFF: American and German bodies that were left lying around have been booby trapped. ACTION: G-2, 85, 86, 87, - G-4.
177	2310	Phone fr IPB Team: PW count from 230600A to 240600A - 5 PW's. ACTION: Noted for 0600 Isum and Journal.
178	2300	Hq 10th Mt Inf Div Sitrep No. 35 submitted.
179	2300	Major Lueck, G-2, left CP for Officer's quarters.
180	2308	Phone fr Remount 3: Rever Joe missions - 230715A - Gun positions at 56552100 - 57301990 - 53702000, ALBARELLI 54502080, FORMIC 54952045. ACTION: G/S and Journal.
181	2320	C/O departed for quarters. ACTION: Journal.
182	2345	Phone fr Redoubt: Patrol #3:- A patrol 6 along SERRASICCA RIDGE S of MONCINELLI - No enemy seen but noticed tracks recently made up and down slope. Patrol #4:- A patrol along SW slope SERRASICCA RIDGE proceeded north of GAPPAL BUSC, they were fired on by a sniper, snipers position unknown. Groups of enemy seen in two's and three's moving in valley at CEFITOLE. No enemy contact. ACTION: G-2 and ISUM.
183	2345	Phone fr Redoubt 3: Fifteen rounds arty fire landed on CAMPIANO between 1700 - 1800. One killed, two wounded (friendly). ACTION: 240600: ISUM.



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| 1               | 0015        | Phone fr Keystone 3: The BEF now occupy LA SERRA (577203) and point #739 (589199). ACTION: Map and Journal.   |
| 2               | 0005        | Phone fr Redoubt 2: Everything OK and quiet except for two rounds of arty that fell in the last hour-and-a-half. Do not know exact spot - just fell near area. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 3               | 0045        | Phone fr Recall 2 to Retread: Are you receiving any Arty fire? Ans: No, everything quiet except for our Arty firing. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 4               | 0115        | Phone fr Rex 2: Question:- What is all the Arty fire about? Ans:- Just harrassing fire and picking out some good targets that have been reported before. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 5               | 0115        | Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 112 fr BEF dated 23 Feb.   |
| 6               | 0300        | Phone fr Keystone 3 to Recall 3: Counterattack against LASERRA (577203) at 240130A. No ground lost, three PW's taken. Attack broken up at 240250A. BEF suffered a few casualties. ACTION: G-2, G-3, (DO).   |
| 7               | 0431        | Phone fr Keystone 3: As of 0430A a new counterattack in BEF area against LA SERRA (5720). ACTION: Noted for G-2 Isum. 86th and 85th.  |
| 8               | 0410        | Phone fr Rebate (80): Report to Rebate from Rebated Red OP. Observers noticed four flashes at 240310A approximately (54742182), which are believed to be gun positions. (Type and Cal. of gun at position unknown). Azimuth fr Rebate Red OP to location - 12° magnetic. Rebate Red OP located at 54131858. Estimated distance to gun positions from Red OP - 3600 Yards. |
| 9               | 0500        | Phone fr Keystone 3: BEF reports counterattack repulsed - no ground lost, some casualties. ACTION: G-2 (DO).  |
| 10              | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div sitrep No. 36 submitted.   |
| 11              | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 22 submitted.   |
| 12              | 0638        | Phone fr Recall 3- Rover Joe: The following missions were phoned to R Joe per request Major Walker, Div Air Officer: Gun position at 54532100; Gun position at 57301990; Gun pos at 53702000; ALBARELLI at 54502080; FCHING at 54952045. ACTION: Notified Maj Walker as requested.  |
| 13              | 0550        | Phone fr Recall 3: Report on sector fr 2300 - 0550A; Rebate - quiet. Remount - few rds enemy arty scattered through area.- Retread quiet.   |
| 14              | 0620        | Phone fr Rex 2 fr Kentucky 2: BEF lines as of 240605A. 1 platoon at Hill 958 (1574203), 1 plat at (1574203), 1 plat at LA SERRA (1577203), 1 plat between Hill 958 and LA SERRA, 1 plat at (1572801). ACTION: G-3, Journal.   |

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| 15      | 0645 | Phone fr Keystone 3: Another small counterattack on LA SERRA reported as of 0600A. ACTION: Notified Maj Ray, C/S, 85th.   |
| 16      | 0655 | Phone fr Recall 6: Have Maj move over and contact the BAF on his right as soon as he has taken objective. Also so long as the Brazilians are up on LA SERRA have him move out a little farther when he takes his objective. Action: C/S, Journal, Remount Blue.   |
| 17      | 0720 | Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebate 6: Recall 2 has been up to see Rebate White and reports a gap between L Co and Rebate White. L companies right was to the left of Hill 1047 and there was nothing between 1027 and 1036. Rebate 6, - Yes, the Bn Comdr is aware of that and is organizing small groups to fill the gaps. ACTION: Journal. |
| 18      | 0725 | Phone fr Rebate 3: "G" Co 85 has been relieved. ACTION: Notified Maj Murphy.  |
| 19      | 0740 | Phone fr Major Madden: By Remount Blue communication with 85th Inf they can get supporting fire from tanks. This told to Remount Blue and they are checking into immediate communication. ACTION: Remount Blue, C/S.  |
| 20      | 0750 | Phone fr Remount 5: Jumped off on time. ACTION: C/S, Remount 6, G-3.  |
| 21      | 0800 | Phone fr Keystone Battle 3: BAF reports that enemy regrouping west of Hill 958. (May be enemy pushed off TERRAGGIA). ACTION: Notified G-3, C/S.   |
| 22      | 0818 | Rec'd: Sitrep No. 108, 232400A Feb 45, Ref No 115 fr IV CORPS.  |
| 23      | 0840 | Phone fr Recall 6 to Recall 6: Co I reported at 0730A at (563203) pushing to LE BOMRE (565204). Enemy fire is light. I Co is moving toward buildings at (553200) and to C. BOMITO (558210). Remount Blue to establish contact with BAF vicinity LE BOMRE. ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.  |
| 24      | 0820 | Phone fr Rex 3: Arty falling on TERRAGGIA - It is not our arty. Will you check if it is 84th Chem. Bn? ACTION: Phoned 84th Chem Bn, Comdr informed, is checking to stop it.   |
| 25      | 0825 | Phone fr Redoubt 3: 2 Tank plats noted on overlay sent in last night are to be removed. ACTION: G-3.  |
| 26      | 0825 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3 and Retreat 3: Remount Blue's attack jumped off at 0700A. At 0730A Co I was reported at (563203). They are pushing toward LE BOMRE (565204). Enemy fire is light. Our Arty and air good. ACTION: Journal.   |

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| 27      | 0845 | Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 6 says - I Co, 86th Inf is 350 yds E of Hill 1083. K Co is past LA GROTTIE. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 28      | 0830 | Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 6: K Co just passed LE GROTTIE; just East of 1079. (cleared it out). I Co, 35 yds East, and approaching objective 1083. Got one enemy battery. ACTION: C/S, advised, noted in Journal.  |
| 29      | 0845 | Rec'd: German notebook found at approx (546188), 231600A Feb 45.   |
| 30      | 0845 | Rec'd: Overlay, 85th Mt Inf, (154951625) GAGGIO-MONTANA area, 231600A.   |
| 31      | 0845 | Phone fr Remount 5: As of 0830A, K Co at (1555201), I Co one plat on far side Hill 1083. S-3 reports some arty sherts on hill 1053 also at (1549181) This also reported by Tank Comdr up there. ACTION: Map, Gen Hays, C/S.  |
| 32      | 0855 | Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate White closed in GAGGIO-MONTANA / 240800A. ACTION: Sitrep.  |
| 33      | 0900 | Rec'd: GERMAN pack containing maps and papers captured 22 Feb 45 (555196).   |
| 34      | 0905 | Phone fr Remount 3: I Co has reached Hill 1010 and new obj has been extended to include Hills 983 and 1055. K Co unchanged. Meeting more resistance than I Co. Company Comdr of I Company wounded - one plat leader "A" Co killed. ACTION: Gen Hays, Map, C/S.   |
| 35      | 0910 | Phone fr Fwd Obsv: "I" Co has taken objective at 0855A at (55982032). "A" Co fwd at 0845A. Passed LA GROTTIE (555200). ACTION: G-3, CG, C/S, BEF notified at 240940A.  |
| 36      | 0920 | Phone fr Remount 3: To Rover Joe: Strafing mission starting at (1572208) along road to N from that point. I Co is (1566204). Remount will occupy LE BORNE, C. ROWITO, LE TARE. ACTION: Rover Joe, C/S, Map, Journal.   |
| 37      | 0920 | Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 10: Go to GAGGIO MONTANA to check on communications for our next CP. Contact Hq Comdt and meet him there to coordinate on move. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 38      | 0922 | Phone fr Remount 3: 3 Pws near N. DELLA TERRACCIA fr 11th, 12th and 13th Co's, 741st at 240800A. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Map, Corps.   |
| 39      | 0925 | Phone fr IV Corps: Two plats at DELLA CASSELLINA and one plat at LA SERRA. One plat at Hill 958 and one plat BELLA VISTA one plat at (1574202). Enemy has surrounded the plats at LA SERRA and hill 958. and the two plats at BELLA VISTA and (1574202) are going to attack to relieve them. ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal; phoned to Remount. |
| 40      | 0945 | Verbal msg from Recall 6 to Recall 5: Notify Barlow to have Stone's Bu remain where they are for about 24 hours. Then move them back to Campo-   |

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| 40  | Continued | Tizzoro for baths, clean clothes, etc. ACTION: Col Barlow to be informed by Col Irvin. Notified Rebate 3.   |
| 41  | 1000      | Phone fr Rex 2: 1 rd (105mm) landed near (1549163) at 240 916A. 12 rds 82mm landed at (556197) at 240950A. Enemy gun position firing at our troops from (573230); 3 guns. Also enemy gun position at (559249) at (555196) receiving shell fire at 240935A. ACTION: Rover Joe, Isam.   |
| 42  | 1030      | Phone fr Remount 3: I Co is in La BIERRE (09.5) consolidating position. K Co at 0930A at (1553206). Enemy identifications: 14th Co 741 (say that 15th Co is to the N indefinite.) ACTION: Gen Hays, C/S, MFP, Map, G-2.   |
| 43  | 1030      | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 54, 23 Feb 45, fr IV CORPS.  |
| 44  | 1030      | Rec'd Mag No. 1 to Recall 2: Report Outpost #2, 23 Feb 45. Switchboard out 18.02 heavy concentration of artillery fire N slope MT BELWENNER - 61° AS. 1900A to 2400A - all quiet. 0100 to 0800A, 24 Feb 45 - Situation quiet. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 45  | 1030      | Phone fr Remount 2: Adv info on F4's taken at BCRAGGIA this morning at 240800A and following that time: 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Co's are identified as "in the line", with 15th Co moving up in the rear. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Corps, Map.   |
| 46  | 1045      | Rec'd: Div Arty S-3 Report, 1800A 23 Feb 45.  |
| 47  | 1045      | Phone fr Redoubt 3: 15 rds arty fire landed at CAMPFANG between 1700-1800A. 1 killed, 2 wounded (friendly). Enemy artillery did this. ACTION: Isam, 240600A.  |
| 48  | 1100      | Phone fr Recall OP #1: Was relieved at 240830A. ACTION: G-2.  |
| 49  | 1110      | Phone fr Rex 2: shell report from Rejest 2: (555196) still being shelled by direct fire dus N. Rejest 2: Co K is at (553705). Co I just passed through OP 513. OP 410 - 0931A - enemy occupied house at (530-2012) was shelled. 8 casualties inflicted with aid of TD's. Reply 2: Op 523 reports at (558192) fwd elements (552198) of 530 displacing with Remount Blue. at 1015A Co K at (554206) going in direction of LSTAKE at (552207). Germans have evacuated the 1st Co (566205). ACTION: C/S, G-2, Map, Journal. |
| 50  | 1124      | Phone fr Recall 2 to Redoubt, Remount, Retreat: Telephone your patrol intentions to us as soon as possible. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 51  | 1124      | Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 24 Feb 45, IV CORPS.   |

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52	1130	Rec'd: Isum No. 783, Ref No 116, 241000A Feb 45, fr XV CORPS.
53	1130	Phone fr Recall 2 to Keystone 2: Request overlay of MIA, normal barrage areas, enemy artillery locations W of L54 Harding. ACTION: Will be sent.
54	1130	Phone fr Rex 2: At 1045A (556197) 8 enemy prisoners taken by infantry. The CP that reported this is located at (555196). ACTION: G-2, Isum.
55	1210	Phone to Remount 3: (1) Take Hill 991 (1556205). (2) Clear out MALANDRONE FOSSO. (3) Make contact with BFP at Hill 902 (1568198). (Orders of CG, 10th Mt Div).
56	1210	Phone to Rascoun 6: Move some tanks elements to vicinity MT DELLA TORRAGGIA. Suggested route: ABETATA, Ridge 930, DELLA TORRAGGIA. (Orders of CG, 10th Mt Div).
57	1215	Phone to Rex 2: Move platoon TD's to vicinity MT DELLA TORRAGGIA. Rex 2 says 1 platoon in vicinity CORONA and 1 platoon near CAPPULA DI ROMENEGOS. He will move a section from CORONA at once, remainder to complete a platoon to follow. (Orders of CG, 10th Mt Div).
58	1100	Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 37 submitted. (not previously entered).
59	1212	Phone fr Remount 3: Getting fire fr heavy guns N of MONTE FORTE (555221) on hill 1079 ( ). Believe fire coming fr S on hill 1079. Request location. ACTION: P.I., Arty, Journal.
60	1250	Phone fr Remount 3: I Co occupied Hill 991 at 1215A. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
61	1800	Phone fr Rex 3: BFP in C reports Amer. Troops at I. FELIGARI (1559206) at 240945A. ACTION: G-3, G/S.
62	1325	Phone fr Recall 3 to Rex 3: A Btry 84th Chem Bn is now in position to support 10th AF Bn, C Btry 605th FA Bn can be relieved of support at 1400A. ACTION - Journal, G/S.
63	1325	Phone fr Rex 2: From Reply 2: Casualties 25% - 30% in their Inf unit (Remount). At 1225A location 530 (1555195) - moving forward. From Rex 2: (558196) - AS 6030 - Rex wire crew received shelling at 1235A. From Reply 2: 1220A K Co is at (55232060). Right flank of I Co (56562050); extends left to Hill 1083. From Royer Joe to Reply: Can flash observed from (5652460) at 1300A. ACTION: CG, G/S, Journal.
64	1330	Phone fr Col Wagner to Recall 5: Calling in reference to Bn to be moved to Campo Tizoro. He will need housing facilities for 22 officers and 749 KM. ACTION: Will make necessary arrangements and call back.
65	1330	Phone fr Rex 2: At (512178) obsvd mortar flashes coming fr N. Air observer-S of MONTASE saw installations for heavy guns at (1558243). ACTION: P.I., G-2.

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- 66 1330 No, 10th Mt Div Isam No. 23 submitted.
- 67 1330 Msg fr Signal Monitor of Rover Joe: To Challies from Lulu. On 1 time over area 0700 to 0750A. Visibility good. 8 M.T. and 3 H.D.V. SO BOLOGNA. 16 H.D.V. and 3 H.D.V. west. 4 M.T. and 8 H.D.V. SO (17745) to 11 M.T. West of BOLOGNA Position. 4 M.T. 8451 - Jamming - Area BOLOGNA from (14651) to (17765) to (19365) to BOLOGNA secondary road. 10 H.D.V. all ways. 4 H.D.V. NO. BOLOGNA to 19760. 4 H.D.V. both ways to BOLOGNA to M2443. 6 H.D.V. and 2 M.T. SO M2443 to M1025. 2 M.T. and 1 H.D.V. West M0529. Observed 9 H.D.V. on secondary Road to BSL. ACTION: Rover Joe.
- 68 1330 Msg fr Signal Monitor of Rover Joe: Challies calling Lulu with tactical reason #8 Text #1. TDA. The fig. 1130 to 1200 visibility good. BOLOGNA to IMOLA no movement seen. IMOLA to MASSA LOMBARDA the fig 2 met north. MASSA LOMBARDA to BOLOGNA the fig. 8 H.D.V. the fig 6 met both ways. CASTEL FRANCO to BAZZANO to BOLOGNA no movement seen. AREA IMOLA to MASSA LOMBARDA to MEDICINE to CASTEL SAN PIETRO the fig 10 scattered met on byroad. No A (interference) A and of message. ACTION: Rover Joe.
- 69 1330 Msg fr Signal Monitor of Rover Joe: From Lulu to Challies: NY Text 7 to A 1000, 1 1115. No AA. Visibility good. Area MODENA OSTIGLIA approx. Fig 17 H.D.V. North and Fig 16 H.D.V. South and Fig 4 M.T. South. Area CO EARLYING to PO RIVER Fig 16 H.D.V. South and Fig 10 H.D.V. North. Area MODENA - REGGIO - LAORO - CARPI Fig 30 H.D.V. and Fig 5 M.T. very scattered all directions. Convey of Fig 11 H.D.V. South No. 1 South (15685) (15379). Fig 20 motorcycles North (15476). Area REGGIO - F3500 - FIACO - Parma Fig 26 very scattered H.D.V. all ways. Fig 8 large H.D.V. North of 1119. ACTION: Rover Joe.
- 70 1340 Phone fr Bsc 2: 10 enemy in house at (559206) at 1400A. Troops in 12 ENGINE are not friendly. Noted at 1325A. Enemy troops at (558210) at 1332. ACTION: Journal.
- 71 1400 Phone fr Bsc 1 (6) (6) to Recall 5: Get hold of Barlow and inform him that there are at least two of our dead, and two or three enemy dead to right of Cavalry's section in rear. Have them evacuated immediately. ACTION: Prices notified, and action to remove dead begun immediately.
- 72 1400 Phone fr 11 Off: from 23 Feb Photo cover: (55872351) possibly 1 gun. (55942571) possibly 2-3 field guns. ACTION: Journal.
- 73 1430 Phone from Regiment 3: 1 Co occupy 991, Town of LE BORRE and Hill 983. 2 Co has one platoon FALCINI vicinity 1055. Remainder of L in Bn Reserve in vicinity HILL 1077 LA BRUTE. K Co forward platoon with one sec heavy (1554206); one platoon with sec light at (1552203); another platoon with one ISB (1554203). Gf at present reverse slope Hill 1036. 86th would like to give all of Hill 1036 to the 85th - 1st 85th would like to have it.

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73	Continued	CR'd by G-3. ACTION: C/S, Map, Gen Hays, Journal.
74	1445	Rec'd: 751st Tank Bn Report No. 55, 24 Feb 45.
75	1445	Phone fr Redoubt: Patrol Plans: #___ fr SERRASSICIA SW along ridge to M. MANCINELLO; then NW across ridge, then NE along NW ridge. Slope up to BUSCO; then back to SERRASSICIA. ACTION: Map.
76	1445	Phone fr Baccen: Location of tank unit (re/ par 5e, G-3 Periodic Report #180) should be (L879189). ACTION: Noted to Sgt Willis.
77	1445	Phone fr Tac Rm: 1000A to 1115A 140 hdy vicinity PARMA, GARPI, MIRONDOIA, FOSSIO BUSCO; no direction tendency noted. ACTION: G-2.
78	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #38 submitted.
79	1515	Recd: BIF IPK Report #27, dated Feb 23.
80	1520	Recd: Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 231, dated 231200A Feb, (2 copies).
81	1520	Recd: Hq XIII Tactical Air Command, Daily Int. Summary No. 132, Feb 22.
82	1520	Recd: Hq 15th Army Group corras (1st Ind.) Subject: Counter-Int. Publication. Refers to SIG Det 10th Mt Div letter of 19 Feb 1945.
83	1520	Recd: Hq 5th Army G-2 Report No. 536, dated 231200A Feb.
84	1530	Recd: [unclear] papers, pictures, empty wallet etc to be sent to IV Corps.
85	1430	Phone fr Mex 24: 25 men in skirmish; one wearing dark uniform. Seemed to be pinned down. Men are at (542192). ACTION: G-3, Journal...also; from Cover [unclear] gun at (551252); ACTION... P.I.
86	1556	Phone fr Baccen G: Not possible to move tanks fr Renshides to Terraccia via existing trail. Same applies to trail to TERRACCIA via M COSTELLO. [unclear] still out on trail fr GAGGIO MONTANO to TERRACCIA. If this trail proves impracticable - request Engr assistance to build or repair route to [unclear]. [unclear] says he believes 1 Engr Plat could be put in spt of [unclear] trail to TERRACCIA via GAGGIO MONTANO - saddle between [unclear]. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Engr O, G-3.
87	1650	Phone fr [unclear] 1 to [unclear] 5: What are plans on billeting of Rebato [unclear] at [unclear] [unclear] Recall 5: AG will call you on the situation. other: Journal.

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- 88 1530 Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebate 6: Asst Div Cndr reports our own dead and enemy dead in Shalors sector. Some are located six or seven hundred yds E of CAPIC MONCHIDCS. Others are 200-300 yds in rear of his present position. Have them removed at once.
- 89 1530 Phone fr Recall 5 to Raccoon 6: How are you coming with tanks? ACTION: At present time, checking rails and reconnoitering. One trail being checked runs across from ridge 1053, other trail just above GAGGIO-MONTANO. Will notify you of developments, and every effort to be made to get tanks up.
- 90 1545 Phone fr Recall 5 to Retread White 6: Did you get tape for marking mine fields and have you barbed wire? Yes, we have the tape, and are marking mined areas as rapidly as possible. We also have sufficient wire. We wired last night, and will work on it tonight also.
- 91 1545 Phone fr Account Blus; 18 PW's taken since 240800A. All are from 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th *Co's*, III Bn, ~~8888~~ 74th Inf Regt. <sup>at MONTESE</sup>. ACTION: G-2, MAP, G/S.
- 92 1555 Phone fr Col LaDue to Recall 6 (Asst): I called Army to tell them everything is set and they said to get ready for the next move. Go ahead and start planning for the next move. You know what the next line is. You will need an intermediate line. You have done a wonderful job. All eyes are on you. You are carrying the ball. We are working on relief now. I think initially it will be about 50% of what you have now. That's the way we have it planned. ACTION:....G-3
- 93 1615 Recd: Fifth Army Weather forecast dated, 241440A Feb.
- 94 1620 Recd: AF CODE NO. 2708 (2 copies each for G-2 and G-3). fr Sig Office.
- 95 1620 Recd fr G-2 IV Corps Arty: Overlay from captured map
- 96 1640 Recd: H. IV Corps Sitrep No. 109, dated 241200A Feb.
- 97 1600 Phone fr Remount 3; Submit names of counter mortar officers: Regt Capt David Rosendale, 01302528; Red; Capt Robert R. Krumm 01303163; White; Capt John C. Jorgenson 01297545; Blue; Capt William D Drake, 01285024. Action: Journal.
- 98 1615 Phone fr Recall 5 to Raccoon 6: On ren we found no road across the ridge and none around COSTELLO. There is still a patrol out pat and there is a possibility they will find a trail. If there is no trail the next possibility would be to construct one along the top of the ridge. All groups of tanks we take will have an officer along. With your permission we will take the thres along fr Belvedere. Action..jrn.



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- 99 1620 Phone fr Recall 5: Notify all troops that BEF officers will be making a run of our positions tonight or tomorrow. Warning not to mistake them as Germans. ACTION: Redoubt 2, Rebata 2 (1615A); Remount 2 (1615A); Retread 2 (1615A); Journal.
- 100 1630 Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Rebata, Remount, Retread, and Redoubt 2: Captured PW's will be tagged to show place of capture as accurately as possible. No documents will be removed from prisoners under any circumstances. Good interrogations are impossible unless locations of captives are given and documents are on the prisoner.
- 101 1640 Phone fr Lt Dromberg: PW's are not being properly tagged w/place of capture, and documents are not being left with them. ACTION: CALLED 85th, 86th, 87th and Redoubt.
- 102 1645 Phone fr Keystage 2: Tactical Ron 1430A to 1530A on lateral road VERGATO (47026) - MONTESE (15724), 20 mortars and horse-drawn vehicles going both ways. Bombers strafing area around MONTESE. ACTION: map, G-2.
- 103 1650 Phone fr Rex 2: BEF observer at (568194) has seen enemy leaving house headed NE, and our troops following at (564203) at 1634A. ACTION: Journal.
- 104 1650 Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 5: Had you planned to take all tank destroyers from the artillery. I had planned to send 3 near DE SOPRA and keep two at BELVEDERE for protecting our flanks. ACTION: We will not take the tank destroyers from BELVEDERE.
- 105 16 5 Phone fr Recall 5 to Raccoon 6: The Tank Destroyers will not be taken from BELVEDERE. The only ones you will move will be at DESOFORA. ACTION: Journal.
- 106 1710 Phone fr Rex 2: At 1630A Germans seen running N at (562199) headed toward pavine.
- 107 1710 Phone fr Redoubt: Report from B Co at 0715A (443175). Squad of Germans passing from building on A to building on B. At (1530A) A991575, German troops estimated 50 to 70 standing in group with white Parkas. 442178 - Building-activity, with motorcycles being dispatched to and from PANARO (also white Parkas). Point 443175, one ambulance seen in front of church building, labelled GIANBUCCINI has been shelled - longest range 605 has been able to reach. All last night unusual activity - trucks and motorcycles around PANARO. ACTION: Journal.
- 108 1715 Phone fr Recall 2 to Recall 10: What has been done w/captured German radios? RE: They are at the signal office at Recall 10. Not in working order.
- 109 1715 Rec'd: S-3 Report dated 24 Feb fr 473 Inf. Report No. 16.

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- 110 1800 Phone fr Sgt King, Rex 01: Col Reary requests locations of Regtl and Bn CP's. ACTION: Locations given.
- 111 1800 HQ 10th Mt Div SITREP #39 submitted.
- 112 1800 HQ 10th Mt Div ISRM #24 submitted.
- 113 1900 Phone fr Remount 2: 240700A-1900A - 22PA'S. All taken by Remount Blue, via TERRACCIA. ACTION: Journal.
- 114 1910 Recd: Hq IV Corps ISRM # 784, dated 241900A Feb.
- 115 1910 Recd: Hq 10th Mt Div memo No 31, dated 24 Feb 1945 re Top Secret Control Procedure...(3 copies).
- 116 1920 Recd: Hq 5th Army letter dated 22 Feb 1945, re Segregation of Prisoners...
- 117 1920 Recd: Hq 5th Army Distribution List No, 8, dated 20 Feb 1945..(2 copies).
- 118 1950 RETEL PLNR #628, 1/85, 1 Off, 8 EM, MISSION: Recon for enemy position & cons. Out 2000A, 1, 2400, 24 Feb.
- RETREL PLNR #629, 1 Off, 8 EM Co. 1/85, Out 2400A, In 0600A, 24 Feb.  
MISSION: Recon for enemy pos and cons.
- RETREL PLNR #401 (Co, C) and #402 (Co A); 85th, 1 Off, 8 EM, Out 1900A, in, 2400A, MISSION: Recon and obsn.
- 119 1920 Phone fr Rex 2: Shells landed on ROCCA CORNETA (4917); observed from (151912A) - 5 rds - AZIMUTH to flash of guns 270°. C/B was fired on that spot at 241905A. Silenced guns. ACTION: G-2, Isms, Journal and 87th Inf.
- 120 1925 Phone fr Retread 6 to Recall 6 (Asst): On checking with Rex they said they knew about the arty shorts. It is one of our arty bns, but not the 68th. Rex 5 said steps were being taken. ACTION: Rex 6.
- 121 1930 Phone fr 87th Retread 2: There are no patrols going out and will explain to Major Luck later on as to why not. ACTION: noted for Major Luck.
- 122 1950 Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Rex 6: What do you know about the shorts falling in the 87th? It was a very very sorry thing. They got the charge mixed, and caught it immediately. It is something that happens once in a lifetime. I have a call in for Williams.
- 123 1935 Phone fr Reject 2 (thru Rex 2): Capt Niemier found out from the REF that our troops are supposed to meet the Brazilians at Hill 902 (568199) sometime tonight. (time 1745A) Time the msg came in to Rex 2. At 1705A four guns firing at (566248) unable to adjust reported by air observer. REF: Our

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- 125 1935 troops are being fired upon on M TORRECCIA, hill 1010, (563202). Observer (cont'd) thinks it is coming from 58272307. Col L, 85th, right flank has been extended to (1552194). ACTION: Journal.
- 124 2005 Recd: HQ 85th Mt Inf Weekly Casualty Report, dated 24 Feb, covering period 16-23, incl.
- 125 2045 Recd: 3326th SIG Co letter of 23 Feb re Violation of Radio Security; (violations discovered when monitoring 85th Mt Inf Regt transmissions). Also letter of 23 Feb, subject: Violation of Cryptographic Security. (Violations discovered when monitoring the 126th Mt Engr's transmissions.).
- 126 2045 Recd: HQ 85th Mt Inf (154951621), GAGGIC MONTANA area, 1700A. 24 Feb, overlay showing defensive positions of 1st and 3rd Bns.
- 127 2110 Recd: HQ IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No.262, dated 24 Feb(4 copies).
- 128 2110 HQ 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report #8 submitted.
- 129 2115 HQ 86th Mt Inf overlay...disposition--241930A Feb 1945.
- 130 2120 Recd: Field message fr HQ 85th Mt Inf...Correction to overlay 1700, 24 Feb attached...overlay corr was attached.
- 131 2120 Recd HQ IV Corps ISUE No.785, dated 242110A Feb
- 132 2028 Phone fr Redoubt 5: Counter-mortar Officer - Major Wesley B Wheelers, Jr., 0393262. ACTION: Journal.
- 133 2030 Phone fr Lt Col Clark to Lt Garrison: Phone communication at 2030 from Lt Col Clark PRO, to Lt Garrison, Div PRO, 10th Mt Div will be released to the press in 5th Army., communique tomorrow, 25 Feb.
- 134 2055 Phone fr Recall 5 to Keystone 5: We want to move CP to GAGGIC MONTANA tomorrow and would like to have KEP out of there. Would also like to move our boundary to 56.5 for supply road. We would also like to hold what we have here. In regard to contact with the Brazilians, we have a line and have telephone communication with them. We have a patrol out, but it is still out.  
You are all right with the Supply Road. We have corps control and will give you priority. We will try to move the Brazilians out. Suggest you leave a few men to hold the buildings as the Braz. don't read signs very well.
- 135 2122 Phone fr Col Averett (Box 5): West of BOUBIANA (near cemetery) - American mine on top of ground (1582182) - may be source of danger to our troops. ACTION: Engr G, G-2, Journal.

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- 136 2135 Phone fr Keystone 5 to Recall 5: The Brazilians claim most of their reserve elements are N and West of the town. They will cooperate 100% with you. Contact Major Adair. You can gradually clean them out. We can always shift boundaries as you suggest to 56.6. We will work on that. ACTION: Journal.
- 137 2115 Phone fr Redoubt 5: Our OP reports a small enemy patrol (5 - 8 men) entering woods (LA59158) at 241900A. A 4.2 mortar concentration was fired; results not observed. A patrol heard carts rolling in C BOMBUCCI (LA57166) at 241730A. Mortar concentration of WP and HE scored direct hits on town at 232110x. ACTION: G-2, Isum.
- 138 2150 Phone fr Remount 2 (Sgt Lamson): PW reports 3 105mm guns at (L66592190), in vic of IOLA. Guns are 30 meters apart (approx.). This is the 7th Btry, 232nd Arty Regt; it was in position at 240630A. ACTION: Rex 2 informed for transmittal to Corps for counterbattery action. Map, Isum, G&I.
- 139 2300 Hq 10th Ht Div, SITREP #40, submitted.
- 140 2315 Phone fr Retread 3: Report friendly arty fire on our positions at (L520170) at 1555x (15 rounds on 1st Bn) (L516189) at 2304A. ACTION: Journal, C/S, and Rex 5.
- 141 2325 Phone fr Retread 3: F Co reports hearing motorized equipment on road 1000 yds North of ROCCA CORNELIA (LA94172) at 2315A, believed to be a motorcycle; could not determine in which direction it was traveling. ACTION: Redoubt, Rex, Journal.
- 142 2330 Patrol #401 - 1 officer 8 EM - destination (L537194), Out 1900A, In 2300A - reached objective - remained in position 1 hr listening & observing - neither heard nor observed signs of enemy. Crossed road at objective (L537194) and investigated road which has frozen during the evening; road did not appear to have been used tonight; characteristic sterno odors were smelled; German positions possible, but could locate none. Patrol believed they were followed by 2 or 3 unidentified persons (due to 1 or 2 crunching footsteps when patrol all stopped together) - attempted ambush, but without success. ACTION: ISUM and Journal. (above report phoned from Rebate 2).
- 143 2330 Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol #402, 1 officer 8 EM, objective at LA FORNACE (L530186), out 1900A, In 2015A - reached objective - neither heard nor observed signs of enemy on route or return - nothing further to report. ACTION: ISUM, Journal.

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| 1                        | 0025        | Phone fr IFW: PW count from 0600A to 2400A. Total - 20; 5 - 14th Co, 11 - 13th Co, 1 - 12th Co, 3 - 11th Co, all of 741st Regt. 4 evacuated thru Medical channels. ACTION: For Isum & Journal.  |
| 2                        | 0015        | Phone fr Rex 2: (From Reply 2) -- Possible mortar (L55142170); being taken under arty harassing fire now. Confirmation and details later. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 3                        | 0100        | Phone fr Lt Poules: PW from ROCCA CORNETA area just walked in to Rover Joe CP. He is being sent to the PW Cage for interrogation. ACTION: Lt Bronberg notified.   |
| 4                        | 0150        | Phone fr Rex 2 (Clerk): (Fr Reply 2) (Fr Remount Blue 6) Sounds of motors - possibly tanks (L56932163) taken under fire - In D #530 - enemy forming counter attack at (L558211) - firing observed misalon on that area. ACTION: Requested Arty to get more information, Journal.  |
| 5                        | 0035        | Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol #628, 1 officer, 8 EM, Out 1945A, In 2300A - left from K Co area (L542187), moving 800 to 1000 yds north to observe - saw a square of small red lights at (L54602025) - observed 2 houses at (L54251960) and believe them to be occupied by at least 12 enemy - observed a single file of 10 horses moving south along ALBARELLI (L546207) BOSSA DELL'OGA (L524192) road at approximately (L538197); the horses were close together and appeared to be pulling some heavy unknown object; the horses were sighted at 242155A. No enemy were encountered. ACTION: ISUM, Journal. |
| 6                        | 0050        | Phone fr Remount 3: 3rd Bu OP (L556199) reports hearing motors and what they believe to be tanks moving on road between IGLA (L566219) and MONTEFORTE (L555221). Could not determine number or direction. ACTION: Rex, Journal.   |
| 7                        | 0135        | Phone fr Rex 2: (Fr Reply 2) At 250100A - 10 rds mortar fire fell in ROCCA CORNETA (L494172) - believed to have come from SERRA (L499184). At 250120A, 6 more mortar rds fell; FG at (L555172) believes to be coming from range of 1200 yds. ACTION: Requested Rex to obtain location of where rds fell - Journal.  |
| 8                        | 0200        | Phone fr Retread 3: (From Retread Blue). 2 slow flying airplanes over their area. ACTION: Rover Joe, Journal, Regts.  |
| 9                        | 0245        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount 3: Have you any information on a counter attack forming at (L558211) reported by Arty In O? Remount Blue says some noise was heard in that area - called for Arty. No further sound of movement in the area. Remount Blue OP is at (L556199). ACTION: Map, Journal.  |
| 10                       | 0245        | Phone fr Rebate 2: (Fr Rebate Red CP) At 0220A motorcycle heard at unknown distance azimuth 350° from (L540187); direction unknown; determined movement of undetermined number of vehicles moving uphill at an unknown location - they were at a much greater distance than the motorcycle. Animals were  |

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- 10 (Cont'd) heard, sounding as though pulling a wooden cart. ACTION: Journal.
- 11 0035 Phone fr ITM: - since 250000A 9 more Pz's passed through Div Cage. 7th Btry of 232 Arty Regt is still about 1 mile north of MONTESI (1559245); 8th and 9th Btrys of 232 Regt are still right at MONTESI (1559245). 3rd Bn CP of 232 Regt is in house at (1559249). 4th Co of 1043 Regt was 20 men strong on 20 Feb. 1st Co of 1043 Regt was on MT DELLA TORRECCIA (1559202). 5th Co of 1044 Regt is at CAPPELLA IL MONTE (1519190) - 40 men strong. ACTION: Air Officer, Rex, Journal, Retread 3.
- 12 0335 Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2 - 250300A - Sounds similar to tanks heard near ROCCA CORNETA; digging heard near there; from Ln O 620 (2nd Bn Retread); will try to get further details. ACTION: Journal. (Note: Counter attack reported by Hex 2 at 0150A was very slight; arty fired 2 Btry valleys and were told that was sufficient; this information came from Ln O with Remount Blue).
- 13 0420 Phone fr Remount 3: 9 rds of arty just landed near our GP (1553167); will report if any casualties. ACTION: ISUM, Journal.
- 14 0535 Phone fr Remount Blue 6: Remount Blue forward positions picked up truck movements along road in vicinity of (1570217). Heavy vehicles heard about 600 to 800 yds in front of positions; heard troops in that area. Arty has been notified. Positions have been receiving heavy arty and mortar fire. ACTION: CG, C/S, Journal.
- 15 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #41, submitted.
- 16 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #25, submitted.
- 17 0645 Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn disposition of elements as of 241700A Feb 1945. (Overlay).
- 18 0645 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP HQ. 110, 242400A Feb 1945. (Note: Copy to be made and passed on to 701st Tn Bn).
- 19 0710 Phone fr Recall to Rebate: What about the names of your counter mortar officers? DO said he would get in touch with Maj Schaeley and remind him about the fact that these names are overused. ACTION: Journal.
- 20 0715 Phone fr Remount 3: No more enemy movement since we counter-battery artillery on them - all quiet. ACTION: Noted Isum and Journal.
- 21 0730 Phone fr Rebate 3: 2nd Bn, 85th Inf, closed CAMPO TIZZORO (497991) at 250530A. ACTION: C/S, C-2 and C-3.
- 22 0725 Phone fr Capt Turkish Ln O-BLF: 8AP - 350 rds of Arty fire fell within sector during night. ACTION: C-2, C-3 and Journal.

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|     | 23  | 0730 | Phone fr Rebata 3: Message No. 21 reading that 2nd Bn, 85th, had closed at CAMPO TILGORD at 0530A was incorrect. Major Schoesley called to correct the error. It should read that 2nd Bn 85th, crossed IP at 0530A. He will be notified when they close at CAMPO TILGORD. ACTION: C/S, C-2, Journal.   |
|     | 24  | 0745 | Phone fr Rebata 3: Counter Mortar Officers, 85th Inf; Regt; Lt Price, 1st Bn; Lt Chapin, 2nd Bn; Lt Patter, 3rd Bn; Lt Flak. Complete names, ranks, and serial numbers of the above named officers will follow.  |
|     | 25  | 0850 | Phone fr Rebata 2: Patrol #629 - 1 Off, 8 EM, Out 2400A - in 0430A, destination 1541195. Heard voices and mules braying north of road at about 1540198; heard cart north of road in vicinity of 1539196; heard sound similar to digging at about 1540198; heard chickens and dogs; believe farm in that vicinity; time of observation between 0845A and 0915A at 1541195. Just received 8 to 12 rounds Arty fire in vicinity Rebata CP (1549183). Iss. and Journal. (Not previously entered)                         |
|     | 26  | 0625 | Phone fr Bn cages: Nine PW's taken since 250001A were from: 1 - 7th Btry 23rd Regt, 1 - 1st Co 1043 Regt, 3 - 4th Co 1043 Regt, 1 - 11th Co. 741 Regt, 1 - 5th Co 1044 Regt. ACTION: Corps, Journal.   |
|     | 27  | 0645 | Phone fr Retread 2: Three deserters from the 8th Co, 741 Regt, came into Retread White's lines at 1492173 at 250640A. ACTION: CG, C/S, P8 Cages, Journal.  |
|     | 28  | 0830 | Phone fr Hex 2: From YO with 2d Bn, 87th Inf, reports harassing enemy mortar fire falling from 200 right to 600 left on my position (1501177). One round every three to four minutes for last 20 minutes. Fired C/S and silenced mortars at 250810A. Three Germans came into BOOGA CORRYTA and surrendered last night - claim to be part of Air Force converted into Infantry. Surrendered due to heavy Arty fire. ACTION: Noted C-2 and Journal.  |
|     | 29  | 0840 | Phone fr Gen Buffar to Gen Buff: There are no more of our 75 How's in the theater. There are no recalls available. We lost five and replaced five. Your Inf in hauling these Howitzers behind their prime movers instead of making arrangements to actually carry them. They should not be dragged along at a rapid pace as this results in damage to traversing axles, bearings, and elevating mechanism. Please take action to have these guns handled in a different manner. ACTION: C/S to notify each regiment. |
|     | 30  | 0830 | Phone fr Keystone 2: Sortie over battle area and in MONTESE (15524); - Observed 13 new locations comprising 21 guns also in MONTESE area 5 Btry's comprising 9 guns. 3 of B MOCOCOA (16935), 3 Btry's, comprising 9 guns, 5 Btry's comprising 10 guns have gone on whole front. Minor defenses - some kind of build-up in three areas noted. 3 of BOFFENO MOCICLO (16326) loc - slopes of Mt MOCOCOA (16630) and 3 of CASTEL DE ALMO (16025).  |

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- 30 Continued ACTION: G-2, Rover Joe, Rex, 86th, 87th, and 85th. 87th Notified at 0845A, 86th at 0850A, 85th at 0845A, Rover Joe at 0850A, and Rex at 0910A.
- 31 0835 Phone fr Recall 5 to Resound 6: Did your patrols make contact with the Brazilians on their right. AMB: They did not make contact last night but have a date to meet Brazilians at 1400A today. Patrols are still cleaning bochs out of houses and mopping up. Last night they reported hearing rumbling of trucks and other noises up front. Called for Arty, and also received some enemy arty. ACTION: Call us when you make contact with BEF.
- 3 0910 Phone fr Capt Litchfield: I am at PISTOIA ration dump. Will you send someone down to pick me up? ACTION: Will send a jeep this morning.
- 33 0945 Phone fr Recall 5 to Keystone 5: Gillette wants to leave BEF Engineers on entire road leading north - there are a lot of mines and a big bridge to be at in. I do not believe the BEF Engineers have the resources to complete job; my own Engineers are too busy keeping trails open, evacuating dead, etc. I think the road important enough for you to take a personal interest in it. ACTION: We are working on the bridge abutments with Corps Engineers and BEF Engineers are working on by-passes. We will have road developed as soon as possible and notify you approximate date of opening.
- 34 0945 Phone fr Col Dawson (AG rear): 2nd Bn, 85th Inf, closed CAMPO TELZORO area at 2507A. C at Villa MORRILL 49109805. ACTION: Notified Rebate. Noted for 1100. Sitrep.
- 35 0950 Phone fr IP: IPA - Breakdown per battalion of total PW's taken during operation. 31 PW's - 1st Bn 741, 35 PW's - 3rd Bn 741, 12 PW's - 4th Bn 741, 7 PW's - 232 Arty Bn, 31 PW's - 232 Fus Bn, 66 PW's - 1st Bn 1044th, 106 PW's - 2d Bn 1044th, 28 PW's - 3rd Bn 1044th, 14 PW's - 1st Bn 1044th, 2 PW's - 2d Bn 1043d. 38 PW's unidentified and were evacuated through medical channels. ACTION: G-2, G/S, Journal and GB.
- 36 0940 Phone fr Keystone 4: G/S report at 24330A rec'd: Enemy radio set located at (1505238) as of 241200A. Yesterday Germans employed 75mm gun 30 meters W of house at (1493195) and a MG 20 meters E of the house. At 2400A in house at (1507290) they are 60 German saboteurs. Germans at PISTOIA (1534200) have partially disbanded. PWs of 241100A very few Germans reported there. Night traffic, especially ammunition continues at MARCONI (1532267). RIVA (1536230) evacuated by Germans who have retreated to MARCONI (1539258). ACTION: Map, Journal, Sig O - 1015A, Rex - 0950A, 85 - 1000A, 86 - 1010A, 87 - 1020A, Rover Joe - 1010A.
- 37 0950 Phone fr Col Curtis (Keystone 3): Do we have any special air warning system? (R): No. ACTION: Journal.
- 38 0951 Rec'd: Isur No. 736 from IV Corps - Ref No. 122.



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39	0951	Rec'd: Mr Irvin, 3d AF Photo Intelligence Detachment (AF). Subj: Capt. 1st Camp. Mr dated 23 Feb.
40	0955	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 55 from IV Corps dated 24 Feb.
41	0954	Rec'd: Books containing German Formation Signs in Italy and German Formations in Italy.
42	1055	Rec'd: Report No. 113 (G-2) from BAF dated 24 Feb.
43	1000	Rec'd: Report fr Robert Joe dated 24 Feb - Results of Air Operations.
44	1005	Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report fr IV Corps dated 25 Feb.
45	1010	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 263 from IV Corps dated 25 Feb.
46	1000	Phone fr Recall 3: To Haccoon 6; What have you done about getting replacement on Lenks? Ans: Received replacements within 24 hrs. All tanks are replaced. Ques: Are you moving tanks to GAGGIO and when? Ans: Nella TERRACCIO. Ans: We are looking for routes - have not found any to yst. Will move tanks to Nella Terraccio as soon as we find routes. ACTION: 2/25, Journal.
47	1005	Phone fr Recall 3: Would like to send out a few feeling patrols - may as do so; ACTION: Will call you back as Maj Lueck is not here at present. Will contact Maj Lueck and get question answered.
48	1030	Phone fr Col Cordes: Would like to talk to Col Irvin. Col Irvin not here, will see him at 1900 meeting tonight. ACTION: Notified Col Irvin.
49	1045	Phone fr 10th Recon Trp: 1st Plat at (1459144), 2nd Plat at (1464159); 3rd Plat at (1472168). CP is at (1464159). 3rd Plat attached to "A" Co anti-tank at (1472168). ACTION: G-2 and Journal.
50	1100	Phone fr 1/3 to Recall 4 (Maj Matsch): Ordnance reports eighteen 37 mm guns received. Issue them six per regiment for reserve use only. They retain 75's. ACTION: Noted in Journal.
51	1100	Phone fr Recall 3 to Keystone: HQ, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 42 submitted.
52	1105	Phone fr Maj Ball: Can't get any tanks or TD's up on TERRACCIO due to lack of roads. They are going to stay at CAMP La di ROGNORICO (5418). ACTION: Noted for Col Irvin.
53	1105	Phone fr Account 3: Notify Account 6 that he will reconnoiter an area SW of TERRACCIO for the BN that is at present in VIOLANTICO. Do not move BN at present time. Make Hon only. ACTION: Journal.

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- 54 2138 Phone fr Redoubt 6; Patrol toward MANGINELLO - visibility poor and did not make enemy contact. Two patrols are now out from SERRASICCIA; investigation of the results of our arty fire in a wooded area at (1A59158), another patrol from SERRASICCIA will make no negative report. ACTION: noted for Isac and Journal.
- 55 2150 Phone fr Keystone 5 to Recall 6: We are getting spare parts for Howitzers flown over. When gun is firing rapid rate at maximum range, two or three screws on end of piston come loose--causes wear. ACTION: Max 6 notified.
- 56 2150 Phone fr Recall 5 to Remount, Rebate, Retread, G 1, G 2, G 3, G 4, Eng, Surg, Sig Co and Arty Leaders: Meeting in war room at 1400A to discuss future plans. ACTION: Journal.
- 57 2160 Phone to Reate 3 from Recall 2: In regards to the fewer patrols that you want to send out you may do so as long as you have cover like fog or darkness. It is foggy to-day so go ahead. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
- 58 2200 Phone fr Air Off to IV Corps: Submit targets for preplanned mission, 26 Feb. Bridge at LA48274 (1274325 - 3108 - 8938), this bridge on main route from F. VILLE - truckage shows increased importance recently. Photos of 13A show new Lt AA Btry at LA47277. Bridge at LA62234 (1274325 - 3111 - 8943), this bridge not as good as one above - dirt road - has been prepared for demolition - increased importance lately. If these bridges are knocked out, they will with the bridge N of MANGOCCHIO recently out, effectively impede resupply of this sector via FARNELLO. MANGOCCHIO (558244) - enemy center of activity - intense AA area - good assembly point. ACTION: CG, Journal, G/S.
- 59 2212 Phone fr Recall 3 to Rex 2: Called Rex 2 and gave him the names of the counter mortar officers from the 85th. ACTION: Journal.
- 60 2217 Phone fr 1st Off: Results of interrogating P8 from 6th Co, 741st JR. 1. Did not know anything about location of 721st JR. 2. Had come to PANARO with his Bn, and then been sent to the front. Arrived at PANARO on the 22nd or 23rd. ACTION: G-2, Corps, 1220A.
- 61 2218 Phone to Major Foster, V Army: 1. Major Eaman, of Fifth Army, will visit this P. sometime this week. He is with the -2 Section. 2. Loud speakers for propaganda broadcasts are available for use of this division. Major Foster wants to speak to G-2 about this equipment.
- 62 2242 Phone fr Rex 2: At 251145A from CG at (1545188) our infantry are laying trip mines 100 Yds to it of (154118). Arty fired harrassing missions 251005 at 251112 and 251210. ACTION: G-3 and Journal.
- 63 2330 M; 10th St Div Isac No. 26 submitted.



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| 74 | 1445 | Phone fr Capt Humphreys to Redoubt 2: You are to send a patrol out tonight to the north of ROCCA CORNETA, toward CASO GARRIBELLO, area to west to river. Should be strong combat patrol (1 Off, 12 RM), heavily armed, and proceed after dark. Find out what is there. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 75 | 1430 | Phone fr Capt Humphreys to Col Wagner: Send two strong combat patrols out after dark tonight. 1st patrol to go to 541192 (little house) to little nose that overlooks road. 2nd patrol to go to 536194 (little curve in road). These patrols (2 squads each) will overlook, and deny the use of that road to enemy. Also, one patrol will pass two houses at 872 where fronts are reported to be. Clean them out, if possible. ACTION: Journal. G-2.   |
| 76 | 1430 | Phone fr Redoubt 3: Request "Rover Joe" planes over 3rd En sector as soon as possible to stop enemy shelling. ACTION: I called Rover Joe and was advised that planes were unable to perform missions over battle area now. As soon as they are able they will let us know. Sgt Martin.   |
| 77 | 1445 | Phone fr Col Wagner (Redoubt 5): Col Wagner would like Col Irvin to call him when he returns. ACTION: Noted for Col Irvin.   |
| 78 | 1450 | Rec'd: Report No. 56 dated 25 Feb from 751st Tank Battalion.   |
| 79 | 1450 | Phone fr Key 3: Keystone 3 relayed following msg from Lightning 3: The 10th has quota of 1 or two officers for a day exchange with ASF. It need not be a HQ officer or officers - any ground officers in Div will do. Keystone would like report today - whether we are going to send anyone or not. ACTION: Notified Col Irvin.   |
| 80 | 1500 | Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 43 submitted.   |
| 81 | 1510 | Phone fr Rex 2: Changes in front lines from Reply: (551192), (553196), (555200), (551208), (559207), (563208), (566205), (566203), (575203). ACTION: G-2, Map, notified G-3.   |
| 82 | 1510 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Redoubt 6: Platoon of 86th Inf at PIZZO di CAMPIANO will be relieved tonight by elements of your unit. Alert the platoon. ACTION: Notified Redoubt, C/S, Journal.   |
| 83 | 1510 | Phone fr Redoubt 6: A wounded PW was picked up on SERRASICCIA Ridge at (1456160) and is being evacuated thru medical channels at 251300A. ACTION: Notified MPW, G-2, Isam.   |
| 84 | 15-5 | Phone fr Col Curtis to Recall 6 (Gen Hays): We have planned defense for 2 Bns to relieve 87th and one Bn to relieve 85th. Main feature held with strength and other relatively weak. Col Curtis: We plan to put one Bn from VALIANO over to ROCCA CORNETA. A Brazilian Bn will be attached to you temporarily. Gen Hays: I would like to move the Bn of 86th, earmarked for use only with your permission, to GARGIO MONTANA, and replace them in the area with a Bn of 87th. Col Curtis: I will discuss |

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- 01    Continued    this with keystone 6 and let you know.    ACTION: Col Behmelter to be advised, Journal.
- 85    1545    Msg to CG, 10th Mt Div: 84th CML Bn status at 251530A:  
A Co in D/S 10 Mt AT Bn; B Co in D/S 87th Mt Inf; C Co (-) in D/S  
85th Mt Inf; 2d Plat, Co C in D/S, 86th Mt Inf.    ACTION: Journal, C/S.
- 86    1530    Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary No. 133, 23 Feb 45, fr XXII Tactical  
Air Command.
- 87    1530    Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 232, 88th Inf Div, 24 Feb 45,
- 88    1530    Rec'd: G-2 Report, No. 537, 24 Feb 45, fr Fifth Army.
- 89    1530    Rec'd: Overlay Enemy Positions, fr 2d Bn, 87th Mt Inf, 25 Feb 45.
- 90    1530    Rec'd: Overlays, Firing and Targets, to accompany Periodic Report #112,  
92d Inf Div, 24 Feb 45. G-3 Periodic Report #112, 24 Feb 45.
- 91    1545    Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Col Curtis: How about arty for  
Brazilians? Tentative plan calls for arty to be available for  
Wednesday. Possibly they will move in Tuesday night.    ACTION: Journal.  
Gen Rufner notified.
- 92    1600    Phone fr Redoubt: CARLINGO being shelled by 88mm gun at 251600A.  
ACTION: G-2, arty.
- 93    1600    Rec'd: Map overlay via pigeon fr Hebate 3, 25 Feb 45.
- 94    1605    Rec'd: Patrol intentions, 85th Mt Inf.
- 95    1605    Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div: 2d Bn, 86th Mt Inf "relieves 3d Bn, 86th Mt Inf,  
night of 26-27 Feb. 3d Bn, 86th Mt Inf moves to Regtl and Div Res  
vicinity GONGI-MONTANO. 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf becomes IV Corps Res at  
261600A at (539157). 1st Bn, 1st Regt BnF, relieves 2d and 3d Bns,  
87th Mt Inf, night of 26-27 Feb. 2d and 3d Bns, 87th Mt Inf move to  
vicinity VIDIGIATICO upon relief.    ACTION: IV Corps, Retread, Remount.
- 96    1605    Phone fr Remount 2: Remount Blue is receiving counterattack in (155320B)  
from NG (Co 8 left flank). Enemy arty and small arms fire increasing in  
intensity. Size of enemy force undetermined.    ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal,  
Notified Hex 2.
- 97    1605    Phone fr Capt Santey, Corps C/B: 1st Bn 1043 156 Easting; 2d Bn, 1043  
158 Easting; 3d Bn, 1045 160 Easting; 1st Bn, 1045 164 Easting.    ACTION  
Map, G-2.

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98	1635	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Rex 2: Do you know anything about a disturbance. RM 2: Col. Adams just got word of some action but they haven't called for any support. Will let you know if we hear anything definite. ACTION: Journal.
99	1645	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Account 6: What's this about a disturbance over your way? Account 6: little counter attack on a K Company platoon. We just shipped some artillery over there. Recall 6 (Asst): You have a platoon of 42 mortars for support. Account 6: We do not have that platoon, sir. We left them at the ridge. Recall 6 (Asst): Col Love made arrangements for 1 platoon of that company for your support. I will have this checked into by Col Irvin. ACTION: Journal.
100	1650	Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol intentions, 1st Bn - #403 - From Pt. (536182) (547187) (547188) and returns. Out at 251900A. In 252400A. 1 Off. E.M. ACTION: G-2, Patrol Map.
101	1705	Phone fr Rex 4: Counterattack in Account area was local action. arty fire very effective. Infantry reports everything well in hand at 1655A (1555208). ACTION: G-2, C/S, Isum.
102	1705	Phone fr Recall 3 to Rex 3: Countermortar officer for 87th Lt Inf. Regt - Capt Broder; 1st Bn - Owen D Fligg, 2d Lt, Co H; 2d Bn - Charles R. Blott, 2d Lt, Co H; 3d Bn - Harrison H. King, 2d Lt, Co M. ACTION: Rex 3, Journal.
103	1740	Rec'd: Isum No. 787, Ref No. 123 fr IV Corps.
104	1750	Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army weather forecast 252400A - 262400A Feb 1945.
105	1700	Phone fr Rex 2 to Recall 6 (Asst). Have report from Reply 2. Counter attack was local action. Point was fired on by arty and was very effective. Infantry reports everything well in hand. ACTION: C/S.
106	1735	Phone fr Rex 2: TD's located at: 1 Plat with 2 guns at (548183), 2 plats with 2 revolving guns at (513164), 1 plat at (528178). Also contacted BAF at 1645A at (568198). ACTION: Notified Keystone 3, Journal.
107	1755	Phone fr Rex 2: BAF reports 1st Regt has joined American troops at (2568198) at 251645A. ACTION: G-3.
108	1800	Rec'd: Captured maps fr AT Bn.
109	1800	Phone fr Rex 2 to Recall 5: Destroyed Tank Destroyer has been replaced. There is one in maintenance now and will be out tomorrow. Route to TUNHCCI has been reconcentered but is necessary to have engineers do some work on it.

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110	1800	Phone fr Hebate 2: Patrols #630 and #631 are cancelled because of priority of Recall 6 patrol - Sp patrol, 1st Bn - 2 squads, 1 fwd obsv, 1 mortar obsv, litter team, led by Lt Staffen (#2). (544183) (537194). Sp #1 3d Bn - (548187) - (542199). ACTION: Map, G-2.
111	1900	Hq, 10th Mt Div Ltrm No. 27 submitted.
112	1815	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 111, Ref No. 124, 251200. Feb 45 fr IV Corps.
113	1915	Rec'd: Field Manuals, Circulars, and Army Regulations.
114	1800	Hq, 10th Mt Div, Sitrep No. 44 submitted.
115	1940	Phone fr Retread 4: Last night and tonight a large fire has been observed burning at (1538202). If planes appear overhead, a second fire is lighted. ACTION: Cover Joe, G-2.
116	1940	Plan - Patrol No. 1, 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf, 1 officer, 9 EM, Out: 251730A. In: 252000A. Mission: Ren and Open ROOG: CORNETTA. (512184) to (519183). Patrol No. 2 - 2d Bn, 87th Mt Inf, 1 officer, 6 EM, 1 Dog, Out: 252000A. In: 252400A. Mission: Cut L of road (492181) - (494172). Patrol No. 3 - "I", 3d Bn, 87th Mt Inf, 1 officer, 7 EM. Out: 252000A. In: 260200A. Mission: (512184)-(511178). Patrol No. 4 - "K", 3d Bn, 87th Mt Inf, 1 officer, 7 EM. Out: 252000A. In: 260200A. Mission: (512184)-(511178).
117	1940	Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Reports: Observer saw POLLA (501177) 1600-1630A. Enemy guns at WASH. (498184) - believed mortars - Fired 16 rounds. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.
118	1940	Phone fr Hebate 2: Two civilians have been turned in at Hebate IPK cage. They have been checked as suspicious and need to be investigated. ACTION: Called GTC.
119	1955	Phone fr Keystone 3: Counterattack against BAF between LA BERRA and 958 - strength unknown - 251930A. ACTION: Notified G-2.
120	1955	Phone fr Kentucky 2 via Rex 2: Lmney supplied by truck to (531269) and from there to front by horse and cart. Movement heavy toward front between 162000A and 162200A. Road between (1532268) and (1630112) is used for supply. At (1482274) there is an arty CP. ACTION: G-2, Cover Joe, C/S, Corps.
121	2000	Phone fr Keystone 3: The counterattack has been broken up 1947A. Was against the BAF. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.

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122	2005	Phone fr Capt Seaman: Is checking Inf Regts and Div arty for map supply. Will see that distribution on message is completed. ACTION: G-3.
123	2030	Phone fr Remount 3: Remount will move 2d Bn from VIDICIATIGO 240000A and 261030A to positions in rear of 3d Bn. Regt will remain in defile in assembly area. ACTION: Notified C/S, Gen Hays, Journal.
124	2039	Rec'd: IP <sup>th</sup> Report No 23. 25 Feb 1945.
125	2035	Rec'd: Captured German documents fr Return 2.
126	2030	Phone fr Rex 2: Suspected enemy mortar at (555218) and at (555212). Are taken under fire at 250800A. ACTION: Journal.
127	2030	Phone fr G-2: Called Col Davis about getting 150 Partisans. He will check with G-3 and Major Rossetti, and let us know in the morning. ACTION: Journal.
128	2035	Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 6: We have just had a call from Corps and they have cut us down to 21 75's and also on 105's. Backlog we have saved is frozen. We'll have to cut down on some of the harassing fire except in case of emergency. ACTION: Journal.
129	2043	Phone fr Col Davis: Asked for estimated strength of all units on our front. Given as follows: 1st Bn, 1044th IR 150; 2nd Bn, 1044th IR 100; 1st Bn, 1045th 350; 2d Bn 1045th 450; 1st Bn 1043rd 250; 2nd Bn 1043rd 350; 4th Mt Bn 200; 232d Fus Bn 300; 1st Bn 741st 300; 2nd Bn 741st 400; 3rd Bn 741st 250. ACTION: Journal.
130	2045	Rec'd: Patrol Intentions: Co B, 85th Mt Inf, Patrol Out 1900A. In: 2400A.
131	2105	Phone fr Col Curtis to Recall 5: No Bn in reserve, Exchange is O.K.. Brig. Yates from AFM: will probably be by your HQ tomorrow around 0930A or 1000A in the morning. There will be somebody with him, maybe myself. ACTION: Journal.
132	2115	Rec'd: Issm No. 782, Ref No. 125, 252010A, fr IV Corps.
133	2115	Rec'd: Patrol Intentions #1, Co K, Approx 22 KM, 2 Off. Mission: Combat. Out: 1900A. In: 0600A.
134	2115	Rec'd: German documents found 241030A Feb 45 at (553187).
135	2120	Phone fr Redoubt: Between 1800 and 2000, about 30 shells (88mm) fell in vicinity of CAMPIANO. Guns suspected to be at (467196) and (461197). Friendly arty called for and shelling stopped. ACTION: Issm, Bever Joe, P.I.



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136	2212	Phone fr Rebata 2: 98 IV - NE - 250 cash 98 IV - SE - 250 cash 98 IV - SE - 50 cash 98 IV - NE - 250 cash
137	2235	Phone fr Remount 3: Is Corps building the bridge tonight - our 3d Bn will send out Band Block. BEF is not sending contact party to 844 until tomorrow - they claim enemy are in that area. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
138	2250	Phone fr Redoubt: At 2220A 4-man enemy (7) patrol about 200-300 yards NE of CAMPIANO. Were not fired on and moved out of sight. ACTION: Journal, Isum.
139	2207	Phone fr "e;ly 2 (through Rex 2): At 252230A, heard sound of tracked vehicle coming from road in valley (15421) NW of M della TORRACCIA. Observer at (155992000). Charley OP 195PA (1554198) reports mortar fire falling 200 yds N of position at 252205A. ACTION: Isum, Journal.
140	2310	Phone fr Major <sup>Rebata 2</sup> Koeber/ to Recall 2: 1st Bn receiving heavy shelling; 360° az. Action: Journal, Isum (Sex already has information - Corps preparing C/B fire).
141	2330	Phone fr Remount 2 to Recall 2: 60 rds hvy arty fell at 2325A on (1559207) L Co area. Also receiving MG fire from left flank. Remount Mine wire is out. ACTION: Journal, C/S, CG. Keystone called asking for info). Rex, Isum.
142	2335	Phone fr Rex 2: K Co 85th is receiving a counterattack right now. No details. Arty barrage is being fired to break it up. Location of attack (15511020720). Action: 88; G-2, Corps, Isum, and Sitrep.
143	2345	Phone fr Rex 2 to Recall 2: Della TORRACCIA receiving very heavy arty fire at 2345 A. Claims it to be everything jerry has. Believes rounds landed in Lissace. Action: Journal, CG, Keystone, Isum.
144	2345	Phone fr Requite 2 (thru Rex 2): Large fire observed fr (15001130) on azimuth 60° 2 mi. out at 252210A. A large shattering explosion was heard at (252230A) at an 90°, 400 - 700 yds. Flash of gas seen at 23°, 700 yds; shelling 85th area. Action: 8-2, Isum, Journal.
145	2300	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 45 submitted.
150	2355	Reed: Recommendation for award of Bronze Star Medal, 1st Col Paul Burgo; form completed by Ex O of 85th Mt Inf, 1st Col Wagner.

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136	2212	Phone fr Rebate 2: 98 IV - SE - 250 each 98 IV - SW - 250 each 98 IV - SE - 50 each 98 IV - SE - 250 each
137	2235	Phone fr Remount 3: Is Corps building the bridge tonight - our 34 Bn will send out Road Block. REF is not sending contact party to SEA until tomorrow - they claim enemy are in that area. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
138	2250	Phone fr Redoubt: At 2220A 4-man enemy (?) patrol about 200-300 yards NE of CAMPANO. Were not fired on and moved out of sight. ACTION: Journal, Isum.
139	2207	Phone fr Reply 2 (through Rex 2): At 252230A, heard sound of tracked vehicle coming from road in valley (15421) NW of N della TORRACCIA. Observer at (155582000). Charley OP 185FA (1554198) reports mortar fire falling 200 yds N of position at 252205A. ACTION: Isum, Journal.
140	2310	Rebate 2 Phone fr Major Keeber/ to Recall 2: 1st Bn receiving heavy shelling; 360° az. Action: Journal, Isum (Bex already has information--C/ops preparing C/B fire).
141	2330	Phone fr Remount 2 to Recall 2: 60 rds hvy arty fell at 2325A on (1559207) L Co area. Also receiving MG fire from left flank. Remount Blue wire is out. ACTION: Journal, G/S, CG. Keystone called asking for info. Rem, Isum.
142	2335	Phone fr Rex 2: K Co 85th is receiving a counterattack right now. No details. Arty barrage is being fired to break it up. Location of attack (15511020720) Action: SG; G-2, Corps, Isum, and Sitrep.
143	2345	Phone fr Rex 2 to Recall 2: Della TORRACCIA receiving very heavy arty fire at 2345 A. Claims it to be everything Jerry has. Believes rounds landed in Lissane. Action: Journal, CG, Keystone, Isum.
144	2345	Phone fr Require 2 (thru Rex 2): Large fire observed fr (152051120) on azimuth 66° 2 mi out at 252210A. A large shattering explosion was heard at (252230A) at az 50°, 600 - 700 yds. Flash of gun seen at 23°, 700 yds; shelling 85th area. Action: G-2, Isum, Journal.
145	2300	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 45 submitted.
150	2355	Recd; Recommendation for award of Bronze Star Medal, 1st Col Paul Burge; form completed by Rk O of 85th Mt Inf, 1st Col Wagner,

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151	2356	Recd: Hq 86th Mt Inf Situation overlay, dated 232800A.
152	2356	Recd: Overlay of enemy positions by obsn, fr Hq 87th Mt Inf dated 23 Feb.
153	2350	Phone fr IPW to Recall 2: Two shells (both duds) landed 150 yds. behind IPW office, coming from 30° (Lt Bronberg)... <i>fral, Kaystone, Icum.</i>
154	2350	Phone fr Rebata 3 (Major Schenley): Attack coming in on Hill 1036 (1553195) and Hill 1027 (1553194). About half a dozen heavy guns in the attacking force; strength not yet known. <i>REX 2</i> Action: G-2, CG, Corps, Icum.
155	2354	Recd fr E-2, 3rd Bn, <sup>4</sup> one briefcase (German) found on top of M. TORRACCIO, (fr IPW Cage).
156	2356	Recd: Incoming message Nr A 1030, from Hqs, Rover Joe to all stations; dated 232030A. "INTENTIONS FOR TWO PS RPT BBS FAKEN FROM ASS RPT 180 FIVE ARMY RECEIPT REFLER ONE ZERO FAKEN SAME AS TWO FIVE FBS WITH RD BBS RPT RD BBS AT LOVE FOUR FOUR EIGHT TWO SEVEN FOUR AND LOVE FOUR SIX TWO TWO FIVE FOUR AS ROVER JOE ALTERNATES RPT -ALTERNATES PD

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1	0015	Phone fr Rex 2 to Recall 2: From AT Hqs: Group of men on E slope of M. CAMPIANO (1484168); strength unknown, From Kentucky G.R.C. (185 FA). Able OP (1521176), heavy mortar fire on W slope of MT BELVIDERE; as 400 yds. Action: Journal, G-2, Isum, Keystone.
2	0020	Phone fr Recall 2 (Capt Davis) to Redoubt: What is latest info on unidentified force on CAMPIANO? Answer: IS seems to be a small infiltration. We called for arty but couldn't get it (busy elsewhere). Now getting support from 4.2 mortars. ACTION: Corps, G-3, Isum.
3	0045	Phone fr Keystone 2 to Recall 2: Arty fire on M COSTELLO (1544192) increasing. ACTION: Journal, Isum, G-2.
4	0050	Phone fr Rex 2 P C: Observer at (152051820). At 252355 fire fight going on 600 yds 300 yds from here. I Co of 85th reports G/SAK relatively strong. Action: G-2, Isum, Journal, Corps. Fr Rex 2 230052A: Relayed fr Kentucky 2: 248 FA OP SA on COSTELLO (1544192) reports bulk of small arty fire exchanged in vis (1544198). Action: G-2, Isum, Journal.
5	0050	Phone fr Require 2 (thru Rex 2): Counterattack on I Co 85th, has been driven off. ACTION: CG, Corps, G-2, Isum, Journal, 86th, 87th, AT.
6	0058	Phone fr 424 FA Group: 185th FA OP at (1542187) reported at 240025A, a light self-propelled gun at (154251960). Action: Rex 2, Rebate, G-2, Isum Journal.
7	0059	Phone fr Retread 3: All quiet in Retread sector. Action: Journal.
8	0115	Phone from Rebate 2 (Major Keeber): Our OP at (1547189) reports gun firing at az 500; estimated caliber 105mm. Distance not known. ACTION: Rex2, Isum, and Journal.
9	0140	Phone fr Rebate 2: Our OP at (1547189) reports gun flash at AZ 570; distance estimated to be in excess of 3000 yds. Believe gun is an 88; it is firing from the top of a ridge. ACTION: Rex 2, Isum, Journal.
10	0155	Phone fr Rebate 2: OP at (1547189) reports tracked vehicle moving toward W to E at AZ 340° distance one kilometer. ACTION: Isum, Journal.
11	0210	Phone fr Retread 3 to Recall 2: At (149251815) 50 enemy in seven houses found by patrol #2. Info obtained by a scout who spoke German and encountered a German sentry at (1492181) at 0200. German sentry volunteered info--until he discovered he was talking to an American soldier and then a small fire-fight ensued. Patrol withdrew immediately to the south. ACTION: Rex 2, Journal, and Isum.

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| 12  | 0300 | Phone fr Redoubt 2: CAMPIANO is now quiet. Enemy raid not confirmed. Our men thought they heard suspicious noises on the NE slope, and tossed down some hand grenades. No enemy was actually seen, and there was no exchange of fire. ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal.   |
| 13  | 0350 | PATROL REPORT #1, 1st Bn, 87, 1 Off, 9 EM, Out 251730A, In 1900. FINDINGS: No enemy contact. Found 5 to 8 german bodies at (1525182).   |
| 1   |      | PATROL REPORT #2, 2nd Bn/87, 1 Off, 1 EM, 1 dog. Out 252000A, In 260200A. FINDINGS: CASA VIGONI, German-speaking scouts out in front. Challenged by German outpost. Asked how many Germans were in town. German replied "50". German became suspicious, asked who scouts were. Scouts answered they were Americans. They drew fire and one very slight casualty.  |
|     |      | PATROL REPORT #3, 3rd Bn/87, 1 Off, 7 EM, out 252000A, in 260100A. FINDINGS: no enemy contact. Saw a mortar fire fr (151A182), heard digging at 151A186 and at 1509182 heard a voice believed to be in mine or tunnel at 1508182.   |
|     |      | PATROL REPORT #4: K/87, 1 Off TEN, Out 252000A, In 26000A. FINDINGS: No enemy contact. Observer fr 1509178 all along ridge NE of Pella. Saw 12 rds mortar fire fall on RIVA fr 1511177, 278 As, approx 800-1000 yds.  |
|     |      | PATROL REPORT #5: 1st Bn/ 85, 1 Off 8 EM Out 251900A In 252400A. FINDINGS: at 2010A a truck moved on rd (N of OP) from W to E at 2050A another truck passed in same direction. Some shelling at PIANELLO (531190). Friendly planes flew over low at 2112A. Considerable MG and SA fire heard E of PIANELLO.   |
| 14  | 0312 | Phone fr Rebate 2: OP at (1547189) heard at 260310A an undetermined number of enemy vehicles moving on road south of CASTELLUGGIO (253200). Unobserved arty fire was brought on same. ACTION: Isum and Journal.   |
| 15  | 0330 | Phone fr Rax 2 to Recall 2: Fr Rebate 3: Arty fire on enemy mortars very effective and Inf capturing many PW's; mortar was at 1509212, 260230A.<br>Fr Reply 3: Troops on Della TORRUCCIA (1599203) receiving enemy time fire. Requested C/B (as 20° fr 1509207, 260300A. Enemy still retreating from L 5538521600. KENTUCKY C B G: Firing C/B for next 10 minutes on two batteries, 260315A. ACTION: Journal, Isum. |

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- 16 0430 PATROL REPORT #2 (Special), 1st Bn/85, 10FF, 2 Squads, 1 fwd obs., 2 mort obs., one litter team...But 252000A, In 260200A. Findings: Proceeded to E of PIANELLO (1533180). Saw 7 Germans, outside of houses, then 6 more, then 7. Patrol was detected and fired upon. Retreated & set up ambush, but the Germans would not bite. Moved to a better firing position, but ran into 5 groups of about 10 Germans each. Observed a tank on road N of PIANELLO. Enemy opened fire on us at 261330A, using 3/1 and burp guns. Patrol leader instructed 2nd in command to withdraw with patrol while he covered the retreat with a LMG and BAR. German tank opened fire with light caliber explosive shell. Enemy laid down a mortar barrage between patrol and own lines, to cut off retreat. Counter mortar fire was requested and effectively received. Patrol held to own lines without casualties.
- 17 0500 PATROL #1 (special) REPORT, 3rd Bn/85th Inf 252000A in 260300A, FINDINGS: W moved to within 100 yds (1543196). Observed 4 enemy in houses there. Withdrew to safe position to call for arty fire. At this time time, began to receive enemy mortar shelling. At 252200A, observed an S/V at (1542199), suspect th at crew stays in houses at Hill 872. While in position, patrol heard mortar firing to the right at (1543196). Our arty began falling in draws on E and W side of patrol. At 260100, patrol withdrew. Enemy shelling prevented fighting. Arty fire reported coming from NE of Della TORRECCIA.
- 18 0410 Phone fr Rebata 2: Reported enemy C/A on our lines was as follows: 1st Bn 85th Wt Inf: Arty, MG and S/A fire, 400-600 yds, read at beginning of C/A. Heard German voices. An armored vehicle moved E at 260340 fr (1541186) at 260155A. Received about 100 rds medium arty fire, some estimated to be 155mm. Enemy did not assault lat bn positions. 3rd Bn 85th Wt Inf: An S/V gun had been harassing positions since 252149A. On L flank, mortar flashes were noticed at 252300A. Burp and other automatic fire was read from about 1000yds. Defensive fires were called for Co L (right); very light enemy SA fire read. Enemy did not assault  
ACTION: Corps, Journal, Ltr.
- 19 0440 Phone fr Rex 2 to Recall 2: Fr Reply 2 at 260425: 3rd Bn, 86th Wt Inf, receiving continuous intermittent shelling. 605th and Kentucky fired Q/B several times apparently unsuccessfully. Counterattack still continuing on small scale. Believes no ground lost. ACTION: Journal, Ltr, Amount 3, Keystone 2.
- 20 0510 Phone fr Amount 2: We believe an enemy tank is coming up from the ALBARELLI-CASTELLUCCIO road to attack our positions. See if you can get us any TD assistance. Tank is now probably in grid square (15419). ACTION: Contacted Rex 2, who alerted the 701st TP. A platoon of that unit is near enough to give assistance if needed.

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- 21 0435 Phone fr Remount 2 (Major Allen): Our wire to 3rd Bn is out; only communication is through Arty radio, which is crowded with fire missions. Believe C/A may still be in progress, on a minor scale. Have no idea yet as to strength of original attack. A number of PW's have been taken, and are on the way down. ACTION: G-2, Kaystone, Isum and Journal.
- 22 0545 Phone fr Remount 2: Heavy C/A was made by a battalion, and has been beaten off; situation well in hand. Still being shelled on all 3rd Bn positions. Want air ran and if possible, Rover Joe missions on enemy terrain to our front as soon as daylight comes. 37 PW's reported, 1 of which is a Captain. Most of prisoners tentatively identified as from the Mittenwald Mt Tng Bn; the 11th Bn has also been identified. ACTION: G-2, G-2, Corps, Rover Joe, Isum, Sitrep, Journal.
- 23 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #46 submitted.
- 24 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #28 submitted.
- 25 0630 Phone fr Rex 3: 605th FA Bn alone fired 3593 rds last night in repulsing counterattack on 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf. ACTION: notified Gen Hays, G/S, Journal.
- 26 0705 Phone fr Remount 3: No mortar or arty fire has fallen in area for 45 minutes, 260700A Feb. ACTION: notified G-2, G/S, Journal
- 27 0745 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 112, 252400A Feb 1945. (Copy to be passed to 701st TD Bn).
- 28 0810 Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Remount 5: What news have you of Hay? He should get a sub plane up. Hay also needs litter bearers and medical men from a collecting station. Jerry has moved his guns, and still receiving arty. ACTION: Sub plane is up. Litter bearers will be sent. (Col Berman advised).
- 29 0820 Phone fr Col Berman to Col Thomson: Collecting station reports they have sent litter bearers up to Hay's Bn and they report the situation is now well in hand as far as medical aid is concerned. I will check on it myself, but feel that there are sufficient aid men there now. ACTION: Remount 5 notified - Journal.
- 30 0835 Phone fr Remount Line 6: Bn went through hell last night - need litter bearers. Enemy attacked with approximately a BN, and may have more troops. We captured one officer and 40 men. Still getting Arty fire, need air support. ACTION: Notified G-3, G/S, Gen Hays, Journal.
- 31 0714 Phone fr Rex 2: (Reply 2) - In 0 4530 - No enemy shelling in past 45 min. Time signed - 0655A. ACTION: Journal.
- 32 0820 Phone fr Redoubt 5: #1 to Monticello (1451159), Oct 2245A, In 0230A. Saw 3 men entering house (1453141) about 300 yds from MONTICELLO at magnetic

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- 32(cont'd)    azimuth of 100m. 4-2 mortars fired but too foggy to observe effect on house. (1 Officer, 9 EM).
- #2 to (1E72176), Out 0100A, In 0445A. Observed nothing; heard truck on road - went 800 yds west to observe truck but could not see it; went 500 yds beyond (1E72176) observed MAGNANI (1E70180) and PALAZZO (1E72182); saw no activity in either town. Returned at 0445A. (1 Officer & 8 EM).  
ACTION: Isum, Journal.
- 33    0820    Phone fr Redoubt 5; Patrol #3 to (1L45168), Out 2130, In 0330A. Heard activity -- motorcycles, trucks, and wagons between FARANO and towns to the north. Saw 2 men enter a house in PIANO DELLA FARNIA (1E51169). (1 Officer & 8 EM). ACTION: Isum, Journal.
- 34    0830    Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3; Major Usasa, 1 Bn, 1 Regt, INF, will be 85th Mt Inf CP at 260830A. He will report the time of the relief then. ACTION: Journal.
- 35    0850    Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Col Barlow: Where are your Inf cannon? Up with the front lines. Instructions: Leave these guns in with Woolley and Schelen to support these two Bns. We also want a systematic reduction of these houses in the area. ACTION: Journal.
- 36    0850    Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Col Cordes: We want your Inf howitzers to be moved to a point where they will cover the road by direct fire. (Road from ROCCA CORNETA). Take under systematic fire every house in the area. ACTION: Journal.
- 37    0905    Phone fr Rover Joe: MISSION: IOLA - Gun position (15692198), 2 hits 50 yds N; 2 hits 5 yds from target; 2 hits 50 yds SW of target; 2 cuts in road - bldg hit. OBSERVATION: 1.) Many dug in positions 100 yds S target area. 2.) Well used path (1569215) - (1569216). 3.) 2 camouflaged ( 1 w/brush, 1 w/netting) pits at (1587225). 4.) Gun pit at (1568214).
- 38    0910    Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Retread 3; Get MG on ridge in BOCCA CORNETA area to sever draw. ACTION: Journal.
- 39    0915    Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Col Love: Report from arty indicates that one of your companies is doing most of firing from maps. They must have a forward observer to direct fire, and I want you to check on this at once. ACTION: Rex 6 notified -- Journal.
- 40    0920    Rec'd, Hq IV Corps ISUM 789 to include 260800A Feb 1945.
- 41    0920    Phone fr Col Carter to Col Thomson: I will be in your area today accompanied by Brig Gen Gates. Will have some tentative plans for you to look over. ACTION: Journal.



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| 42                       | 0930        | Phone to Remount, Rebate, Retread, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, Engr C, Surgeon, Signal, Arty, Ramble and Rascoun. A meeting will be held at 1700A in War Room. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 43                       | 0935        | Phone fr Rebate 6 to Recall 5: Every day for last five days we have been receiving short rounds, apparently from medium tanks. Rounds are landing 1053 (1546187) and coming from approximately (1533148). Cannot seem to get it stopped. Arty says it is not them. ACTION: To be checked into. Journal. |
| 44                       | 0940        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Rex 6 (Gen Raffner): Barlow says he has been receiving short rounds from medium tanks. ACTION: That is a TD outfit attached to Brazilians - will stop that immediately. Journal.   |
| 45                       | 0940        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount 3 (Capt Rosendale): Run wire to platoon, "C" Co, 84th C Bn, so that you have communications with this platoon. I believe this was done last night but I'll make sure. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 46                       | 0942        | Phone fr Redoubt 6: Revolve FWD reports increased activity at FANANO - too far to determine whether civilians or enemy. Try to get air observation. ACTION: Reported to Major Walker.   |
| 47                       | 1000        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Remount 5: How about litter bearers, and shelling? ANS: Litter bearers are on their way up, and shelling has died down. Planes are having an effect on shelling. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 48                       | 1005        | Phone fr Rex 2: Redoubt -- Activity on bridge (1437196). Observed all morning; some traffic of motorcycles, trucks, and small groups in and around FANANO. ACTION: Major Walker, Journal.   |
| 49                       | 1030        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 111, 251200A Feb 45 and No. 112 (4 copies), 252400A Feb 1945.   |
| 50                       | 1030        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, G-3 Periodic Report No. 56 dated 25 Feb 1945.   |
| 51                       | 1030        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, G-3 Situation as of 0700A, 26 Feb 45 (copies - 2).  |
| 52                       | 1045        | Rec'd. AF Codes effective 28 Feb 45 (1 copy ea for G-2 and G-3).  |
| 53                       | 1040        | Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Col Irvin: See if we can't fly Bover Joe missions at night. Also see if we can't have our Air OPs up at night so that we can spot the Arty flashes. I am at 86th CP and leaving for 3rd Bn, 85th. ACTION: Notified G-3, Major Walker.                                       |
| 54                       | 1035        | Phone fr Rebate 6 to Recall 5 (Col Thomson): Checked if TD were firing short but it has ceased. The general direction was south of us, and had been hitting in the 3rd Bn area. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 55                       | 1050        | Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report #28 dated 25 Feb 1945.  |

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| 56         | 1040        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 264 dated 260000A Feb 1945.   |
| 57         | 1030        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 2: REP Reg't 1 Ren Party is on way to Retread CP now. En Ren Party will be at Div Hq at 1430A. Have an officer here to guide the party to Retread. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 58         | 1030        | Phone fr Hax 2: Require 2 -- At 261015A a gun of unidentified type or cal observed at CASTELLUCCIO (1522200) definitely torn up and out of order. Nothing moving in area observable; observer at (153261770). At 261015A air corps & arty attacking unidentifiable towns, 4000 yds NE of (1513179). ACTION: Journal.   |
| 59         | 1055        | Phone fr Remount 5: What is the information on the bridge at MALANDRONE (1571197)? Corps Engr reports that the road has been cleared to the bridge and that the 235th Engrs are working on the bridge. No exact estimate when the job will be completed but will keep our Div Engr informed. ACTION: Remount 5, 791st Tank Bn.   |
| 60         | 1100        | Phone fr Hax 6 to Recall 5: We are working on that firing at 1003. Would like to have some shell fragments so we can pin the firing on someone. ACTION: Will get some fragments for your inspection. Journal.  |
| 61         | 1125        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Keystone 5: We want to move Ordnance Supply, Engr Supply and Signal repair to FORSTAY ACTION: Move in.  |
| 62         | 1130        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Hax 6: Received order from Corps that we will leave our tanks and TDs right where they are. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 63         | 1155        | Phone fr Air C (Recall 14) to Lightning 14 (A20): Request permission to fly arty in planes in area between 46 Easting - 60 Easting, 8 of 26 Northing and N of 13 Northing from 1930A to 0100A every night. Can you get clearance for me from 22d TAG and AA. Answer: Will call back. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 64         | 1200        | Phone fr Hax 2 to Require 2: 1100A - 1135A Air Corps bombing and strafing PIANELLO (15219); unable to observe effect. 1135A - tank destroyer firing at LARSO del'Osca (15219), destroying buildings. 1140A - smoke over valley W of BELVEDERE; limits good visibility for 2000 yards; smoke since 261040Z; apparently coming from small mortars. Time signed: 251150A. ACTION: Corps, Journal. |
| 65         | 1200        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Hax 2: It will be impossible to have a meeting of all counter mortar officers at same time. You can contact the regiments and arrange a time to meet the groups from each organization at your mutual convenience. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 66         | 1208        | Phone fr Retread 3: In regard enemy smothering of valley North of BELVEDERE it is coming from small mortars; unable to locate the mortars; smoke is not very effective and visibility is only slightly obscured. ACTION: Journal.  |

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| 67         | 1230       |             | Rec'd: Message No 1074, 261020A Feb 45, fr IV Corps.   |
| 68         | 1230       |             | Phone fr IPW: 6 civilians interrogated who crossed lines this A.M. at 0600a - Came from CA DEL SOLE (1517193) - entered at VOLPIANO (1518184) at 0630a. One 82mm at approx. (1520184) - fired 20 rds last night in direction QUERCIGOLA (1513163). Germans have built large shelter at approx (1509183) about 200 metres NE of MARNE (1508183) immediately S of mule path - houses personnel. Germans were digging in on the northern slopes of C. DEL LAGO (1515197) about 300 M. N of houses in vicinity. One 81mm mortar at CAP LA MONTE (1519190) exactly 20 metres N of church and immediately W of road. At 0600a these civilians heard AN coming from vicinity of FIOGGNI (1514187). PW Report - 28 prisoners since 251200a to 261200a. ACTION: ISUM, G-2, Journal. |
| 69         | 1115       |             | General Yeates (British) and party visited CP.   |
| 70         | 1240       |             | Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Rebate 6: Wealey & Schalon Gas will remain in present position, unable to remove them to rear for rest. They are to be equipped for future positions. ACTION: G-4, Journal.   |
| 71         | 1310       |             | Phone fr Lt Col Cardes Redoubt 6: Mortar target inspected at (1502184) wish to fire on ig. ACTION: Called Retread 2 for permission. OK. Told Redoubt 6 to go ahead.  |
| 72         | 1330       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM #29, submitted.   |
| 73         | 1345       |             | Phone fr Raesson 3 (Capt Todd): C Co knocked out 2 enemy tanks - burned at 1130a at (1518194), at 1300a at (1519197). ACTION: G-3, G-4, Journal, C/S.  |
| 74         | 1350       |             | Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn, S-3 Report No. 57 dated 261200A Feb 1945.   |
| 75         | 1320       |             | Phone fr Mount Blue 2: From (1556200) azimuth 77°, 32°, and 32°. These are 3 azimuths on mortar craters, the craters being at the above coordinates. (ACTION: Rex & Journal).  |
| 76         | 1415       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: At 1248a - abandoned tank seen burning S. of CAPEL MONTE (15119); flares and small arms and other explosions coming out of tank; reported and observed by #66 CP (15202765). At 1225a - obs. by infantry observer - a house with large hole which is believed to be a gun emplacement or enemy CP at (15042124). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 77         | 1430       |             | Rec'd: Patrol Intentions from 83th Mt Inf. (Overlays)  |
| 78         | 1500       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 48 submitted.  |
| 79         | 1510       |             | Phone fr Retread 6 to Recall 5: Partisans are going to pull out of BOCCA GURNETTA because they are tired. What will be done about it? ACTION: Notified Keystone 3.   |

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| 80             | 1515        | PATROL PLAN No. 404, 26 Feb, 6/85, 1 Off, 8 EM, Out 261900A, In 262400A.<br>MISSION: Recon and observation.  |
|                |             | PATROL PLAN No. 405, 26 Feb, 8/85, 1 Off, 8 EM, Out 261900A, In 262400A.<br>MISSION: Recon and Obs.  |
|                |             | PATROL PLAN No. 630, 26 Feb, 1/85, 1 Off, 8 EM, Out 262000A, In 270200A.<br>MISSION: Recon and Obs.  |
| 81             | 1516        | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 538 from Hq Fifth Army, dated 251200A.   |
| 82             | 1517        | Rec'd: Ltr dated 24 Feb fr Hq Fifth Army. Subject: Encyclopedia Project.   |
| 83             | 1518        | Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary from Hq XIII Tactical Air Command. Report No. 134 dated 24 Feb.  |
| 84             | 1535        | Phone fr Col Curtis to Recall 5: CO of TB Bn will attend your 1700 meeting today. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 85             | 1535        | Rec'd: Message fr Capt Sanders' addressed to Att'n Maj Lusk: A Partisan whose name is PAVUOLI GIOVANNI, states he has just come in from a trip through the area he reports on, has just given us the following information.<br>1. There are 20 Germans in CASITALE (434139). There are 10 Germans in two positions at M. FIGOLINO (433094). There are 6 Germans in one position at BALZONI (432116). These two positions are an outpost from a company stationed at M. SERRAIOLO (431163). There are also 6 Germans on the NE slope of M. ROVINARO (431144). In MONTESERANO (432153) there are 20 Germans and in DI SCURI (434136) there are 30 Germans. He states that there are over 100 in FANANO (430182). He states he saw them since midnight 25 - 26 Feb. |
| 86             | 1540        | Rec'd: Weather forecast fr Fifth Army: Forecast for 262400A - 272400A. Scattered to broken clouds at 3 - 5000 Ft. No precipitation, and visibility restricted to 3 - 5 miles in haze. Min Temp 30° F. OUTLOOK: Increased cloudiness during morning hours of the 26th, becoming low overcast by noon. Light rain during afternoon hours of the 26th. Visibility restricted in haze and rain to less than four miles. Rapid clearing on morning of the 1st of March, with only scattered cloudiness, no precipitation, and good visibility during daylight hours. Min Temp - 30 - 33° F.   |
| 87             | 1536        | Phone fr Keystones 3 (Capt O'Brien): I have cleared with Lt Col Honey (Corps Arty) for your cube to fly at night in area indicated. Notify Corps Arty when Sub is up and when it lands so that they may fire VT fuse. (These flights have been previously cleared with 22 TAC - night fighters and bombers - 22) ACTION: Journal - Div Arty - Capt Hurstfield (Air strip) C/A.   |
| 88             | 1600        | Phone fr Remount Blue: Remount Blue will have only security patrols out tonight. ACTION: G-2, G-3 and Journal.   |

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- 1630 Phone fr Regt 2 fr Recall 2: Guess: How many P's captured since attack on MCHILLON area: 64. ACTION: Noted for G-2 and Journal.
- 1655 Phone fr Regt 6 to Recall 5 (Col Thompson): Ltr that General wrote was not distributed to Arty. ACTION: Recall 5 to check into it. ACTION: Journal.
- 1656 Phone fr Lt Col Hanson, AGI: Rebate White CP opened 261430A at CAMPO TIRAKI (491994). ACTION: Journal, Map and 1800A sitrep.
- 1645 Phone fr Recount 6: Two rounds of enemy mortar fire fell on CAPPEL BUSO. Trying to check where they are coming from. ACTION: Journal.
- 1645 Recd: Ltr from Counter Intelligence Corps, Fifth Army. SUBJECT: Civilian Movement Control in 5th Army Area.
- 1700 Phone fr Regt 2: Air CP reports at 261530A - Observed enemy combat car and possible tank at (151751950), also in vicinity a new emplacement believed to be a pillbox. ACTION: G-2, Isum and Journal.
- 1710 Phone fr Capt T. Rich in Off, HEP: All quiet on HEP sector. ACTION: Journal.
- 1740 Phone fr Regt 2: At (1526240) ammo or gasoline dump was observed by air CP. Arty is firing on it but has not had a direct hit yet. ACTION: noted G-2, Isum and Journal.
- 1745 Phone fr Lt Harris (Report 4) Called for Major Ireland: "The Stars and Stripes" and the "Blizzard" are not reaching our units. Please tell Major Ireland and he may reach me at Retread 4. ACTION: noted from Major Ireland.
- 1750 Phone fr Recount 6: 10 rounds mortar fire fell on Cappel Buso from mortar positions believed to be at (1471195). Mortars silenced by counter-mortar fire at 1754. ACTION: noted for G-2, Isum, Journal.
- 1800 Recd: Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 113, dated 261800A
- 1800 Recd: Berran diary, picked up by T/4 Foster, 710th Ord Co... for G-2.
- 1800 Hq 10th AF Div SITREP No. 49 submitted.
- 1800 Hq 10th AF Div SITREP No. 30 submitted.
- 1800 Acc'd: FO No. 9 and Adm O 99 to FO #9 fr 92d Inf. FO dated 261800A.
- 1800 Recd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 113 dated 25 Feb fr 92 Inf Div.
- 1800 Recd: 1st Ind from IV Corps to Ltr fr Hq Fifth Army. Subject: Engr Tng School, Replacement and Tng Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.
- 1800 Recd: Two booklets titled, "Military Reports from the United Nations".

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107	1555	Phone fr Maj Ekern: The Germans are laying a smoke screen from CASTELLUCCIO (522203) to PIANELLO (530190) to LA FORMAZIA (532186). ACTION: Noted for G/S, G-2, G3, and Corps. (Not previously entered).
108	1800	Phone fr Redoubt: Fifteen man patrol from ABREAC to 461166 from 2000.
109	1810	Phone fr Col Cordes: Called in regards to calling off two patrols tonight and sending one large patrol. Situation explained to Capt Humphreys. ACTION: Notified G-2.
110	1810	Rec'd: Ltr fr Hq IV Corps - Subj: Troops Assignments and Attachments. Letter dated 24 Feb.
111	1837	Phone fr Redoubt 2: No patrols tonight because of relief going on. To cover relief will throw out a lot of artillery and mortar fire to the front.
112	1845	Phone fr Redoubt 2: Contact patrol to REF completed at 1755A. Contacted a platoon at (1571203) house at point 884. This point will be used for all future contact. ACTION: Noted G-3, Rex 3 and Journal.
113	1930	Phone fr Rex 2: At (151402443) 39 trucks were observed moving S at 1745. At 1735A at (14951815) target attacked by our planes and was completely destroyed. Target was a house. At 1845A, MG firing on "G" Co, 87th Inf, at gun 310° from CP at (150227750). At 1845A, lights observed in town at (149251815) VIGNY. ACTION: G-2, Corps, 86 and 87.
114	1935	Rec'd: Overlays fr Engr Hq IV Corps indicating minefields in vicinity of "G" Co. Source of information from German documents.
115	1935	Rec'd: Isms No. 790 from IV Corps dated 261545A. Ref No. 130.
116	1935	Phone fr Recall 5 to Keystone 3: I will send overlay showing arrows we talked about this afternoon. ACTION: Plan sent to Keystone.
117	1935	Rec'd: Two captured enemy letters found on Mt Belvedere at 261500A from 126 Engr. (Also received three medal medallions). The medals were found near SANGIANK by the AT Bn.
118	1945	Rec'd: Monthly Security Report fr CIO Detachment dated 26 Feb.
119	1945	Phone fr Capt Livermore: WALEBRONE (5619) by-pass is ready for tanks and will be ready for jeeps tomorrow AM. Intermittent traffic will be necessary tomorrow PM during construction of the permanent bridge at (1571197). It is expected that the bridge will be ready tomorrow night. The tank CO in the vicinity has been notified at ABETALA (15718). ACTION: Noted for G-3, G3, G/S and Journal.

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	120	2047	Phone fr Retread 2; About 20 Italian civilians came thru our lines at VALPIANO. They are now being brought down to CIC in LIZZANO. (You can expect them in about two hours or so). - ACTION: C/S, G-2 and Journal.
	121	2055	Phone fr Maj Twombly (Box 2); Counter - Mortar School will be held at CAGGIO - MONTANA at 271500A. Counter-mortar officers have been notified. ACTION: Journal.
	122	2110	Rec'd; Ism No. 791 from IV Corps dated 262045A. Ref No. 131.
	123	2115	Phone fr Box 2; From Reply 2; Hit at (1556203) during 2015A to 2017A, AZ (110) Mills - 8 rounds. (Shall report) - ACTION: G-2 and Journal.
	124	2145	Phone fr Retread 3; Retread Red reports two (2) smoke shells fell just north of BELVEDERE at approximately 2135A. ACTION: Journal and G-2.
	125	2145	Phone fr HQ Team; PW's total for 24 hour period from 260600A to 270600A - 30. ACTION: Noted for 0600 Ism and Journal.
	126	2158	Phone fr Retread 2; Hurred interrogation of Italian civilians that came into our lines today reveals that they are from CASTELLUGGIO. They state there are no vehicles in the town and few horses and mules. The Germans came into town around 1900A - 2000A to cook and then return to foxholes. They also state Germans are pulling out. ACTION: G-2, Journal and Div Arty
	127	2145	Phone fr Recall 6 (Gen Buff) to Rebate 5; Ques: What action taken in regard to smoke screen? Ans: Four patrols are checking it thoroughly along regimental front. Will keep you informed. Keolays' sector alerted. Ques: Are you doing any mortar firing in crews? Ans: Not yet - waiting for enemy activity. ACTION: Rebate 5 to keep Recall 6 posted.
	128	2210	Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thompson) to Redoubt 6; How is everything going? Ans: O.K. - Combat patrol left at 2030A but no word as yet. Had a little skirmish near SERRACIOLA, wounded two Germans, thought they were dead, but later encountered machine gun fire in same sector. We've got mortars and 4.2 zeroed in on that area. Ques: Did you get wire? Ans: Four strand fence around CAMO BUSSO and partially around CAMPIANO. (Sub call to Able 2) Ques: Can you see north and east in regard to smoke screen? Ans: Yes. There's a haze extending toward the Germans, not very high though. (Recall 5 - Be on the lookout for Jerry) ACTION: Redoubt 6 to continue patrol activities. - Journal.
	129	2230	Phone fr Rebate 5 (Col Wagner) to Recall 5 (Col Thompson); Arty checked thru forward observer and other means, but don't detect anything unusual. In all probability the smoke is due to our blasting buildings this afternoon. ACTION: Will continue observation. ACTION: Journal.
	130	2230	Phone fr Col Curtis (Keystone); At what point did relieving unit detruck? Ans: URSICOLA (513164). 1st Co detrucked at 2105A, 2d Co at 2120A. 3d and HQ Co have not arrived, expect to complete relief by 0100A. ACTION:





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140	2320	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 404, Co C, 85th - Out: 261900A. In: 261300A. Time Rec'd: 262327A. Findings: Went 900 yards into enemy territory. Observed road to front, right and left. Noticed nothing unusual. Heard two arty concentrations 1500 yards to left. Some arty including WP, falling on building about 300 yards to front. Could not determine if arty was friendly or enemy.
141	2320	PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 631, 26 Feb 45, Co I, 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off, 8 HK. Out: 261900A. In: 262400A. Mission Run and Obs. REPORT: Out: 261900A. In: 262300A. Time Rec'd: 262327A. Findings: Went 900 yards into enemy territory. Observed road to front, right and left. Noticed nothing unusual. Heard two arty concentrations 1500 yards to left. Some arty, including WP, falling on buildings about 300 yards to front. Could not determine if arty was friendly or enemy.
142	2320	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 630, Co L, 85th Mt Inf - Out: 262000A. In: 262330A. Time Rec'd: 262345A. Findings: Observed small house at (547198). No activity noticed except for barking dogs. Patrol believes house is empty. Saw 8 dead enemy in open field near SA del 60779 (547195). At terminus of route received mortar fire; 1 man slightly wounded at 262215A. Patrol returned early because of mortar fire.
143	2400	Phone fr Retread 3: Last companies of INF moving into QUERQUELA (16016) now - relief will not be completed until 0200A or 0300A. ACTION: Keystone 3 advised.
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1	0025	Rec'd; Situation Overlay, 262130A, fr 86th Mt Inf.
2	0112	Phone fr Retread 3; Motor Movement phase of relief has been completed; all is going smoothly. Will report final completion of relief. ACTION: G-3, Sitrep.
3	0140	Phone fr Keystone 3; Called for info on movement in 87th area. Told that relief is proceeding satisfactorily. Has given reports on patrols 631, 405, 430 and 404. He will relay these reports to Keystone. ACTION: Journal.
4	0200	Correction: Entry No. 140 is incorrect the following is substituted: PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 404, Co C, 87th - Out: 261900A. In: 262130A. Time Rec'd: 262125A. Findings: Followed route. DID not see or hear enemy. Went to (163219A).
5	0210	Phone fr Reply 2: I Co, 86th Mt Inf, sound of trucks vicinity FONGO (155020A) at 270055A. ACTION: Journal, Isum, G-2.
6	0215	Phone fr Box 2: I Co, 86th Mt Inf - 3 rds of 14 arty and some mortar fire coming from due N landed in vicinity of (160220S). ACTION: Isum.
7	0230	Rec'd; German documents found on BELVERERE, fr 126th Engr.
8	0430	Phone fr Retread; Relief of White Bn accomplished 270330A. ACTION: Keystone 3, G-3, G/S, Map.
9	0445	Phone fr Rebato; Bluc called; it is very quiet on ridge at 270445A. ACTION: G-3, G/S, Journal.
10	0459	Phone fr Box 3: Sitrep as of 0430A. 604: 3 harassing missions, unobserved. 605: 1 registration. 616: 1 enemy MG (161219S) - unobserved fire; 4 harassing missions - all unobserved - at (523131), (502143), (512139), (492180). 1 personnel mission at assembly area (52220A). unobserved - total 58 rounds. 175: M.T.M. ACTION: Sitrep.
11	0505	Phone fr Rebato 3: Rebato Bluc out of communication with Arty. ACTION: While 604 is moving, 616 to take care of supporting this unit. Box 2 advised and will notify Rebato.
12	0517	Phone fr Box 2: 1/1 INF Arty 1 Bn medium has CP in LIZIANG in BELVERERE - to occupy old 605 CP here and 2 of their (605) firing battery positions by 270600A. ACTION: Map, Sitrep, G/S, G-3.
13	0540	Phone fr Box 2: In O - (502202) at 0405A, 5 rds, 86mm; harassing fire. At (502202) at 0430A, HV 88, 4 rds, harassing fire. At 0505A at (502202) 5 rds 88. ACTION: Isum.

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14	0552	Phone fr Retread 3: Relief of 3rd Bn 87th by 1st Bn 1st INF completed at 262340A. CP 1st Bn, 1 INF at JERIGLIA. CP 2nd Bn 87th and 3d Bn 87th at VIDIGIATICO and LIZZANO in BELVEDERE respectively. 3rd Bn, 87th closed new area at 270230A. 2nd Bn, 87th closed new area at 270530A. ACTION: Sitrep, C/S, G-3, Map.
15	0552	Phone fr Recall 3: One bn of IV Arty INF closed LIZZANO in BELVEDERE at 270240A. ACTION: Sitrep, C/S, G-3.
16	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div, Item No. 31 submitted.
17	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div, Sitrep No. 51 Submitted.
18	0616 3	Phone fr Keystone 3: By pass at MALKEDRON open for tanks now; for jeeps at about 0900A; for intermittent traffic this afternoon. Bridge over bypass to be erected this evening. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
19	0625	Phone fr Recall 3: Liaison Off with INF directed to notify this Hq of change in location of CP of 1st Inf INF. ACTION: G-3.
20	0630	Rec'd: Recommendation for Immediate Combat Award, 25 Feb 45, fr Co A, 126th Mt Engr Bn.
21	0630	Rec'd: Message Numbers 63-67, Passwords for Fifth Army, 21 Feb 45.
22	0630	Rec'd: Overlay of captured German map dated 30 Oct 44 and information on the 120mm kvv Mortar 42, fr IV Corps.
23	0630	Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin No. 5, 26 Feb 45, fr IV Corps OSS Det.
24	0630	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report, No. 114, 26 Feb 45, fr 92d Inf Div.
25	0644	Phone fr Box 2: Co K, 86th - Suspected enemy mortar on gun positions located at (55252110) at 0600A. ACTION: Journal, P.I.
26	0645	Phone fr Recall 3: Major Schooley directed to get 1 copy of Field Message concerning relief of 2/87 and 3/87 into hands of 1st Inf, INF right away. ACTION: Rebate advised.
27	0645	Rec'd: Relaterie Periodice De 8/2 - No 64 - 23 Feb 45, fr INF...also report No. 49, from 5-3
28	0705	Phone fr Keystone3: INF Arty at Lizzano; 1st Bn INF Arty (105's); o Battery IV Arty INF (med). ACTION: C/S, G-3, map.
29	0730	Phone fr Recall 3 to Schooley: Did your Ln O with INF get a copy of Field Message? I will check with him right away and let you know. ACTION: G-3, Journal.

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30	0610	Phone from Recall 5 to Rex 5: What do you still have in support of Brazilians yet? Answer: 616th Bn, and two Bys of the 175th. parax Brazilians report one of their Bns moved in last night and one is to move in tonight. ACTION: Journal, CG notified.
31 31	0840	Hq 10th Mt Div letter dated 25 Feb, Subject: Commendation for Action against the Enemy.
32	0855	Recd: Hq IV Corps Sitrep NO. 114, dated 262400A, Feb.
33	0750	Phone fr Major Hay to Major Murphy: Major Hay reports he heard activity and motor movement during the night to his right flank...nothing definite. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
34	0805	Phone fr Require 2 (thru Rex) Intermittent mortar fire landing via BOGA CORNETA at 270700A. Fr Rebata 5 (Through Rex): 270005A. 6 rounds enemy arty landed in GLOGIC-MONTANA at 270756A. ACTION: Icon and Journal.
35	0820	Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to 1st BEF and 1st Bn, 1st Regt: BEF Bns will not conduct patrolling in sectors recently relieved or to be relieved until further orders, this Hq.
36	0930	Phone fr Require 2 (Through Rex): Civilians coming into our lines early this morning were from CASTELLUGGIO (14220). They report that last Friday (23 Feb), they Germans pulled out 3 105 Howitzers from CASTELLUGGIO and moved them to the rear. Very few Germans left there now; they are living in humps and dugouts. In CASTELLUGGIO, there are only 2 houses left standing.
37	1000	Recd: Hq IV Corps ISUM NO. 792.
38	1025	Recd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 57, dated 26 Feb.
39	1000	Phone fr Recall 2 to Rex 3: Inquired if we have any Arty in position that can reach via BOHUGGI (1456166), where slight enemy activity has been reported. ANSWER: 616 FA will fire a mission on BOHUGGI or vicinity if air OP can find a suitable target. ACTION: G-2, G-3, AT.
40	1035	Recd: Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Rpt #265, dated 27 Feb. (4 copies).
41	1045	Recd: fr G-2 (Battle) IV Corps, recognitions photograph of 2.8cm, A TR, Gun 41, T.I. 323; 10.5cm recoilless gun, bulletin # TI 324; 10.5 cm 1c F.M. 6 wheeled tank, Bull #TI 325.
42	1045	Recd: G-3 Periodic Rep #57 fr Hq IV Corps.

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| 43  | 1045 | Recd: Hq IV Corps, G-3 Situation Report as of 270700A Feb.  |
| 44  | 1030 | Phone fr Reconnt 5: CP's on MT. GERRASSIOLIA report the following: Between 270650A and 270930A, 30 men were seen traveling away from MT. SPIZOLINO (1A309) westward on the ridge; 16 men were seen approaching from the west, also traveling on the ridge. ACTION: G-2, 92nd Div, Journal.  |
| 45  | 1100 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 52 submitted.   |
| 46  | 1115 | Phone fr Major Madden to G-3: Co A, 760 Tk Bn, (less one platoon) and Co C 701st TD Bn, is supporting unit on left. 3rd platoon, Co A, 760 Tk Bn, (76mm guns) and Co B, 701st TD Bn, supporting on right. Movement coordinated by Major Madden. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 47  | 1130 | Phone fr 710th Ord: 710th Ord closed in new area and opened CP 155212A at (270930A. ACTION: map, sitrep.  |
| 48  | 1105 | Phone fr Reconnt 3: Old CP closed as of this time, and new CP opened at (1554159). ACTION: Sitrep, map, Journal.  |
| 49  | 1120 | Rec'd: Civilian Interrogation Report No. dated 27 Feb from 10th Mt Div CIC.   |
| 50  | 0800 | PATROL REPORT.-AS Patrol....INTENTIONS: To clean out woods at vic (1A64166) and continue to BUNUCCI, (1A57166), to determine strength of enemy there. Compositions of patrol; one off, 15 EM. Contact was made in woods at 270500A, at (1A64166) where a force of 8 or more enemy appeared to be waiting for our patrol. In the fire fight that followed, one of our men was killed. 4.2 mortar fire was called for but it could not be made to register on the enemy. The patrol returned to its base. Sentries have been observed in BUNUCCI during the past day. Believe a small enemy force may be stationed there. |
| 51  | 1315 | Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Return: Will you prepare an Engr amax for the order? Put it on one sheet, and bring stencil up here. ACTION: Will do. Jral.   |
| 52  | 1315 | PATROL PLAN #1, F & H/86, 2 Off, 6EM, out 270300A in 280300A, MISSION: Recon 558215.<br>PATROL PLAN #2, E & H/86, 2 Off, 6EM, 1 FO, 1 Radioman; Out 280200 270300A, In 280200. MISSION: Recon, 565213   |
| 53  | 1400 | Recd: Hq 751st Tk Bn S-3 report No. 58, dated 27 Feb.   |
| 54  | 1330 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #32 submitted.  |

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55	1400	Phone fr Bax 2 to Recall 2; From Esquire two to Bax 2; TD's fired on house at 151392444 at 271100A; wooded the house. Considerable activity seen but no sign of 39 trucks which were observed in this vicinity 26 Feb.
56	1427	Phone fr Bax 2 to Recall 2; From Kentucky 2 (read at 1400); Able OP (A btry) of 185 FA Bn observed 7-8 men in house at 542228 but did not adjust fire. Action; Journal
57	1445	Recd: Hq Fifth Army Weather forecast, dated 271A37A.
58	1350	Phone fr A Btry TD 701; OP at (1587190) reports at 271220A, 105mm shells falling at (1578188). One round every 2 minutes. ACTION: G-2, Inm, Journal.
59	1510	Phone fr General Buff to Bax 5; Reports say Mount Blue receiving shelling every 5 minutes at 1230 today. Counter battery is supposed to have not been able to fire because they were firing a mission. Is sub plane up? AHS: Have received no such reports of shelling. Sub plane was forced down by ack ack. Will check shelling and get plane up again. ACTION: Journal.
60	1515	Rec'd. IPW Report No. 38 dated Feb 26, 1945, from BEF.
61	1535	Phone from Sig: 110th Sig OP (Adv) opened at (1550108) at 271100A. ACTION: SITREP.
62	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #53, submitted.
63	1545	Phone fr Bax 2; Reply 2 -- Charlie B.C. - shelled area (1577184). Time of shelling, 1410A, azimuth 6000 m - 1 rd. - shelling was observed from (1581184). ACTION: Journal.
64	1600	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM #793 to inlands 271500A Feb 1945.
65	1620	Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 539 dated 261200A Feb 1945.
66	1620	Rec'd. Hq 88th Inf Div, G-2 Report No. 234, dated 261200A Feb 1945. (2 copies).
67	1620	Rec'd. Intelligence Bulletin No. 6, 27 Feb 1945, fr Hq IV Corps OSS Det.
68	1620	Rec'd. Hq XIII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 135 dated 25 Feb 1945.
69	1620	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 115, 271200A Feb 1945. (3 copies).
70	1615	Phone fr Babate 2; Report no patrols out tonight. ACTION: Journal.
71	1635	Phone fr Redoubt 6; Patrol Intentions: #1 - to (1465164), Out 1900A, In 0700A, 1 Officer & EM, ren and observation. #2 - to MONTHELLO (1451159), Out 0900A, In 0800A, 1 Officer, 8 EM - ren and observation.

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| 72             | 1635        | Rec'd. Hq BEF, Operations Order No. 12, dated 26 Feb 1945 (untranslated).  |
| 73             | 1640        | Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thompson) to Rebate 6: Select your CP any place north and west, and to the left of the road, of ARNETZ. ACTION: Rebate 6 to inform Recall 5 of site, Journal.   |
| 74             | 1715        | Phone fr Redoubt 6: Enemy fire having come from woods at (1465166), Mortar and MG fire was placed on the woods followed by a patrol of 1 CCF, 8 EM who proceeded to (1464162), where they neither saw nor heard any enemy. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 75             | 1728        | Phone fr Major Adair: 1st Co, 2/1st BEF will arrive CAGGIO MONTANO at 272400A; 2d Co 2/1 Inf BEF at 280100A; 3rd Co, 2/1 BEF at 280130A and HW Co at 280200A. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Map.   |
| 76             | 1800        | Hq 10th Mt Div ISRM #33, submitted.  |
| 77             | 1800        | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP #54, submitted.  |
| 78             | 1850        | Rec'd. Intelligence Publications "Military Reports" No 23, Nov 1944 and No 24, Dec 1944, from AG Pub & Supply, Hq 10th Mt Div. Also No. 21 of August and September 1944.   |
| 79             | 1730        | Phone fr Baz 2: Shell report from Require 2 -- Shelled area (1521175) - time of shelling from 1650A to 1715A - azimuth by sound 6150m <del>from sound</del> <del>direction</del> - from sound rds seemed to be coming from LA SIERRA (150821640) - 1 gun - 10 rounds - harassing. ACTION: Journal. |
| 80             | 1741        | Phone fr Retread 3 (Maj Ekern): Desires to know if Co B, 84 Cml to move with 87th. ACTION: FO #1 says Co B, 84 Cml in D/S; therefore Retread 3 advised 84 Cml would arrange to move own Co.  |
| 81             | 1835        | Phone fr Rebate 2: At 1745A, 1 high air burst at azimuth 60° from CP (1549163). At 1630A, one was noticed at 25°. At 1815A, one was noticed at 356°. There have been several others during the afternoon. ACTION: Hex, Journal.  |
| 82             | 1840        | Phone fr Baz 2: Increase in ask-ask today. Air CP: Hospital at (1566233) and an ambulance. Tank (possible Med.) at (1555230) at 271130A; taken under fire by Arty but was not hit. At (1565237) fired on gun emplacement and scored direct hits on emplacement.                                    |
| 83             | 1850        | Rec'd. Cy ltr orders MTOUSA dated 24 Feb 1945, AG 201-F-Corden, Peter (Civ).   |
| 84             | 1850        | Rec'd. 1 cy TM 9-855 for G-3 and 1 cy each of pamphlet "Friend or Foe" for G-2 and G-3.  |

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85	1800	Phone fr Col Curtis to Recall 5: Col Metz of our Hq will be over to see you. Have your Bns that are pulling out tonight pull back only a small way tonight. ACTION: Journal.	
86	1900	Phone fr Remount Red thru Rex 2: Counter attack at (155502006) - Arty is firing on counter attack now. Enemy Arty firing M. DELLA TORREAGGIA (1559202) from the W. - will advise further. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Keystone 3, G-2, Rsn.	
87	1915	Phone fr Remount 2: As of 1900A Arty barrage on Remount Blue; they are being counter attacked; coming through Remount Blue Love's sector, which is the center sector. Strength of counter attack unknown as yet. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3, Journal.	
88	1900	Hq 10th Mt Div G-3 Periodic Report No. 184, submitted.	
89	1900	Hq 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 11, submitted.	
90	1940	Phone fr Remount 2: Counter attack coming from vicinity of (1560200). ACTION: G-2, G-3, Journal.	
91	2015	Hq Commandant, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, Surg, Ord, & Hq Co all notified that CP will not be moved until 1500A 28 Feb 1945.	
92	2000	Phone fr Redoubt 6: At 1920A, CP on SERRASIGGIA (1464157) reported houses in BESTOLA (14220) had lights on; also at 47° saw 4 gun flashes firing SE; observer believes guns are on ridge beyond the HELVETIKKE ridge. ACTION: Rex and Journal.	
93	2005	Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 6: Directed to keep troops in area until daylight. ACTION: Rebate 5 took message.	
94	2005	Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread: Keep 1st Bn in area after relief is effected behind positions they occupied. ACTION: Capt Freston took message.	
95	2045	Rec'd. following message from IV Corps dated 271715A Feb 1945. "For info Fifth Army, for action to 10th Mt Div, 92nd Div, 10th Mt Div pass copy to A Btry 1125 Armd FA Bn; 92nd Div pass to TF 45, GO 1125 Armd FA Bn. G Btry 1125 Armd FA Bn) REFERENCE NO. 138. Par 1. EFFECTIVE 272000, 1125 ARMD FA BN, LESS "A" AND "C" BTYS IS DETACHED TF 45 AND IS ATTACHED IV CORPS ARTY; AND WILL MOVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE ISSUED BY CG, IV CORPS ARTY TO VICINITY (15514). Par 2. "C" BTRY REMAINS ATTACHED TO TF 45. Par 3. "A" BTRY IS DETACHED FROM 10th MT DIV AND REVERTS TO PARENT UNIT CONTROL UPON ARRIVAL OF 1125 ARMD FA BN IN THE DESIGNATED AREA."	
96	2050	Phone fr Rebate 2: At 2030A a green flare at 600 yds from Hill 1068 (1538183) at azimuth 260°. ACTION: Journal.	



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| 97      | 2100 | Phone fr Rebate 3: location of new CP, 85th Mt Inf will be (1579179). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 98      | 2030 | Phone fr Keystone 2: 15 Army Group - on 20 Feb ground sources reported that tanks moved from MONANTOLA (14570) to MODENA (15766). At MONANTOLA (14570) was the 29th Panzer Grenadier Div. On 25 Feb ground sources reported that tanks in SASSUOLA (14436) moved to REGGIO (12297). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 99      | 2105 | Phone fr Col Curtis: re Recall 6: It's OK as I said it would be. I sent message and disregard the instructions in regard to Retread Co. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 100     | 2110 | Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 5: Do you know of any agreement between Div and Brazilian to leave 2 Bns of Arty to cover VALTIMO (14328) to TORRACIA (155202)? Ans. No. ACTION: Rex to keep 2 Bn in reserve. Journal.   |
| 101     | 2115 | Phone fr Keystone Battle 5 to Recall 5 (Col Thomson): These Bns being relieved are to stay up there, in rear, in case they are needed, until tomorrow night. ACTION: Recall 5 to move them where he deems necessary.  |
| 102     | 2120 | Phone fr Remount 3: Remount Blue reports everything quiet at present; our arty has not fired for some time. ACTION: Corps, G/S, Journal.  |
| 103     | 2120 | Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Rebate 3: Bn still in the line. Have two lines of communication, 1 line to be turned over to Brazilians. ACTION: Rebate 3 to call G-3, Journal.  |
| 104     | 2125 | Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 5 (Col Thomson): I'm leaving forward observers where Rebate is now, and will support the Brazilians till 0600 tomorrow, at which time, I'll pull my liaison officers and observers. ACTION: Recall 5 to give word when to pull out. Journal.   |
| 105     | 2130 | Phone fr Remount 3: All quiet in 3rd Bn Sector. No activity now. ACTION: Journal, C/S.  |
| 106     | 2200 | Phone fr Keystone 3: When you decide to move 1st Bn, 67th Mt Inf out of VIDIZIATICO let us know your intent prior to moving it. ACTION: Notified C/S, G-3.  |
| 107     | 2220 | Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty G-3 Report #29 dated 26 Feb 1945.  |
| 108     | 2220 | Rec'd. Following msg fr Hq Fifth Army "CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF LITHE, THIS HQ, SUBJECT: STAFF COMMUNICATIONS, DATED 13 FEBRUARY, ARE CONFIDENTIAL FROM FIFTH ARMY TO II CORPS, IV CORPS, 1st ARMORED DIV, 10TH MOUNTAIN DIV, 34th INFANTRY DIV, 45th INFANTRY DIV, 68th INFANTRY DIV, 91st INFANTRY DIV) OFFICERS FROM YOUR COMMAND WHO HAVE BEEN |

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| 108        | (Cont'd)    | SELECTED FOR THE NEXT 30 DAY MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF STAFF OFFICERS WILL REPORT TO HQ COMMANDANT, FIFTH ARMY NEAR BUNELON, THE EVENING OF 28 FEBRUARY."  |
| 109        | 2220        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 115, 271000A Feb 1945.  |
| 110        | 2220        | Rec'd. Following message fr Gen Truscott to CG, 10th Mountain Div: RESTRICTED. "IT GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE (PERSONAL TRUSCOTT TO RAY) TO FORWARD TO YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM GENERAL McHAREY: 'PLEASE PASS TO GENERAL RAYS AND THE MEN OF THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF THEIR INITIAL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. THIS ACTION HAS SHOWN A HIGH STATE OF MORALE, LEADERSHIP, AND TRAINING, WHICH GIVES ME EVERY CONFIDENCE FOR THE FUTURE SUCCESSSES OF THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION. SIGNED McHAREY'. LET ME ADD MY OWN MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS, BOTH TO YOU AND TO YOUR SPLENDID DIVISION FOR THE MAGNIFICENT MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR FIRST MISSION". TRUSCOTT |
| 111        | 2205        | Phone fr Keystone 3: 3rd Bn, 87th is receiving Arty fire (enemy) and is having to effect the relief by infiltration. Consequently the relief will be very slow. ACTION: Notified G-3, C/S.  |
| 112        | 2205        | Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Sig Off: Code name of REF Bn is "LINDA". ACTION: Journal.  |
| 113        | 2300        | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 55 submitted.   |
| 114        | 2300        | Phone fr Maj Callahan to Recall 5: In regard to 3d Bn of 87th, one wire is in and we're bringing up 2d wire. The 87th has not reached their position as yet. ACTION: Sig Off to call Brazilian Bn in regard to communication. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 115        | 2235        | Phone fr Mount Blue 2: Bn CP of Mount Blue (156012018) - Mag AI 40 <sup>0</sup> on enemy Arty received at 1830 - estimated 105mm How. Heard motorcyls at 2130 on road at approximately 1548216. The previously reported G/A was just a light skirmish, broken up by our Arty fire. ACTION: Rex, Corps and Journal.  |
| 116        | 2300        | Phone fr Col Irvin to IV Corps: Command to pass to 1st BIF of Sector from 1036 A to PIEDRA CAMPANO at 1200A on 28th. To be referred to CG, 10th Mt Div, on 28th for approval.   |
| 117        | 2330        | Rec'd: Message fr Fifth Army ASC to Joe: Ref No. 20, - Intentions for 28 Feb. Six How Joe missions at 0900A - 1030A - 1145A - 1330A - 1445A - 1630 A. Same alternates as for 27 Feb.  |
| 118        | 2328        | Phone fr Rebete 2: CP - 3d Bn 11 REF relieving 3d Bn, 85th will be at FOMCHIDON de SOPRA (545184). Code name - Lappa Azul. Lt Mitchell will be Liaison from 3d 85th with 3d Bn 11 REF. Relief in progress now.  |
| 119        | 2328        | Rec'd: Isum No. 794 fr IV Corps dated 272030A. Ref No. 139.   |

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120 2330 Phone fr Retread 3: 3d Bn, 87th Inf completed relief at 2130A of 2d Bn, 1st Regt BRF on LA SERRA. Some forces occupied M COSTELLO in relief of elements 3d Bn, 11th BRF. 3d Bn 87th - CP at 575200. Liaison officer to 1st Bn, 1st Regt BRF - 1st Lt Baumgartner (2d Bn HQ) - In C to 3d Bn, 1st Regt BRF - 1st Boyer (1st Bn HQ Co). CP 1st Bn BRF at 51251425, CP 3d Bn BRF at 519175. ACTION: Map, Journal.

121 2340 Phone fr Hex 2: Have been receiving shelling since 2000A in ABETALA (579189), and at LA CA (576183) at BELLANISTA (572200) and LA SERRA (576202). Also receiving possible Arty or mortar fire from STANDADARA (572209), TRILTO (580211), MONTESS (557245), MERLINO (5721), CASSELLINA (5821). Twelve have been wounded by this fire and four killed. Eight BRF wounded, four American; two BRF killed, two American killed. Relief is being delayed. ACTION: G-3, Insm, G-2, Corps, C/S, and Journal.

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| 1          | 0018        | Phone fr Remount Sgt Maj; Patrol # 1 - Houses at G ROMITO (558210) occupied by at least three enemy. Lights in or near houses at (568195). Also possible tank on or near road 500 Yds S of ALBARELLI. ACTION: Patrol report form, Isum, G-2.   |
| 2          | 0018        | Phone fr Remount Blue 2; Simulated Bird calls in draw SE of CF (556200); also owl calls N of CF and NE of CF. ACTION: ISUM, G-2.   |
| 3          | 0112        | Phone fr Lt Chafey at CF, 1st Regt, BEF; Situation at Present; 1st Bn - in position O.K. 3d Bn - Now moving into position (Answer-Closed at 0049) 2d Bn - receiving heavy fire at LA SERNA only 1/2 Bn has moved - other half at 571176 to 580180 waiting to move to new location. ACTION: Called Corp.  |
| 4          | 0115        | Phone fr Recall 2 to Rex 2; Inquired about extensive Arty fire heard along front. Told that it is probably IV Corps counter-battery program being fired at (5326) and vicinity.  |
| 5          | 0115        | Rec'd; Message from Hq IV Corps Ordnance Officer; (the following allocation is made to the 10th Mountain Division AF C-4-9 for current operations; 8100 rounds 81mm mortar HE. (Light), 2000 rounds 81mm mortar HE (Heavy), 1000 rounds 81mm mortar smoke; 1800 rounds 75mm Howitzer HE.   |
| 6          | 0125        | Phone fr DO (Recall 3); LENDA (1st Bn, 1st Regt BEF) can be reached thru Retread Fed. Checked with Lt Baumgartner - told to expedite wire communications, Mtiv CF with relieving BEF Bns.  |
| 7          | 0136        | Phone fr Retread 3; 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf closed at 519175 at 0100A. Opened at Lissano at 0100A. ACTION: Journal and Sitrep.   |
| 8          | 0001        | Phone fr Lenda; Asked for check on his wire connection with Rebate Switchboard. Check made; no connection. Get Rebate by going through Recall.   |
| 9          | 0053        | Phone fr Retread 3; Relief of 1st Bn, 87th Inf on position completed by 3d Bn, 1st Regt BEF at 0045A. Regimental CP of Retread opened at Lissano at 0045A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep and Corps.  |
| 10         | 0206        | Phone fr Lt Chafey; 2d Bn (-1 Plat) in between 571176 - 580180 - have sufficient transportation to move Bns and one-half Co to positions. They are beginning to move now. Radio contact only with 2d and 3d Bn now. Lt Chafey told to facilitate installation of wire and call when accomplished.  |
| 11         |             | Phone fr Rex 2; Civilian at (556200) reports that his friend came through lines and said: "400 Yds N of BOSSINO VERGHI (568224), there are two small guns just off path - (75's or 105's); at (5290245), two or three big guns are located; there are four to six enemy positions at CASA LANA (563232), and many small guns at (563232). There is one big gun near ZACCA (554258)." Woman comes from PIANELLO (530190) and states there are no Germans there; says all have gone to CASTELLUCCIO (522201); had heavy bomb casualties. (Woman can be contacted through In O 5522. ACTION: ISUM, Never Joe, G-2, PI, CI, Map and Journal. |

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<u>Ser</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	
12	0225	Phone fr Rebate 3; Rebate Blue, K Co relieved 0220A. Relief for I and H has been underway for half hour. Relief for L Co has not shown up. Rebate Red relief has not started - L Co BEF is being led in to position to relieve B Co at present time. ACTION: Corps and Journal.
13	0236	Phone fr Lt Chafee (Lt O 1st BEF); Telephone lines to 2d and 3d Bns have been run as far as MORANDELLA (547178), expect to have wire of communication by morning. ANSWER: Tell 1st BEF that wire communication with 3d Bn must be completed at once and wire for 2d Bn run approximately to positions to be occupied. It is essential that this communication be expedited. ACTION: Corps and Journal.
14	0250	Phone fr Rebate 3; Rebate Red, B Co relieved by unit BEF at 0255A - move back to assembly area in rear position. 1st Bn assembly area 540 - 545 Easting; 178 - 183 Northing; 3d Bn assembly area 553 - 557 Easting, 188 - 193 Northing; 2d Bn assembly area 560 - 567 Easting, 188 - 193 Northing. ACTION: Map, Sitrep and Journal.
15	0300	Phone fr Lt Chafee (Lt O BEF); Commanding Officer 1st BEF says last minute change in plans has delayed installation of wire, every effort being employed to complete by morning. ANS: 3d Bn, 1st BEF has been in position since 0045A. They could easily be connected with lines now existing of 1st Bn BEF as they are on adjacent unit. Can this be done at once? ANS: Will check with G-3. ACTION: Journal and Corps.
16	0306	Phone fr Rebate 3; Rebate Blue, I Co relieved at 0300A by 9th Co 11th Regiment. I Co relieved at 0220A by 8th Co, 11th Regt. H Co still being relieved.
17	0324	Phone fr BO to Lugar 3; L Co of Rebate Blue has no unit of 3d Bn, 11 BEF on hand to relieve it. Can you trace the trouble? Will call back, no communication at present time. ACTION: Journal.
18	0326	Phone fr Rebate 3; Rebate Blue, M Co relieved at 0300A by 3d Co, 11th Regt. ACTION: Journal.
19	0330	Phone fr Rex 2; Receiving heavy mortar fire at (553203) at 280330A from due N. Mortar believed at (555213). Mortar taken under fire. ACTION: Isun and Journal.
20	0330	Phone fr Rebate 3; Lights seen flashing below FORRYA TANK (12812). ACTION: Journal.
21	0410	Phone fr Rex 2; "C" Btry, 616 arrived in position at 280410A at (12718). Will be ready to fire at 280420A. This is final Btry of arty to close - all are now in new position. ACTION: G-3.
22	0455	Phone fr Rex 3 (Lt Warner); 604 FA Bn vicinity 56761790 at 272000A. 605 FA Bn vicinity 56741800 at 262200A. CP opened at 262000A. 173 FA Bn vicinity 58601682 at 261150A. 616 FA Bn vicinity 568177 at 280410A. ACTION: Journal and 0600A Sitrep.

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| 23        | 0536 | Phone fr Baz 3: 604 FA Bn - 3 missions harassing - unobserved. 91 rds expended. 605 FA Bn - 2 missions - enemy troops - activity ceased - 93 rds expended. Ground CP 1 mission - counter-mortar - 20 rds obsv. from ground CP (54892058). 616 FA Bn. NTR. 175 FA Bn NTR. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep 0600A.  |
| 24        | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Isam No. 34 submitted.  |
| 25        | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. submitted.   |
| 26        | 0705 | Phone fr Retread: S/A fire noted in front of POLLA (1509176). Returned by BEF in that sector. No further action. ACTION: G-2, G/S, Isam.   |
| 27        | 0730 | Phone fr Linda Red Liaison Officer: A small German patrol came S to via VALPIANA (1512183) at 280630A and fired on the Brazilians; the patrol was driven back by mortar and arty fire. At the same time another small German patrol was seen near FOSSE DELLA SERRA (1511183); it was taken under arty fire and retreated. 25 civilians, mostly women and children, came through BEF lines near VALPIANA at 280600A. ACTION: G-2, Isam, Journal. |
| 28        | 0745 | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 115, 27 Feb 45, fr 92d Inf Div.   |
| 29        | 0745 | Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 114, 26 Feb 45, fr 92d Inf Div.   |
| 30        | 0745 | Rec'd: Operations Instructions No. 81, 28 Feb 45, fr IV Corps.   |
| 31        | 0758 | Phone fr Lt Chafee: 1st Bn - 1st Regt - BEF - CP at QUERCIOLA (152162). 3d Bn - 1st Regt - BEF - CP at (1526172) on rear slope of Hill 964. 2d Bn - 1st Regt - BEF - still located at (1553171) just N of GABBO-MONTANA - is now moving to C. LIURMA (1538179). 1st Regt Nq anticipates moving to GABBA (1536153). CO - 1st Regt - BEF assumed command of his regt at 280700A. ACTION: Journal, Corps, C/S, G-3, Sitrep.                         |
| 32        | 0820 | Phone fr Recall 5: to Col Gillette: Status of bridge at MALAMBONET answer: They were driven off last night by arty and mortar fire. Bridge sets there partly built and we will attempt to complete it by noon today, if there is no interference. ACTION: CO Retified - Journal.   |
| 33        | 0825 | Phone fr Rebate 3: 3d Bn, 85th Inf, relieved by 3d Bn, 11th Regt, BEF, effective 280600A - CP of 3d Bn, 11 Regt, BEF opened at (1548184) at 280600A. 3d Bn, 85th Mt Inf, closed into assembly area at (1553185) at 280640A. CP of 3d Bn, 85th Mt Inf, opened at (1548182). ACTION: Sitrep, Corps, C/S, G-3.  |
| 34        | 0900 | Phone fr Recall 5 to Maj Madden: We want you to place one platoon of tanks and one platoon of T's on ridge (570214), and shove right on down to cover north side of ridge. Also, you will be prepared to move to MT. INNOCENTE. Reconnoiter these trails for possibility traversing them with tanks. ACTION: Journal.  |

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35	0900	Phone fr Remount 4: "B" Co, 126th Engr, sent only 1 squad to work on evacuation road for Remount. Need at least one company. Engr CP line is out. ACTION: Notified Div Engr - Neagr will be sent to Engr CP to deliver the msg. Capt Sayre to call Remount 4.
36	0910	Rec'd: Incoming Message No. 1296, Sitrep No. 116, 272400A, fr IV Corps.
37	0910	Rec'd: Isam 795, Ref No. 141, 280850A, fr IV Corps.
38	0940	Phone fr Recall 5 to Maj Madden: When you get your plan all tied up, we would like a copy of it immediately. Answer: I would like to receive a copy of your order before completing my plans. ACTION: Will send order by messenger, Journal.
39	0955	Phone fr Recall 10: Retread has communication with Retread Blue by radio. It will not be used unless Retread Blue has an emergency call. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
40	1008	Phone fr Capt Burish, Ia Off BEF: Patrol from 2d Bn, 11th Regt, BEF has been unable to establish contact with Retread Blue. Patrol has been out but are afraid to approach too close for fear of being shot at because of color of uniform. ACTION: Retread 3 notified.
41	1025	Phone fr Rebate 3: 1st Bn - 85th Mt Inf - Status of Relief: C Co - relieved; B Co - relieved; A Co - 2 plato. relieved; D Co - none relieved - company of 2d Bn, BEF on way up from CASCADIA MONTANA. Estimate relief will be complete by 1200A. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3.
42	1030	Phone fr Lt Chaffee, BEF: Possibly 50 Italians came thru BEF lines last night - Consolidation of reports show: At C. HILLTOP (151551960) 500 meters N inside woods - enemy concentration of 300 to 400 - informed civilians they were there to retake MT BELVEDERE. 2 permanent MG positions also there. At BECCNETTA-SAMURA (147652290) 8 gun arty emplacement. ACTION: G-2, Hovey Joe, Corps, Arty.
43	1030	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report, No. 246, 28 Feb 45, fr IV Corps.
44	1030	Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 28 Feb 45, fr IV Corps.
45	1030	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 56, 27 Feb 45, fr IV Corps.
46	1100	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 57 submitted.
47	1103	Phone fr Div Eng Officer: 235th Engr building bridge at MALANDRONE (571198) and arty fire - killed 3 and wounding 5. Bridge operations have ceased. Incident occurred about 0600A. ACTION: C/S, G-3.

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48	1105	Phone fr Redoubt 6: Reports on patrols: #1 to (1465164) - Out 2000A. In: 0500A - Negative report. #2 to MANGINELLO (1451134) - Out: 0300A. In: 0630A - No sign of 'erries. #3 to (1472176) - Out: 0400A. In: 0630A - At 0500A heard track drive up to KAGHARI (14718), then drive away. ACTION: Isum, Journal.
49	1130	Phone fr Rebate 3: 85th Mt Inf; 1st Bn - A Co Relieved at 1045A by 4th Co - 2d Bn; C Co relieved at 1045A by 5th Co - 2d Bn; B Co relieved at 0235A by 4th Co - 2d Bn; D Co relief in progress by CFP2. ACTION: G-3, Corps.
50	1135	Phone fr Div Engr C: Additional information on accident to 205th Engr at MALABRONNE (571198). 17 injured instead of 5 and incident occurred at 0730A. Operations suspended awaiting Corps decision. ACTION: Journal, G-3.
51	1145	Phone fr Div Sig C: Div has wire communication with 3d Bn, 87th as of 281130A. ACTION: G-3, G-2, C/S.
52	1145	Phone fr Capt Bourke: 3/11 is attached to 1st Regt. Can be reached through 2/1. They are in communication with 3/11 Tp. 3/11 has communication with LINDA Tp. 2/1 can communicate with LINDA by telephone. ACTION: Journal.
53	1200	Phone fr Linda Red In C: Raccoon White CP (1523178) spotted 2 German tanks at (1514271); believe tanks to be Mark V or VI. Seen at approx. 281130A. ACTION: Rex, Corps, Rover Joe, C/S, Journal.
54	1200	Phone fr Recall 3 (Col Irvin) to Rex 3: Is BEF arty in position? Answer: Yes. ACTION: Journal
55	1220	Phone fr Lt Chaffee: BEF 1st Regt has 1 arty Bn in support; 2d arty Bn now moving into position. Regt Hq has come with all their Bns by phone now; has not communication with 11th Regt on their right flank, and they are not trying to obtain same. Regt anticipates moving CP to GANSA (15315); but were not able to move into there because 126th Engrs, Alpines and mules are there; so do not know where they will put CP. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
56	1220	Phone fr Rebate 3: 2d Bn, 1st Regt now occupies CP (541182). All quiet. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.
57	1255	Phone fr Remount 5: Can we get obs planes over Remount Elus at 1700A to 1930A and from 010400A to 010530A. ACTION: Called Rex 2 - Maj Trumbley says they will do their best to fly these missions. He is going to the air field now. Remount 5 notified.
58	1320	Phone fr Remount 3: Remount Elus has observed Tanks and trucks at



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58	Continued	(1560220) - Can we get Rover Joe on them? ACTION: Rover Joe notified thru Corps Radio. They are not moving.
59	1320	Phone fr Rex 2: From Air CP - 2 emplacements (53202290) - 2 abandoned emplacements at (156502370) at MONTISE very active artillery last night. (Enemy). ACTION: Have these checked with PI and put on defense overprint. Initial when done.
60	1320	Phone fr Rascen White: 2 tanks behind house at (814271). ACTION: Rover Joe notified.
61	1330	Hq 10th Mt Div ISM No. 35 submitted.
62	1345	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Col Tomlinson: What is trouble with Engr? I want to make trail accessible to jeeps from MALANDRONE to my CP. Engineer tells me it cannot be done, but we think it can. Want to get it to my supply dump. I have instructed Engineer to proceed with work. ACTION: Journal.
63	1345	Rec'd: 751st Tank Battalion Report No. 59, 28 Feb 45.
64	1400	Rec'd: Msg No. 1336 fr IV Corps: Ref No 142. Para 1. 1st Inf Div BEF will assume command of that part of the Corps zone extending from Hill 1036 (5519), Southwest to the TF 45 boundary, effective at 281200A. (from IV Corps to 1st Inf Div BEF and 10th Mt Div for action and to V Army and TF 45 for information: LOCC-2 pass to TF 45 (Para 2. The 1st Bn, 1st Inf Regt is released from operational control of 10th Mt Div effective 281200A. Para 3. The 10th AT Bn (Reinf) is placed under operational control of the 1st Inf Div BEF effective 281200A.
65	1405	Phone fr Rex 2: (1518199) - In plane observes no enemy movement, but lots of foxholes and area appears to be well used. Time of report 281200A. ACTION: Corps, C/S, BEF, Journal.
66	1410	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Rex 5: Are you doing any firing along highway 12227? The people along there have been getting quite a bit of fire and have been driven off bridge site. We have not done any firing in there but we will endeavor to bring some fire to bear in that sector. ACTION: Journal.
67	1410	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Col Love: What are your mortar Co's doing? Answer: B Co has gone into position. C Co has one platoon in position, and the other will be soon. Gen Duff: We are receiving a lot of plastering in the MALANDRONE draw and bridge site and would like to get some counter-battery. ACTION: Col Love to come over to see General Duff about this. Journal.

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68	1415	Phone fr Rex 5 to Gen Duff: I am now having Corps shoot counter-battery up north and have a plans up looking. If you can get A.2 to flush them out, we can really go to work on them. Answer: Col Love coming over to see me on this. I will advise you. ACTION: Journal.
69	1415	Phone fr Rebate 2: Rebate Blue 3 reports mine field at (1542193) - wants engineers to remove mines. ACTION: G/S, G-3, G-2, Div Eng C.
70	1430	Col Love visited Division CP (Gen Duff) and conferred on fire being received in MALINDOGNE Draw and bridge under construction, and emplacements of mortar companies in support of Infantry. ACTION: Journal.
71	1430	Rec'd: Div Arty 3-3 Report #30, 27 Feb 45.
72	1435	Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Rebate 6: Stay where you are till after dark. Don't move till you hear from me. ACTION: To check with Recall 5 before moving, Journal.
73	1435	Rec'd: Weather Forecast, 282400., fr 5th Army.
74	1450	Phone fr Rebate 3: 1st Bn, 85th Mt Inf, relieved by 2d Bn, 1st BnF, at 1220A. - Closed in new area (1542180) at 1400A. ACTION: Sitrep.
75	1500	Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 3 and Rebate 3: Recall your officers with BnF except Lt Chaffee, 85th Mt Inf. He will remain with BnF General as Ln C. ACTION: Retread and Rebate Notified.
76	1505	Phone fr Keystone 2: Mag received 281A55A from lightning 2: Tee R. - on the secondary road between (1670376) to TOLE (1655308) 50 meter transports scattered. Moving both ways. ACTION: CG, Journal.
77	1510	Phone fr Keystone 3: Observed tanks at (1566245) - a SIAM intercept. Observed tanks on road east of MONTESE (15524). This information is unofficial. ACTION: Baz, Rover Joe, Journal.
78	1525	Phone fr Keystone 2: Quota for Div for 2 Off and 1 NCO to Photo Intell. School, AFH. Names, if any, must be in to Corps by night of 1 March. ACTION: G/S, G-2, Journal.
79	1600	Mag fr CG, IV Corps: Operation postponed. Details tomorrow. ACTION: 85, 86, 87, 10th Med, 126 Engr, Div Arty, 10th AT, Sp Tre, 751 Tc, Ord, Sig, J, 84 CML Bn.
80	1701	Phone fr Col Avera (Rex 5): Hq, 10th Mt Div Arty closed LIZZANO at 1701A. Opened GARGIC MONTANA at 1701A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
81	1700	CP closed at LIZZANO in BELVEDERE at 281700A. CP opened at GARGIC-MONTANA at 281700A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.

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Mq 10th Mt Div AFM 245, V. S. Army, for period 1700A to 2000, 28 Feb 1968  
(040119 - 000120)

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- 1 1700 New CW spread at 040119 - 000120 at (L00140).
- 2 1830 Plans fr Lt Staff: LINA AND LINEA will both remain tonight at (L00140) First being tomorrow AM they anticipate moving LINEA to (L00140). I. MAMMI. All positions are pretty well secure and Col Matheson from Corps advised them in an what to expect and to keep on the alert. ACTION: Noted G-3 and Journal.
- 3 1830 Plans from Col Cordier: 20 rounds of mortar fire fall on (L00140) from (L0011970) requested New to fire on it, was referred it to Corps as they cannot reach it. ACTION: Noted G-2, Corps & INM.
- 4 1840 Plans from Colonel G: Will establish an all night outpost at (L00140), and at daylight will send a patrol to N. KASSINIA. ACTION: Noted for G-2, Map & Journal.
- 5 1800 Mq 10th Mt Div INM 228, submitted.
- 6 1800 Mq 10th Mt Div SIERF 200, submitted.
- 7 1820 Rep'd. Mq 28th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 228, dated 271200A Feb 1968 (2 copies)
- 8 1830 Rep'd. Mq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 500 dated 271200A Feb 1968.
- 9 1800 Rep'd. Mq IV Corps G2 Det, Intelligence Bulletin No. 7 dated 28 Feb 1968.
- 10 1900 Plans fr ~~040119~~<sup>040120</sup> (0 subat Report) (own troops). At 201200: ELEMENT 1 - UP at (L0750190) - will send in covering company positions. M. Are consolidating positions. 2. - INF is on our right. 3. - Det 20 - Element on left. 4. - Two killed and seven wounded. 5. - No mortar or arty support in 1 night but now we have it. 6. - Casualties heavy by arty fire; estimated 1200 mls fall during hours of darkness. Lots of enemy quiet only when Never Joe planes are overheard. 7. Heavy use of M. 82s - in 201200. 8. No contact with enemy except by arty fire - quiet until 201200. Heavy has resumed shelling in redoubt barracks at 201200. 9. Weapons enemy is using - New, mortar, and arty up to probably 120mm. In heavy concentrations all night of 27 Feb, particularly along road from Ia Da (L075123) to Bridge at MALANDINUM (L071124) also on company positions. 10 Identified no new enemy units. 11 No pr's or documents captured. ACTION: Noted for G-2 Journal.
- 11 2005 Instructions just received via radio from Air Support Control, 5th Army, Never Joe to be non-operational tomorrow, 1 March. ACTION: Journal, G/S.

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12	2120	Read: Field msg dated 282000A, Feb, fr 81th Cml Mtrier Hq: CP located 553162 - A Co CP 489152 - B Co CP 574192 - C Co CP 554173.	
13	2200	Read: Hq 751st Tk Bn Field Order	
14	2200	Read: Hq XXII TAG Daily Int Summary No. 136 dated 26 Feb 1945.	
15	2035	Read: phone ca. 1 fr Keystans 2: Report on interrogation of civilian woman who passed through BKF lines S of VALPIANA the night of 27 - 28 Feb. Woman lived in vic of C. Del LAGO (15119). She stated that 200 or 300 Germans were located N of C. Del LAGO. Group was commanded by a Capt. and had 2 more officers. She said they got their orders from a CP in SAN MARTINS (15425). Reliability unknown. She stated Germans were there from 20 Feb until the time she left.	
16	2130	Phone from Require 2 (through Rex): (1578186) shelled by mortar fire, beginning at 282000A; one round every three minutes. One partisan wounded. ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal.	
17	2135	Phone fr Redoubt 6: (1481172) shelled by 20 rounds high angle fire at 281830A. Gun may be at (148851970). ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal.	
18	2215	Read: Hq. IV Corps ISUM #797, dated 282000A.	
19	2205	Phone fr Keystans 5 to Recall 6 Asst. Everything going along OK? Fine! Seems the partisans are moving out, so I told them to send some people up there to plug up the gap. Action: In Off, stand to Partisans, to keep us informed., Journal.	
20	1930	Phone fr Amount 2: Captured 6 PW's of the 14th Co, 1044th Regt in 3rd Bn. (1580205) area at 281630A. ACTION: Noted for G-2, c/s, Corps.	
21	2040	Phone from 176th FA (through Rex 2) Victim OP (1569203) reports: heavy tanks heard moving South at (1567212) at 282020A. Number unknown. ACTION: G-2, Corps, 701st Tk Bn, Isum.	
22	2160	Phone fr IFW (Lt. Bromberg): 6 PW's captured at (1548204) at 281630A are from 14th Co., 1044th Regt. They were manning a combination OP - outpost when captured, and knew nothing of enemy intentions. ACTION: G-2, Journal.	
23	2340	Phone fr Require 2 (thru Rex): 16 rounds harassing Arty fire fell at (156081782) at 282040A.	
24	2300	Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP #80, submitted.	
25	2240	Phone fr Redoubt 6: OP on GAPPAL BUSO (14715) reports seeing flares in vicinity of BENTOLA (14280), as follows:	

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- 25 (Cont'd)    At 2200A, a green flare, at 2210A, a green flare, at 2210A, a white flare and at 2212A, a green flare. ACTION: G-3, Issn, Journal.
- 26            2330    Rec'd. Overlay of 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf positions as of 0800A 28 Feb 45.
- 27            2345    Pncse fr Mex 2: Gun flashes observed at (L575204) at 2080 range distance unknown. ACTION: G/S, Corps, Journal, ISSN.
- 28            2350    Rec'd. Communication fr Return addressed to G-3 dated 28 Feb 1945.
- 29            2400    Rec'd. following msg fr ASC "INTENTIONS MARCH 1. NO RPT NO ARMY 30TH MET TOTS".
- 30            2355    Mag fr Capt Livermore: Capt Livermore arrived from IV Corps with "Top Secret" folder to be given to Chief of Staff. ACTION: Notified G/S who in turn gave said folder to G-3 D.O. to be placed in safe and given to him in morning.
- 31            2400    Rec'd. Envelope from Hq Fifth Army addressed to MOVIE BOX thru IV Corps (adv).
- 32            2400    Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army AITREP NO. 117, 281300A February 1945.

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| 1  | 0012 | Phone fr Rex 2: Amount Blue 5 reports enemy assault gun on top of hill N. TERMINAL (L66522158) at 2350A. Will fire on this target. 44 (L661168) from 2320A to 2343A 21 rounds harassing fire. ACTION: Noted for 0600A ISUM.   |
| 2  | 0015 | Phone fr Rex 2: At 010015 (L649183) was shelled. Azimuth to enemy gun 450° distance unknown. No damage report. The crater pits were 3 ft deep 4 ft in diameter. ACTION: Noted for Shell report - ISUM.  |
| 3  | 0115 | Phone fr Redoubt 2: OP on BERRASICOLA reports that he heard many trucks moving in and out of FASANO at 2400A to 0100A. ACTION: Noted for S/S, Rex, Corps. ISUM.   |
|    | 0140 | Phone fr Rex 2: Two SP guns reported at (L65002215) being fired at by our Arty. 2 houses at (L649221) 24 enemy believed to live there being fired on by our Arty. ACTION: Noted G-2, ISUM, SITREP.  |
|    | 0155 | Phone fr Keystone 3: Maj Dewahn called and would like an overlay showing the following: Disposition of troops 85th, 88th, 87th, An OP and boundaries. ACTION: Today's periodic overlay will do the trick.   |
|    | 0210 | Phone fr Lt Monday with HMF: PI report: At (L67502115) there is a trench system and fire system. ACTION: Noted for PI and ISUM, Journal.  |
|    | 0240 | Phone fr Rex 2: Amount Blue 6 reports enemy trucks on road at (L6574214) moving N toward junction of road at 0145A. ACTION: Noted for G-2; ISUM.  |
|    | 0245 | <del>Phone fr Sgt. ...</del>  |
|    | 0400 | Phone fr Redoubt 2: 10 rounds Arty fell on CAPPEL 8950 at 0430A. He not knew where fire is coming from. No damage. ACTION: For 0600 ISUM.   |
|    | 0430 | Sec'd. Eq IV Corps Sitrep 118, 282400A Feb 1945.  |
|    | 0625 | Phone fr Capt Bourke to Lt Chafey: Called Lt Chafey (in C with 1 HLF) & asked him to check a direct wire between Recall and LIND (1 HLF). Call in here when communication is established. ACTION: Noted - Journal.  |
| 11 | 0523 | Phone fr Rex 2: 504th IA - 5 harassing missions results unknown (no coordinates given). 805th 24th AFHQ nothing to report. 175th - 4 harassing missions results unknown. 1 mission at S.P. at (L66221) 2 missions at SP at (L660221) personnel at (L649221). ACTION: Noted for 01100A SITREP. |
| 12 | 0600 | Eq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 51 submitted.   |
| 13 | 0600 | Eq 10th Mt Div ... submitted.   |

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- 14 0730 Rec'd: Isau No. 796 fr IV Corps dated 28 Feb.
- 15 0108 Phone fr Lt Chaffey: Task Force Hq, BRF, opened at EL PALAZO (1542142) at 281200A. 1st Inf, BRF, will move to SANJA today. Corps will move troops out to make room for them. List of calls: BRF TF Hq - LVAR; 1st Inf, BRF - LERNA; 1st Bn - LEMBA VERMUDA; 2nd Bn - LEMBA BLANCO; 3rd Bn - LEMBA AZUL; 3rd Pz, 11th Inf, BRF - LAFA - AZUL. ACTION: G-3 notified.
- 16 0650 Phone fr Pvt Strauss, Hq Co to Recall 2: Several civilians are here trying to secure passes. ACTION: Sent to PM. ACTION: Journal.
- 17 0630 Rec'd: PD #2 fr Hq 761st Tank Battalion dated 281200A.
- 18 0130 Phone fr Lt Chaffey: Hq 1st Inf, BRF, will move to 1 RONGHI (1547149) immediately. Will move to SANJA tomorrow. ACTION: G-3 notified.
- 19 0650 Rec'd: Isau No. 796 from IV Corps dated 010812A. Ref No. 151.
- 20 0600 Phone fr Max B: Shell re, etc; at (578199) at 0800-0812A, 7 days medium Cal., Larrnasing.
- 21 0950 Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 10: Do you have wire into HMOUGH up to MASHMORBY? Ans: Yes. Anonymous wire in to BRF. Ans: Will call you on that when I find out. ACTION: Journal.
- 22 0945 Rec'd: Copy of Ltr fr Hq Fifth Army dated 27 Feb. Subj: Temporary Duty. (Noted attached fr Col Dawson - "I assume these are G-3 men".
- 23 0900 Phone fr Col Thomson to Lt Hayes (Maccos): I want you to get in touch with Maj Madden and have him either bring, or send his plan for employment of tanks and TP's. ACTION: Journal.
- 24 0950 Phone fr Recall 6 to Co. Curtis: Recall 6 wants TD and Bn Troop off hill and available by 1000A tomorrow. Check and call me.
- 25 0950 Phone fr Col Tomosca to Rebate 3: What are the coordinates of your CP? Ans: At present, we are located at 549152 - Means 830. We are starting to move to 078179, and will be completely moved by noon. ACTION: CG notified, - Journal.
- 26 0930 Maj Walker left CP for Army Hq.
- 27 1030 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 59 fr IV Corps dated 28 Feb.
- 28 1100 Hq 10th Mountain Div Sitrep No. 82 submitted.
- 29 1041 Phone fr Redoubt 6: From 230) - 3400 trucks in low gear moving BENTOLA - FANANG. This morning men were packing supplies from FANANG to CAHTARE (4117). 20 men and 4 mules in convoy. Movement of supply noted between FANABISO and 3 190160 (437094). Bldg in FANANG at (43851640) are storehouses for supplies. Bldg at (43801800) is probable CP. ACTION: Maj, G-3 and Isau. Rover Jon.



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20	1045	Rec'd: Italian Maps from IV Corps.
21	1100	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 267 dated 1 Mar 1948.
22	1105	Phone fr Rex St: At (572198) at 1035 - 1055, 30 rds medium Arty, harassing. At (574175) - 0550A and 0328A, 18 rounds expended. ACTION: ISUM.
23	1110	Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report fr IV Corps dated 1 March.
24	1115	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report Vol 09 dated 28 Feb.
25	1120	Rec'd: FO 6 from Hqs, 87th Mt Inf dated 28 Feb.
26	1140	Phone fr Rebate St: Rebate CP opened 01120A March (L879179). ACTION: Journal, C/S, Map.
27	1130	Phone fr Rex St: At (588178) at 1030-1100A, 3 rounds Med Arty, damage to tent, fire from North. At (583178) at 0400A, 6 rds, Med Cal; at (583178) at 0400A, 1 rd Med Cal; at (584178) at 0400A, 1 rd, Med Cal; at (584177) at 0400A, 1 rd, Med Cal. (Shell report) ACTION: ISUM.
28	1145	Phone fr MARINO - CIC: Report on woman in black taken by CIC. She came from MONTESE, to report that Germans left there 3-4 days ago, and shelling is causing much unnecessary civilian damage. ACTION: G-2, Major Joe, PI, Corps, ISUM.
29	1145	Phone fr Keystone St: Documents are getting back to Kaytone 3 slow. Please try to hurry them up. Last document (German attack order) was improperly translated. Speed up your Reg't's. ACTION: Notified G-2, Journal.
30	1330	Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 28 submitted.
31	1345	Rec'd: E-3 Report #31 fr Hq 10th Mt Div Arty.
32	1345	Rec'd: Map fr IV Corps indicating German Defense Plan.
33	1410	Phone fr Remount S to Recall S: We are just pushing up and communication is not so hot. The old line is out again, and Division has not reached us yet. Plan to move out at 1430A. ACTION: Signal Officer to be contacted. Journal.
34	1415	Phone fr C/S to Capt Martin: What is the status on line? ANS: One line has been in and out again. Arty fire or something blew it out. We have two crews working out there and intend to lay two lines. I am going to check the situation now and will call you back. ACTION: Journal.
35	1420	Rec'd: Annex No. 1 - Supply Annex to Accompany FO No. 1 fr 85 Mt Inf.
36	1545	Phone fr Rex St: 1100A and 1115A - two 150mm shells fell at (L88451824) At 01130A, two rounds of undetermined cal. Arty fell at (570182). ACTION: ISUM.

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<u>Ser</u>	<u>Time</u>	
47	1445	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 119 dated 011200A from IV Corp. Ref No. 152.
48	1445	Phone fr Capt Martin to C/S: Line is from here to 2nd Bailey bridge. Men are now working from there back for repairs, and the line will go from there to CP. Another route from bridge has been selected cross-country. Also running down road and laying new wire to CP. Should be four lines in when completed. ACTION: Locomot 6 notified. Journal.
49	1455	Rec'd: Report No. 60 fr Hq 701st Tank Battalion dated 011200A.
50	1457	Phone fr Rex 2: At 1410A ten 150mm shells fell at (L571197). ACTION: Issm. As 64 miles.
51	1500	Rec'd: Weather Forecast, 012400A Mar 45, fr Fifth Army.
52	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 63 submitted.
53	1515	Phone fr C/S to Maj Callahan: We are having a time getting wire in and we want you to get in 2 lines up and around COSEGLIO. Answer: Will follow these instructions, and also want to advise that we will have remote control at your disposal. The latter means of communication is to be used at the discretion of C.O. Col Cunningham will sanction use of this. ACTION: Journal.
54	1530	Maj Madden visited and conferred with C/S on plans for employment of TD's and tanks. ACTION: Journal.
55	1545	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 541, 28 Feb 45, fr Fifth Army.
56	1545	Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary No. 137, XIII Tactical Air Command 27 Feb 45.
57	1545	Phone fr IPW: Civilians from ALBARELLI (L5420) report that the Germans blasted the road at (L545211) and the bridge at (L545212) at 231500A. ACTION: G-2, Issm, Rgr, Journal.
58	1550	Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Report: Full Obs 957 - Coordinates (59061928) the town of BAMBIANO was hit at 1445A. As 700 miles by sound, believed to be a heavy caliber, 10 rds fired. Observed at (59061928). Area was shelled (587189) at 1515A believed to be 2 rds German 150mm. ACTION: G-2, Issm, Journal.
59	1605	Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Recall 34: Rgr Executive officer was wounded, will need a man for Recn. ACTION: Recall 34 to take care of it. Journal.
60	1610	Rec'd: Issm No. 799, 011515A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
61	1610	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 116, 28 Feb 45, Fr 92d Inf Div.

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Seq No.	Time	Text
62	1610	Rec'dt G-3 Periodic Report No 116, 28 Feb 48, fr 92d Inf Div.
63	1620	Phone fr Requite 2 (Through Rex): From 011542A to 011544A 15 rounds medium arty fell very close to CP at (L574204E). Estimated Az to gun 500 mils. No damage. ACTION: Isum, Journal.
64	1630	Phone fr Retread La Off: Retread White will close (L4811E) at 020700A (Approx). Retread Red will close (L681E) at 020430A (Approx). Retread CP will leave LIEBAC at 020100A (Approx). Retread Blue CP at (L57419E) adv. Retread White CP will be with Retread Blue from 020700A until able to advance. Retread CP will move to (L57419E) when Retread White displace. Retread G can be reached at Requite 2 until further notice. ACTION: Journal, G-3, Map, G/S.
65	1645	Phone fr Recall 6 (Gen Mags) to Rex 2: What's this I hear you are not firing the entire Corp? They'll pour it on from the start - all of them. They'll go to counter-battery at 2-hour precisely. ACTION: Rex 2 to notify Corps, Journal.
66	1710	Phone fr Lt Chaffee: Wiscrack Red preparing to move into reserve position. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
67	1710	Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Reports: Requite 2 - Obs. location (L573319E) Shelled area (L573319E) - From 1538A to 1620A - azimuth by sound 360° - 20 rounds. Requite 2 - Obs. location (L590919E) - shells going over-head direct to SE - time was 1638A - Estimated azimuth by sound 6300mils - 7 rounds - believed to be 150 mm.
68	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 64, submitted.
69	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 39, submitted.
70	1845	Phone fr Rex 2: Observer at (L590919E) Reports shelled area (L665419E) - (590019E) time of shelling 1800-1800 - Approx. azimuth 6100 miles - 50 rounds. ACTION: Noted for 020400A ISUM.
71	1845	Phone fr Recall Lt Officer: II Corps - Generally quiet scattered enemy activity observed at (L023E) and (L6711E), (L6833E) arty and mortar fire slight and scattered, some propaganda shells landed vicinity (L 7123E) and (L7024E). No Pvs. 92nd - Exceptionally quiet - no enemy artillery. 18 Pvs. 8MF - Sector quiet slight artillery and mortar. Civilians report that CAPLA IL MONTE (L6191E) 10 enemy working on fortifications. 5 guns moved from CASTELLUCCIO going toward FAYHLE. Pvs 5, 150 rd arty. ACTION: Journal.
72	1850	Phone fr Redoubt: Observer on BUSCO observed at least 50 vehicles on road from SESTOLA at approx coordinates (4819E) at 011544A. ACTION: Noted for G-3, G-2, Journal.

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73	1900	Phone fr Maj Walker: Notify Col Irvin everything is okay, very fine. Am leaving now for Kocall. ACTION: Noted for Col Irvin.
74	1901	Phone fr Lt Chaffee: 1st Bn of 133 Inf (INF) now at VIDIGIATICO (602138). ACTION: Journal, G-3.
75	1905	Phone fr Remount 3: Remount 3 notified of postponement at OLLV888. As yet Remount forward has no communication with Kocall. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
76	1910	Msg fr Capt Meyer: Capt Meyer was here to see Maj Walker. Will be back in the morning. ACTION: Noted for Maj Walker.
77	1915	Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin No. 8, 1 Mar 48, IV Corps CDS Det.
78	19:0	Phone fr Col Dawson to Kocall 5 (Col Thomson): Have no men available at this time, other than a group with the shower unit. ACTION: Kocall 5 to talk to Col Burge, Journal.
79	2000	Phone fr Kocall 5 (Asst) to Retread 3: Notice you had several casualties up in Blue territory, wonder if they were dug in properly? Answer: Yes Sir - they're dug in all right, a few of them just got curious and stuck their heads up! We're getting it from MORTISE and around there with very little counter-battery as yet. ACTION: Kocall 5 Asst to check with Amx, Journal.
80	2015	Phone fr Kocall 5 (Asst) to Rex 5: Doing any counter-battery? Smeltzer called in and he's getting a shelling from MORTISE and Peter area. Answer: I'll check to see what reports I've got. ACTION: Rex 5 to notify Kocall 5 Asst, Journal.
80	2019	Phone fr Maj Allen: We are now laying wire to the INF. Will you notify them to meet our wire team on G slope of Hill 1036 this evening. ACTION: Notified Capt Saltra to call 5 Bn 11 Regt and have their wire team meet the 86th.
82	2010	Phone fr Col Stevenson: Lt Klappoth (INF) is on his way to Kocall CP. He will be in C from 8d Bn, 11th to 87th. ACTION: Journal, Notified INF Lt O. Capt Saltra.
83	2020	Phone fr Rex 5 to Kocall 5 (Asst): Just called Corps Arty and they've been firing counter-battery all day at MORTISE area, in addition, they have set up four sheets. They'll work that over for them. ACTION: Journal.
84	2025	Phone fr Maj Callahan to Kocall 5: We have 1 line to Remount, and 1 line to Retread Blms. They're laying the 3 for Remount and it should be in tonight. ACTION: Maj Callahan to keep Kocall 5 informed, Journal.

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85	1745	From CG, 10th Mt Div: Operation scheduled for tomorrow is postponed another twenty-four hours. ACTION: Staff, organizations notified, 84th Cdn Bn, 741st Tr Bn. (Not previously entered).
86	2035	Phone fr Aux 3: Flash report from Wisdom 2: Observed from CP at (L452204). Time of flash 2021A. As to flash 243 mile. 3 rds directed at search light line in rear. ACTION: Isua, Journal.
87	2050	Rec'd: Isua No. 800, OLBORNA, fr IV Corps.
88	2050	Phone fr Lt Chaffee (BNF La 0): BNF observed enemy movement of at least 60 trucks at (L452194). BNF Regt Hq received this information at OLBORNA. ACTION: Journal.
89	2055	Phone fr Col Smeltzer to Recall 6 (Asst): Just talked to Blue 3. They had 360 rounds in ten minutes on their position. Two men in I & R platoon were killed today. "L" Co had 10% casualties. It seems to be coming in from BELLA GROCEN. ACTION: Recall 6 Asst to check on it. Journal.
90	2100	Hq 10th Mt Div G-5 Report went out.
91	2100	Phone fr Redoubt 5: The 60 vehicles reported by Redoubt at OLBORNA were proceeding from SEGENLA (L421204) SE to FARANG (L4416), thence NE. ACTION: COMFB, Mex, Isua, Journal.
92	2115	Phone fr Reg 2: Reply fired on truck column at (L452211); effect was on the target, meaning and screaming being reported heard; 3 fires started; believed by observer to be same convoy. ACTION: Corps, Journal.
93	2220	Phone fr Gen Sufferer to Reg 3: We've been getting reports of arty fire in the vicinity of LA SEENA. Everytime they fire on that hill, I want a direct report to Corps. Get those CPs alerted. ACTION: Reg 3 to comply. Journal.
94	2230	Phone fr Recall 6 (Asst) to Col Smeltzer: We're taking it up with CG and he says you'll be given choice of Assembly areas. ACTION: Recall 6 Asst to confer with CG, Journal.
95	2230	Phone fr Provost Marshal to Recall 5: Corps says Cat eyes are OK. Army says cat eyes and driver's lamp is permissible. Answer: Let them use the cat eyes only. When observation, everything goes out. ACTION: P.M. to take immediate action, Journal.
96	2230	Phone fr Reg 3: 604th FA - 1 harassing - unobserved. 608th FA: 1 destruction - truck convoy (L4522145) - observed by LA 0 3 - very effective - screams and greens were heard - 157 rds expended. 1 harassing (L4522154) unobserved - 3 rds. 616th FA - NEH. 176th FA: NEH. ACTION: Journal.

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97	2230	Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Report from Require 2: Observer at (L57221924). Location shelled area: (L57423047) to (L57222003); along road from (L57202089) to (L57531924). From 1353A to 1435A; lighter shelling thereafter for 1 hour. There were casualties - number unknown. Believed to be mortars, light and heavy arty. 300 to 240 rds. Interdictory fire. Grater back as from (L57341972) is 380 miles. 1 dud landed at (L576191). ACTION: Journal.
98	2245	Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Report from Require 2: Observer (L576192). Shelled area road south of ABETIA from (L576190) to (L580122). From 1200A to 1310A. As by sound 6300 miles. Heavy arty. Number of rds undetermined. Message: Telephone operator listened to a German broadcast between 1200A and 1300A coming from PINYRA COLOSA (L587230); loc of operator (L59091954); broadcast was in the German language. ACTION: Journal.
2300	99	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 85 submitted.
2310	100	Phone fr Rex 2---fr Require 2: Obs at (L57481954) reported that area shelled was ABETIA (L5718) at 2240A - 2253A. AI by sound 6300 miles. Believed to be 105mm HE - 2 rds - interdictory fire. ACTION: 2 and Journal
101	2320	Recd: overlay fr Hq 87th Mt Inf, 5-3, Major Krern, request the assembly area as shown for 87th Mt Inf.
102	2300	Phone fr Redoubt: Results of 50 vehicle story: For a period of about one hr trucks were seen on the SESTOLA - ZAKARO road in small groups; EM arty was alerted and they were about to fire when arty fire, from source unknown, began falling on the road at 1900A. It was estimated that the number of trucks that passed during that hour was 50. ACTION: corps, Rex, journal.
103	2337	Phone fr Reply 2 (through Me.): 3 heavy mortar shells fell vic (L460201) at 012300A. ACTION: Issn. Journal.

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| 1          | 0012        | Phone fr Wisdom 2(175FA) Through Rex: OP at (1559205) saw at 012400A on back as 1310 miles the flash of a large gun. Distance unknown. ACTION: Jnl.   |
| 2          | 0030        | Phone fr Require (through Rex); OP at (157481924) reports ARRYALA (1578189) shelled by 30 rounds HE arty of unknown caliber. Back AZ to gun 20°. Time 012305A to 012400A. OP at (1575204) reports 70 rounds Arty of unknown caliber fall near observer's location from 012310A to 012355A. AZ from OP to Gun 30. ACTION: Isum, Journal. |
| 3          | 0100        | Phone fr Redoubt: OP on Mount Cappel Base (1471168) at 020050A heard 2 trucks in vic (14419) on road between FANAMO and BERTOLA. ACTION: Isum, Jnl.   |
| 4          | 0200        | Phone fr Require (through Rex); <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> At 020045A 10 rounds medium arty fall near (1575204). At 020035A, 3 rounds medium fall at (1578189). Estimated AZ to gun 20° from (157481924). ACTION: Isum and journal.  |
| 5          | 0520        | Phone fr Rex 2: Sitrep for 020430A: 604th, 7 missions - harassing - effect unobserved - 127 rds expended. 609th, fired on truck convoy (156742145) - 90 rds expended - fire effective - mission adjusted by Inf officer. 616th, NTR; 185 NTR. ACTION: Sitrep and Journal.   |
| 6          | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep # 66 Submitted.   |
| 7          | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div <del>XXXXXXXX</del> ISUM NO. 40 submitted.   |
| 8          | 0640        | Phone fr Require (Through Rex); From 020845A to 020555A, 35 rounds harassing mixed mortar and arty fire fall at (1539209). Thought to come from Az 1500 miles from (1539203). ACTION: Isum, Journal.  |
| 9          | 0735        | Item No. 28, Journal for 1 March received in error. Communication given to G-1.   |
| 10         | 0755        | Phone fr Remount 2: Captured 2 PWs from the 721 Regt. Will let you know the details - and all about it as soon as I get hold of it. ACTION: Noted for G-2, CG, C/S, Corps & IPW.  |
| 11         | 0815        | Phone fr General Duff to Retread 6: You have permission of this Hq to use Blue, and start off with it. What disposition does Works have? Ans: L on left, I on right, and K back. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 0820       |             | Phone fr Remount 2: 2 PWs picked up at FELICARI (1559207). PWs morale very low. First PW very ignorant. Been marching 8 or 9 days and get into this area 2 days ago. First PW from 2d Co - doesn't know locations - can't read a map - outfit is digging in. ACTION: C/S; Corps, G-2, ISUM & Journal.                                   |

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- 13 0830 Phone fr G/S to Maj Callahan: What is situation on wire? Ans: We have communication to all 3 Regiments. In regard to extra lines, they are still working on those, and the alternate routes chosen will probably do much good. 2 lines from MT COSTELLO to proposed location of 87th. 2 lines to 86th and 2 lines along road. ACTION: CG notified, Journal.
  - 14 0848 Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 2: 1. Proposed raid is disapproved. 2. New plan for attack is approved. 3. Give us location of Red and White Bn CPls in assembly area as soon as possible. ACTION: Journal.
  - 15 0935 Phone fr Redoubt 5: Listening Post reports the following: (1463143); - Hearing truck activity in FANANO all during the night. The MIF fired 240 rounds arty fire into the following points along the road: - (144619230), (1451194), (145231935). This all took place during night of 1-2 March. ACTION: Noted G-2, G-3, Corps, Journal.
  - 16 1000 Phone fr Recall 5 (G/S) to Retread 3: I just heard that you are planning to move at 1000A. Has this cleared thru the General, and has it been approved by Corps? Ans: I believe the matter was discussed with General Duff, but am not sure what approval we have. ACTION: Hold up this movement and I will call you back. Journal.
  - 17 1005 Rec'd. ISUM 801 fr IV Corps to include 028000A March 1945.
  - 18 1015 Phone from Recall 5(G/S) to General Duff (At Remount Blue CP): Do you know of movement of troops at 1000A this morning? They inform me that someone talked to you about this. I have talked to Corps and they say it can be done with their approval, but I think the move should not be made until General Hays is contacted. Ans: Did not know of their intention to move, and have given no such instructions. Action: Journal.
  - 19 1040 Rec'd. SITREP Nos. 119, 011200A Mar '45 and E20 012400A Mar '45 fr Hq IV Corps. (4 copies of each).
  - 20 1040 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 2 Mar 1945 (2 copies).
  - 21 1040 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 60 dated 1 March 1945.
  - 22 1040 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 268, 020800A March 1945. (4 copies).
  - 23 1040 Rec'd. fr Hq IV Corps, Document "Intelligence Notes" No. 96, dated 20 Feb 45.
  - 24 1040 Rec'd. Envelope addressed to Rever Joe, fr Hq Fifth Army.
  - 25 1040 Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 115 dated 27 Feb 1945.
  - 6 1040 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 58 dated 27 Feb 1945.



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- 27 1040 Rec'd. "RELATORIO n. 51, 52, & 53" dated 24, 25, and 26 Feb 1945 from HEF. (Untranslated). Also "RELATORIO PERIODICO DO 8/2 No. 65" of 26 Feb 1945.
- 28 1040 Rec'd. German documents found on 1 Mar 45 in house at about FORNO by Co M, 86th Mt Inf. (Forwarded to Keystone Battle 2).
- 29 1025 Phone fr Retread 3 to C/S: Did you get ahold of the General yet? We are still waiting to move and I wonder if it is OK to go ahead. Ans: Have talked to General Duff who knows nothing of the troop movement scheduled at 1000. Suggest you wait until I get in touch with General Hays. ACTION: Journal.
- 30 1035 Phone fr Remount 2: Another deserter is on his way to Regt now - from the 721st. From the 2 deserters from the 721st taken this morning, Regt obtained this info: General location of 2d Co 1st Bn (the deserters' Co) in reserve in general vicinity (L550218), where 2 draws come together. General location 1st and 3rd Cos in line in general vicinity (L553216) (Hill 968); have dug in. Neither deserter knew location of 2d and 3d Bns. Regt had been on forced march from East for 8 days; morale low; food light. ACTION: CG, Rex, Corps, Isun, Journal.
- 31 1035 Phone fr C/S to Retread 3: I have talked to General Hays and he says he has heard nothing of troop move, nor has he given such instructions. The General directs that this movement not be made, and stopped immediately. He is now on his way over to see you. Have Col. Schmelser call me when he returns to CP. ACTION: Journal.
- 32 1040 Phone fr Rex 3: 604th; 2 harassing missions, unobserved - 30 rds. 605th; 1 counter mortar mission (L556213) observed by ground CP - mortars silenced. 36 rounds. 616th - Nothing to report. 175th - 1 propaganda mission 50 rds. ACTION: Journal, G-2.
- 33 1100 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 67, submitted.
- 34 1100 Phone fr Lt Metzler CID: CID sub-section closed in GAGGIO MONTANA at GELLIOA, at the following address - 23 via 3 Novembers. Action: Noted for G-3, G-8, and Journal.
- 35 1115 Phone fr Rex 3: Div Arty and Corps Arty firing 1115 TOT on possible troop assembly area near Hill 968 (L550218) (VZ fuse) ACTION: G/S.
- 36 1115 Phone fr Lt Chaffey: The direct line to Recall has been broken and is out. The HEF took 2 PWs this morning. They are Polish - captured at (L544191). From 1043rd Regt. 1st Bn 2d Co. Captured by the 11th HEF at 080730A. They are deserters. They were in vis of CASTELLEGGIO (L522301) about 100 yds in front on road (L523198). They were working on position camouflage, with them were 7 other Germans. 1 AM at this position. Co GO is 1st Lt Hartwick, he is at one of three houses which were destroyed 4 days ago by our planes. The house is located in a group of trees. The position on their left is a Mt Div which is to relieve other front line positions. These PWs were previously at RUFFENO (L633206). ACTION: Noted for CG, C/S, G-2, Journal.

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- 37 1130 Phone fr IPW - Lt Bromberg: 2 PW deserters are from 2 Co, 721 Regt. The whole regiment left COMACCHIO about 8 to 10 days ago on foot. They would not describe the way they came. They are both Polish. Let a 3rd Co area on line (where, they do not know), 2nd Co in reserve in a gully (do not know where), 2nd Co strength 70-80 men including supply trains. Co GO, 1st Lt Band. En GO on leave and his name is Capt Dominick. On their march they described a town like MONTESE and saw a med gun btry (3 guns) at (1564384). This was confirmed by our PI team. ACTION: Corps, G-3, G/S, ISUM.
- 38 1140 Phone fr Lt Chaffey (BEF): The Recall line to MAVOC is also out. General Crittberger will be in BEF sector at LUAR in one hour. ACTION: Noted G-3, Journal, & Sig O.
- 39 1200 Phone fr Remount 2: Report on 3rd PW previously submitted was wrong. He was one of 2 prisoners previously reported. ACTION: Corps, G-2, Rex, IPW.
- 40 1212 Phone fr Recall: to Rex: - Location of possible 3-gun 150 mm battery at (156452435) as previously reported by PI, is confirmed by interrogation of 2 PWs, 721st JR.
- 41 1215 Phone fr Recall 2 to IPW: Corps interrogator will arrive this PW to question PWs from 721st. Be sure to ask them about tanks. ACTION: Corps interrogator has arrived, and has question on tanks in his questionnaire.
- 42 1220 Phone fr Major Foster, Fifth Army: Called about propaganda machine. It will be made available for use tomorrow. Major Lueck has requested it for use in sector where 721st JR has appeared in the line. ACTION: Journal.
- 43 1255 Phone fr Maj Hamilton: I would like to get a check on the line position of the 87th. Answer: Gave the Major the correct locations from Sidney Map. ACTION: Noted G-3 and Journal.
- 44 1315 Mes'd. fr 10th AT Bn, Pocketbook, pay record and other papers taken from dead German.
- 45 1315 Phone fr Col King Keystone 2: 2 PWs deserters from German 2nd Co, 1043 Regt taken by BEF. One of them said that he had seen men belonging to 721 Regt and that this Regt had come here 3 days ago and was going to relieve other units in the sector where his company was in the line. The 2nd, 1043 Regt was going to be taken out of the position and sent to 2000A (14033). ACTION: G-2, G/S, Journal.
- 46 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 41, submitted.
- 47 1335 Phone fr Keystone 3: (to G/S): Brazilians report some anti-tank people are pulling out of their positions. All men are to remain in position. Any Brazilians will not take over positions from AT Bn. They will reinforce their positions. ACTION: Journal.

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- 48 1340 Phone fr Retread 6 to Recall 5: Retread area will be on west side of M. COSTELLO. ACTION: Journal.
- 49 1350 Phone fr Lt Chaffey (LMDA): CP LMDA has moved from L BONGHI (1547140) to (1535153). ACTION: Journal, Map, C/S.
- 50 1350 Phone fr Rex 2: 604th FA - Fired 2 TOT missions 36 rounds and reports no change. 175th FA1 - Reports area at (15389244). Enemy personnel fired on by "G" Btry at 1300A to 1330A, 75 rounds - effect excellent hit houses and scattered personnel. 616th FA1 - Reports firing on vicinity of MILANO at (1578213) struck house and Germans were seen running out. ACTION: noted for G-3, & SITREP.
- 51 1231 Phone fr Recall 2 to Redoubt, Rex, Remount, Lager: Request more complete information on reported enemy movements, particularly trucks, tanks, troops. If possible give direction, size, and description of movement, whether movement is in convoy, towns at terminals of movement, etc. Report all movements promptly and instruct your observers on this.
- 52 1400 Phone fr Recall 5 to Redoubt 6: Do not pull your men out of position. ACTION: Journal.
- 53 1400 Phone fr Lt Pepper (FWP): Unable to come tonight and if everything goes all right I will be able to be in your CP tomorrow sometime after 1300A. (Propaganda Broadcast). ACTION: Noted for Major Luck & Journal.
- 54 1400 Phone fr Capt Fatten: Bridge N of ALBERELLI (154822195). Photos taken yesterday show bridge to be demolished. ACTION: Notified G-2, C/S, Journal.
- 55 1410 Phone from Remount 2: Report on carts fired on at 012330 A at (1549219): No observed results. Report on 2 vehicles moving S at (1567213): Army fired WP and valley. Assume 3 vehicles hit. This done at 012000A. ACTION: Journal.
- 56 1420 Phone fr C/S to Rebate 6 (Col Barlow): I want to check on assembly area for Stone, and coordinate his activities with the 67th. AMS: Stone is here now. ACTION: Have Stone report here to see me. Journal.
- 57 1355 Phone fr Rex 2: Area at (154381984), Bailey Bridge was shelled by enemy arty between 1105A and 1115A, estimated to be a gun of large calibre - no damage reported. Area at ("381127) at 012200A to 012400A as to enemy guns 800 yds - believed to be 170mm gun - 36 rounds harassing fire. Same area shelled at 012410A from same gun - 3 rounds. Observed at (157331984) reports area at (1578189) at 021140A heard fire from 150mm gun from direction approximately 350°. At (157831984) at 021120 received 228s from 152mm gun, 1 round. At (157831984) at 020730A received fire from 152mm gun, 1 round. At (157640320) between 1-2 March received 1 round. ACTION: SSM.

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Phone fr C/S to Col Cortes: The order has been changed and you will leave your men up and in position. Also, you will leave what weapons you have down at the foot of the hill where they are. How many men and weapons do you have down already, and what do the Brazilians have? AMB: I have only about 16 men down (10 truck drivers and 6 men from positions). The other men have been instructed to remain in position as they were. Most of my weapons are down, including heavy weapons, 50 and 30 cal MG's. The Brazilians have about some weapons as ours in 30 cal MG's, and 60mm mortars. 50's are on the way up and there are 2 of them. We had 6. ACTION: Leave weapons down and men also until further orders. Journal.

59 1430 Phone fr Recall to Lt Chaffey (REF): Please have REF write up and phone in all of enemy activity that happened on their entire front for the past 4 days - giving date, time, what they saw and movement direction - paying special attention to all troop movements across their front for the past four days. ACTION: Journal.

60 1430 Rec'd, Hq IV Corps S-TRF NO 121, 021200A March 1945.

61 1440 Rec'd, fr Hq 751st Tank Bn S-3 Report No. 61, dated 021200A March 1945.

62 1500 Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 68 submitted.

63 1500 Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, Weathers Forecast, 022100A - 032400A, March 1945.

64 1500 Phone fr Box 3: 605th FA - 4 personnel missions at (155321A), (155221B) 40 rounds. 604th FA - 2 personnel missions (155321A) unobserved 30 rounds. 614th FA - 1 personnel mission (155221B) unobserved 30 rounds. 175th FA - 2 personnel missions (155221B) unobserved 40 rounds. 2 personnel missions (155321A) hit house. 73 rounds. ACTION: Journal.

65 1500 Rec'd fr Hq CIB, Fifth Army letter of recommendation of 1st Lt James F. Furlise

66 1545 Rec'd fr Fifth Army: G-2 Report No. 542, 1 March 45.

67 1545 Rec'd fr Hq, 88th Inf Div: G-2 Report No. 237, fr 281000A Feb to 011000A Mar 45

68 1530 Phone fr Remount 3: 1. Two German deserters checked in at Remount at 0700A. The interrogator reported that they are from the 1st Bn of the 721 Inf Regt (German Army) who came up two days ago and are now at (155532198). Kentucky 2: 1. 2nd Bn, 1st Regt REF report great deal of movement in the area of FANARO (LAALB). ACTION: Called back for more details. (2.) Corps arty CP reported considerable personnel movement seen this afternoon on road from MASCINO to RIVA BISCHIA (15538232) believed to be evacuation of enemy. Corps will fire TEF on RIVA BISCHIA this afternoon. ACTION: G-2, ISUM, Corps.

69 1545 Rec'd ISUM No. 802 fr IV Corps, 2 March 45, 1525.

70 1620 Capt Livermore left for IV Corps.

71 1620 Phone fr Remount 3: Regt CP (1557197) opened 011600A assembly area 1st Bn (1553192). CP 1st Bn as of 021800A (1555199). 2nd Bn assembly area (1559199) 2nd Bn CP (1559199). ACTION: Map, Journal.

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| 72      | 1620 | Rec'd fr Hq, 10th Mt Div Arty, S-3 Report No. 32, fr 28 Feb 1900 to 1 Mar 1900.   |
| 73      | 1620 | Rec'd fr Hq, 136th Engr Bn, F.O. No. 2, 28 Feb 45 with overlay.   |
| 74      | 1615 | Phone fr Col Avery: To Recall 6 Ass't: Sir, our Inf is silhouetted against hill near DELLA TORRACIA (Hill 958) and shortly after enemy artillery started coming in. ACTION: Recall 6 ass't to relay info to Tomlinson. Journal.   |
| 75      | 1620 | Phone fr Recall 6 Ass't (Gen Duff) to Remount 3: Avery just called and said Corp OP notified him that your boys are being silhouetted. ACTION: Remount 3 to take care of it. Journal.   |
| 76      | 1605 | Phone fr Recall 2 to Kentucky: re movement in via PANANO. Action: His air OP is observing now and will report details as soon as available.   |
| 77      | 1615 | Phone fr Rex 2: Fire burning at (59891924) at 021210A.  |
| 78      | 1635 | Phone fr Recall 2: to Keystone: Have you received reports of enemy movement in sector to our left? No: the sector has been very quiet.  |
| 79      | 1730 | Phone fr Lt Shafer: Partisans are moving HMMK into position: 1st group will be at PIASELLA (496168); 2nd group will be at (492169), RANCORA; 3rd group will be at (495173) BOCCA CERRETA. Should arrive at about 022100A; will keep us posted on closing times. ACTION: G-3, G-2, S/S, Journal. |
| 80      | 1740 | Phone fr Rex 3: 604 NTR; 616, NTR; 175, NTR; 605--personnel mission at (558212). 57 rds expended at 1520A.  |
| 81      | 1745 | Phone fr Rebate 3: CP 2nd Bn as of 030700A at (1582173). This cancels previous location. G-3, SITREP, Journal.  |
| 82      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 69, submitted.  |
| 83      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 42, submitted.  |
| 84      | 1807 | Phone fr Rebate White: Closing CP CAMPO TIZZANO 1750A. ACTION: G-3.   |
| 85      | 1815 | Phone fr Redoubt 6: Bfidge at (1457196) is apparently being prepared for demolitions. Some enemy working on Panano Road. ACTION: Notified G-2, Journal.   |
| 86      | 1815 | Rec'd fr Hq 10th At Bn overlay.   |
| 87      | 1815 | Rec'd fr Hq Co, 87th Mt Inf Ltr of Recommendation for two men for Combat Infantry Badge, dtd 2 March 45.  |
| 88      | 1700 | Phone fr Duty Officer to all units: Notify all concerned that vehicles will use "cat eye" lights N of light line when not under enemy observation. When under enemy observation total blackout.   |
| 89      | 1830 | Rec'd from AG, Pub & Supply gross of message envelopes.   |
| 90      | 1918 | Phone fr Retread 3: What time does moon rise? ACTION: Check and call back.  |

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| 91      | 1932 | Phone fr Rex 2: At (L579178) at 1815A an undetermined no of shells landed, as by sound - due N. Observed movement and smoke in buildings due E of (L559202) at 021815A at undetermined distance. ACTION: Journal, ISUM.   |
| 92      | 1850 | Phone fr Rex 2: From Report: 1. Observers map location (L569192) shelled area (L575194). 3 rounds fell, 150mm, 600 mills as by sound. 2. Observers map location (L525171). Shelled area (L525177). 15 - 20 rounds. 6400 mills as by sound. Believed to be 105mm. Time shelled 021755 to 021758A. 3. At 021355A saw enemy occupy house at (L558210). Also 2 enemy with packs seen walking NE in open field at (L583214) at 021313A. ACTION: Journal. |
| 93      | 1905 | Phone fr Metread: 87th advance CP opened at (565187) at 021358A. ACTION: SITREP 022300A.  |
| 94      | 1930 | Phone fr Raccoon 3: Raccoon CP opened at (L570175) at 021930A. ACTION: Map, SITREP 022300A.   |
| 95      | 2000 | Rec'd fr Field Artillery Section, Allied Force Headquarters, Field Artillery Information Letter No. 14, 19 February 1945.   |
| 96      | 2000 | Rec'd fr 92nd Inf Div, G-3 Periodic Report, dated 1 March 1945. No. 117.  |
| 97      | 2000 | Rec'd 2 copies of commendation from CG, Hq, IV Corps, dated 26 February 1945.   |
| 98      | 2000 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, distribution List No. 9, dated 27 February 1945.(2)  |
| 99      | 2000 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, Password List period 8 March to 14 March, dated 27 February 1945. 4 copies.  |
| 100     | 1700 | Phone fr BEP through Rex: Mined area by Germans; Brazilian engr began road moveal but left before completion - not properly marked. In triangular area; (545174); (555172); (550175). Also along line between: (L552175) - (L553174). Also along: (L556175) - (L556176). ACTION: Notified Rex; Metread; Rebato; Remount; G-4; Return; G/S; G-2; Journal.  |
| 101     | 1600 | Phone fr Lt Chafay: Troop movement between these two points: AIRARELLI (L546207), TORACILLI (L559203). Above message reported by Lt Chafay LNO with 1-BEP. ACTION: G-2; G-3; Corps; Rex 3. Told Lt Chafay to tell the BEP that "L" Co of 86th is located at L559203.  |
| 102     | 2005 | Phone fr Lt Chafay: Foremost elements of partisan parties have reached designated areas. ACTION: G-3  |
| 103     | 2020 | Phone fr Remount 2: 1905A - 2 or more trucks moving N from CP at (L553204) range, 750 yards from CP. 1915A - CP at (L563203) saw 2 motorcycles going on as 25°, no estimated range. 1910 18 <sup>th</sup> CP at (L558210) notes, continued lateral mount of trucks between IOLA and MONTESPORTE. Called for arty fire. No observed results. ACTION: Recall 6; G-2; Rex; ISUM; Journal.  |
| 104     | 2027 | Phone fr Lt Chafay: PORNO (L550205) Brazilians have sighted a trk at this location at 022025A. ACTION: Trk being taken under fire. Noted to G-3; Rex; called Chafay to tell him that Rex was checking.  |

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105	2035	Phone fr Recall 2 to Redoubt: Requested that Redoubt notify G-2 of any action during the night of 2 March 1945. CG Summary phoned to Redoubt at 022000A. ACTION: Journal.
106	2029	Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to FM: Would like to see your plan to patrol along that road. ACTION: FM to bring plan right over. Journal.
107	2030	Phone fr Rebate 3: Change in proposed location of Blue CP 030700A will be (1555195). ACTION: Map, G-3, C/S, Journal.
108	2035	Phone fr Rex 2: Trucks have been reported moving S from SESTOLA to PANARO and then E; seem to be in small groups. This has continued for past 3-4 night before moonrise. ACTION: G-2; C/S; Corps; map; Journal.
109	2035	Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Rebate 6: Where will your CP be? Reply: Right here along the road (1579179) above K 14. ACTION: Rebate 6 to be down in the morning at 0700. Journal.
110	2100	Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, ASC (Hq XIII Tactical Ari Command) Daily Intelligence Summary No 136 dated 28 Feb 45.
111	2100	Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, OSS Det: Intelligence Bulletin No. 9 dated 2 Mar 45.
112	2100	Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, ISUM No. 603, dated 2 March 1945, 2005A.
113	2100	Rec'd fr Hq, 126th Engr Bn: Intelligence Annex to FO No. 2, 28 February 1945.
114	2147	Phone fr Redoubt: At 2025A heard 3-4 vehicles (trucks) moving S from (A519). BFP's: Bringing arty fire into this area. ACTION: G-2; C/S; Corps; Map; Journal.
115	2130	Phone fr Lightning: 20 trucks at SASSULLO (14434) reported moving S on 27 Feb. May be part of truck battalion of 29th Pz Div. ACTION: Map; G-2; C/S; Journal. Tactical reop for 2 March - no trend in movement in vicinity of MOENNA. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
116	2150	Phone fr PI: Have received some ground cover in vicinity of LA SERRA and B. ACTION: Will distribute to Retread; arty; staff; and other units as far as they will go.
117	2233	Phone fr Redoubt 6: CAMPANA (1481181) is now being G/A; report states that enemy using hand and rifle grenades; visibility poor; our mortars are being fired; number of enemy unknown at this time; will report progress. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Rex, ISUM, Journal.
118	2235	Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thomson) to Redoubt 6: What's the situation out there? Answer: Been hit by hand grenades or rifle grenades. We're firing our 4.2, and raking the slope with machine gun fire. Have you any observations? Answer: Yes sir - it's working out pretty well. Have you any communication with RHF? Yes sir, thru my switchboard. ACTION: Redoubt 6 to notify RHF of attack and keep Recall 5 informed, Journal.

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| 119        | 2240       |             | Phone fr Lt Chaffee: At 2215A 7-man German patrol attacked at (1475168). No further report. Another attack at (1497172) is still in progress. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Rex, Issa, Journal.  |
| 120        | 2300       |             | Phone fr Rex 3: Situation Report as of 2100A: 604th FA: 4 missions of personnel and material (No coordinates). 1 truck convoy (1567215) - Convoy dispersed. 94 rds on above missions. 605: 1 propaganda mission - 50 rds. 1 mission on truck movement (1567215). (Air observer stated motors stopped and activity ceased). 616 and 175th: NTR. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 121        | 2300       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 70 submitted.  |
| 122        | 2300       |             | Phone fr Major Rogers: Maj Adams, of G-3 Sec, 5th Army, will be here at 0700, 3 March to represent Gen Truscott, and function in Ia capacity. ACTION: G-3, Journal.  |
| 123        | 2300       |             | Phone fr Lt Chaffee: Hq, 1st BWF Regt is at GANBA (1535153). Partisans are in position at 022130A at (1496168), (1492169), and (1493173). ACTION: G-3, Journal.  |
| 124        | 2300       |             | Phone fr Lt Chaffee to Recall 2: 2030A: Red light flashed 3 times, undetermined distance as 30 from CP (152321775). 2030A: CP (1543187) 6 arty rds from direction as 280 - caliber unknown. 2035A: PIANELLA (1530190) and LA YERNACK (1530186) sounds of dogs crying and at same time find arty obs heard noises of troop movement nature. 2155A: Again dogs crying same area (believe the cry of dogs is a signal.) 2115A: From CP (152321775) an 60° x 2 Km away flare over area on MONCHILCS (1543186). 2150A: Valley in front of position, 1st Bn, 1st Regt (1512163) a smoke cloud spreading heavily, slowly covering all the valley. 2150A: Lights in area (1533196). 2155A: Three 30 cal. MG bursts at left, perhaps in the slopes of BELVEDERE, same area as lights were showing. 2140A: Several MG bursts and hand grenades at left of 1st Bn, 1st Regt (1512163). 2140A: CP (152331775) As 20° Fast MG burst far away. ACTION: C/S, Journal. |
| 125        | 2300       |             | Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate White closed in at 2145A CP at (1582173). An overlay will be brought down by Maj Seesley in the morning. ACTION: Sitrep.   |
| 126        | 2300       |             | Phone fr Lt Chaffee (B&F Lt C): Germans have withdrawn from BUSO and CAMPIANA for the present; B&F still firing mortars. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Rex, Journal.   |
| 127        | 2300       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Rebate CP (1548186) - at 021930A - As by sound 60° - believed to be enemy light arty concentration - 6 rds. Rebate CP: (1548183) - at 021850A - As by sound 43° - no more details available. Reply 2: FO #532 (155982066) reports heavy grey colored smoke in this area; visibility 20 ft; time 022215A. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Journal.  |



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- 128 2345 Phone fr Rebate 3: Boundary limits of 2d Battalion Assembly area are (L978177) to (L984177) to (L984170) to (L978170). ACTION: G-3, Journal.
- 129 2355 Phone fr Redoubt 6: Everything under control on BUSO and CAMPIANA; things have quieted down quite a bit; our mortars have ceased firing. Observer at SERRASICCIA (L461133) heard noises and movement in PIANO della FARNIA (L451169); we fired our mortars in there; observer has heard nothing since. ACTION: Isam, Journal.
- 130 2359 Phone fr Col Cordes to Recall 5 (Col Thomson): Very foggy here. We've stopped firing our machine guns. We've got plenty of fire power out there, don't think there's any cause for alarm. ACTION: Col Cordes to notify Recall 5 if anything develops. Journal.

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| 1          | 0020        | Phone fr Remount 3:             |             | Heavy fog over area of Remount: ACTION: Journal.   |
| 2          | 0025        | Rec'd:                          |             | Civilian Interrogation Report No. 5, 2 March 1945.   |
| 3          | 0040        | Phone fr Redoubt:               |             | 8 rds mortar fire fell on M. Cappel BUSCO (147148) at 030035A; no further details available. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 4          | 0050        | Phone fr IPW:                   |             | 3 civilians taken by American patrol at 021700A at LE TANK (1532207); a civilian coming from RAMOGGHO (1532207) told these civilians that 10-12 arty pieces (caliber unknown) arrived on 26 Feb in the evening at RAMOGGHO; the same civilian heard from Germans at RAMOGGHO that they would counterattack to retake Hill 1079 (1554201) and if this counterattack failed they would withdraw from the area. 5 days ago groups were reported to be billeted in the following houses: ROMOLA (1511303), FOLIGNO (1537200), (1537198), (1539199), (1534191), there being about 20 Germans in every house. ACTION: Rec, Corps, Item, Journal. |
| 5          | 0055        | Phone fr Lt Chaffee (B&F Ln C): |             | German automatic weapons fired into our positions at (1484171) at 030030A; it was close in fire. At 030040A, 15 mortar rds fell into the above positions; the obs post at (1471146) said the mortar fire came from Az 270°. 83d Chem mortars are now in position on left flank (Coordinates unknown) ready to fire. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 6          | 0110        | Phone fr Capt Bourke:           |             | Retread White completely passed K12 (1562179) at 030040A. ACTION: Corps, Journal.  |
| 7          | 0120        | Phone fr Remount 3:             |             | Still heavy fog in our area. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 8          | 0155        | Phone fr Capt Bourke:           |             | Retread White is closing into assembly area at 0155A; their CP is at (1566191). ACTION: G-3, Sitrep, Journal.  |
| 9          | 0210        | Phone fr Rascon:                |             | Rascon closed in assembly area at 030130A. Their CP is at (1570175). ACTION: Corps, Sitrep, Journal.   |
| 10         | 0220        | Phone fr Retread 2:             |             | Retread White closed assembly area at 030218A. ACTION: Corps, Sitrep, Journal.   |
| 11         | 0250        | Rec'd:                          |             | "Notes on terms used to describe Police and other Civil Organisations in Italy", fr AFH A C of S, G-2, 26 Feb 45.  |
| 12         | 0250        | Rec'd:                          |             | Monthly Information Report, 2 Mar 45, fr CIG Detachment.   |
| 13         | 0250        | Rec'd:                          |             | G-3 Periodic Report No. 61, 2 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.   |
| 14         | 0250        | Rec'd:                          |             | Fr IV Corps Ordnance Office, R&F No. 6039: The following allocation is made to 10th Mt Div at A&P O-4-29 for period 021800A to 201800A March. These amounts are in addition to undrawn balances from previous allocations:   |

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14. Continued 2750 rounds 105mm howitzer M-2 HE, 275 rounds smoke; 9400 rounds 75mm howitzer HE, 950 rounds smoke; 615 rounds 81mm mortar HE (light), 1850 rounds 81mm mortar HE (heavy), 615 rounds, smoke.
15. 0500 Rec'd: Air for tomorrow, Ref No. 9, fr ABC.
16. 0540 Phone fr Max: 175th FA: NIE, 616th FA: 3 Missions harassing (1567234). 16 rds expended - unobserved. 605th FA Bn: 1 mission on truck convoy (1567211) unobserved. 1 mission enemy mortars (1557210) unobserved. 1 mission interdiction (1561214) unobserved. Total 90 rds expended. 604th FA: 10 missions harassing - unobserved - 145 rds expended. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
17. 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Lcom No. 43 submitted.
18. 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 71 submitted.
19. 0600 Phone fr Capt Bourke: Last elms 1/87 cleared K12 at 030348A. ACTION: Corps, Sitrep, Journal.
20. 0600 Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount: No counterattack in progress in 86th Area. A patrol from 2d Bn now out in front of L Co. Drew some mortar fire. ACTION: Journal.
21. 0620 Phone fr Retread 3: 2/87 left assembly area at 0345A for attack. ACTION: Corps, Sitrep, Journal.
22. 0625 Phone fr Lt Chaffee (B/F Ln O): Exchange of automatic weapons fire at CAMPARO (1483171); short exchange at 030300A; at 030325 everything was quiet again. ACTION: Lcom, Journal.
23. 0745 Phone fr Remount 3: All troops in position ready to go. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.
24. 0650 Phone fr Gen Duff to Gen Hays: Am at 2d Bn 85th CP going to CP. Everything is fine and got started fine. L Co in position and have contact with Brazilian on left. ACTION: Journal.
25. 0650 Phone fr Retread 3: Last elements of 87th closed into assembly area at 03615A. We are all set and ready to go. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.
26. 0650 Rec'd: Overlay to show Assembly Area for 2d Bn, 85th Mt Inf, 032145A Mar. Retread 3:
27. 0700 Phone fr "K" Co crossed LD at 0700A. Action: c/s, G-3, Sitrep. Copy

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28	0706	Phone fr Rover Joe to Air O: Weather good; planes arriving on schedule. Action: Journal, c/s, G-3.
29	0708	Phone fr Remount 3: 1st Bn crossed LD at 0700A--met a few scattered rifle shots - no arty - are moving forward. Action: c/s, G-3, Sitrep, Corps.
30	0728	Phone fr Retread 3: "L" Co crossed LD at 070717A -- are receiving arty and mortar fire causing unknown number of casualties. Slight SA fire. Action: C/S, G-3, Corps.
31	0730	Recd: fr IV Corps Hq, SITrep #122, dated 022400A March 1945.
32	0725	Phone fr Retread 3: "K" and "L" Co are receiving heavy Arty fire--can you do anything about it? Action: c/s, G-3, Div Arty, Rover Joe.
33	0737	Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe: BEV at 585206.
34	0728	Phone fr Rex 2: Forward Observer #610 and #611 are now in position with 1st Bn 86th Mt Inf. Action: G-3, Journal.
35	0735	Phone fr Require2(thru Rex) Friendly Inf moving N at (157482050), at 030713A Seen from OP at (159061935). Action: G-3, Journal.
36	0735	Phone fr Retread LM Off: German Heavy Arty causing many casualties. Can you help us? 3rd Bn at 574209; have read 15 PW's. German Arty Btry at 590240; Can you do anything about it? Action: C/S, G-3, Div Arty.
37	0737 Phone	fr Rex 2: 13 Germans in town of GLETO (15821) coming toward our lines waving white flags with hands raised--report of FO at (159061935) at 0735A. Action: G-2, C/s, Journal.
38	0738	Phone fr Hq O to Air O: Panel display "P" is now located at 1524173. Action: IV Corps/Air O, Rover Joe, Army Air Support Control Journal.
39	0740	Phone fr Retread 3: 2nd Bn is receiving heavy 81 mm mortar fire in assembly area - having difficulty time moving forward. Arty coming from (1569225) - will notify Div Arty. Action: G-3, c/s, Rover Joe.
40	0748	Phone fr Capt Turkish, BnF Ln O: Situation generally quiet in BEV sector. 18 Rds mortar fire on PIANKLO (1496168); 5 wounded at 0330A; 15 rds mortar fire on ROCCA CORNETA (1491173) - no damage. C/A at 022300A on PIZZO di CAMPIANO, MG fire and hand grenades at 2400A, sector quiet. Action: G-3 Journal.
41	0756	Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe: German Arty blasted at 1590240; Journal.

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| 42             | 0754         | Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate Hlms reports that 2nd Bn, 86th Mt Inf crossed ID on time. Action: G-3, C/S.  |
| 43             | 0800         | Phone fr Retread La O: "L" Co - at 576210 and "K" Co at 571212, moving fwd. 2nd Bn moving fwd; both bns receiving mortar and arty fire...1st Bn has not moved. Action: C/S, G-3, Corps.  |
| 44             | 0800<br>0804 | Phone fr BEP (thru Rex); 2nd Bn 11th Regt, MT Demn 215308Z (1581206) occupied by this Bn at 030730A. Action: G-3, Journal.   |
| 45             | 0815         | Phone fr Reply 2 (thru Rex): Our front lines now as follows: K Co at (1565215); G Co at (1560217) - (1558218); 16 PW's have been taken. Action: C/S, G-3, Journal.   |
| 46             | 0804         | Phone fr AIRC to Rover Joe: L Co MK Retread at 1576210....K Co at Retread at 1573212. Action: Journal.   |
| 47             | 0815         | Phone fr Keystone 5: to C/S: How is the situation. They all get off alright, 3rd Bn, 87th is now at 574209 (near 936). They have 15 prisoners. Reed small arms, and K and L receiving heavy arty. Other two Bns jumped off on time. They are getting small arms fire. 2nd Bn receiving receiving heavy mortar fire. 86th got off, but have no reports on progress as yet. Action: Journal.   |
| 48             | 0800         | Phone fr Kentucky 2: OP#2: 15 rds enemy mortar fire fell at (1571203) from 030635A to 030640A. Action: G-2, G-3, Isom, Journal.  |
| 49             | 0815         | Phone fr Col COMDES to C/S: Is there anything new on my situation? The Brazilians moved more men in last night but they are not on hill yet. I still have wps at foot of hill with enough men to take care of them and truck drivers. Ans: Continue to leave men in position with Brazilians, and leave wps remain where they are until further notice. Also, make a check on wps now held by Brazilians to determine whether they will be <del>ARMED</del> armed as heavily as our troops. Action: Journal. |
| 50             | 0820         | Phone fr Air C to Rover Joe: Fwd trs at 1558218 and 1565215.   |
| 51             | 0816         | Phone fr Rex 2: From Reply 2 - at 0815A - 4PW's taken on "A" objective. Front lines A and B Cos (155702180). From Require 2 - at 0810A - front lines - middle of (15730). Action: G-2, C/S, G-3.   |
| 52             | 0820         | Phone fr Remount 6: 2d Bn: E Co on top of TERMINAL...G Co on Hill 933; 1st Bn passed thru mine field - no casualties, reached Hill 1011 - about 25 PW's taken. Remount 6 can be reached thru Arty wire. Action: C/S, G-3, Corps.   |

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| 53      | 0820  | Phone from Remount 3 (Major Allen): 25 PW's captured so far. New Identification, 11th Co. 721st Regt. Taken at La Berre (1566204). 2nd Bn now at TERMINALE (565217) and Hill 953 (1561217). 1st Bn is now past Hill 1011 (1551210). Action: c/s, G-3, G-3.                                    |
| 54      | 0825  | Phone fr Rex 2: BEF La O --at 0820A -BEF patrol left for GASILLINALE (1583215) at 0800A. Require 2i-Observer/47 - status OK at (159891934) reports - 50 yds N of BOROPECHIO (579880) friendly troops along top of ridge - not moving. Reason - not known-time signed 0820A. Action: c/s, G-3. |
| 55      | 0830  | Phone fr Retread La O: "K" Co at (570214) - their portion of Bn Obj; "L" Co held up by MG fire at (157752120). Action: G/S, G-3.  |
| 56      | 08030 | Phone fr Require 6 (thru Rex): 87th has sent co. to Hill 997 (570215) at 0300A. Action: c/s, G-3.   |
| 57      | 0830  | Phone fr Rejest 2 (thru Rex 2): 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf is preparing to move forward in vis (155451950). Action: c/s, G-3.  |
| 58      | 0833  | Phone fr Rascen La O: Mine field at (1550202) extending to (1554206). Action: c/s, G-3, Div Engr C.   |
| 59      | 0834  | Phone fr Rex 2: From Remount thru Reply: at 0810A - Remount White has taken obj "B". Remount Red is half way thru Obj "A". Action: G/S, G-3.  |
| 60      | 0830  | Phone fr BEF LW Off: BEF has reached B <sup>o</sup> DIEGONES (1595206) - 5th Co, 11th Regt. Action: c/s, G-3.   |
| 61      | 0850  | Field msg recd from CO, 86th Mt Inf, to G-2: Leading elements second Bn have reached top of MT TERMINALE at 0800.   |
| 62      | 0850  | Reed: Field msg. fr CO 86th Mt Inf: to G-2: Have three PW's of 11th co, 741 Regt.   |
| 63      | 0840  | Reed: field msg from CO 86th Mt Inf; to G-2: "A" Co has reached Hill 1011. "D" Co has reached Hill 953.   |
| 64      | 0830  | Phone fr C/S to Rascen (Capt Oliphant): Where are tanks and TD's? Answer: the tanks are in assembly area and have not moved up as yet. TD's have evidently moved up as we cannot reach TD Commander by radio. Action: Our trs are now at 960 and 953 so start moving tanks. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 65      | 0835  | Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Keystons 5: "K" Co is on MT TERMINALE. "G" Co. is on hill 953 just west. 1st Bn hooked up on left and have reached Hill 1011. About 25 PW's taken. Brazilians have moved up and taken MT DELLA SASSONE at 0730A. Action: Journal.                                       |

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| 66             | 0840        | Phone fr C/S to Rascon (Oliphant): What is situation on tanks and TD's? Answer: One section of tanks is above bridge. TD's have not moved out yet. TD Commander is out contacting Inf. No mines contacted by tanks as yet, and they are on way to point one. Action: Want to get tanks to TERMINAL. Contact me on progress. Journal. |
| 67             | 0843        | Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe, 5th Army, ASG: Line Pnd troops-( <del>beamer</del> and 10th Mt Div): 59721D - 584208 -- 578212 -- 545217 -- 559218 -57321A (At 565217(B obj taken) .....(559218, 1/2 "A" obj taken).  |
| 68             | 0855        | Phone fr Remount 6: 1st Bn at 956, very light casualties. 25 - 30 PW's. 2nd Bn on forward slopes of TERMINAL pushing on to obj <del>at</del> BCB. Easy going. Action: Journal, c/s   |
| 69             | 0836        | Phone fr Require 2 (thru Rex) Retread trys new 100 yds short of AMERIANO Hill909 (L 578213). Action: c/s, G-3.   |
| 70             | 0845        | From CG 10th Mt Div to Col Hampton: Scheeler is to take over defense of ex Able as soon as you get all of it. He will not get in your way but as you pass over the critical points, Scheller will organize positions. Col Barlow is now getting word to Scheeler on this. Action: Journal.   |
| 71             | 0900        | Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2... "G" Co 86th Mt Inf reports outtroops 300 yds short of MONTE FORTE, MT TERMINAL occupied by 3 platoons, casualties light at 030830A. Action: Journal c/s, map, Journal.  |
| 72             | 0845        | Phone fr Rejact 2 (thru Rex): OP #43 at (1555199) reports friendly tre seen about 100 yds short of CIMON DELLA PIELLA (157220A) at 030830A. Action: c/s, G-3   |
| 73             | 0830        | Fr CG to Co Barlow: Move 3rd Bn to south half of "able" to take up defensive positions. Be careful not to crowd Col Hampton.   |
| 74             | 0850        | Phone fr Recall 6 to Kaystene6: Bridge at MALANDRONE is out. Only 5 tanks gone over and need bridge immediately.   |
| 75             | 0855        | Phone fr Air Off to Rover Joe: <del>beamer</del> <sup>REMOUNT</sup> Red on Hill 956, 1559219. Retread White getting close to IOLA <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> . Do not except targets 8 of that town. Action: Journal.   |
| 76             | 0848        | Phone fr Rex 3: Remount White wants TD's on TERMINAL (1565217) immediately. Action: c/s, G-3.  |
| 77             | 0846        | Phone fr Require 2 (thru Rex): L Co, 3rd Bn 86th 100 yds south of 157421A at 030830A. SE slope of Hill 977 (157421A) and Hill 960(1572213) occupied by K Co. Action: c/s, G-3  |

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78	0915	Phone fr Rex 2: From Rejst 2: 2nd Bn 84th Mt Inf. moving up slope of MT TERMINAL and toward Hil 953 (1561218) moving West. From CP: (1555199) - front lines at (157021A), observed 4 Germans run toward German lines and 3 toward our lines at 030915A. Action: journal.
79	0852	Phone fr Reply 3 (Thru Rex): At (030835A) Sabot obj has been taken; are now half-way thru Able obj. Action: journal, G-3, c/s.
80	0915	Phone fr G-2 to Remount: Remount notified of Retread front line positions
81	0915	C/S to Col Tomlinson: Schoeler is to move forward and take over Hampton objectives. Col Tomlinson: May is to move to George, and Townsend to move to Fox. Action: journal.
82	0915	Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread Blue 3: Are tanks moving across bridge at MAJAMERONET? Answer: Tanks that have crossed own assisting intaking obj. Action: journal.
83	0918	Phone fr Retread 3: "E" Co took MT Della PIELLA (157021A); "L" Co on SW end of obj "G" (157721A). Action: Map, c/s, journal, REF, 84th.
84	0930	Phone fr Capt Elephant: To C/S: One section of tanks (three) in the vic of 571208. Two other tanks still on way up. One platoon of TD's moving up toward position No. 1. They had one tank off the road at by-pass and up until a few minutes ago, everything was still going thru there. Action: journal.
85	0945	Phone fr Air O to R over Joe: Fwd trps at 1566220; Action: journal.
86	0935	Phone fr C/S to Capt Martin: Have messages here and they are very recent. Are they coming in "clear"? Answer: I think they come in in code. I will come right over and check them. Action: journal.
87	0925	Phone fr Rejst (thru Rex 2): Our troops seen on line (1574211) to (157021A). Action: C/S, G-3.
88	0920	Phone fr Lightning 2: TAG/R report (from 030430A to 030730A). No movement seen in SESTOLA (14220), FANANO, (14418), MONTENE (15524). No movement from ZOCCA (16034) to GUELIA (15843) and fr MODENA to CASTEL FRANCO (16760). Action: c/s, G-3.
89	0940	Phone fr Rex 2: From Require - observer No 631 (1518216)...he observed at 030925A...7 PW's coming down hill 977. Troops of 87th at (287712135) at 030930A. Action: journal, map, c/s.



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| 90         | 0938       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2 - at 030915A front lines on left just N of hill 997 (1570214). At 030855A, 2D Pz taken from near FIANADORA. Front lines crossed top of ridge at saddle (157602130) now flanking hill ahead (157702138). Troops have not reached MELANO, at 030920A. Action: Map, C/S, In Off.  |
| 91         | 0930       |             | Phone fr Rejeet 2 (thru Rex 2) 14 PW's taken at 030630A identified as 3rd Bn 721st Regt; Action: C/S, G-2. REJEET 2... 5 PW's taken at DELLA TIELLA (1570215) at 0910A. Our troops are on the hill. Action: c/s, G-2, G-3.   |
| 92         | 0935       |             | Phone fr Air Strip: Ambulance reported at (1572225) at 030915A. Unusual shape: might be armoured vehicle; only red cross seen on rear door. Action: Rover Joe, G-2.  |
| 93         | 0940       |             | Phone fr Reply 2 (thru Rex 2): Able co. point to house at (1558217) at 030910A; have captured 18 PW's. B Co is on Hill 1011(1552210). Action: C/S, G-3, G-2.   |
| 94         | 1005       |             | PATROL PLAN # 1: AT 1 REF, 1 off, 9 KM, out 021900, In 022200A, MISSION: Recon to 472176.....Patrol report.....Out 021900, In 022200, FINDINGS: No enemy contact.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #2, Recon Tp REF, 9 KM, MISSION: LISTENING POST. Patrol Report: Out 022100A, In 030500A. FINDINGS: Traffic very light along FIANANO rd compared to the heavy traffic of two preceding nights.   |
| 95         | 0947       |             | Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe: In absence of any emergency target that may be called in---put next flight in area 570240 on which pilots have been briefed prior to take-off. Ask them to observe closely for gun positions and report same to me. Journal.  |
| 96         | 0950       |             | Phone fr Capt Elephant to C/S: One platoon of tanks and one plat of TD's moving up road (588237) to turn left toward MONTESE to establish road block. Action CG notified. Journal.   |
| 97         | 0955       |             | Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2: Through obs #510 w/Lt Bn 86th, at 030910A, reports forward elements of "A" Co at (1558227). At 030950A confirms above and "B" Co from Hill 948 (1554215) to Hill 1011 (1552210). "E" Co, 86th in in IOALA (1566218). Require 2: Enemy identification at 030955A, 6th and 8th Co's, 721st Infantry, reported by obs #631 at (157492040). REF In Off at 031010A...REF troops reported at (1582211) clearing mine field there. Action: c/s, journal. |

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| 98                                  | 0957        | Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe...Fwd elements our troops reported at (1556227) REF at 582211.  |
| 99                                  | 1000        | Phone fr Recall Asst 6 to Recall 6: Able objective completely taken. Remount White held up in front of Iala and are calling for arty fire. Hay to move at 0945. Answer: Bypass IOLA and tanks and TD's are on their way and will give support.  |
| 100                                 | 1010        | Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2---at 0930A 1st Bn 86th is at (1556227). At 0930A Air corps bombed PKTRA COLLEA. Air Corp ran into heavy ash-ash; bombing started fires. At 0935A "L" Co, 87th is on ridge north of MERLANO (1578214). At 0945A "E" Co, 86th--IOLA ? Action: Journal.  |
| 101                                 | 1000        | Phone fr Retread 2: PW's to 1000A --36; are from 2nd Bn, 721 Regt. State HENEX 8th Co is on rt. 6th Co on left, 7th in res. Came into line last night to relieve a unit of the 232nd. Have HENEX 6 MG's/co 70-80 mm/co. 10th Co has only 2 hows. Bn strength--300, 400 men. Came from RENO ALPANSINE. State that their 3rd Bn faces the 86th and is made up of very young soldiers of low morale. Action: C/S, G-2, Corps, map. |
| 102                                 | 1010        | Phone fr Require 6 (thru Rex 2): PW's captured from 2nd Bn 721st. This Bn came into line last night, relieving units of 232nd Div. 6th Co on left, 8th on right, 7th in reserve; all in front of 87th sector. Action: C/S, G-2 Corps, Isan.   |
| 103                                 | 1011        | Phone fr Air OP: Heavy motor movement seen at (1567233) at 091000A. Rex is now adjusting arty fire on same. Action: Rover Joe, G-2, C/S.  |
| 104                                 | 1013        | Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe: Heavy motor movement reported on road via 567233 - Can horsefly pick it up? Horsefly answers; See 2 ambulances at 566233 - one more vehicle going north into NOTRESK. Action: Journal, G-2.  |
| 105                                 | 1015        | Phone fr Require (thru Rex): Automatic wpm at (1575215) fired on and silenced at 090940A. MG at (1575216) fired on and silenced at 090955A. Action: C/S, G-2, G-3.  |
| 106                                 | 1015        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Rex 6: Retreat Elms is held up. Get arty support in front immediately. Answer: We will put in Tot. Arty. Also hit truck column in Vic St. Montese. Action: Journal.  |
| 107                                 | 1015        | Phone fr C/S to Capt Oliphant: Talk to Tank Cdr and get any assistance possible to troops along road to IOLA. Action: Journal.  |
| 108                                 | 1025        | Phone fr Retread 3: 2nd Bn following 3rd Bn at 500 yds. Adv CP at (1571203) Action: map, C/S, journal.  |

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- 109 1020 Gen Ruffner to C/S: Retread 1st Bn, not using guns at all. 2nd Bn using one gun in direct fire position. 3rd Bn has all 3 in indirect fire positions. Eight guns being wasted. Action: Journal.
- 110 1020 Recd: Field message with overlay #3, Retread Blue units as of 0830A. msg to Retread 3 (combat report #3) time 0835A. "K" Co on obj 977 0810A. "M" Co MG's in support position on Hill 997. "L" Co being delayed by MG fire from Charlie 1. L Co at hill 922. 30 plus prisoners taken to date. Request Rover Joe Strafing of Charlie 1--Easy 2.
- 111 1025 Recd: Field msg from CO 86th Inf. (No 112): Second Bn half way up MT TERMINALE 0815A. (Received via TP at 031015).
- 112 1025 Phone Fr CG 10th Mt Div to Retread 3: I want <sup>col</sup> works to use one additional Co. in taking obj. At present he is just using L Co. Bring up K Co in reserve. Action: Journal.
- 113 1025 Phone fr Remount 3: "A" co captured Hill 922; 3rd Bn 85th now relieving 1st Bn 86th on Obj "A". "E" is directly in front of IOLA. "G" Co has bypassed IOLA on the left and is now at (1565225). Action In O, map, c/s, Journal.
- 114 1025 Phone fr Recall 5 to Remount 6: East Co is still in IOLA. George Co at (565525), entering Dog obj. now. Fox Co is following G Co. We will bypass IOLA. 1st Bn being relieved by 3rd Bn 85th. I am going to coordinate attack on G and F objectives. Action...journal.
- 115 1027 Phone fr Air O to Fifth Army ASC: Fwd top positions--10th Mt Div 558227, 566220, 571215, 577215. BEF...clearing mine field at 583212; also tops at 595209.
- 116 1027 Recd: IV Corps ISUM No804.
- 117 1030 Recd: Field msg no, 111, from 86th Mt Inf, signed 0750A.....Second Bn half way up Mt TERMINALE.
- 118 1030 Lightning 6, Keystone 6, and party arrived at CP. Action: Journal.
- 119 1031 Phone fr Reject 2 (thru Rex): Truck moving North on Hwy at (1594243) at 031021A. Arty could not register on it. Enemy strong point at (1585220) neutralized by Rex. Action Rover Joe, G-2, G-3, C/S
- 120 1035 Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe: Fwd trps at 565225.
- 121 1035 Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2--At 031025A friendly troops are now on Hill 977 (579216) At 031005A friendly troops occupied MERLANO. notified: Journal, map

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- 122 1040 C/S to Retread 3: Where is 2nd Bn? Answer: Op is at 571203. Bn is moving along that road about 500 yds, behind 3rd Bn. 1st Bn still in assembly area. Action: journal.
- 123 1040 Phone fr Require 2 (Thru Rex 2): At 031030A three PW's escaped from Hill 977 (1578216) and went to Hill 961 (579218). C/S troops on hill 977 are exchanging S/A fire, and are not pined down, At 031035A our troops were on Hill 961 (1579218). Action: G-2, G-3, C/S.
- 124 1040 Phone fr Raccoon 2: Enemy mine field located at (1568214) by Co. "A", 760th Tank Bn. Action: Engrs, G-2, G-3.
- 125 1045 Phone fr Reply 2 (thru Rex): 2nd Bn 86th Inf receiving mortar fire at 031820A. Inf OP observing smoke from Hill 906 at 030930A; thought to be an enemy gun. Action: Rover Joe, G-2, G-3.
- 126 1050 Phone fr Rex 2: Wh From Require 2; at 031040A troops of 87th are now on Hill 999 (1581218). 2 PW's taken. From Raxjet 2 - Two enemy vehicles observed on road (1596245). Action: a/s, journal.
- 127 1050 Phone fr Air OP: one vehicle and one ambulance seen moving into GASTEL d' AIANO (1605258). Action: G-2, Rover Joe.
- 128 1050 Phone fr Remount 3 (thru Rex): at 031040A one SP enemy gun located at (1544202). Artyfire now being adjusted on it. Action: Rover Joe, G-2, G/S.
- 129 1057 Phone fr Retread: Rt Boundary, 2nd Bn 721st Regt is at M. Della PIELLA (1570213). This bn came fr Adriatic Coast. 3rd Bn, 721st Regt, arrived 3 days ago. ACTION; Corps, G-2, Isum, C/S, map.
- 130 1114 Phone fr Retread 3: Fwd elements L Co - 587222. No reserves committed. 1st Bn moving from assembly areadto follow 2nd Bn. Action: journal, c/s Rover Joe.
- 131 1100 Phone fr Rex 2: Fr Reply 2--at 1100A--enemy gun position at 563233)-- PW reports (litter bearer)--given to Corps Arty. Fr Air OP--30 enemy personnel walking in single file at 559244 - going into MONTESE--Arty did not fire because column too spread out. Action: G-3, G-2, C/S.
- 132 1100 Phone fr BEF Ln C: Fr BEF OP--saw US Troops at Hill 999(581218)--10 PW taken by Americans.
- 133 1104 Phone fr IPW...Tabulation on PW's to date, from 721st IR: 1st Bn, 3d Co--15; 4th Co--3; 2nd Bn, 6th Co--1; 8th Co--5; 3rd Bn, 11th Co--3; 12th Co--11; 13th Co--10. total 48. Action; Corps, G-2, Isum, C/S.

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- 134 1100 Phone fr Major Ireland to CG, 10th Mt Div: Report on traffic control at MALANDRONE Bridge--traffic was going thru without ~~XXXXXXXX~~ tie up ~~XXXX~~ between 0930 and 1030A. Lt Collier is in charge of traffic control and is located in a ~~XXXX~~ house about 400 yds this side of bridge. Three MP's are actually directing traffic - one about 100 yds on this side of bridge--one at a sandbagged fox hole on far side of bridge in telephone communication with MP on top of hill. Tank was stuck in the bypass and engrs had made another ~~XXXX~~ bypass around the tank. Tanks, jeeps, 3/4 ton trucks were going thru. 235th Engrs were working on bridge estimated to be finished about 1400A.
- 135 1102 Phone fr Retread 3: Obj "G" secured--adv continuing. First Bn will move out of assembly area soon. Action: G/3, G-3, Corps.
- 136 1108 Phone fr BEF (thru Rex 2): 2nd Bn 11th Regt BEF, has PW's from 721st Regt 11th Div in assault on ORAT DELLA SASSANE (1563287). White flags observed in vic MT Della VAVETTA (1565223). Action: G-3, G-3, G/S.
- 137 1110 Phone fr Recall 3 to Rascon: Where are your tanks and TD'S? Two tanks on ridge (1578214). One on way up-C--track is off and is being fixed. Two tanks and 6 TD--head of column at (1567214) on way to IOLA. ACTION: G-3, G/S.
- 138 1115 Phone fr Requite 2 (thru Rex): Friendly troops (87th) advancing and are now at (158452220). Action: G-3, G/S.
- 139 1115 Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate Blue has been ordered to take over obj ABLE for defense. Rebate Red is moving to area South of MT TERRACCIO. Action, G/S, G-3.
- 140 1120 Phone fr Retread Ln O: "C" mistaken - "L" Co holds one third of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "E" --moving forward in column of Co's "L" "I" "K". One squad of "K" and one plat of RMG'S now holding "Della PIELLA" (1572214). Action: G/S, G-3.
- 141 1115 Phone fr Rascon 5-to Recall 6: one section of tanks at junction of 698 (579217). One sec of tanks behind M. Terminal. Two tanks advancing towards Easy. Action: Journal.
- 142 1115 Phone fr CO 751 st tank Bn: Wants to move "Q" Co, 701st TD Bn to assembly area 575176, in two hrs. Action: Called Corps G-3, Lt Col Matthewson, will call back if TD's are released.
- 143 1120 Phone fr BEF (thru Rex 2): BEF now holds Hill 682 (1583211) Action: G-3, G/S.
- 144 1125 Phone fr Remount 3: "Q" Co on "D" obj...more details later. Action: G-3, G/S.
- 145 1125 Phone fr Air O to R Joe: Fwd tops at 587222. Retread wants atk on enemy position at 594223 (approx 900 yds clearance).

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| 146        | 1130       |             | Phone fr Capt Tarish, BEF Lm Co: 6th Inf BEF, reached NECCA PITZOLIANA at (1611217) at 1130A. Action: G-3, C/O.  |
| 147        | 1133       |             | Phone fr Keystone 3: Col Pond: "G" Co 701st TD Bn, has been ordered to move. CO has been notified to contact your HQ. Action: G-3, G/S, Recon.   |
| 148        | 1130       |             | Phone fr Remount 3: G Co on Dog objective, E Co just short of Dog, F Co following, G, TD's moving up to knock out a few strong points. TF PW's and one off PW.   |
| 149        | 1135       |             | Phone fr Require 2 (Through Rex): Forward elements at (1584222D) at 031130A BEF front lines as follows at 031130A - (158221B)-(1583205)-(1591201). Moving forward.   |
| 150        | 1145       |             | Phone fr Recall 6 to Remount 3: Get word to Remount 6 to push on objectives G & F and you will be able to help out Retread Elm. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 151        | 1155       |             | Phone fr Capt Oliphant (Recon Adv): Tanks from A Co 760th TK Bn moving on Objective Easy have been stopped by mine field at (1579217) - will move on when cleared. ACTION: Journal, G/S, Eng O.  |
| 152        | 1157       |             | Phone fr Return 3 (Capt Sayre): Main road swept free of mines as far as 098 (1570216) - Eng. continuing on. ACTION: Journal, G/S.  |
| 153        | 1200       |             | Phone fr Recon (Capt Oliphant) to Recall 5: Co G, 701st TD Bn is released and is on road. Co Comdr is on way up to report to Div G-3. ACTION: G/S, Journal.  |
| 154        | 1205       |             | Phone from BEF Lm Co: 6th Regt 1st BEF have begun attack against (1613215) (Sta Maria). 6 Co 11th Regt moving toward CA DEL KAMBER FABRO (1592216). ACTION: Journal, Map.  |
| 155        | 1210       |             | Phone fr Retread 3: 87th Forward CP opened up at (1574198) at 031000A. Near CP at (1565187) closed at 031200A. Call will be Retread Elm to reach Regt CP. ACTION: Noted for G-3, Journal.  |
| 156        | 1210       |             | Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 6: Take over objective Easy and road block at PIETRA COLERA. Be prepared to move into M. DELLA GRACE. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 157        | 1214       |             | Phone fr Air O to Rex 2: Air CP picked up gas flashes at (15652345). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 158        | 1200       |             | Phone fr Recall 2 to Retread 2 & Remount 2: Make an effort to tag the PWs as they are taken - even if you have to assign one or two men to the job. We have no base to begin our interrogation without that information. Ans will do. ACTION: Noted Journal. |
| 159        | 1200       |             | See'd. Hq IV Corps SIXTH Mes. 121, 021200A & 122, 022400A Mar 1945.  |

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- 160 1200 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 030700A Mar 1945 (2 copies)
- 161 1200 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 61 dated 2 March 1945.
- 162 1216 Phone fr Lt Col Pond (Keystone): BEF is at (1598209) advancing on CA DEL FABBRO (1591216) from this point will move against 703 and 706 (1599216). BEF has occupied ROCCA PITAGLIANA (1611207), 6th Regt moving toward STE MANA. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
- 163 1220 Phone fr BEF (through Rex): Have sent strong patrol to Hill 951 (1519109); they have captured the hill and taken 1 PW. BEF elements have taken Hill 832 (15821). Line now ~~4282222~~ 031205A runs as follows: (1582211) - (1585205) - (1591201). 3rd Bn 11th Regt have occupied point 916 (1547196); have taken 16 PWs and are advancing toward CASSELINA (1518204). ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S.
- 164 1230 Phone fr Require 6 (Through Rex 2): At 031225A, 67th has taken objective E, and is preparing to advance on Item. ACTION: G-3, C/S.
- 165 1230 Phone from Reply 2: G Co is now 031220A on D objective. ACTION: G-3, C/S.
- 166 1233 Phone fr Remount 3: "E" Co - just N of IOLA - badly disorganized. "G" Co - on Hill 930 (1565225). "F" Co - is moving up to join "G" Co and launch an attack on "Dog" objective. 2nd Bn is held up right now. ACTION: G-3, C/S.
- 167 1245 Phone fr General Duff to General Hays: ~~General~~ <sup>General</sup> will have completed relief in an hour, and Hampton is assembling in rear of TERMINALE. ~~General Hays:~~ <sup>General Hays:</sup> I want Hampton to investigate advisability of taking Hill 931, a strong point. Also, contact Tomlinson and May and have them push troops - get two Bn's up there. Retread has taken objective B and going toward I. ACTION: Journal.
- 168 1240 Phone fr Retread 2: About 60 PWs going by collection point without being tagged. 2 PWs - 5th Co, 1045th - laborers - reported 6th Co is on Hill 721 E of SANTA MARIA (16121) 8th Co suffered 50 casualties this AM - mostly from Arty. 2nd Bn CP of 1045th is in SPRILLA (1600237), 7th Co is in SANTA MARIA (16121). Regt Hq is in CASTEL D'AIRO (16025). We will try to reach SPRILLA with sut Arty. ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S, Rover Joe.
- 169 1240 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty B-3 Report #33, 2 Mar 1945.
- 170 1245 Phone fr Reply 2 (Through Rex): Co G, 86th now (1570225) at 031230A. Still going forward.
- 171 1246 Phone fr Require 2: Forward elements 87th at 031240A were at (15708256). ACTION:
- 172 1255 ~~Phone fr~~ ~~Require 2~~ ~~Through Rex:~~ BEF has taken CA DEL FABBRO (1592216).

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- 173 1250 Phone fr BEF: Patrol Reports: A patrol to (L543200) took 16 PWs at 031235A. A patrol to Hill 667 (L535191) has asked permission to ammunnition store PIANELLA; permission granted. A patrol reached (L491177) at 031232A without enemy contact. A patrol to CAPELLA EL MONTE (L518189) took 2 PWs. A patrol to Hill 953 (L522186) took 1 PW and killed 1 enemy. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.
- 174 1312 Phone fr Lt Chaffee (BEF Ln O): 2 PWs at (L518189) (GAP LA EL MONTE) identified as being of B Co, 1st Bn, 741st Regt. At 031230A patrol completed action at (L493181)(BEGONI) - 6 enemy killed - 5 PW's Astelen: G-2, C/S, Jnl.
- 175 1100 Hq 10th Mt Div ~~INFO~~ No. TR submitted( not previously recorded).
- 176 1320 Phone fr Remount 3: 3rd Bn, 86th started moving at 1300A. 1st Bn is assembling via 565213. 1st Bn is not all relieved.
- 177 1325 Phone fr Remount 3: Comdg Officer of 3rd Bn and Co, commanders are making run of EXX "Q" obj. Will have BOG in short time, and will push on to FOX obj. Action: G-3, C/S.
- 178 1330 Phone fr 5th Army ABC to Air O: Preplanned mission to suspected enemy occupied area at L609314-observed hospital and number of ambulances -- did not bomb: CP at L618285; Sun position 1570230; Gun L547230 - were hit with preplanned flights this morning. Action: Journal, G-2.
- 179 1340 Phone fr Capt Turish, B&W Ln O: 2/11 BEF are in BORDIGONE (L596209). Combat patrol has gone to BE: S. MARIA VILLANA (L612215). Action: G-3, C/S
- 180 1335 Phone fr Retread 2: PW's: Two 105mmHow in bldg at 570234. Send PW tags up to Retread S-4. Action: Hax, Rover Joe, Jnl.
- 181 1342 Phone fr Remount 3: 3/85 has cleared Hill 1079 and has ~~REHEHEHE~~ relieved "C" Co, 1st Bn. "C" Co is moving into assembly area SW of M. TERMINALS. Rest of Bn will assemble there when relieved. Action: G-3, C/S.
- 182 1335 Phone fr Retread Ln O: Retread 6 reports 24 men thru Aid Station a/e 031315A. One man known dead. 47 PW's counted. At least 50 seen being sent back, in addition, by Engrs. Action: G-3, Journal.
- 183 1345 Phone fr Lt Chafey: At CABELLINA (L536204) BEF patrol captured 18PW's--killed an undetermined number--no PW identified as yet. Action: G-2.
- 184 1350 ~~REHEHE~~ CO, 10th Mt Div to Remount 3: What have you heard from Col Tomlinson? Col Tomlinson reports Bn moving forward as fast as possible. Expects to have Dog seen, but is meeting stiff resistance. Action: Journal.
- 185 1350 Phone fr Remount 3: "F" and "G" Cos on "Dog" obj. "H" Co is cleaning up IOLA. ACTION: C/S, G-3.



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- 186 1350 Phone fr Retread 6, In O: Retread Blue has Co establishing road block in PIETRA COLORA (598222). Retread White now moving to West of obj "E" to attack "I". Retread Blue will hold "E" and road block at Pietra Colora until relieved by Rebate White. Action: G-3, C/S.
- 187 1359 Phone fr Remount 6 In O: F and G Co's have taken all of Dog obj. E Co has cleaned out IDLA—strong resistance—pill boxes in form of houses. TD's did not get in. Action: G-3, C/S.
- 188 1400 Phone from Recall 6 to Rebate 6: Rebate White will pass thru 3rd Bn, 87th and take M DELLA GROCE. Action: Retread 6 notified, journal.
- 189 1405 Phone fr Raccoon: one platoon tanks and one platoon TD's, working up via 1571218, above KM Lj 898. One platoon TD's and one section of tanks going into IDLA. One section of tanks and one platoon of TD's at (1571205). One platoon of tanks on ridge (1571209) to (572208) to (578215) all stranded. Action: C/S, G-3.
- 190 1350 Phone fr Raccoon: Disposition of tanks: "A" Co—Op at (1648199), 1st Platoon (1622192)—2nd Platoon (1643190)—3rd Platoon (1648202). "B" Co. Op at (1511150) 1st Platoon (1519174)—2nd Platoon (1526177)—3rd Platoon (1508166). "C" Co Op at (1550168)—1st Platoon (1546182)—2nd platoon (1583184)—3rd platoon (1543187). "D" Co Op at (1545185)—1st platoon (1541186)—2nd platoon, 1 section (1534183) 2 section (1534180)—3rd Platoon (1540180)—Assault Platoon (1611166). Action: C/S, G-3.
- 191 1410 Phone fr Kentucky 2: BFP have occupied BOGGA PITIGHANA (1611208) and are going North to SANTA MARIA (1610214); have also occupied GEMPO RIBALDO (1491177), CAPELLA el MONTE (519190), and SERRIETO (533195). PWS BFP In O...0311204; Road to PIETRA COLORA being blown up by enemy at (15925023100). Action: G-2, G-3, C/S,
- 192 1415 Phone fr Requir 2: Our troops 87th, within 50 yds of church in PIETRA COLORA (1598220). Have taken 19 PW's. REJECT 2, 22 0311204; Co G, 86th has left Hill 1011 (1551210); Co I and L of 85th are taking over. Action: G-3, C/S.
- 193 1435 Phone fr Hex 2: 3 enemy guns at (1587244) - took them under fire and one gun was destroyed and the area well neutralized. Reported by AIR OP at 14251. Noted G-2 and journal.
- 194 1425 CG 10th Mt Div to Col Schmeltzer: Stone will pass through 88th Works in an hour. When Col Works is free, have him send a strong patrol up hill 891 for flank protection. Tomlinson has taken Dog, and hill 916 will be taken soon. Action: journal.
- 195 1435 Phone fr BFP In O, Capt Turish: 3/6 BFP—have taken NONCALI (1615215) and Le VIGNE (1617214). Action: G-3, C/S.

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- 196 1420 Phone fr Keystons 3: BEF troops are in the small towns of SANTA MARIA (16121), RONCALLI (161215) and BRANINE—in fact all along Div boundary line. Notify adjacent units so they won't fire into BEF. Action: G-3, C/S, Retread.
- 197 1440 Phone fr Retread Ln O: Ln O w/Brazilian Of at 591193 reports that Elements of Brazilian 6th Regt are in S. MARIA (612215) and intend to send element to contact I/87 in PIETRA COLORA. Have told Ln O to hold contact patrol until I/87 has been notified. At present Retread 6 is out of contact with "Y" Co. Action: G-3, Retread 6, C/S.
- 198 1445 CG 10th Mt Div to Col Barlow: Brazilians have SANTA MARIA, RONCHLI AND BRANINE. Warn Stone of this; and Invent Stone to push up hills 884 and 895; pass over these hills, and then on down to Della GRACE from rear. When finished, he is to notify Brazilians who will relieve him. Tell Stone to push troops. Action: Journal.
- 199 1450 Phone fr Keystons 3 to C/S: I have talked to Retread Blas and they report bridge is finished. Is Corps Engr, Col Gillette there? Answer: He was here, but left a few minutes ago. Action journal.
- 200 1450 Phone fr Rebate 2: Col Scheeler reports; "K" Co on obj "A" is receiving mortar from SE. Cannot determine whether friendly or enemy. Call 866th and see if it is our troops. Action: G-3, C/S, Remount 3.
- 201 1500 Recd: Hq IX Corps SITREP NO-123 dated 031442A March 1945.
- 202 1455 Phone fr Air O to 5th Army ASC: Most adv trps—558227, obj dog taken (563224-574227). Obj E (588223)— 600222. BEF at S. MARIA (613215).
- 203 1500 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP # 73 submitted.
- 204 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #44 submitted, (not previously recorded).
- 205 1504 Phone fr Retread 6 Ln O: "E" Co pinned down at 589224, by heavy fire from CROCIERE di SOTTO (605218). Bn CO hastried in vain to urge troops forward. Request arty and Rover Joe. Communications w/our arty cut. Action: requested Rex 2 and Rover Joe to take it under fire., G-2, (G-3, Rex, Rover Joe.
- 206 1515 Phone fr Capt Oliphant to C/S: 2MK Co "G" of 701st ID (Co released from 34th Div Arty) has closed into assembly area about 1455(570175). They will move on call. Action: journal.
- 207 1505 CG 10th Mt Div to Col Tomlinson: When are you going to jump off for George and Fox? Answer: About 1530. Pushing 2nd Bn up to Fox and 1st Bn to back-stop it. Gen Hays: Push promptly on Fox because Fox is holding up Nationals soon as you get the attack under way on George and Fox, pull Hampton up and get him on Howe. Action: journal.

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| 208        | 1508 | Phone fr Air O to R Joe: Fire being read from CROCETTE di SOTA (604218)-- group of houses there will make good target.   |
| 209        | 1510 | Phone fr Ramount 3: 3rd Bn 86th, will attack "C" obj at 1530A. Action: C-3, C/S.   |
| 210        | 1510 | Phone fr Recall 6 to Ranzle (Col Love): Do you have observer at obj A? Answer: yes, also a Lt O w/each regi. We are ready to deliver fire at any time. Baker Co. is supporting 87th Inf. Action: Journal.  |
| 211        | 1516 | Phone fr Retread 2 In O: 1.- Still no contact w/"I" Co. Will notify them of Brazilian patrol coming from S. Maria as soon as possible. Will give RTD In O word when it is OK to let Brazilian patrol set out. 2.- Casualties thru aid station a/o 031500A, 4 killed, 28 wounded. 3.- 300 PW's, actual count, maybe 400-500. Action: Journal, C/S.  |
| 212        | 1525 | Phone fr Ramount 3: 1st Bn--relief still in progress. "C" Co - entirely relieved. "B" Co--not quite finished. "A" Co--not relieved. 2nd Bn, 86th, trying to contact them now. 3rd Bn--will attack "George" obj at 1530A. Action: C-3, C/S, Sitrep.   |
| 213        | 1525 | Phone fr C/S to Capt Oliphant: Troops are being held up by fire from (604218) CROCETTE di SOTTO. Get your TD'S to bring fire to bear on that sector. The town is south of BOMBIAHAA. Be sure firing is coordinated. Action: Retread 6 advised by Gen Hays. Journal.  |
| 214        | 1525 | Phone fr Redoubt 2: Ridge at SERRASICCIA has been receiving medium arty fire at 1500A. Action: C-2, Journal.   |
| 215        | 1525 | Phone fr Rex 2: REF have taken the following points--NARECCHIE (603206) and pt 657(1596213) at 1504A. From Air OP--observed enemy tank at (1544234) did not fire on it because low on gas, at 1508A. From A24FA Group--road from MELANDRONE(15719) to STANGADORA(15720) now clear of mines and obstructions reported by IV Corps Engr. At (150662525) enemy SP gun by house. Fired 37 rounds on this and effect was good. Action: noted for C-3, C-2, and Incom. |
| 216        | 1530 | Phone fr Ramount 3: "C" Co is the only Co relieved to date. Will assemble Bn S of TERMINALS as soon as relief is completed. Action: C/S, Journal.  |
| 217        | 1530 | Phone fr Air O to 5th Army ASC: Request 1 additional flight R Joe this afternoon. Last scheduled flight is due here at 1645--can we get one at 1730? If 2 more flights can be worked in we can use them. Action: Journal.  |
| 218        | 1530 | Gen Duff to Recall 6; Recall 6: Is IOLA cleaned out yet? Reply: Not yet, patrol is on it now. Recall 6: OK--Clean that out and road, so that we can get up to Fox. Clean out snipers along IOLA and road to Fox, Hampton to do that. As soon you take Fox I think they'll move fast. Action: Hampton to be notified and Gen Duff to keep Recall posted., Journal.  |

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- 219 1535 Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 6: Got word from Liaison Officer of 2nd Bn 87th at 1530A position(573199) going down toward Charlie and Easy ridge. ACTION: Journal.
- 220 1540 Phone fr Recall Bn: BEF captured S. MARIA VILLIANO (1612215) at 031540A. ACTION: 87th, Map, C/S, Journal.
- 221 1540 Phone fr Rex 2: 2nd Bn, 87th is at (1573199) at 1520A reported by Forward Observer. ACTION: Noted for G-3, & Journal.
- 222 1545 Phone fr Recall 5 1/2: IOLA is now cleared of enemy. We have two TD's in IOLA. It would be wise to 2nd Bn have Engrs move to IOLA and start sweeping road above it. ACTION: Div Eng, C/S, Map, Journal.
- 223 1548 Phone fr 5th Army ASC thru Rover Joe: 1 additional flight Rover Joe in at 1800A.
- 224 1600 Phone fr Remount 3: 2nd Bn jumped off to Fox at 1545A. 3rd Bn was to have attacked George at 1530A. No report. 1st Bn is still regrouping. Will report when relieved and ready. 1st Bn to How tonight. Little Arty fire on CP, some up front.
- 225 1550 Phone fr Capt Elephant to Recall 5: TD's have been notified about fire and they are getting on it right away. Going to try to bring some fire to Able Company. Have some coordinate - have a platoon of Tanks at (1572221), a platoon of TDs at (1571227). TDs are definitely in IOLA. ACTION: Journal.
- 226 1550 Phone fr Redoubt 6: Received Arty fire from (15551695) on SERRASODIA Ridge. This being fired on by BEF Arty and enemy has ceased firing. ACTION: Noted G-2, Journal.
- 227 1600 Phone fr Rex 2: The town of S. MARIA (16121) has definitely been taken by the BEF. Action: Noted for G-3, Journal.
- 228 1600 Phone fr Recall 6: to Retread 6: Fox is under attack by Tomcand. He has a tank East of Dog. I think Fox will fold if Nation coordinates. Hook up between Item and How and button up Item, How and George tonight. ACTION: Retread 6 to let Nation know. Journal.
- 229 1600 Phone fr Retread 3: Since H - hour, 128 PWs have been processed through our collecting point up to 031558A. ACTION: G-2, C/S.
- 230 1635 Phone fr Retread In O: 1. Have notified Capt Daltro (in O BEF) that Brazilian elements in STA MARIA will make no effort to contact I/87. Elements of 5 Co 11 BEF may endeavor to make such contact after Retread 6 has communication with I/87. (as per instructions from G-3). 2. Notified Retread 6 that Remount Blue and White are about to attack objectives "Q" and "P" respectively. (As per instructions from G-3). ACTION: Journal.

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- 231 1605 Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 6: Would it help if Works was to take DELLA CROCE? If he's ready to continue to the East, let him get down and clean out DELLA CROCE. ACTION: Retread 6 to contact Works and tell him situation, and then to notify Recall 6. Journal.
- 232 1615 Phone fr Capt Cliphant to Recall 5: Have 3 guns firing into GROUETTE DI SOTTA. Told them to lay in about 15 rounds each. The TDs at BOMBIANO will continue firing. Have 10 guns at BOMBIANO but not in firing position. ACTION: Journal.
- 233 1620 Phone fr Remount 3: 1st Bn relief is complete, closing into assembly area SW TERMINALE. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Map.
- 234 1650 Phone fr Col Curtis: (to: C/S): Ben Harold wants to know by 1645A where our front line will be. They contemplate air operations tonight, and tomorrow. Ans: (By Gen Keys) -- The present situation makes it impossible to determine the front lines. I will try and let you know in about one hour. ACTION: Journal.
- 235 1630 Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 6 - 2nd and 3rd Bn, 86th at QD1620A against George and Fox objectives. ACTION: Journal, Map.
- 236 1630 Rec'd. Overlay to accompany Int. Annex to FO #2, 2 Mar 1945 fr S-2, 126 Hqr.
- 237 1630 Rec'd. Hq XIII Tactical Air Command Intelligence Summary 139 of 1 Mar 1945.
- 238 1630 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 543 dated 021800 March 1945.
- 239 1630 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Det Intelligence Bulletin No. 10, dated 3 March 1945.
- 240 1630 Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebate 5: Have Stone go into assembly area vicinity of MERLANO (157821A), dig in and report location and have Wooley be prepared to move on E side of TERMINALE into assembly area E of IOLA. When Dog is vacated have Wooley put something on Hill 930. ACTION: Journal. Notified Retread 6 and Retread 6 in turn to notify Works in regard to not being relieved by Stone.
- 241 1640 Phone fr Remount 3: Remount CP (156321B) at QD1640A. ACTION: SITREP, Map, Journal, C/S.
- 242 1645 From Col Irwin, G-3 for Journals: When Colonel Stone gets East of LA SERRA Rebate; CP to be at STANCADORA (1579210). Rebate Red to put 1 company on Hill 930 (156322A). ACTION: Journal.
- 243 1650 Phone fr Recall 6 to Asst Recall 6: Have Townsend push on NOW and have Hampton close in on Fox. Tell Tomlinson that Wooley is coming in on West end of BOG and will block gap between ABLE and GEORGE. ACTION: Journal.
- 244 1650 Phone fr Rex 2: 2nd Bn, 87th at 1650A occupy the E slope of DELLA VEDILLA at (1565230) and are working to the SE towards FIETRA COLERA (1599230). ACTION: G-3, C/S.

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- 245 1705 Phone fr Lt Chaffey BEF: 7 PWs questioned - all belong to 2nd Co, 1st Bn 741 Regt in position for 10 days at CAPELA DI MONTI (1312189). The Bn holds that position but the 1st Co has been wiped out. ACTION: Noted for G-2, & Journal.
- 246 1710 Phone fr Lt Chaffey: BEF has reported a total of 52 PWs taken by their patrols so far. ACTION: Noted for G-2, & Journal.
- 247 1720 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 805 to include 031500A, March 1945.
- 248 1700 Rec'd. Message fr 87th dated March 3rd, "WE ARE MOVING, WILL CALL SOON AS POSSIBLE" Signed 87th.
- 249 Phone fr Keystone: Tsa/R reports 2 tanks and 50 men moving S on road at (14823) at 031500A. ACTION: G-2, G/S.
- 250 1530 Phone fr Ransoon 2: Our tanks in position at (1575226) and they report enemy tanks on road to their front at (1578288). Request Arty or Air on them. ACTION: ReX.
- 251 1710 Phone fr Recall 6 to Keystone 3: Am going to button up from George objective and (1588235). 3rd Bn, 87th will stay at PISTRA COLORA. ACTION: Journal.
- 252 1710 Phone fr Recall 6 to Remount 6: Button up and contact 87th. ACTION: Notifying Retread 6 and Journal.
- 253 1720 Phone fr Ransoon 3: "A" Co, 760 Tank Bn at (1575226) are receiving friendly Arty fire. ACTION: Called Div Arty.
- 254 1720 Rec'd. German documents from 126th Engrs taken at IOLA.
- 255 1732 Phone fr Keystone 2: II Corps reports at 031715A: GP reports large column of vehicles moving West on road north of Highway 79. Seen north of (19431) square. ACTION: G-2, G/S, Isum, Journal.
- 256 1735 Phone fr Retread 6 to Recall 6: Nations attacking obj ITKM. Retread White ready to go to CROCK in morning. Recall 6 - Tell Nations to button up on ITKM whenever he reaches a defensive position. ACTION: Journal.
- 257 1740 Phone fr Asst Recall 6: I am with Remount 6 and will remain here until Woolley gets something on hill 930, then I will return to CP. Things look good up here. Men have gone as far as they can and we can't ask any more of them. ACTION: Journal.
- 258 1745 Phone fr Remount 6: May has just about taken all of George and is putting a platoon at road block on NE end of George. Am clearing out along road as Recall told me to and then will button up for the night. ACTION: Journal.

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- 259 1745 Rec'd: 751st Tank Battalion Report No. 62, 3 Mar 45.
- 260 1750 Phone fr Rebate 3: 2d Bn, 85th Inf will bivouac vicinity (1571213).  
ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.
- 261 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 74, submitted.
- 262 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Ism No. 45, submitted.
- 263 1800 Phone fr Col Stevenson (In O to HMF): HMF 6 thinks it a good idea to take DELLA GROCE tonight. SANTA MARIN is not all cleaned out yet and will call you when it is and let you know plans for tonight. ACTION: Journal.
- 264 1800 Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebate 6: Did Stone get word to get to assembly area? Answer: Yes, sir - opposite TERMINALE hill to the right of the road and he was told to dig in and to await orders. Wealey is moving up to his area, should be there about 7. Prisoners still coming down. (Recall 6) Stone and Wealey to get set and await orders. Wealey is to be prepared to help out in George area. Contact me before you're ready to move. ACTION: Rebate 6 to comply, Journal.
- 265 1732 Phone fr Keystone 2: II Corps reports at 031715A: CP reports large column of vehicles moving West on road north of Highway 99. Seen north of (19831) square. ACTION: G-2, C/S, ISUM, Journal.
- 266 1827 Phone fr Return 3: Request guard be placed on bridges at (1571223) and (1571226) -- they have been prepared for demolition by Germans and charges have not been removed. ACTION: Called Rebate - will furnish guards.
- 267 1830 Phone fr Redoubt 6: 2 smoke shells dropped at (1477156) at 031815A.
- 268 1815 Phone fr Retread In O. Repeated message to Capt Daltre (HMF In O) that mess of his units are to attempt contact with 3rd Bn, 87th until he is notified by Retread In O.
- 269 1815 Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Retread 6: Lt Col Nations (2/87) is to take IYEM Ism and bed down. 1/87 is to take ACIVOLA (1598230) in the morning. 3/87 is to remain in place. Brazilians will make plans to take MT DELLA GROCE (1611220).
- 270 1830 Phone fr General Duff: He is waiting for 1/87 to show up. No contact with them so far. George is taken. 2 field pieces and some prisoners taken. No word from 2/86. He is on high ground beyond 916. CP, 86th, is at (1562 218). 2/86 will send contact patrols to right (east) to 87th tonight.
- 271 1845 Phone fr Col Davis - Keystone 2: Col Davis is on his way here to interrogate the staff officers who have been taken from III/721. ACTION: Told Lt Brumberg. / G-2 should issue a directive which will exclude all visiting fire-

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- 271 (Continued) men from the IPW area. Division will decide which of its own personnel are to be admitted to this Area. From Corps, only CG, C/S and specified officers and EM of the G-2 Section are to be admitted. ACTION: Noted for G-2.
- 272 1900 Phone fr Ln O, 86th: George objective taken by 3rd Bn, 86th at 031800A. Fox objective taken by 2nd Bn, 86th at 031800A. ACTION: G-3.
- 273 1902 Phone fr Rax 2: Retread has no contact with White. Rax Ln O also not in contact with his Hq. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
- 274 1836 Phone fr Rax 2: 616 has not fired any direct support missions since 1 hour ago - last mission was on CR just N of BELLA VEDILLA - front lines on 87 grid line (15923).
- 275 1855 Phone fr Lugar 6 to Recall 6: BEF will take MT DELLA GROGE (1611220). Recall 6 complimented Lugar 6 on the splendid cooperation given him by the 1st Div, BEF.
- 276 1905 Phone fr Retread 2: Am sending down a German radio. ACTION: Told Recall 10 to be alerted to pick it up.
- 277 1910 Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: Make an effort to move 1st Bn, 85th to area S of DUG. Estimated time to area (85th estimate) is 1900A. He will push on. A message at 1900A places the 1st Bn, 85th east of MT TERMINALE. They were forced to detour southward to avoid shelling. They will contact General Duff at 86th CP. 2nd Bn, 85th, CP is at (1672210). ACTION: Journal.
- 278 1910 Phone fr Remount 2: Want PW tags. ACTION: Get them at PW's office.
- 279 1820 Phone fr Retread Ln O to Retread 6: G-3 says: 1. Nations will bed down on objective I. 2. Wilson will make plans to take (159230)(M. ACIDOTA) in the morning. 3. Works will stay put and make plans to take M. BELLA GROGE (1611221).
- 280 1855 Phone fr Retread Ln O. Retread 2 has no information on location where Bn Staff PWs were taken. They were first noticed in 87th PW stockade. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
- 281 1930 Phone fr Lt Col Stevenson (Lugar): Since 031630A, BEF, has taken the Church and cemetery at SANTA MARIA (1612215), and has advanced to a group of houses in the center of town and point 546 (1617215). Resistance is coming from MT DELLA GROGE. Have occupied BRADEX (1622217) and LE WIONE (161721A) and RONCALE (1615215). A platoon occupies each point. Enemy fire received from point 822 (1619219) and 822 (1622219). Will continue action to secure MT DELLA GROGE. ACTION: C/S, CG, 87th.
- 282 1940 Phone fr Rax 6: to Require 6: What have you got? Ans: Biggs' location is



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- 282 (Cont'd) (L190231) 400 yds short of 8 HOW. The front line is 300 yds ahead of these coordinates in a northerly direction. The present front line is (1568233), (1589234), (1592235), (1592234). Everything is going satisfactory, they're digging in. ACTION: Journal.
- 283 1945 Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 6: Start an hour later than we did today. Have Nations jump off to KING simultaneously with Wilson's jump to LOVE. When Wilson's got Love, have Works relieve him and then have Wilson continue on to MIKE. Tie this up with Tomlinson. ACTION: Retread 6 to comply. Journal.
- 284 2000 Hq 10th Mt Div G-3 Periodic Report 188, submitted.
- 285 1850 Phone fr Retread In O. Our In O, w/ll BEF states ll BEF disposed as follows: 1 platoon at 812 (6th Co), 1 platoon at 742 (6th Co), 1 platoon at 722 (6th Co) - CA DI GIANSIMONE, 1 platoon at CA DI FARRERO (5th Co), 1 platoon at 657 (5th Co), 1 platoon en way to 722 (5th Co), 1 platoon at 538 (HARRISCHIE) (4th Co).
- 286 1953 Phone fr Air O to 5th Army ASG: Line Fwd troops - (600222); (590224); (589234); (578237); (568235); (558228). A,B,C,D,E,F,G, 1/2 I obj's have been taken. In general what are the air intentions for tomorrow? Ans: Approx same effort as today. Rover Joe planes briefed prior to take off on concentrated attack on CASTEL D'ALIANA area when called for. Preplanned targets on Med gun, bridge, and occupied areas. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
- 287 2020 Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 6. Have a change to make - tell Wilson he needn't take MIKE. You go on and take LOVE & KING and leave Works where he is. Might use him in reserve or to the east. There'll be Dive bombers to help. ACTION: Journal.
- 288 2030 Phone fr Recall 6 to Rex 6: Planes to pick you up at H - hour. He can call you when he takes off. ACTION: Journal.
- 289 2055 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 806 to include 032000A March 1945.
- 290 From Retread 2: Total number PWs taken by 87th are 442. ACTION: Noted for G-2 & Journal.
- 291 2045 Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to CG, 86th, 87th Mt Inf, CG, Div Arty: 10th Mt Div will resume attack at 040000A, 15 minute Arty preparation on ACIDOLA, IYEN, HOW, commencing 040745A. 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf attacks to secure ACIDOLA and LOVE; 2nd Bn, 87th to secure IYEN and KING. 1st Bn, 86th to secure HOW and JID. 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf to remain in place, prepare to take MT DELLA CRUCE. ACTION: To CGMm about; 1st BEF, IV Corps.
- 292 2045 Phone fr Recall 6 to Recall 27 (Lt Gallier): Have road patrol make vehicles stop, pull over to side of road so that traffic going N is not halted. ACTION: Journal.

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| 293            | 2050        | Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thompson) to Return 6: In regard to message requesting guard for bridge that is mined at (1871223) and (1871226). You camp on that till morning and then take them out. ACTION: Return 6 to comply. Journal.  |
| 294            | 2103        | Phone fr Air O to Rex 5: First flight of planes expected in area at 0745A. Will confirm this time to you when air intentions are received. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 295            | 2130        | From C/S: Total PW's to Div Incl A35 and still arriving.   |
| 296            | 2150        | Rec'd. Hq 88th Inf Div, G-2 Report No. 238, dated 021200A Mar 1945.  |
| 297            | 2125        | Phone fr Rex 2: At 2110A from LO at (57842132) reports BEF contacted our troops at PIETRA COLORA (16022). ACTION: Noted G-3, Journal.  |
| 298            | 2150        | Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Thompson) to Rascon Pvt: How's everything going? Ans: Pretty well - just closed in with forward CP/ Maj Madden went to Remount CP. Question: What's the tank situation? Ans: They were up at (1585233) below K 17. There's 2 platoons of TDs and 1 platoon of tanks. Recall 5: Continue with plan for tomorrow - we're going right straight thru. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 299            | 2200        | Phone fr Recall 2 to Rebate 2: Called in general summary of enemy situation today - disposition - capabilities - prisoners, etc. and what can happen in tomorrow's operations. ACTION: Noted for Journal.  |
| 300            | 2045        | Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to CG, 10th Mt AF Bn: 10th Mt AF Bn will commence movement from positions on MT SERRASIOGIA - PIZZO DI CAMPIANO ridge at 040630A. 10th Mt AF Bn is relieved from operational control of 1st Div, BEF, on movement from area. 10th Mt AF Bn and attached elements will occupy, organize and defend area of resistance from 3rd Bn, 11th Regt BEF at (1546197) to include Hill 1041 (1551210), relieving elements of 85th Mt Inf presently holding that area, without delay. Send an officer to Ben routes into sector via MALABRONO GULCH. Co B, 10th Mt CM Bn is detached 10th Mt AF Bn at start of movement. Co A, 10th Mt CM Bn is attached 10th AF Bn upon arrival in area of resistance. ACTION: To LVAR, 85th, and 10th CM Bn. |
| 301            | 2055        | Phone fr Retread 3 via Lm O: 1. At 032045A "E" Co at (1587236) occupying town of CAMEVACCIA. 2. Rest of Bn now vicinity PIZZONE (1590229) in assembly area. 3. "E" Co has been ordered to withdraw to vicinity (1590229). 4. "F" Co assaulted MT ACIVOLA (1598231) this afternoon.. Was repulsed with heavy casualties by Krants who held fire till last minute. 5. There are 2 SF guns at RJ 806 (1589239). Please have these dealt with - but not prior to 032300A. 6. ID for tomorrow will be read - PIETRA COLORA (1594221) to RJ 795 (1587236). Please alert all armored and other units not to advance beyond ID prior to 040800A. ACTION: G-3, G-2, CG, Corps, Journal.   |
| 302            | 2200        | Phone fr Rebate 3: Red closed 2100A. Co C left assembly area at 2000A to DCG. Not complete on relief. Rebate White bedded down. ACTION: C/S, CG.   |

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| 303            | 2215        | Phone fr Lt Chaffey (LHAR): REF Strong patrols - 1 to CASSELLINA (1532304) details later of other patrols.   |
| 304            | 2240        | Phone fr Recall 2; to Remount 2: Gave general summary of events today - enemy situation - strength - disposition - prisoners, etc: - Capabilities and what can happen tomorrow. ACTION: Noted Journal.   |
| 305            | 2240        | Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 118 dated 2 March 1945.  |
| 306            | 2240        | Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report No. 119 dated 3 March 1945.  |
| 307            | 2230        | Phone fr Col Stevenson: Still meeting resistance at MARIA (1413216). Making efforts to surround same. Reinforced platoons to make run to PETER. ACTION: G-2, G-3, Journal.   |
| 308            | 2250        | Rec'd. Documents taken from body of German soldier (14515). Sent in by Redoubt.  |
| 309            | 2300        | Phone fr Recall 2 to Redoubt 6: Called in to give the general summary of what happened today - Enemy situation - dispositions - strength - prisoners taken and what can happen in the area that will be taken over by the AT Bn tomorrow. ACTION: Noted for Journal.   |
| 310            | 2300        | Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP #75, submitted.   |
| 311            | 2250        | Phone fr Recall 5 (Col Tomson) to Keystone Battle 5: (Keystone)-Lightning 6 spoke to Keystone 6 and they'd like you to work some smoke tomorrow. If we have an Easterly or Westerly wind tomorrow, we'll set the stuff up for GUNTEL d' ALIANO and MONTELLIO and let it go just prior to the jump. (Recall 5) OK. Gen Hays states the idea is splendid. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 312            | 2315        | Phone fr AIR O to Rover Joe: Forward troop positions- (1558228); (1569237); (1577238); (1580239); (1592234); (1600222). Division attacks at 0900A- Arty prep at 0745A on M. ACIDOLA, H, and I. Initial tgt: 1. SASSOMOLAVE (1585243). 2. MADNA di BRASA (1601247). 3. SACUGCO (1603245). 4. MONTESE (1557245). If SASSOMOLAVE is exempted ath from W to E. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 313            | 2200        | Phone fr C/S to Recall 3: Relief driver available to anyone who needs same. ACTION: G-2, G-3, Journal.   |
| 314            | 2045        | (Supercedes entry 291) Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div to CGs 86th, 87th Mt Inf, Div arty: 10th Mt Div will resume attack at 040800A, 15 minute artillery preparation on ACIDOLA, Item Now commencing 040745A. 1st Bn 87th Mt Inf attacks to secure ACIDOLA and LOVE, 2nd Bn 87th Mt Inf to secure Item and KING. 1st Bn 86th Mt Inf to secure H w and Jig. 3rd Bn 87th Mt Inf attack and secure vicinity HALL 815; prepare to take Mt. SALLA CORCE. All organizations attack without packs. 3rd Bn 86th Mt Inf will relieve 1st Bn 85th Mt Inf from positions on Dog at daylight 4th March and will maintain contact with 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf on left (W). 2nd Bn 85th Mt Inf is in vicinity (1572308). |

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(Continued) 1st Bn 85th Mt Inf is in vicinity (L565214). 10th Mt AT Bn will commence movement from positions on Mt. SERRASICCIA & PIZZO di CAMPO ridge at 040630A. 10th Mt AT Bn is relieved from operational control of 1st Div BIF on movement from area. 10th Mt AT Bn and attached elements will occupy, organize and defend area of resistance from 3rd Bn 11th Regiment BIF at (L1556197) to include hill 1011.

- ~~313~~ ~~2315~~ ~~Phone fr Rebata 3; Co "C" is on objective Dog as of 2220A. ACTION: G-3,~~  
315 2240 (Noted), C/S, Journal.
- 316 2315 Phone fr Luar (Lt Chaffes): 7 prisoners captured in isolated house (L532193) at 1400A. Questioning revealed that they were from 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 1064th Inf. 20-45 men in Co; commanded by 1st Lt (name unknown). Mission was to defend position at all costs. 6th Co on the left, 3 mortars located (L519190). They did not expect reinforcements and there are no reserves. They moved into position 4 days ago. Co was made up of men from other places. ACTION: G-2, Journal, Map.
- 317 2400 Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf: 1 Order of Battle of the German Army, 2- Military Reports from the United Nations. To be forwarded to IV Corps.

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- 1 0030 Phone fr Recall 3; C/S retired to quarters. ACTION: Journal.
- 2 0045 Phone fr Rex 2: George Objective receiving undetermined no of rounds of 105mm artillery fire from N, range not estimated, at 040035A. Fire falling at (1574235). ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-2, ISUM.
- 3 0200 Phone fr IPW: About 625 prisoners mainly from all elements of 721 J.R. have passed through this cage up to this time. This means practically a write-off of this regiment. The 17th Co which is the Engr Co. defended hill 473 (L 553243). It was moved into position last night from CASTEL d'AIANO (1608255) on carts. The AT Bn has 3 Cos. The first Co has 12 75's (AT). Two of these guns are not located. The 2nd Co has SP 75's - probably 12. The 3rd Co has AA w/ys - 20mm and 37mm. Number and place not known. The 3d B<sup>A</sup> was commanded by Major Johannes GÜHL, a 17 year professional soldier. He refused to give information. Lieutenants from his battalion, also captured, disclose that the battalion was relieving the 114th Reg Bn, and was under the command of the 1044th or 1045th Regt at this time. Oskar HARTMANN is Regt fueshrer, 721 J.R. The 3d Bn, 232d Arty, moved out last night destination not known by PW's. PW's from 7th Battery report that they got counter-battery fire on the eve of the 24th Feb. No hits on guns, but in park where 4 horses were killed and 6-7 men were injured. ACTION: Regts, Arty, Corps, G-2, C/S.
- 4 0210 Phone fr Rex 2: Remount white has 109 PW's as of 040200A. Also has taken Bn CP. Claims men are from 444th J.R. There are 600 men in the regt. Average Co. has 60 men. Unit has tks but no gas. Regt Co was killed by one of our planes this morning. ACTION: Called Remount, who refused to verify this information. Rex and remount will check and call again. Suspect that this is duplication of earlier PW's reported taken by Retread.
- 5 0315 Phone fr Keystone 2: Request breakdown of PW's by Bn. ACTION: Will get information from gage and submit w/0600 ISUM, Journal.
- 6 0405 Phone fr Retread 3: Called to find out about possible enemy defenses of CRCP (1614220). ACTION: Given C/S info, and PI info. Journal
- 7 0405 Rec'd fr IV Corps: SITREP No. 124, 3 March 1948, 2400.
- 8 0425 Phone fr IPW: PW breakdown: 721st J.R., 1st Bn-49, 2nd Bn-190, 3d Bn-156, 16th Co-33, 17th Co-21, Hq-3/ 1045th I.R., Hq Co-18, 2nd Bn-69, 13th Co-2, 1044th I.R., 1st Bn-5, 13th Co-6; 1043rd I.R., 19th Co-11, 70th Cdn Bn (Corps)-11; 616 AR, 5th Btry-3, 6th Btry-21; 232 AR, 3d Btry-8, 7th Btry-6, 9th Btry-1, 914th Army Assault Gun Brigade-2, 114th Med Amb Co-2, 232nd Med Amb Co-2. A total of 621. Ob on 914th Army Assault Gun Brigade; Has 3 firing Btrys and 1 Hq Btry. Each firing Btry has 10-11 assault guns, mounted on MK III tanks. 3 are 75mm guns; the balance 105mm hows. The 3d Btry lost 3 guns yesterday, 1 to Arty and they destroyed 2 themselves. 3 guns of the Bn pulled out to WZ of 200GA (16034). The unit was formed in Jan 44. The Brigade Comdr; Capt RAMB; 1st Btry Comdr; 1st Lt HEIDMÜLLER; 2d Btry Comdr; Lt BOT INGER, deceased (he was killed late in '44 in the first atk on M BELVEDERE); 3d Btry Comdr; Capt GEMINER. The 70th Cdn Bn (Corps) has

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- (Continued) 3 batteries; Hq, Sound and Flash, The GP of the Flash Battery is at (1588273). The 13th Co, 1043rd I.R. has 1 platoon left under command of the 1045th I.R. Was located in vicinity of 10LA (1566219) with 2 75mm Inf How. The 1044th I.R. had 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cos on line until last night, when relieved by 2nd Bn, 721st, 3rd Co, after losing 25 men [a platoon] as prisoners still had 80 men. These men left for SAMONE, N of ZOCOA (14634) yesterday. ACTION: Corps, Regts, Div Arty, O/S.
- 9 0450 Phone fr IPW: May we have all calls for us between now and 0800A referred to Recall 27 ACTION: OK.
- 10 0530 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps (Engineer): Route 66 will be closed at La Lima (1412022) from 1800hrs. & March to 2400 hrs. & March, 1945 for the purpose of replacing Bailey Bridge. (Maj Badler).
- 11 0530 Phone fr Keystone 2: Break-down of PWs taken by NCF yesterday - 1 off and 33 EM fr 2/1043, taken at (1543200) remainder of him out of line; expected to be withdrawn and reassembled elsewhere. 5 EM - 8/1043 taken at (1592215). 7 EM - 5/1044 taken at (1533193). 6 EM - 2/741 taken at (1519190). 1 EM - 2/741 taken at (1519183) a deserter. 4 EM - 8/742 taken at (1497173). 1 EM - 9/721 taken at (1583206) a deserter. ACTION: Check map locations of units, C/S, G-2, Regts, Arty.
- 12 0530 Received: Monthly Security Report, 2 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 13 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Ism No. 46 submitted.
- 14 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 76 submitted.
- 15 0815 Phone fr Retread 2: 1st Bn off on time. 2d Bn - no communication. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Corps.
- 16 0825 Phone fr Ramount 3: 1st Bn 86th jumped off on time. 3d Bn 86th has relieved Co C on west end of Dog Obj and has made contact with the 3d Bn of 85th on Able Obj. ACTION: C/S, CG.
- 17 0830 Phone fr Retread 2: 2d Bn jumped up at 040800A (1593235). Well in advance of that now. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
- 18 0823 Phone fr Box 2: Reply: At 0805A 1st Bn 86th advanced on "H" Obj. ACTION: CG, G-3, Corps, Journal.
- 19 0828 Phone fr Retread 6 via Ia O: "G" Co at (1593235). "A" Co moving onto Hill 891 (ACIDOLA - 1229231) - No resistance as yet. 2d Bn jumped off on time. ACTION: CG, Corps, G-3, Journal.
- 20 0840 Phone fr C/S to Maj Callahan: How about wire? Answer: Have communication to 3 regiments. We are at present extending lines up road and getting in a lateral between 86th and 87th. Instructions: The road up to front line

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- 20 (Continued) now is good and I want plenty of wire laid as far up as you can go. ACTION: Journal.
- 21 0845 Phone fr C/S to Col Stevenson (Asst): What action on MT DELLA GROCE? Answer: Sent out a strong reconnaissance party last night but could not reach the mountain because of strong enemy MG fire. Instructions: Do not have anyone go up there today. We are going to lay down a concentration this morning and want to be sure none of your men are in that vicinity. ACTION: Journal.
- 22 0900 Phone fr Rex 2: Report 2 reports our troops seen at (1598231) and (1594231). ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps, Journal.
- 23 0902 Phone fr Retread 2: An artillery OP at (1599221) reports friendly company ACIDOLA 040840A. Col Nations reports IEM taken. 2d Bn now on way to King. ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal, 85th, 86th.
- 24 0905 Phone fr Retread Ln O: Retread 2 reports Retread 6 has gone forward. CP will move forward - at least as far as MERLAND (1579214), perhaps farther. Further details to follow. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 25 0907 Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 6 via Retread Ln O: 1st Bn, 87th will organize occupy and defend Hill 875 (1610234) with strength of at least one Platoon in connection with seizure of LOVE. 3d Bn, 87th will seize MT DELLA GROCE (1611220). Contact BEY on right (3B) and effect immediate relief by HWP. Assembly vicinity STA. MARIA (1610215) in Div Reserve prepared for a foot or motor march to NW. ACTION: 87th, Ln Off, Journal.
- 26 0915 Msg fr Retread 3 via Ln O: New CP opened at MERLAND (1579213) at 040910A are planning to move again to VARIA DI SOTTO (L 583219). ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal.
- 27 0918 Phone fr Rex 2: Reply: 1st Bn 86th lines from (1582240) to (1590240). ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps, Journal.
- 28 0925 Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2 - 1st Bn 86th now at (158202400) to (1590240), time 0800A. Report 2 - Concentration of enemy troops at (1612221); enemy strong point at (1600248); time 0915A. No action by arty taken on this yet. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 29 0935 Phone fr Remount 2: Remount 2nd at 040910A "B" Co on left just S of Hill 892 held up by SA and MG fire. "C" Co on right just S of 899 held up by SA and MG fire. Now maneuvering to keep moving. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Map.
- 30 0935 Phone fr Rex 2: At 040925A friendly Co digging in on MT ACIDOLA; can see troops at BORRA (159302346); cannot hear arty or S/A fire. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.

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- 31 0935 Phone fr Recall 5 to Remount 5; Plan on running a wire to Hill so we can keep the General advised of developments. Answer: We are running a wire through to that point now. ACTION: Journal.
- 32 0935 Phone fr Keystone 5; To Recall 5: General Bain is on his way to your place with Lightning 6 and ought to be there in 3/4 hour. ACTION: Journal.
- 33 0935 Phone fr Recall 5 to Retread 6: Works is to go on down to take DELLA GROCE to include Hill 882 at the end of DELLA GROCE. The Brazilians' front line is from BRAINE (747) to 670. Do not fire arty south of 704-882 and 822. ACTION: Journal.
- 34 0950 Keystone 6 visited and conferred with General Duff on present operations. ACTION: Journal.
- 35 0950 Rec'd: Isum No. 807, Ref 174, 040900A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 36 0950 Rec'd: G-3 Situation as of 040700A March, fr IV Corps.
- 37 0950 Rec'd: Sitreps No. 123 and 124, fr IV Corps.
- 38 0950 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 62, 3 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 39 0950 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 270, 4 March 1945, fr IV Corps.
- 40 0952 Phone fr Lt Chaffee (HCF): Gen Truscott is here at LUAR and is expected to visit the 10th Division soon this morning. ACTION: G-3, C/S, CO, Journal.
- 41 0955 Phone fr Maj Tweebley, Rex 2: How about that captured 88 gun? Where is it and is it in good condition? We want to fire it if it is. Answer: will find out and call you back. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 42 0950 Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2 (0925A): B Co 86 Regt 50 yds to 100 yds S of Hill 892 (1583243). Co Co 86 Regt S of Hill 899 (1584242). FO #311 is now moving with B Co 86 Regt. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal, Corps.
- 43 0954 Phone fr Remount 2: 0950A "B" Co - Remount RMD - 2 plat on left of summit of Hill 892 - 2 plats ("C" Co) on right of summit of Hill 892. Still moving. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps.
- 44 1000 Phone fr Retread 2: Retread Red- have taken ACIVOLA and "B" Co committed against LOVE (b) - "D" Co is in reserve - CP displacing to just S of ACIVOLA - 3 PW. Retread White - 19 PW coming in. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps.
- 45 1000 Phone fr C/S to Rex 2: Want you to check carefully Brazilians front line before firing concentration on DELLA GROCE. Do not fire south of CROGOTTI di SOTTO and north of Hill 882. ACTION: Journal.



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- 46 1000 Msg fr Retread 6 via In O: Elements of 1st Bn now at (16002A3) observed by our In O with BEF in OP at (1593195). ACTION: Journal.
- 47 1000 Rec'd: G-3 Report #34, 3 Mar 45, fr Div Arty.
- 48 1000 Phone fr Rex 2 to Require 2: At (1599220) at 040835A obs #67 says MT AGIDOLA is occupied by our troops (Go strength). ACTION: CG, Corps, G-3, Journal.
- 49 1018 Phone fr Rex 2: Hejact 2 - 040923A - enemy mortar and arty at (164752340); enemy arty CP at (163762400); information from air OP of Rover Joe. Reply 2 - 1st Bn 86th moving on How Obj; have not quite reached summit of hill 892 (1584243); encountering light resistance; 47 PWs have been taken. ACTION: C/S, Corps, G-3, G-2, Journal.
- 50 1020 Msg fr Retread 6 via In O: Retread Elms jumped off from PIETRA COLORA (1597221) at 1000A toward objective "P". Engineers report road from (1597221) to (1606220) is heavily mined. No vehicles should use it until swept. 1st Bn is sending back PW with code book and other information. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Sitrep.
- 51 1027 Phone fr Lt Chaffee (BEF In O): 4 PWs from 8th Co, 3d Bn, 741st Regt; they were on outpost; captured at (1497178) between 031200A and 031300A; Co strength 70 men; commanded by a 1st Lt - no information of what is on their right or left; the Co spent 3 weeks at COMAGNIA before moving into position. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 52 1030 Phone fr Recall 5 to Keystone 10 (Lt Reis): Keystone 6 has directed that you get line in between MULLANO (1579214) and PIETRA COLORA (1599222). At present time is out. ACTION: Journal.
- 53 1030 Lightning 6 arrived CP and conferred with General Buff on present operations. Departed 1040A. ACTION: Journal.
- 54 1045 Msg fr Retread In O: In O in BEF CP reports Retread Elms has taken PRADA (1605226) after stiff fight - 3 or 4 PWs removed from the town; ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps, Sitrep 1100A.
- 55 1050 Phone fr Rex 2: 1 Co 86th; at 041035A saw friendly troops on How Obj; How Obj has been ensired; no official confirmation that How has been taken. Require 2: at 041037A Obs #67 reported friendly troops in town of PRADA (1605227). ACTION: C/S, Corps, G-3, Journal.
- 56 1050 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 62, 3 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 57 1053 Phone fr Remount 2: Two 88mm at (1687232), 1 in good shape. Two 105mm hows at LE BOREE (1573230), 1 in good shape and lots of ammo; in 2 houses just east of LE BOREE. These pieces were captured by Remount Elms. ACTION: Journal, G-2, Rex, C/S,

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- 58 1055 Phone fr Retread 2: Retread White CP opened 04100A at (1590228). ACTION: Map, Sitrep.
- 59 1100 Phone fr Redoubt: Redoubt CP will open at LA CA at 04110A. ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal.
- 60 1100 Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 77 submitted.
- 61 1100 Phone fr Remount 2: Remount Red as of 041030A; left half of How Obj has been overrun and is ours; right half is being cleaned up now. ACTION: G-3, G-2, C/S, Corps, Journal.
- 62 1105 Phone fr Keystone 2: Air CP Thru Corps Arty: Located 25 vehicles moving South in 6228 square at (630278) (R); being harassed by arty; air CP to adjust 155 guns on vehicles; Rover Joe has been notified. ACTION: C/S, Rex, G-2, Journal.
- 63 1110 Phone fr General Grittenberger to General Duff: Requests status of operations at present time. ACTION: Gen Grittenberger given full account of recent reports from front. ACTION: Journal.
- 64 1115 Phone fr General Duff to Col Schmaltzer: Where is Nations? Answer: Last I heard, he had left ITEM and was heading for KING. He is getting wire up. ACTION: Journal.
- 65 1115 Phone fr Retread 2: 3d Bn jumped off at 041000A. Artillery preparation short. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
- 66 1130 Phone fr Rex 6 to Recall 5: Request permission to displace 60th. Answer: O.K., displace one battery at a time. ACTION: CG notified, Journal.
- 67 1130 Phone fr Retread 3: Retreat Blue at 1100A were at (1601221); moving ahead. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps, RHP, Rex, Journal.
- 68 1130 Phone fr Rex 2: Air CP at 1045A; sameflagged object believed to be a tank at (1605250) (Arty adjusting on it). Reject 2: Observer #3 reports friendly troops are at (1611221); 7 PWs taken. Observer #30 reports 17 PWs surrounded at (1549204) - at 041045A. Reply 2: At 041045A How Obj completely taken by Remount Red; Red is now advancing toward Sig Obj, 2 Co's abreast; B Co on left, C Co on right. Reject 2: 20 vehicle convoy moving South at (1619286) at 041112A; 040950A enemy CP (1637240) reported by Rover Joe in plane. ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S, Journal, Corps.
- 69 1130 Phone fr Hequire 2: Friendly troops at (1616223). Friendly troops in house on S slope of DELLA CRUCE (16122). ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal.
- 70 1130 Phone fr Rover Joe: Strafing missions on MONTISE (15324) this morning report absence of flak. Previous missions against this target have received moderate AA fire. ACTION: G-2, Icom, Journal.

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- 71 1130 Phone fr Require 2: Liaison C, 2d Bn, 87th now at (159302317). From 2d FA OP. At 1030A, our troops and 2 tanks attacking vicinity BELDETTA (1588242). At 1100A, saw 5 friendly tanks at (1596244); Unit of infantry accompanying same, firing steadily. At 1100A, infantry observer at (1604222). ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.
- 72 1145 Msg from Retread In O: In O with HMF at Keystone OP reports Retread Line has one platoon at (1613221), one platoon at (1615222) and one platoon at (1614220). Prisoners are being taken. ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal, In Offs.
- 73 1145 Phone fr Rascon (Capt Cljijant) to Recall 3: 1 platoon tanks in PIZERA CGLORA. 1 platoon TD's at (1580239). 1 platoon tanks with 1 company of TD's advancing North at (1596245). 1 platoon tanks and 1 platoon TD's at (1592243). Recall 3: Have TD's in position en road to MONTESE. Also move into position to cover CASTEL D'ALIANO. ACTION: Journal.
- 74 1155 Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Remerut 2: Are there any indications of tanks in MONTESE? Answer: No. I just talked to Ray a moment ago. He has a good view of the town. Rover Joe has worked it over. Move some tanks or TD's to GABRICE to cover MONTESE. Answer: Will do. The tank In Off is right here. ACTION: Journal, C of S, CG.
- 75 1155 Phone fr <sup>Redoubt</sup> 3: Opened CP at LA GA (1483143). Will be here two hours, will then move to NE GAGGIO MONTANA. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
- 76 1200 Phone fr Retread 3: "B" Co nearing Love (1605240). ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal.
- 77 1200 Phone fr Col Stevenson: Keystone 6 - observed our troops moving up ridge at 61 Easting - he has ordered HMF to make physical contact with our troops. Coordinate this contact between 87th - 3d Bn and HMF (Lt Wilmet). ACTION: 87th notified, Lt Wilmet notified.
- 78 1130 Phone fr Remount 2: Remount Red opening CP at objective H (SASSONOLARO 1585243). ACTION: G-3, Journal.
- 79 1200 From Air OP: Enemy just blasted bridge at (161822396). ACTION: G-2, G-3, Hqrs.
- 80 1215 Phone fr Rex 2: Reject 2: Rover Joe reports heavy mortars and strong point MOUNT GRANDE D'ALIANO (1587262); high priority mission; air corps will bomb it this PM. Kentucky 3: 1st Armored Div Arty will fire VT fuse from the (17421) square into the (16830) square starting at 1300A; we shall be notified when they have finished. Require 2: In O. #611 (with 87th) reports Retread Red at SPRILLIA (1600237) at 041205A. ACTION: C/S, Corps, G-3, Journal.
- 81 1220 Phone fr Rex 3: Enemy tanks reported by Air OP at (1599258). We will put some heavy Arty on them. ACTION: Rascon notified.

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| 82         | 1210        | Phone fr Retread 3: (to Recall Asst 6 (Gen Duff)): "B" Co assaulting LOVE objective. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 83         | 1245        | Phone fr Retread 3: Red recured LOVE Objective; C & B Cos on LOVE; A Co on M. ACIDOLA; 1 platoon on Hill 876 (L610235); 1 killed, 5 wounded, 5 PWs; digging in for the night. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps, Journal, Rex.  |
| 84         | 1230        | Phone fr Recall 16: A Major and a Captain PW are at Recall collecting station; 2 brief cases full of maps and papers were captured with them. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Journal, PW cage who is sending interrogator to question them.  |
| 85         | 1300        | Phone fr Retread 3: CP Retread opened at (L585218) at 041245A. Rear CP at (L578213) closed at 041300A. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.   |
| 86         | 1320        | Phone fr PW Cage: PW count from 031200Z to 041200A was 592. ACTION: C/S, Issue, G-2, Journal.   |
| 87         | 1315        | Phone fr Retread Ln O. 1. Retread 6 says Nations has troops on "K". 2. "L" has been taken by Wilson. 3. Ln O at BAF OP reports our troops on 876 (L610235). 4. He reports that 6th Regt BEF has orders to take 882 (L619219). I have checked this with Capt Daltro who says BEF understands that 10th Div is to take 882 and then be relieved by BEF. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Corps, Journal. |
| 88         | 1320        | Phone fr Remount 2: Remount Red is moving toward objective "J", with Army support. Remount Red 6 was hit. Executive Officer now in command. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Map.  |
| 89         | 1330        | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 47, submitted.  |
| 90         | 1325        | Air O to Rover Joe and 5th Army ABC: LOVE objective taken. Troops advancing on JIG, BEFR surrounded. Front lines approximately - (L558238); (L570238); (L587247); (L605246); (L620220).   |
| 91         | 1350        | Phone fr Keystone 2: Air OP: at 041035A reports 30 mixed heavy and medium vehicles between (L617299) and (L619279) headed S, but parked at about 200 yd interval. Air OP adjusted fire and trucks moved out and parked on side roads and near buildings making an unprofitable target. Air OP continues obs. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal.   |
| 92         | 1350        | Phone fr Capt Turkish (BEF): Our Arty (10th Mt Div) firing on Hill 882 at town of BNAIDA (S side of DELLA CROCE). Want fire lifted so can move to Hill 882. ACTION: Rex notified, Journal.  |
| 93         | 1400        | Phone fr Rex 3 to Recall 6: Will put time fire N of CASTEL d'ALIANO. Preparation for arty on JAKE objective. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 94         | 1410        | Phone fr Rex: At (L57402168) in vicinity of IOLA, a German dispatch case full of letters was picked up. ACTION: Journal.  |

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- 95 1410 Phone fr Rumble 6: 1st Plat Co G (1573225), "B" Co CP and 1st Plat (1572221) 2d Plat Co "B" (1573226). ACTION: Map, Sitrep, Journal.
- 96 1410 Phone fr Rexi Reply - front lines 600 yds short of (1587253); moving toward Jig nbw. ACTION: Corps, C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 97 1415 Retread 3 via Ln O: Retread Red front lines extend - (1604247) - (609245) - (1611234). ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.
- 98 1430 Phone fr Retread 2: White at 0412554 was at (1595246) to (1600245). Red on Love Obj and Hill 876 (1610239); their positions are through (1604247) to (1609245) to (1611237). Blue on Peter Obj, fighting for Hill 882 (1619219). ACTION: G-3, C/S, Corps, Journal.
- 99 1430 Msg fr Retread Ln O: Exact front line situation of Retread White is as follows: Main body held up along road (1593243) - (1599247). Advance also in Houses at (1595246). Retread Blue has all of Peter and 882. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Corps, Journal.
- 100 1440 Phone fr Recall 3 to Sebata 5: The relief of 3d Bn, 85th by 10th AT Bn will not be done today or tonight. ACTION: Sebata, Redoubt, C/S.
- 101 1445 Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 3: Move Wilson's bn move into CASTEL d' AIANO tonight (within next 1-1/2 hour). I'll leave it to Wilson and Schmalser to work out. Call me back. ACTION: Journal.
- 102 1450 Phone fr Remount 2: Red - "C" Co on right in vic 1589252; "B" Co on left in vic 1584253; "A" Co in reserve in vic 1588248; moving ahead but meeting a good deal of resistance; this is as of 041130A. White has displaced fwd to Sasso-Malare (1588241). Action: G-3, Map, G-2, C/S, Corps, Journal.
- 103 1455 Phone fr Rex 2: Retread Red front lines - on "love" obj. - 1604247 to 1609245 to 1611237. Blue on Peter Obj. Remount "C" Co is at 1589252; "A" Co (reserve) at 1587248. TOT fired with Corps on CASTEL d' AIANO (1608257). Action: c/s, G-3, Journal.
- 104 1500 Phone-fr For Journal: Captured Major and Captain (Journal 84) identified as follows:- Major: Bn CO, 2nd Bn, 271st Regt. Capt: 6th Co. CO, 271st Regt. No tactical or strategic information was gained from either prisoner. Action: Journal.
- 105 1500 Hqs. 10th Mt Div SITREP #78 submitted.
- 106 1510 Phone fr Retread Ln O: 1.- Retread White has taken 926 (597248) and is moving N. 2.- B'asilians on 822 (624219). 3.- Retread Blue on 882 (619219). Action: map, Jnl, c/s, sitrep.

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- 107 1515 Phone fr Keystone 3; (Col Curtis), to Recall 5: Do you have Hill 882 (619 219) and contact w/BEF? Answer: Yes. Action: Confirmed by Retread, journal.
- 108 1542 Phone fr R Joe to Air O: Two tanks attacked at 637278 - one destroyed; one heavily damaged. Action: Journal.
- 109 1530 Phone fr C/S to Col Gillette: How is road to SANTA MARIA? ANSWER: It was opened last night. Action: Journal.
- 110 1535 Phone fr Remount 2 to Gen Hays: Remount 6 reports objective just taken. Charley Co, now on Hill 854. A Co on hill 879. B Co on hill 842. Instructions: Take Townsend's Bn and hook it up between May's right and Hampton's left.
- 111 1540 Phone fr Retread 3 In O: Retread White now at 597250 and moving forward. Action Journal, map, C/S.
- 112 1308 Phone from Reply 2: Front lines Red Bn (1587239) - (1584244) - (1593244). White Bn now taking over Red positions; Red Bn moving forward. Action: G-3, journal, e/s.
- 113 1600 Phone fr Air O to 5th Army ABC: Pwd troops - 584260; 594265; 585263; 597249; 604247; 608246. Request some R Joe support tomorrow. Journal.
- 114 1606 Phone fr Retread 3: 3rd Bn - consolidating on Peter Obj and Hill 882 and turn over to BEF - relief effected at 1510. Bn will assemble in PIETRA CULORA. 1st Bn - Hold Obj Love - sending Plat to B-30 (604250) will dig in. 2nd Bn - Have all of obj King (Hill 926-596248) sending plat to W 20 to contact 1st Bn. One reinforced plat from 1st Bn to 602035. Action: map, journal, C/S.
- 115 1600 HQ, 10th Mt Div to Rex 5: I want defensive fire around Jig from CASSELLINA to the right - from King to Hill 854 tied in. I want communications in solid. Get your two Bns in place before dark and registered in. Action jnl.
- 116 1616 Phone fr Rex 2: Message from Reply 5 at 1600A - 1st Bn, 86th - C Co on Hill 854 digging in - A Co on Hill 879 (585261) - B Co on Hill 882 (585255). 2nd Bn - has patrols out on right and left flank. Regt GP of 86th Inf moving to De Monte 580232. Rpt from Kentucky 2 at 1530A - undisclosed number of enemy trucks at 599258 - Air OP searching. Action: Journal, C/S, R Joe.
- 117 1500 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 48 submitted.
- 118 1610 Recd: Hq XIII TAC Dail Int Summary No. 140, dated March 2, 1945.
- 119 1625 Recd: Hq EIGHTH ARMY G-2 Report, No. 544, dated 031200A March 1945.

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| 120        | 1645        | Recd: IV Corps first Ex Inf Div BEF, West Task F det., G-2 Periodic Rpt dated 2 March 1945.  |
| 121        | 1655        | Recd: from ABC, 5th Army, for Major Walker; photo of CASTEL D' AIAMO,  |
| 122        | 1600        | Phone fr Recall 5 to Macoon: Your platoon of tanks moving to PIETRA COLORA--have them move in between obj "L" and Hill 876. Tet that outfit in there tonight. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 123        | 1610        | CG, 10th Mt Div to Retread 3: 1.-Have Nations tie in w/86 and w/Wilson. 2.- Counterattack of size of one Regt can be expected any time from NW, N, or NE. 3.- 1024 Regt (RN) has been identified. 4.- Boundary between 87th and BEF will have to be established on the ground by commanders concerned. 5.- Get tanks and TD's worked in to defense plans. 6.- Tie in and button up all around. 7.- See arty for fires in front of your positions. ACTION: Journal. |
| 124        | 1620        | Phone fr Recall Asst 6 to Retread 3: You have A Co on Mt AGIOLA. Clear all snipers from all blids around there. Have Retread White push forward from MATTIOLA to the vic of 813. Plans call for a road block to go in there as that is a very possible route for a counterattack. Journal.   |
| 125        | 1650        | Phone fr Retread 3 via IN G: Retread Blue is assembling his Bn in PIETRA COLORA (597221).  |
| 126        | 1650        | Phone fr Recall 5, to Retread 6: Have Retread Blue put a platoon at PRADA tonight to tie in with the detachment to the NE on 876. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 127        | 1655        | Phone fr Keystone 3 to Recall 5: Temp boundary for tonight from (609210) North to Hill 895 (610240), thence E to stream jet, thence to (660240).   |
| 128        | 1700        | Phone fr Retread 3 via IN G: Regt1 CP at 583219; CP - Red at 603241; CP-White at 595246; CP - Blue at 597221. ACTION: Map, Journal.  |
| 129        | 1721        | Rec'd fr IV Corps ISUM No. 808 dated 041635.   |
| 130        | 1720        | Phone fr Retread 3: 1. Retread Blue has one platoon in PRADA (1405226). 2. Retread Blue has been informed of new division boundary. ACTION: Map, Journal.  |
| 131        | 1724        | Phone fr Keystone Battle (Capt Webster): Temporary boundary on right will become effective 1730A. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Retread.   |
| 132        | 1725        | Phone fr Inar: BEF will operate only local close-in security patrols tonight. ACTION: G-2, Journal.  |
| 133        | 1740        | Phone fr Retread 2: PW from 5th Co. 1045th Regt has given the following information:- Remainder of the 5th, 6th and 7th Cos. of the 1045th Regt are in CASTELLANA (16252435). 2nd Bn of the 1045th supposedly has its CP there. (16252435). ACTION: G-2, Rex, Rover Joe, Journal.  |

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- 134 1750 Rec'd fr Hq, 751st Tank Battalion S-3 report No. 63, dated 041200A.
- 135 1750 Rec'd fr Hq, 92nd Inf Div, G-2 Report No. 119, dated 3 March 1945.
- 136 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 48, submitted.
- 137 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 79, submitted.
- 138 1800 Phone fr Return 2 (Lt Benedict): Location (1583214) 21 shn mines, 7 rows of 3 mines of 3 rows of 7 mines. Lightly covered by earth and probably disturbed by shell fire.- IPW Report. ACTION: 87th, Journal.
- 139 1800 Rec'd fr IPW (Lt Bromberg): Civilian Interrogation Report No. 7, 4 March 1945.
- 140 1630 Rec'd fr Fifth Army weather forecast from 042400A to 052400A.
- 141 1800 Rec'd fr IV Corps: Effective 041500A, 10th AF Bn. Main is relieved operational control one Inf Div, BEF and reverts to parent unit control.
- 142 1826 Phone fr Haseon 2; Haseon CP at (1572223). ACTION: Map, Journal.
- 143 1830 Phone fr Retread 3: Patrol moving out to establish road block at (1598258) mine receiving small arms fire from vicinity (1592251). We have no contact with 86th on left as yet. ACTION: Remount (Rear) contacted- will send messenger wire communications out. Journal.
- 145 1815 Phone fr Recall 5 to Recall 27: I have a report that there is a heavy traffic jam from MALANDRONE towards TERMINALE. Send a patrol there immediately and straighten it out. Action: Journal.
- 146 1855 Phone fr Rebate 5: Our Elms Bn need mortar fire in front of Hill 1011 at 041840A. Believe it may be the BEF. Will check BEF and let you know. Action: Lt Chafee (BEF) If your outfit is firing mortars in vicinity Hill 1011 (551210) tell them to hold off as we have troops there. Ans: WILCO.
- 147 1900 Phone from La O Remount: One plat A Co on hill 854 (594284). "A" Co (-) on hill 744 (591256). One plat B Co Hill 708 (586251). B Co (-) from 761 (579259) to 842 (584259). Co C from 879 (586262) to 759 (589258). Action: Map, Journal.
- 148 1840 Phone fr Recall 5 to Haseon (Capt Cliphant) Tomorrow the 89th is going to attack up around CASTEL D' Aiano and Madonna SPERONE and want assistance from the tanks. The General directs that you send two L's O, and one each Bn participating in the attack. They will report to point 582231 (789) at 0400 tomorrow, then proceed up to the jump-off point. They will have to have communication with their tanks. Action: Journal.
- 149 1850 Recd documents, maps and overlays from IPW. Overlays were examined and shown to CG. They showed defensive positions and arty barrage areas of 232 Div. and 114 Div. All documents sent to IV Corps for further exploitation.



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| 150     | 1900      | Phone fr Lt Chafee(BEF): Question: Do you have objectives King, Jig, and Love completely? Ans: Yes, we do. Action: journal  |
| 151     | 1910      | Phone fr Rebate White 6; Question: Is Major Schooley There? Ans: No, he left about a half hour ago for Rebate CP. Action: journal.  |
| 152     | 1950      | Recd: Hq 2nd Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report dated 4 March 1945. (no. 120)  |
| 153     | 1950      | Recd: German map (captured by 2nd Bn, 87th Mt Inf Regt) shown to Recall 6; however of no value because it does not pertain to this sector.  |
| 154     | 1910      | Phone from Capt Bourke: Remount CP now located at <del>El</del> EL MONTE (5802330). Action: Map journal.  |
| 155     | 1940      | Phone fr Major Murphy: 1st bn, 86th is sending a contact party down from Jig to contact 2nd Bn 87th, above King (on road). Notify Col Nations. Action: Notified Ln O, 87th to put this thru to Col Nations. WELCO.  |
| 156     | 2015      | Phone fr BEF Air CP: Saw 5 trucks and 200 men at (5023) moving S at 1745A. Men were marching. Action: G-2, C/S, Icum.   |
| 157     | 2000      | Recd: 10th Mt Med Bn History (report) for wk ending 2 March 1945.   |
| 158     | 1945<br>8 | Phone fr Retread 6 via Ln O: 1.- Notified Retread 6 that Remount Red sending contact patrol to road above "K" to contact Retread White. 2.-Retread 6 says he has read word from Remount that contact elements from Remount White are on way to contact Retread White at 595244. 3.-Retread 6 will check direct with Remount. Action: journal. |
| 159     | 2000      | Phone fr Supt Bourke to Keystones 3: Coordinates of present front line positions: (552200)-(59210)-(597220)-557227)-(562226)-(562237)-(572239)-(594264)-(597254)-(604250)-(610235)-(610225)-(620218). Action: Col Pond notified(Keystones 3). journal.  |
| 160     | 2000      | Phone fr Recall 6(asst) to Retread 6 via Ln O: 1.- Contact w/Remount is to be made at 595254. 2.- Retread 6 states -"This will be done". He reports that arrangements had already been made to contact Remount White at 595244, and that troops are moving to effect this contact. Action: journal.   |
| 161     | 2000      | Phone fr Col Schmeltzer to Gen Duff: 3/87 has been receiving heavy shelling in his present position (PIETRA COLORA) and would like to move to another position in the general vicinity. Answer: No objections to moving, but let us know the new position.  |
| 162     | 2010      | Phone fr Retread Ln O: 1.- Approx center of front line positions of all front line Co's is: "A" 610235, "B" 606242, "C" 604247, "E" 596248; "F" (less one plat)-593244; "G" 601249. One plat "H" 596253. 2.- All Cos, are tied in and have contact. Action: map journal.  |

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- 163 2020 CG, 10th Mt Div to all orgns, 84th Cal Bn, 751st Tk Bn, 110th Engr Cp, 424th FA Gp: No vehicles will park on the Main Supply Road. Turn out an officer and clear the road in your area. Action: Journal.
- 164 2100 Phone fr Retread: Two deserters in Red Bn. On way down made following statement; they saw one btry of 75 News at SAVIGNO(?) also saw one plat (enemy) at Villa Badiano; they talked to this plat and found out the following; the plat would withdraw at 0800 tomorrow morning. The deserters said they walked from a tag or casualty area near Yugoslavia border. Action: G-2, Journal.
- 165 2045 Phone fr BEV: at 050600, 1st Bn 1st Regt will send reinforced plat to GAPPAL el MONTE (1518189); will be supported by fire from 1st and 3rd bns. Mission: to seize and hold objective. 3rd Bn will then attack Hill 906 (1522191) with fire support of 1st Bn. 1st Bn will then send patrol to FIOGHI (1514187). They will seize this point and establish and permanent outpost. During action against GAPPAL el MONTE, 1st Bn will send patrol to MARKE (1507183), starting from Hill 911 (1519179). FIANELLA (1530197) and Hill 887 (536191) are already occupied by BEV troops. Tonight, 3rd Bn will send patrol to 986 (1519167), cont of GAPPAL el MONTE, and to 953 (1522186). These patrols leave at 1900 and 2300A. Action: G-3, G/S, Journal.
- 166 2105 CG, 10th Mt Div to CG, 10th Mt AT Bn: Commence movement 10th Mt AT Bn to vis 564213 at 050800A. Move major elms by foot. Use organic transportation for heavy items. Mission: Div Res. Organize NW and W slopes Mt TERMINALE (5621) and be prepared to counterattack to SW, W and NE. Action: 10th Mt AT Bn and Journal.
- 167 2120 Phone fr Major Walker to Retread, Via Rtd Ln O: the 193 Radio and operator will be transferred to Rebata before 050700A. Rebata is sending guide to pick them up. They will report to Rebata 3 at 1582231. Action: phone to Rtd 3.
- 168 2120 Phone fr Recall 14 to Rebata 5: Send guide to CP 87th Mt Inf to pick up SCR 193 and comm pty for use with R Joe opns tomorrow. Action: Journal.
- 169 2125 Phone fr Retread 3 via Ln O: 1-Situation quiet--very little enemy arty, is falling in our sector. 2.- No report as yet from plat of "F" on at road block at NATALE (595254) - White 6 reports he is laying wire to this plateau.
- 170 2136 Phone fr Rex 2: BEV Grant lines--61222 - 618219 - 624219 - 626221 - 631223 - 636226 - 640224 - 641220 - 645208 - 650210 - 654210 - 654216 - 565218 - 663218 - 664204 as of 2025A. Action Checked with map.
- 171 2200 Read: Hq IV Corps Opns Instructions No. 83...temp boundary on overlays effective 041730A March.

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- 172 2000 CG, 10th Mt Div to IV Corps, Intentions: 85th Mt Inf will attack at 050000A from LD, road RJ 839 (608251) - RJ 790 (609239) to seize obj RAN (6125). 1st Bn on L (NW) will seize Hill 916 (618252) and advance to seize QUEEN (Mt DELLA SPE) (6126). 2nd Bn on R(SE) will seize Hill 864 (618248) advance to seize OBOE (6224). 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf, will, after seizure of Queen, Nan and Oboe by 85th Mt Inf, seize MIKE (6025). A twenty minute arty preparation commences 050740A.
- 173 2215 Phone fr Keystone 2: fr 1st armored Div:- Our OP at (1714220) heard movement of trucked vehicles at 305° as between 2015A and 2045A. Started again at 2130A, and is still going on. Area suspected is around town of MONTI - CELLO (1663276). 1st armored arty is now harassing the area. A Action: Rex, G-2, C/s, R Joe.
- 174 2216 Phone fr Raccoon Fwd: One plat tanks unable to cross bypass in vic 997246 --essential that crossing be made tonight. Engrs have been contacted. No results so far. Action: Capt Sayre (Return 3) contacted--says plat is working on by-pass--necessary orders will be issued to complete work by morning at latest. Follow up of orders will be seen to by officer checking. Action: Journal, notified Raccoon fwd.
- 175 2230 Phone fr IPW: PW breakdown 040600A to present -- 301 PWs, 10A3, 2nd Bn - 101, 3rd Bn - 25. 10A4, 1st Bn - 7, 2nd Bn - 1, 3rd Bn - 17. 10A5, Hq - 6, 2nd Bn - 42, 3rd Bn - 11. 114th AT Bn - 1, Bn - 4. 721st, 1st Bn - 19, 2nd Bn - 30, 3rd Bn - 14. 232 AA - 16. 232 Arty, 3rd Battery - 2, 8th Battery - 2, 9th Battery - 3. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 176 1930 Phone fr Capt Livermore: 92d Inf: Sector generally quiet. Enemy vehicular and troop movements observed in vicinity (P875018). An OP observed 2 large columns of smoke LA SPAZIA. Column of 100 troops and armored vehicles reported moving S on road vicinity (P875018) at 1655A. ACTION: Journal.
- 177 2250 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 809 to include 042000A March 1945.
- 178 2245 Phone fr Remount 3: TD unable to move from SASSONOLANE to reinforce road block at (1688250) - our Engrs are attempting to open road for them. ACTION: Journal.
- 179 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 80, submitted.
- 180 2330 Phone fr Keystone 2: 1st Armd reports hearing some trucked vehicles, estimated by them to be in 2 convoys - each convoy lasting about a half hour, the 1st one between 2015A and 2045A, the second one between 2130A and 2200A. They were heard on road at (1680250) and were moving SW. ACTION: G-2, Rex, 85th, 86th, 87th, and Journal.

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| 1                        | 0015        | Phone communication with Redoubt established. Messenger had delivered movement order to Redoubt. (Major Ireland, Duty Officer.).   |
| 2                        | 0110        | Phone fr Keystone 3: 10th Mt AT Bn was relieved at 041500A from operational control 1st Div, BKF and reverted to 10th Mt Div at that time by Corps order. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 3                        | 0115        | Phone fr Retreat 2: M Co observer received information from civilians coming thru our lines that all Germans have left MCFENARD (1403253). ACTION: Noted for G-2, and Journal.   |
| 4                        | 0200        | Phone fr Rebate D0: 85th Mt Inf - CP at (1582201). ACTION: Map, Journal.   |
| 5                        | 0215        | Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div IPW Report No. 26, 4 March 1945.   |
| 6                        | 0210        | Phone fr Return 6: Work on bypass in vicinity (1597246) is under constant mortar fire whenever there is any movement. It in charge of platoon has just been killed. Can't tell where mortar fire is coming from. Request permission to delay work until daylight. ACTION: Gen Duff, G/S notified. Work must continue in so tanks can get through. Keep on the job between mortar concentrations.   |
| 7                        | 0250        | Phone fr Rex 3: LOCATIONS OF DIV ARTY: 604th closed at 042205A, CP at (1574232). "A" Btry - (157079-23188), "B" Btry - (157173-22983), "C" Btry - (1564180) present location, (157453-22899) new location, "D" Btry - (157083-23423). 605th closed at 050115A, CP at (1565002195). "A" Btry - (156633-22214), "B" Btry - (156408-22085), "C" Btry - (15784-1790) present location, (157073-2190) new location, "D" Btry - (156792-22045). 616th: closed at 041900A, CP at (15712-2156), "A" Btry - (157248-22074), "B" Btry, (157417-21713), "C" Btry - (157549-22406). ACTION: Journal. |
| 8                        | 0320        | Phone fr Return 6: I still have a platoon and an officer working at (1597246) - mortars continue to fall every 10 to 15 minutes - coming from NW. I am going up there now and will try to get an azimuth on the direction of the fire. Can the Arty help us? ACTION: Arty notified. CP with Retreat has given 616th some mortar <sup>localities</sup> <del>positions</del> . They will put some fire in there and try to quiet the mortars.  |
| 9                        | 0335        | Phone fr Remount 2: "A" Co CP at (1592264) reports much enemy vehicular movement at (1593272) from 2330A to 0200A. Cannot determine which way they are moving. ACTION: Journal, G-2, Rex 2, and Corps.   |
| 10                       | 0450        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 126, 042400A Mar 1945.   |
| 11                       | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 49, submitted.   |
| 12                       | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 81, submitted.   |

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| 13         | 0610      |             | Phone fr Retread 3: All quiet now. Some arty fire throughout the night. Contact lost with platoon of P Co at road block at NATALE (1592254). Platoon going out now to make contact. 1st Bn preparing to move. ACTION: C/S, G-3.  |
| 14         | 0743      |             | Phone fr Recall 2: To Retread, Adv: PK reports a hastily laid field of schuh mines at (1583214). Laid on trail, in 7 rows of 3 mines each. No trip mines; mines can be detected by sight.  |
| 15         | 0750      |             | Phone fr Rebate 3: Through Remount: Both Bns in position. ACTION: Journal C/S.   |
| 16         | 0800      |             | Rec'd fr IV Corps OSS Det Intelligence Bulletin No. 11, dated 4 Mar 45.  |
| 17         | 0800      |             | Rec'd fr IV Corps, G-3 Periodic Report No 63, dated 4 Mar 45.  |
| 18         | 0815      |             | Phone fr Capt Martin to C/S: The sets outside of your office (300) were completely out of range, and so they have been removed. The radio station at bottom of hill. (CN's st) is standing by at bottom of hill. No voice available. Radio Station--Call 28. ACTION: Journal.                |
| 19         | 0820      |             | Phone fr C/S to Div Engr Officer: Is road to PIETRA COLORA open? ANS: It is open now and we can get 2 1/2 ton trucks thru from our end. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 20         | 0820      |             | Phone fr Gen Duff to Baz 6: We do not have any air from first 2 missions this morning, so you are the only umbrella. Pour it on them. Have subs up. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 21         | 0830      |             | Phone fr Recall 5, Recall 8: Do not Dump ammo on roads. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 22         | 0810      |             | Phone fr Rebate 3: Both Bns crossed L.D. on time. Red and White advancing at 0815A. ACTION: G-3, G-2, C/S, Corps.  |
| 23         | 0832      |             | Phone fr Rebate: Left Bn at CA di GUIDIO (1614250). Right Bn approximately abreast of them. Can we get anti-tanks guns released from 604th thru them back to 1st and 2nd Bn. ACTION: Baz, Rebate 3.  |
| 24         | 0845      |             | Phone fr Retread 3: 2nd Bn says 25 Krauts are at GUALANDE (1594255). 2nd Bn established road block at GAGONE (1598254). Sending a patrol to MOWENORU (1603254) where there have been Krauts reported. ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S.   |
| 25         | 0845      |             | Phone fr BEX LMO: At 0800A W/A developed at ROJACCORNETTA and in area of (15017) - (15217). Arty fire was placed on area of enemy advance and enemy withdrew at 0215A. 3 PR's were taken, all from 741st J.R. Size of attacking party estimated at about 100 men. ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S, CG. |
| 26         | 0900      |             | Phone fr C/S to Col Berman: Last night I found a road badly traffic-jamed as a result of your ambulances being left standing on highway. These ambulances when stop'ed, will have to be removed from road so other vehicles can get by.  |

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- Message No 26 Cont'd: ACTION: Proper instructions in this regard will be given to ambulance drivers. Journal.
- 27 0810 Phone fr Lt Chafey (RAF): The RAF has an outpost at RANOCCHI (16A3200). ACTION: Map, Journal.
- 28 0850 Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate: Anti-tank guns are released to you. How are things going? OK. Left Bn (1st) is in column of companies A, D, H, G. Right Bn (2nd) 2 Co's abreast G (left) E (right) F (following E). Present line, CA di GUBIO (16114250) down to JAMBULE (16152A5). ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3, J.
- 29 0857 Phone fr Rover Joe to Air O: Air OP observed 2 enemy personnel guarding cowpass at 1619275). 2 AT guns observed on road at 1619269. ACTION: G-2, Journal, Div Arty.
- 30 0900 Phone fr Recall 2 to CIC, IPW, PI: G-2 section moving to new location vicinity PISTRA COLORA (L 597300) today, CIC, IPW, PI are alerted, but will not move yet. PI may move tomorrow. ACTION: Have been notified.
- 31 0900 Phone fr Retread 3 via LEC: Platoon of "F" Co. at road blocks (159A5A) KATILE has been contacted by Retread White - Contact is now continuous. ACTION: G-3, G/S, Journal.
- 32 0905 Phone fr Ramble 6: Coordinates of "B" Co G.P. (159952285) also 1st Plt gun position. 2nd Plt position (159502315). ACTION: Map, Journal.
- 33 0912 Phone fr Ramble 6: "C" Co locations: G.P. (1573219). 1st Plt (1573232). 2nd Plt. (1563184) with 3rd Bn 85th. ACTION: Map.
- 34 0920 Phone to Keystone 6 fr Recall Art 6 (Gen Duff): You may expect the 29th to counterattack in vicinity of PANARO valley and coming down from MODENA. ACTION: Journal.
- 35 0925 Phone fr Retread 3: Rebate White occupied right half of NAN at 1650915A. (Reported to Retread Red and then called to Retread 3). ACTION: G/S, G-2, G-3.
- 36 0827 Phone fr Recall 2 to Hqts, Arty, Rover Joe: Report at once all indications of troop movement in the area to the N and NE. Determine any indications of reinforcement of enemy lines N and NE of CASTEL SGAIANO (1605299). ACTION: J.
- 37 0935 Phone fr BEP LNO: Patrol to MARSE (1507183) pinned down by enemy fire at (1509179). After exchange of S/A fire, patrol returned at 0900A. Patrol to CAP EL MONTE (1518189) were pinned down by A/W fire at 1(519187), and returned.
- 38 0935 Phone fr Gen Duff to Maj Schooley: How is everything? ANS: Have taken objective Nan. Right Bn now proceeding toward TORRO and left Bn is going toward 899. At 0920 left Bn was in draw between 916 and 899. ACTION: Message regarding 29th German Div to be given to Recall 6. Journal.
- 39 0945 Phone fr Rex 2: Air observers note excellent effects of 0830A concentration on CASTEL d AIANO. Traffic observed going N of town. ACTION: G-2, G/S, J.
- 40 1000 Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf: Rebate Red and White are in position. Road Block at

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|           |               | (Cont'd) (1598246) has not been repaired.<br>Situation Report as of 0700A.  |
| 41        | 1000          | Rec'd fr IV Corps 2 copies of G-3 <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del>   |
| 42        | 1000          | Rec'd fr IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 63, dated 4 March 1945.   |
| 43        | 1000          | Rec'd fr Fifth Army, SITREP No. 126, 4 March 2400.  |
| 44        | 1000          | Rec'd fr Fifth Army, SITREP No. 125, 4 March 1200.  |
| 45        | 1000          | Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf to Air O: Bombing of MATTIOLA (1615255) at 0800 approx.  |
| 46        | 1000          | Rec'd fr IV Corps Roster of Officer Personnel, 28 Feb 45.   |
| 47        | 1000          | Rec'd fr IV Corps 2 bundles of <del>48</del> Photos for G-3 Air Officer.  |
| 48        | 1000          | Phone fr Rebate Blue 2: Will you contact BEF and notify them that we are going to have a patrol at (1546212) between the hours 0110-12A today? ACTION: Notified Lt Chafey (LMO) BEF who said he would notify the BEF unit in that vicinity.   |
| 49        | 1000<br>Koman | Phone fr Rebate 3: All MAN taken by 0920A. 2nd Bn to TORA. 1st Bn in draw between hill 916 and 899. Receiving A/S fire. Action: C/S, G-2, Map. (T. is confirms Gen Duff's message of 050935A.   |
| 50        | 1000          | Phone fr Baz 2: American troops on Hill 866 (1618249) and in CANALE (1618252) at 0945A. All of MAN taken at 0950. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.  |
| 51        | 1015          | Phone fr Retread 3: Retread white cleaned out SHALANDI (1609255) - 13 Prisoners taken and turned over to Remount. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3.  |
| 52        | 0930          | Phone fr Keystone 1: Note for mine warfare school class #15 - 1 Officer and 4 MM. Class starts on 11th. Men must be there on 10th. Names must be turned into Keystone (1) at noon on the 7th. ACTION: Notified Capt Ayres who said he would have the names in to Recall on the 6th.                                   |
| 53.       | 0750          | Phone fr Keystone 2: Request report on PW's from 232nd and 114th between 041200A and now. ACTION: Called KPH, and found that 232nd and 114th had 201 88 PW's during prescribed period.  |
| 54        | 1030          | Rec'd fr IV Corps ISUM No. 810, 5 March 1945, 0928.   |
| 55        | 0915          | Phone fr Recall 5 to Regts, MPs and CM: Vehicles parked along main supply route are blocking traffic. All vehicle drivers will be instructed that they will be no parking along main supply route. All vehicles will pull off road and leave unrestricted tow way traffic whenever they stop. By command of Recall 6. |
| 56        | 1005          | Phone Baz 2: House at (1584277) is a probable enemy CP occupied at 090945A. ACTION: G-2, Journal.   |

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|           | 57         |            | 1012        | Phone fr Recall 2: to PI: Check recent cover on all road nets leading into our sector from M, K, N. Look for prepared demolitions, blown bridges, road craters, vehicle and personal movements. Report as soon as possible.  |
|           | 58         |            | 1030        | Phone fr Rex 2: Front lines, Retroad, as of 0845A- Red (1616249)-(1617247). White- (158682611)-(159452564) and (159892580)-(166452314). ACTION: J, G-3.  |
|           | 59         |            | 1035        | Keystoneband party arrived G.P. and conferred with General Staff.  |
|           | 60         |            | 1040        | Phone fr Keystone 6 to Lightning 6: Enquire status of present situation given to Lightning 6.  |
|           | 61         |            | 1045        | Phone fr Capt Turich (MFP): BMF now occupies hill 702 (1644223) at 051000A. ACTION: Map, G-2, G/S.   |
|           | 62         |            | 1050        | Phone fr Rebate 3 to Recall 3: Red Bn moving up on hill 899 (1617457) as of 051045A. White Bn (E Co.) close to TURA, F and G Cos still on MAN. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.   |
|           | 63         |            | 1050        | Phone fr Recall 2 to Rover Joe, Remount: At 1015A foot troop and motor vehicles were reported moving toward our positions from (1623315).  |
|           | 64         |            | 1050        | Phone fr Rebate 2: At 1015 a deserter from 2d Co, 15th Regt, 29th Ps Gr Div was taken at (1619250). Had been waiting for several days to surrender. ACTION: G-2, Corps, G-3. Told G-2, Rebate to send FB down at once.   |
|           | 65         |            | 1100        | Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 82 submitted.   |
|           | 66         |            | 1110        | Keystone 6 departed G.P.   |
|           | 67         |            | 1115        | Phone fr Rex 2: Forward obs: 899 - 617-257, 196-617-232, 916 (622-247).  |
|           | 68         |            | 1115        | Rec'd fr 126 Engr Bn Intelligence Memorandum No. 1, 4 Mar 65 w/overlay.  |
|           | 69         |            | 1125        | Phone fr Keystone 2: Air CR reports, at 0930A, approx 50-100 ft troops, 2-3 med, 2-4 small veh, 2 lg trns headed S on road at (1606331)-(1610280). Also 2 M tkn w/tracks at (1606331) moved along roads to (1610310) where they seemed to be going into pos. ZOOCA seems to be the center of oppn. Rover Joe states men are well dispersed (10-15 yds), and afford poor targets. They hit ditch when atkd by planes. Some M bound movt/get in same vicinity. 2-3 small veh, 50-100 men on bikes. ACTION: Rebate, Retroad, Rex. |
|           | 70         |            | 1125        | Phone fr Retroad WNO: 1. Elements of Retroad White have cleaned out MONPENAR (1603254). 2. Retroad Red 6 wished to have one hour warning order prior to attack on "M". ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3.  |
|           | 71         |            | 1130        | Phone fr Gen Duff to Rex 6: Wire to Rebate is out-- can you find out what situation is with respect to Stone? ACTION: Wall check and call back.  |
|           | 72         |            | 1135        | Phone from Rover Joe: Observed 3 Mtal, 1 tr moving N from (1618276). Also much personnel movt N from VILLA d' ALAMO (1592273). ACTION: G-2, CG, C/S, Corps, map journal.   |



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| 72         | 1142        | Phone from Rebate 2: Have taken another PW from 29 Pz Gr Div. States his division relieved another div last night. ACTION: Corps, G-2, Journal.  |
| 74         | 1145        | Elements of 1st Bn 11th Regt occupied FREGARIA (655219) at 1100A. ACTION: Map, C/S, G-2, G-3 Journal   |
| 75         | 1150        | Phone from Rex 2: Air OP's note increased activity all directions from ZOCCA (6227), and at (605330). Saw 7 enemy personnel, dispersed, moving at (6229). Enemy gun position at (621291). White flags seen in windows at MONTESK at 1125A. Two men are approaching our lines from MONTESK. At (6228) and (6227) rebel seen moving in all directions. Tank on fire at (6227). ACTION: G-2, CG, C/S, map, Journal.   |
| 76         | 1215        | Phone from Rejeet 2: 1st Bn 85 at L61702550 at 1125A; 2nd Bn 85 at 62202465 at 1000A; 604th FA firing at L623247 at 1140A  |
| 77         | 1220        | Phone from Rex 2: Air OP observed CASTEL d'AIANO road to ZOCCA; from our front lines to 620278 no activity observed; from 620278 to ZOCCA saw personnel in small groups moving around but indicating no general direction of movement. Saw 15 or 20 motorcycles throughout his obs and a few light command cars — again no general direction of movement. At 623295 saw 4 obvious gun pits believed to be dummies. In 6130 square encountered AA fire. Along road from 617299 to 602294 personnel and vehicles moving in both directions. At 614297 and 613296 there were 2 obvious gun pits — could not tell if they were occupied. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Journal |
| 78         | 1220        | Phone from Retread 3: Our tanks are now in CASTEL d'AIANO (608237). Request infantry support. Can Wilson move inf ACTION: Asked C/S — Gen Hays called Retread 6 on this.   |
| 79         | 1225        | Phone from Recall 3 to Rebate 3: Co G S, slopes of MAN — receiving fire from TORL. Co E vicinity (620248). Co F in reserve. E, F companies starting to move toward GBCE. 1st Bn held up on 899 — moving slowly — receiving mortar and small arms fire. ACTION: G-3, G-2, C/S, Map  |
| 80         | 1230        | Phone fr Recall 6 to Retread 6: Have 1/87 clear hillside out toward 613.   |
| 81         | 1240        | Phone fr C/S thru Recall 3: Called Rebate 2 and informed him that Infantry trps (1st Bn 87th) are moving into CASTELL d'AIANO (1608259). ACTION: Journal, C/S, Col Irvin.  |
| 82         | 1255        | Phone fr 751st: Descriptions encountered at (1608215). Eng assistance needed. at 051225A. ACTION: Eng, C/S, Journal.   |
| 83         | 1300        | Rec'd fr BEF Tank force Hq, Luar the following message: To; Recall 3, from Luar Liaison. 1. Attached is present position overlay showing fire positions. 2. Plans for reinforcement of position per verbal orders of corps command; a. Strengthen barbed wire entanglements with assistance of Division and Corps Engineers, on entire front. b. Anti-personnel and anti-tank mines will be placed on all roads, trails, and other vulnerable entrances position; also with assistance of Division and Corps Engineers. c. Of particular concern   |

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(Cont'd) is the Rocca Corneta area L4917 and road leading into this area. One BEF company will be moved into this area to strengthen the position as soon as possible. d. Corps Arty will be instructed to be prepared to concentrate fire on Rocca Corneta Area at any time. (This Area is of particular concern to the Command). e. Verbal instructions are to hold all positions at all costs particularly in the Rocca Corneta Area.

- 84 1315 Phone fr Retread 3 via LMO: 1. Retread Reg attacks at 051400A. 2 Retread white- unchanged. 3. Retread Blue- still in vicinity PIERA COLERA. ACTION: Map, C/S, 85th.
- 85 1320 Phone fr Rebate 5: Tanks in CASTEL D'AIANO say arty is falling on them from the REAR. ACTION: Rex.
- 86 1338 Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 50, submitted.
- 87 1335 Phone fr Recall LM W/REF: 1st Bn 6th Regt jumped off 051230A to attack hill 722 (L649221)- reached hill 722 at 051330A. ACTION: Map, C/S.
- 88 1255 Phone fr Keystone Rear: Password has been compromised. Emerg fl will be used. ACTION: All orgns notified, by Sgt Johnson.
- 89 1355 Phone fr Rex 6 to Rex 2: Get in touch with Williams and arrange to put a BOY on hill 920. Woolley is held up about 200 yards short of that. Be sure to coordinate actions with Reg on Bn C.O. thru Williams. After about 5 minutes fire between 920 and DELLA SPE. ACTION: CG notified. Journal.
- 90 1340 Phone fr Remount 2: A German Lt from 71st Pa Gr Regt was shot on M GRANDE D'AIANO this morning. He was killed. It is believed he was from VILLA'D AIANO, and had moved S on run, and that he was an Arty Officer. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal, Regts, Arty, 751st Tank Bn.
- 91 1405 Phone fr Rex 6 to Major Gall: Tanks report our arty fire falling on them at CASTEL D'AIANO. Check this immediately, and stop any firing into CASTEL D'AIANO. ANS: We are not firing in there, but I will check it. ACTION: J.
- 92 1405 Phone fr Retread 3 via LMO: Retread Reg jumped off for CASTEL D'AIANO (L609257) at 051400A wire now out. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 93 1405 Phone fr Capt Balin (ADM): By-pass at (L597246) opened at 051030. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 94 1410 Phone fr Col LaDue to General Duff: Full account of most recent developments given Col La Due. ACTION: Journal.
- 95 1415 Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate White (2nd) moving up on GRUE. Head of column now at (L625242). No change at Rebate Red. Revolve and Redoubt closed (L565215) at 1130A. Digging in and preparing positions as ordered. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 96 1425 Phone fr Rex 2: REF LMO reports that REF took (L649221) and is mapping up on SOPRASASSO at (L649215) at 1415A. ACTION: G-3, Journal.

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97	1440	Message fr <del>xxxx</del> : <del>xxxx</del> <del>xxxx</del> <del>xxxx</del> . Phone fr Retread 2 via IM O; <del>xxxx</del> with <del>xxxx</del> still out. Recon Plat has been alerted to send elements to "M" to take PWs.
98	1440	Phone fr Remount 2: A notetaken from PW from 14th Co 721st Regt dated 4 Mar 45, written by Regt'l cochr. Hvy AT Co will leave at 1900A in direction 2000A at Km stone #36, the hvy AT will <del>xxxx</del> turn left on narrow road and report to Regt's CP. Squad Blum will be on the gun AP. Div will relieve us. PW was taken in vic of L57A237.
99	1455	Phone fr General Staff to Retread 3: Any word from Wilson? ANG. His line went out just after he jumped off and no word received. 2nd Bn on 926 report they cannot see anything of him yet. ACTION: Journal, CG, notified.
100	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 83, submitted.
101	1500	Phone fr Rebate 3 (LHO): White took CHOE at 1445A. Now on hill 1005 and 1006. Rebate White's intentions: Sgnd patrol to 630250. A platoon to 16502A7. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3, Map.
102	1504	Phone fr CIC: Partisans in CASTEL 'D ALIANO and 2000A are prepared to guide our troops through mine fields. They have also marked all mined roads w/wooden barriers. Partisans will use the password "Capt Alvero Adams." ACTION: Regts, Arty, Redoubt, Engrs. Journal.
103	1515	Phone fr Retread 3: 1st Bn now at (1601253) CP at (1598249) report enemy pouring into town at (1611261) - identification not positive, does Rebate have troops there? ACTION: Rebate, Map, Journal.
104	1515	Phone fr CG, 10th Mt Div to Rebate 3: Have White hold point 1630250 in company or so less a platoon strength. Send patrols to clean out to S and SE. Connect up with S end of MAN. ACTION: Journal, C/S, CG, 87th Mt Inf, J.
105	1515	Phone fr Retread 2: 5-6 PW's from 29th Pz Gr Div are moving down road toward ABTALA. ACTION: Sent KP's to bring these PW's in at once.
106	1520	Rec'd fr IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No 271, dated 050800 March 1945. 041200A March 1945.
107	1520	Rec'd <del>xxxx</del> Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 545 dated <del>xxxx</del> 1945.
108	1520	Rec'd fr XXII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 141, 3 Mar 45.
109	1520	Rec'd fr Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 240 dated 041200A March 1945.
110	1520	Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army 6 TM 9-246.
111	1520	Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 127, dated 051200A March 1945.
112	1520	Phone fr <del>xxxx</del> 106 Spec Wireless Sect: At 1455A; from unidentified German Arty unit; most urgent - fire on CANOLLE, (16125), on point 804 (161352) and north of CANOLLE; enemy are attacking there. ACTION: G-2-3, C/S, J, Rebate.

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- ~~Phone fr Retread 3 via LNO: At 051505 Retread Red was passing thru MONFENARO (1603254) and proceeding toward "M". ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.~~
- 114 1525 Phone fr Retread 3 via LNO: At 051505 Retread Red was passing thru MONFENARO (1603254) and proceeding toward "M". ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 115 1528 Phone Rex 2: Air CP: at 1516A 1 vehicle moving South from 1612287; active enemy gun btry at 1623283 (being fired on by our arty now). ACTION: C/S, G-2.
- 116 1535 Phone fr Capt Turish (BFF): 1st Bn 6th Regt took hill 720 (1653223) at 1530A. ACTION: Map, G-2-3.
- 117 1540 Phone fr Rex: At 1570237 a friendly tank was going into position. It was requested that such tank be pulled out of its direct fire position as it would draw fire on Rejepts position area. ACTION: C/S, J, Referred to G-3.
- 118 1545 Phone fr Redoubt LNO: C. of Revoke and Redoubt now located at 1562213. ACTION: Map, G-2-3. 2300 SITREP.
- 119 1545 Phone fr General Huff to Retread 3: What have you heard of Wilham? Last information indicated he had gone over hill, with bulk of Bn over E20. Whit Bn C.P. reported 150 enemy troops at 261. Rebate Blue has been contacted and they are checking. ACTION: CG notified, Journal.
- 120 1558 Phone fr Retread 3 via LNO: 1. Wilson temporarily pinned down from MONFENARO (1603254) to K. 21 (1607253) by MG fire from HE, M and ME. 2. 150 EM at PABATTICIA now under fire by our arty. 3. Wilson says he will not be pinned down for long. ACTION: G-2, C/S.
- 121 1605 Rec'd fr IV Corps weather forecast from 052400A to 062400A.
- 122 1610 Phone fr Retread 3 via LNO: Wilson reports our tanks now vicinity K. 20 (1604250). Did not ever get up to C. STEL D'ALIANO. Tank commander coming forward to coordinate with him; ACTION: C/S, Corps, Rex, J.
- 123 1610 Phone fr Rex 2: Rejepts: Large no. of MGs and enemy on hill 802 (15623252) Hill 826 (15632375); arty firing on it now. 150 Germans at 161202620 spotted at PABATTICIA; fired 6 Bn volleys on them at 1600A. ACTION: C/S, Corps, G-3.
- 124 1615 Phone fr General Ruffner (Rex 6): Have KING and QUEEN been taken as yet? No sir, they have not been taken yet. ACTION: Journal.
- 125 1620 Phone fr Keystone 2: What happened to the 2 radios Remount captured on 3 Mar? ACTION: Checked with Remount 2: Remount Blue still has them and are using them. Recall IO is sending officer up to look them over. Journal.
- 126 1625 Phone fr Wire Chief: Our wire truck is out shooting trouble now. As soon as they return they will get a line into Redoubt. Be sure and let us know when that line is in. ACTION: Notified Col Irvin. Journal.

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- 127 1635 Phone fr Rex 2: Enemy gun position at 1623283; fired on by air CP; large explosion in houses next to position. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 128 1830 Phone fr Lt Col BEF (Capt D'Altro): Front line BEF units have been notified to make contact with Rebata White at CHRISTOFORO 1634233. Patrol now being sent there. ACTION: Phoned Rebata 3 to have patrol sent to 1634233 to make contact and arrangements for future contacts. Journal.
- 129 1715 Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion S9 Report No 64, dated 051200A March 1945.
- 130 1715 Rec'd: Operations overlay fr Hq 87th Mt Inf dated 5 March.
- 131 1650 Phone fr Rex 2: Reject 6: At 1640A enemy movement has ceased on Hills 802 (1562435) and 826 (1562237); fire effective and 2 ground CP's maintain surveillance on that area. ACTION: G-2, C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 132 1700 Phone fr Capt Turkish (Lt Col BEF): 2nd Bn, 11th Inf has 1 platoon on Hill 528 (672232), 1 platoon on Hill 522 (672230). Elements of some Regt at RUMZAME (674227). The BEF announces that they haven't taken Hill 720 as they previously reported. ACTION: G-3, C/S.
- 133 1720 Phone fr Rex 2: Reject 2: 10 minute preparation on Queen objective (Corps and the 604 FA); concentrations were very effective, have just lifted and troops are moving forward. 1617257 were the front lines at 1704A. ACTION: CG, G-3, Journal.
- 134 1720 Phone fr Retread 3: Report to Retread 3 from 2nd Bn CP at 051655A. Red Bn last reported at (603253) on trail firing M. Also elements have cleared houses at 603254. QUES: Are they moving? Do they need Arty support? - Whats' the story? ANSW: I will call Red and get full details and call you right back. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 135 1700 Phone fr Retread 4: Med: Has 2 PW's (1603253) from 3rd Co, 10th Regt; state they were replacements who arrived 5 days ago with 33 other men and put into the 1st and 3d Co's of 10th Regt; they report that the Div CP of the 23rd is in a big school house at MARIBELLA (near Pavullo); they heard that the 29th PG Div was coming up to fill the gap and be replacements for 1043 and 1045 Regts. ACTION: Rex, C/S, Corps, Journal.
- 136 1740 Phone fr Rex 2: 248th FA CP: At 1730A heavy fire fight at 1601246; exchange of Arty and MG fire; 2 friendly tanks seen firing. Will check on this information. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 137 1750 Rec'd: Received from BEF Artillery, report not written in English.
- 138 1750 Phone fr Lt Watson (Vet Co, 10 Med): Moved 49 men and 9 officers from FINGCHIA to GAGGIO - working with MP's. Vet detachment of 85, 86, 87 Engrs, Special Troops, M, are moving to GAGGIO this evening - will consist of 46 men and 9 officers. ACTION: Noted for Col Irvin.

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- 139 1735 Phone fr Lt Hays (Rebate 6): Rebate had now at foot of hill 935 (614661).  
ACTION: Map; Col Irvin.
- 140 1755 Phone fr 106 Spcs Wireless Section: Gen message - 1758A; Urgent - fire with all available weapons on area 925, Monte della Spe (16126) and to the SW of it. Note: It is believed that area 925 is Hill 935 (Monte della Spe).  
ACTION: Rex, Rebate, C/S, G-2, Journal.
- 141 1740 Phone fr Recall 6 to Rebate 6: Quest: Are they up on 935 yet? Ans: Not yet, just at the foot of that hill. Recall 6 - They must push on till they get in on top, then dig in. There 150 enemy on the west slope of San - Mitticic, arty pinned them down. Clean them up. Let us know from time to time what the situation is. ACTION: Rebate 6 to comply - Journal. (Call made by Gen Hays).
- 142 1750 Phone fr Recall 6 (Gen Hays) to Retread 6: Quest: Think Nations can help break that thing loose? Ans: He's helping Sir. Recall 6: Have Nations move up to the north, let him get up around them and they'll break loose. Rebate 6: Wilson has started outflanking maneuvers already. Recall 6: Coley is still at front of 935 and he's trying to take it. You keep pushing and have everything mopped up. ACTION: Journal.
- 143 1805 Phone fr Recall 6 (Gen Hays) to Remount 6: Tell Hay to coordinate with his arty and send out a patrol for some prisoners to find out what they're doing there. Wilson is working around, his scouts have crossed 798. Remount 6: The platoon at 854 was pulled off without my knowledge. They've been tossing grenades at each and its pretty hot. I have sent another platoon up to hold. ACTION: To keep Recall 6 posted. Journal.
- 144 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. submitted.
- 145 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Ism No. 51 submitted.
- 146 1815 Phone fr Retread 3 In O: 1. Report that tanks were not in Castel d' Aiano was erroneous. This fact reported to Retread 3 by Maj Madde at 051720A. 2. Red now has elements at MINGARINO (599259). Tanks are in Castel d' Aiano.  
ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.
- 147 1745 Phone fr Capt Turkish In O BVP: Hill 720 (653220) taken at 1720A. ACTION: G-3, Map.
- 148 1805 Rec'd: Ism No. 811 fr IV Corps dated 051722A.
- 149 1805 Rec'd: Maps from 2-2 return.
- 150 1827 Phone fr Retread 3 In O: Red's troops fighting in Castel d' Aiano. Left elements 400 yds E of 833 (599259). ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.
- 151 1835 Phone fr Rex 3: FO at (1618352) reports final objective (Quest) has been taken. Forward observer is receiving arty fire from AZ 200 miles. OF #43

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- 151 Cont'd at (167752306) reports some movement in valley to the left; receiving smoke shells and visibility has now been reduced to almost nothing.
- 152 1840 Phone fr Rebate 2: Arty shells now falling at (160302305), 100 yds right of 2 houses. AL 12" crater to gun; craters 9' in diameter. ACTION: Rex, C/S, Journal.
- 153 1845 Phone fr Gen Hays to Remount 6: Gen: Wilson is along road, 599238 in WINGILING, to the East. MG's to encircle Mike to work into it. He flushed some Krauts out of there to your 854 position. Remount 6: We're not worried about it, we've got it in control. Captured one of these Panzer Supermen and going to bring him in. Action: Journal.
- 154 1850 Phone fr Rex 2: Rejact 2: FO #412 reports NE of Hill 928 (1559226), 6 rounds of enemy smoke. More information later. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 155 1907 Phone fr Recall 3 to Redoubt 6: Clear any installations that you may have in the vicinity of HJ 895 and eastern slope of M TERMINALE to positions nearer your present CP. ACTION: Journal.
- 156 1630 Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol action by Rebate Blue netted 37 PW's, with more possible PW's taken at 1555212. Tentatively identified by Blue 3-2 as 17th Co, 741st Regt; this was not confirmed by interrogation. One of our men was killed, one is missing (latter was carrying a 300 series radio). ACTION: Signal Off, C/S, Corps, Journal. (Not previously recorded)
- 157 1910 Phone fr Macdon 2: Reported that road at 1609255 is blown - Co A 760 Tank Bn reported this. ACTION: Engrs, Rex, Retread, C/S, Journal.
- 158 1920 Phone fr Recall Ln Off w/BKF: One Plat, 6th Inf BKF reached Castell d' Nueva (661228) 051910A.
- 159 1945 Phone fr Rex 2: Ln Off with BKF: BKF front lines as of 1800A - (1620220) (1625220) - (1635225) - (1639222) - (1641222) - (1641220) - (1649222) - (1654223) - (1655220) - (1660219) - (1669223) - (1673223). Arty 284 radio sets were all jammed by the Germans. ACTION: Signal Officer, G-2, G-3, Map, C/S, Journal.
- 160 1945 Msg from Retread 3 via Ln O: Retread Red Disposed as follows: Co "A" in CASTEL d'AIANO (1609257). Co "C" reported to be occupying Hill 813 (1609261). Co "B" moving up. One other company maybe moved up to reinforce defenses. ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S.
- 161 1945 Recall 3 to Retread 3 via Retread Ln O: What time can you arrange to tie in with Rebate White who will meet your elements at HJ 771 (1610257)? Retread 3 will call back answer. He wants to know if a boundary can be fixed between Rebate and Retread for tonight. Who is responsible for Road (1611250-1612259)? ACTION: Rebate, Recall, Journal.

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- 162 2030 Phone fr Recall Asst 6 to Rebate Blue 3: The Ben Trip is attached to your Bn as local reserve but is not to be used unless absolutely necessary. You will notify Cal Cardes of this. ACTION: Journal.
- 163 2030 Rec'd: Fifth Army Photo Intelligence Center Report No. R222, 5 Mar 45.
- 164 2030 Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin No. 12, 5 Mar 45, fr IV Corps, CSS Det.
- 165 2030 Rec'd: S-2 Periodic Report No. 3, 4 Mar 45, fr W 45
- 166 2030 Rec'd: Overlay (PI) fr IV Corps.
- 167 2030 Rec'd: fr IV Corps: Allied Jet propelled aircraft may be seen over Fifth Army front in near future. First type will be U.S. Air force Model P-80A, description of which has appeared in standard recognition bulletins. First models to appear will bear no camouflage, will be painted silver gray. Every effort will be made to execute special recognition flight over friendly troops at time and date which is to be advised you later. Advise units under your command.
- 168 2035 Rec'd: AFGODE No. 2679 (Encode), Effective 0100A, 6 Mar 45.
- 169 2045 Phone fr BWF Ln O: PWs BWF got in SOPRASASSO (16421) were from the 24, 3d, and 4th Co's of 1045 Regt. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 170 2045 Phone fr Rex 2: Retread 2: Original story from the PWs was that there was a heavy AT Co in ZOCCA. ACTION: Called Retread 2: He had gotten the story about the AT Co from Recall. Corps, C/S, Journal.
- 171 2045 Msg fr 85th Inf: Rebate Blue reports 1215A thirty or forty rds mortar arty lands (555222) from NK. 1215A two rds mortar landed (555238).
- 172 2100 Retread 3 via Ln O: Situation with Retread Red. Co A has cleaned out CASTEL d'AXIANO. Is msg in on N edge of town. As of 1 hour ago Co "G" still fighting for SLJ (600261). "B" Co going into gap between "A" and "C". Wilson needs Engrs to clean mines and booby traps in town, to clear road up to town. He has casualties to be evacuated. Needs Food, Ammo. Being fired on consistently from "J". "F" Co has Flat at FIANELLI (609248). "F" Co has MG strong point at (604248). ACTION: Map, C/S, Mgr.
- 173 2100 Retread 2 via Ln O: We have 8 PWs from 29th PG, 15th Regt. They are being sent direct to Div Cage without questioning by us. One is a M/cpt. They came into the line last night. All but last 2-1/2 taken by truck. 7 taken by Co "A" in CASTEL d'AXIANO. 1 taken by Co "B" in CASONE (598257). ACTION: Corps, C/S, IFW, Journal.
- 174 2100 Rec'd: Message Fr CO, 87th Mt Inf - (603238) - House No. 737.



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- 175 2100 Phone fr Remount 3: Officer patrol fr Co "A" Hill 854 contacted Co "C" 87th Mt Inf on Hill 813 (L600261) at 052010A. ACTION: Gen Hays, C/S, Journal.
- 176 2100 Phone fr Recall ASST 6 to CO Rebate Blue: 10th Mtn Tp is attached Rebate Blue to be employed only in counterattack. Notify LA Col Cordes. Coordinates of patrol action journal item #156 (051630A). ACTION: Journal, Rebate Blue.
- 177 2130 Phone fr Asst G-3 IV Corps (Thru Maj Rogers): HEF patrol encountered mine field at M di CORBA (L633229) and will not push thru tonight. G/S IV Corps recommends that a 10th Mtn patrol attempt to contact (by shouting at least) the HEF patrol at di CORBA by 0900A tomorrow. HEF will have patrol there at that time. There is approx 1 Co HEF in TORRE di MENCHE (L635223) who will fire flares in case of enemy attack in that area tonight. ACTION: 85th, Journal.
- 178 2150 Rec'd: Isum No. 812, Ref No 188, 052100A, fr IV Corps.
- 179 2150 Rec'd: Msg to CG Recall (Attn G-3) fr CO Redoubt: CP opened (56.3-21.3) 051130A. Positions presently occupied as shown on sketch. No contact with Division as yet. Laying wire to Rebate Blue. Have conferred with Rebate Blue.
- 180 2150 Rec'd: Overlays found on ground on MT TERMINALE, 5 Mar 45.
- 181 2150 Phone fr Rex 2: Retread 2: Heavy shelling at CASTEL d'AIANO (L609256); from az 350° to 360°; Corps fired CB on known locations. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 182 2150 Phone fr Remount 2: 2 PWs captured on M. NUIOLETTI (L594265); from 10th Co, 71st Regt; Co strength 55 men; just came into position today; 2d Co on their left, 11th Co on their right. In very vague terms they talked about a 4 Co's attack at 060800A, against our lines somewhere to the west. ACTION: Rex, IPW, Corps, Rebate, Retread, C/S, Journal.
- 183 2150 Phone fr Remount 3: Request permission to lay mines on road at (L565234) and at (L565238). ACTION: Gen Hays, C/S, Journal.
- 184 2200 Retread 3 via Ln O: "C" Co has taken 813 and is digging in. "B" Co in vicinity MONTENARO (L603254), dug in. "A" Co still dug in just N of CASTEL d'AIANO. 2d Bn - unchanged - NTR. 3d Bn - unchanged - NTR. ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal.
- 185 2230 Phone fr Recall 55 to Retread (Capt Berdman): Retread Blue is still located at PIETRA COLORA. ACTION: Journal.

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- 186 2300 Hqs 10th St Div, Atk 245, U. S. Army, for period 0600A to 2400A, 5 March 1945.
- 187 2300 Recall plan to Regt Co. 6 (Anaco 1 and no. 24), dated 4 March.
- 187 2300 Phone fr Hacoon to Recall 5: Co A of the 760th Tn Bn has one plat at 610244 at "L" and one covering road approaching CASTLE ALIANO; another plat at 587242, and another section at 593243. This latter one will probably be pulled out in the morning. Another plat is on 603251. "B" Co of the 701st has one plat at 559227 at the north end of 48LX. That plat is being brought down in the morning to where they can be more mobile. The 2nd plat is at 571236; they moved up to "G" this afternoon. The other is at 579238 near the road block. Co C is at 608254. There is a road demarcation at 609255 near CASTLE ALIANO which blocks the entrance from the SE. Two Mark IV's were knocked out at 603246. Action: Journal.
- 188 2245 Recall 3 to Return 6: msg rpt to 86th St Inf not available tonight for purpose of laying mines and wire. Action: Journal, C/S, 86th St Inf (given 86th St Inf 1-3 at 052230A)
- 189 2300 Phone fr Retread 3 via In C: CP Red Bn (604250). Shelling continues heavy in 1st Bn area. Action: map, nitrep, journal.
- 190 2300 Hq 10th St Div SITREP NO. 85 submitted.
- 191 2300 Phone fr HQ: 7th Co 15th PGR (13 PW's total.  
2 Co 15th PGR)
- 2nd Bn Hq 15th PGR  
10th Co 71st PGR (2 PW's total) 3 cos. (9, 10, 11) of 71st a-one definitely in line. General summary so far shows that elements of both regts are on line. That the 15th Bn disposed generally S and E of Castel D'Alano and the 71st is generally E and W of S D'Alano. Action: Corps, c/s.
- 192 2345 Hqs 10th St Div to Rebata: If the 2nd Bn is attacked tonight they are to fire a yellow flare. This is to notify the MAP. Action: Rebata, J.
- 193 2335 Fr Col Thompson to Rex 50: Question: What communication have you with the reserve Bn (3d of 87th), thru your channels? Ans: We got Require thru to Retread. I'll check further and inform you. Action: Rex to comply, Jral.
- 194 2400 Phone fr Rex 2 to Col Thomson: In regard to tel conversation: We have Require, but no radio or wire to Retread Blue; it's gone out, but they're working on it. Have Retread by radio and wire. Have contact with 610 and 620 (in C), but it's in and out. Recall 5: Are all your fire plans made? Ans: Yes Sir! Everything is registered in for defensive fire. Action: Jral.
- 194 2400 Need messages from 5th Army HQ to FWD, Ref No. 21, Rover Joe. Intentions March 6: 10 missions 0800 to 1645. 170 Mike George Ben Love 592332 0815. 200a Love 605331 0745 and 0750. Able Giant Roger 4 missions during day.

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| 1          | 0005        | Phone fr Recall 5(COI Thomson) to Keystone Battle 3: In regard to alerting the units: We check every hour, <del>see</del> our communications are all in, the wire is all in to our Reserve Bn and our defensive fire is all tied in and well registered. Battle: Have your boys alerted for a <del>gim</del> big flare tomorrow morning to be dropped by one of our planes. Action: Jnl.   |
| 2.         | 0010        | Phone fr 5th Army ASC (air plan): Intentions for March 6: 10 mission-- 0800 to 1645 (R Joe). 170mm gun 1592332 0815; Zocca 1605331 0745 and 0750 - Armed Ren - 4 missions during day. Action: journal, c/s.  |
| 3          | 0001        | Phone fr Battle 2: 1st Armored Div reports the following: OP at 1709246 Can hear movement of tracked vehicles moving from H toward via Vergate 16925 at 2320A. Believed to be tanks. Action: Rex, G-2, journal.  |
| 4          | 0035        | Phone from IPW: 111 PW's have been processed since 050600A, and no more are expected tonight. PW statements show elements of 28 Pz Div disposed roughly as follows:- 10th Co 71st Regt on MT MUCOLETTI (1594265)<br>1st Bn 71st Regt swic MOLINELLA (16026)<br>2nd Bn 15th Regt via TORRE IUSSI (16327)<br>1st Bn 15th Regt via SPIOGHIO (16325)<br>These are approx. locations only. Closely massed bns on our NE are indicated. Action: G-2, G-3, Corps, journal.                  |
| 5          | 0050        | Phone fr Retread 2: Red 6 (Lt Col Wilson) reports the following info just recd: A.- Fr (1589276) to (1595275) there are at least 17 dummy gun positions above road. B.- two 88's are located at (1615269). C.- Two 105's are located at (1620285), between houses. D.- Three 105's are located at (1563280). A German Lt Col and other officers are living in houses at the same location. <del>action-</del> Corps arty is being fired at B,C, and D. Action: R Joe, G-2, Rex, Jnl. |
| 6          | 0320        | Recd: Hq 126th Mt Engrs Bn, letter dated 5 March re O ff and En to attend Line School.   |
| 7          | 0320        | Recd: Hq TF45 S-2 Periodic Rpt No. 4, dated 5 March.   |
| 8          | 0320        | Recd: fr Hq 126th Engr Bn...a number of photographs found near P. COLOGA.  |
| 9          | 0320        | Recd: fr Hq 126th Engr Bn...a number of letters etc (German) found by Lt Benedict in house on outskirts of CASTEL D' AIANO.  |
| 10         | 0320        | Recd: Hq Div Arty...number of German books, maps etc.  |
| 11         | 0320        | Recd: Hq 85th Mt Inf,...package of German letters.   |
| 12         | 0100        | Phone fr Battle 2: BHP reports through Arty that their 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 11th Regt was receiving tank fire from (1668231), (1666232), (1666233) at 060030A. Action: G-2, Rex, journal.   |
| 13         | 0250        | Phone fr AT Bn, (Capt Leder): Large stone barn (156782133) on east side of   |

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- 13 0250 road in Gison Nella Piella is booby trapped with hand grenades. Discovered on (cont'd) the afternoon of 5 March. Action: G-2, G-3, 126 Engrs.
- 14 0420 Recd: Hq IV Corps, Sitrep no. 128, dated 052400 March.
- 15 0335 Phone fr BFP (through Battle): Since 060237, truck movements have been heard from Bastola (14221) to PARANO (14418). This movement is out of range of our guns. Action: Corps Arty has been notified. G-2, Journal.
- 16 0505 Phone fr Retread 2: Requisition of a supply of 15000 aerial photographs (verticals) and all available obliquages of exact objectives, made by Major Wadimiroff. Action: Noted for G-2, and Capt Pattog.
- 17 0514 Phone fr Rebate DO: Rebate Red reports receiving heavy mortar fire--have called for arty support. Lines to Rebate Blus out. Action: Rex, Journal.
- 18 0520 Phone fr Remount DO: 4.2 mortar concentration fired at 588269 where vehicles were heard moving. Action: Journal.
- 19 0531 Phone fr Rex DO: Counter mortar fire by arty has slowed down mortar fire being recd by Rebate Red. Action: Journal.
- 20 0559 Phone fr Retread 3: 1st Bn dug in. Can hear enemy movement in front out position just N CASTEL D' AIANO. Journal, G-2, Corps.
- 21 0620 Phone fr Rebate Red 6: Receiving some mortar fire - no counter attack at this time. Would like more counterbattery and air support. Enemy hits us whenever he wants to. Action: Journal, Rex, Air C.
- 22 0627 Phone fr Remount 3: Much movement heard in road leading SW from VILLA D' AIANO (movement both ways) - have placed 4.2 concentrations on this road. Request air attacks against Villa D' Aiaco (593274) and La RIVOLA (588278). Action: Air C, G-2.
- 23 0640 Phone fr Rebate DO: Rebate White reports sector quiet. Patrol left at 0610 to occupy TOVA (622247). Elements of Bn jumped off at 0610 to take hill 912 (625249)....Action: Journal, sitrep.
- 24 0655 Phone fr Retread 6: Italian civilian entered our lines at CASTEL D'AIANO - says that Germans attacked and forced back by our troops 2 days ago retreated towards PAVULLO and SANNOHE to reassemble. Civilian is being sent back. "A" Co can hear Krauts talking in front of their position. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 25 0710 Phone fr Rebate 6: Air support is needed to give 1st Bn, 65th Inf relief from Artillery and mortar fire. Bridge in CASTEL D'AIANO (1408237) is out and is needed to facilitate supply and evacuation - would like Engineers to fix as soon as possible. ACTION: Eng C., Air C.
- 26 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 86, submitted.

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- 27 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 52, submitted.
- 28 0805 Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div, G-3 Periodic Report, dated 0800A 05 March 1945.
- 29 0805 Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div, G-2, Periodic Report, dated 4 March 1945.
- 30 0810 Phone fr Rebate Blue 3: Line is now in. Sector is very quiet. We received some heavy Arty during night. Houses on Hill 928 (1558226) which we cleaned out yesterday had smoke coming out of them this morning. Don't know whether Krauts or civilians but we will take care of it this morning. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 31 0845 Phone fr BEF: Report on total PWs taken as of 060600A by BEF is 106. No new identifications. ACTION: Noted G-2 & Journal.
- 32 0850 Phone fr Rover Joe: Planes passed over ZOGGA (1405330) received 88 mm AA fire from that vicinity. We pass this on for your information as this is the first 88 mm fire we have received. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3.
- 33 0850 Phone fr C/S to Col Schmeltzer: What is trouble with Engineers? Ans: Request to have mine and booby traps cleaned out of CASTEL D'AIARO last night (2100A) was not complied with. Feel we should have better liaison. ACTION: Will provide liaison party. CG notified, Journal.
- 34 0855 Phone fr C/S to Remount 5: What is trouble with Engineers? Ans: We had a little trouble while back on getting some trails in MALANDRONE, and also recently in regard to planting some mine fields. However, feel any trouble is now rectified. Suggest liaison representation to be with us. Information: We got 6 prisoners from German 4th Mt Bn, who say there are 125 more behind hill 831 (1565249). Rover Joe given mission in that area. ACTION: Will provide Engineer liaison party. CG notified of prisoners, Journal.
- 35 0830 Phone fr Retread 3: Smoke on road from LA MOLINA to K 17 (1597270). Smoke lifted and could see much enemy activity. Time 0800A. Rover Joe notified. Gun batteries located definitely at -- 3 -105's at (1583280) MONDOMI - guns are beside the Bldg. 2 -88 mm guns at TRA DEL BIANCO (1615269) inside the building. 2 -105's at (1630285) beside the building. Reported guns by Partisans - 17 field pieces believed to be rocket launchers extending from (1589277) to (1594276) along road on North side of road. ACTION: Rex, G-2, Journal, Rover Joe, Remount, Rebate.
- 36 0900 Rec'd. ltr fr Hq 126th Ingrs listing personnel to attend the Mine School commencing 11 Mar 1945.
- 37 0910 Phone fr Rex 2: (Fr Reject 2 - "E" Co, 85th occupies lower half of NAN objective. Believe elements of 1 Bn in upper part. TORA (1621247) cleaned out this AM. Hill 912 (1625249) occupied by our troops. On CSCK objective "F" and "G" Cos on Hills 1003, 998, 1005. Shaved out towards M. SPECIOLONE (16325). Have set up consolidated positions on both CSCK and NAN. Time signed 0830A. ACTION: G-3, C/S.

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- 38 0920 Phone fr General Duff to Col Wagner. We want your 1st and 2nd Bns to start vigorous patrolling and mopping up operations -- clean up the area and all houses and buildings. Give us hourly reports of progress. Boundary between you and 87th will be: Just north of CASTEL D'ALIANO, you see two draws 300 yds N of ALBERTO. Go through right in ALBERTO; then come down the draw just East of CASTEL D'ALIANO right along highway. Then south along that draw down to point (1611245) (687). Continue on down that draw all the way down to a point at (1616227). If you get shelling in ALBERTO, do not stay there -- withdraw to slopes. ACTION: Journal.
- 39 0930 Phone fr Capt Kastner to Lt Benedict (Return 2): To check on distribution of maps for future planning. Ans: Have the maps ready for distribution and will check with the Regiments today. Report in when you have done that and let me know. Ans: Will do.
- 40 0930 Phone fr General Duff to Col Schmeltzer: Start vigorous patrol and mopping up operations between you and 86th Mt Inf, running down that draw all the way to Division boundary between us and 85F. See ALBERTO and just SW a junction between two draws. Start there and down to that road just to the East of CASTEL D'ALIANO. Then down that draw patrolling 61 grid down to a point (1611246). (You have the draw). Then down the draw to (1616226), where draw crosses Division boundary. Your western boundary includes the draw between 81J and 85A west of CASTEL D'ALIANO. Come down that draw to MINGARNO. Then swing from boundary between you and 86th that you had for your operation yesterday. Give us hourly reports of progress. ACTION: Journal.
- 41 0935 Phone Fr General Duff to Col Wagner: The instructions given for your 1st and 2nd Bns are also to be applicable to your 3rd Bn on left. The boundary between Scheeler and 86th Inf will come up the road from MALLERONE. See the draw between Able and Dog starting at a point just North of that interval (1563231) follow south along that draw. That draw is to be Scheeler's inclusive. Come right down along that draw to the road just west of ICIA. East to ICIA road. Report progress hourly. ACTION: Journal.
- 42 0945 Phone fr Capt Turish, 85F Ln Co: 85F will be at M. DISORBA (16322) at 1000A and will wait until contact is made by Rebate. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Rebate.
- 43 1000 Phone fr Recall 3 to CO's all units: Civilians not to be allowed in your area. Move out any that are there now and do not allow any to come in. ACTION: 8F's, Journal, All units North of ARSATA & Div Rear Boundary.
- 44 3010 Phone fr Retread 31: Retread Fwd CP opened at CAREVARO (160438) at 0900A. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Sap, SITREP.
- 45 1015 Phone fr Recall 3 to Return 31: Put your camouflage platoon on screening the crossroads at CAREBACOLA (1587435). Ans: will send them on ren at once. ACTION: C/S, Journal.

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- 46 1000 Phone fr Rebate 2: 1 SCR 300 radio - 1 old AF code - A copy of authentication tables - captured by enemy at 051800A. ACTION: Notified Sig O, G-3, Journal.
- 47 1005 Phone fr Lt Chaffey, BRF Ln O: Col Gillette of IV Corps is at BRF TF Hq. Wants to know about mine fields in BELVEDERE area reported verbally by our troops when area was occupied by BRF. ACTION: Referred to Div Eng O, and S-2 of 126th Eng.
- 48 1015 Phone fr C/S to Col Schaeitzer: Do you want bridge at CASTEL D' ALANOFixed? -- or do you want it as a road block? Ans: Want it repaired. ACTION: Eng (Return) given orders to start repairs immediately, Journal.
- 49 1015 Phone fr Rebate: Bldg cleared of enemy at GARNOLLE (161A252), MATTELOO (161A255), buildings around Hill 899, TORA (1622247). 3rd Bn is also clearing out their buildings will report when operation completed. ACTION: C/S, G-3, SITREP.
- 50 1025 Phone fr C/S to Col LaDue (Keystone 5): Would like assistance from A.M.G. to assist our MP's in evacuating civilians. Ans: Will get help down to you, and have him report to your Provost Marshal. Information: We are going to go away with temporary boundary between you people and BRF, and revert to original boundary as set forth in our initial plan. (From Col LaDue). ACTION: Journal.
- 51 1030 Phone fr Keystone 1: IV Corps G-1 given names of officer and 4 EM from 126th Mt Engr Bn to attend mins school commencing 11 Mar 1945. ACTION: Journal.
- 52 1030 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty G-3 Reports 35 and 36 of 4, and 5 March 1945.
- 53 1030 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISM No. 813 to include 060800A March 1945.
- 54 1030 Rec'd. Overlay of Disposition of 86th Mt Inf as of 051800A Mar 1945.
- 55 1030 Rec'd. Overlay giving location of Ren Trp CP at (1563216). Eng dated 6 Mar 45.
- 56 1030 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 272, 060800A Mar 45 (4 copies).
- 57 1030 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NOs 127 & 128 dated 051200A and 052400A Mar 1945. (4 copies of each).
- 58 1030 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A 6 Mar 1945 (2 copies).
- 59 1030 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 64, 5 Mar 1945 (5 copies).
- 60 1030 Rec'd. 2 (Phone): Captured 6 PWs from MITTENWALD BN. 30 from that Bn at LITTONAL (1565246). Rest of Bn (about 100 men) is N of Hill 831 (1565241). Morale of Bn is low, many would like to give up. Request propaganda loud-speaker. Called PWs requesting loud speaker system. ACTION: Corps, Journal.

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| 61   | 1045 | Phone fr Rebate 3: 2nd Bn has taken Hill 912 (162524). 1st Bn cleaning up FIBATIGGIA (1612262). ACTION: G-3, C/S, SITREP.  |
| 62   | 1115 | Phone fr Rex 2: Air OP at (1619275) one vehicle seen traveling E - appears to be a half-track. Arty fired on it and it stopped - 061030A. Air OP at (1619280) camouflaged vehicle believed to be a tank - Arty is firing on it - 061030A. ACTION: Noted G-2, Journal.  |
| 63   | 1120 | From Retread 3 via Ln O: (1) Mopping up operations continuing. (2) Engineers finally sent 2 men to CASTEL D'ALIANO who were withdrawn due to mortar fire. Situation is unsatisfactory. ACTION: G-3, S/S.   |
| 64   | 1135 | Phone fr Retread 3: Retread Bear at (1585218) closed out at 061130A. ACTION: Noted for G-3, SITREP & Journal.  |
| 65   | 1130 | Phone fr Remount 3: Requests return of a platoon from 84th Chemical Bn since 2 are needed. One was detached during operation leaving Remount with only one platoon from C Co at present. ACTION: Notified G-3, told 86th. Platoons are at (1562188), 88 from (1573231). An officer is on way from 84th Chemical Bn to work 4.2's in the 86th fire plan.  |
| 66   | 1150 | Phone fr Rebate 2: Radio operator was taken at (1555212) at about 1330A. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 67   | 1155 | Phone fr Rebate 3: 3rd Bn positions, houses all mopped up. 1st and 2nd Bn still in process of mopping up. ACTION: Journal, C/S.  |
| 68   | 1213 | Phone fr Rex 2: Friendly aircraft bombing our troops at (1583258). ACTION: Rover Joe, Journal, planes called off.  |
| 69   | 1237 | Phone fr Rejet 6: 5 or 6 draft horses captured at LIGNORI (1572231) and harnesses. ACTION: Noted for G-4 and Journal.  |
| 70   | 1244 | Phone fr Rebate 2: The radio operator taken at (1532216) at about 051330A was German, taken during our attack. ACTION: C/S, Journal, This is a correction of message 166 at 061150A.   |
| 71   | 1240 | Phone fr Rex 2: Shell Report: At 1140A - Observer at (1608258) - shelled area was (1608258) - direction to guns est. as 200 mls - est distance to guns 6 to 8000 yds - est. calibre is between 150mm and 170mm - 1 man killed and one 3/4 ton truck wrecked. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 72   | 1240 | Phone fr Rex 2: Rejet 2 - In O #43 (157752306) observed large field piece, horse drawn, probably a how., at (159042434). Rover Joe: Two 88's at (1615269); both destroyed; 2 houses set on fire in that vicinity; 17 field pieces and rocket launchers at (1594276); all buildings in that vicinity fired on by Rover Joe and Rover Joe fired on by those launchers; they made 2 strafing passes along road at (1577266). Require 2 - Easy tank at |



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- 72 (Continued) (158742676); arty will fire on it. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Journal.
- 73 1500 Phone fr Rex 2: In Off to BAY - Men observed taking house in FELLIGARI (1559207) -- men wearing green uniforms. At 061245A. Will call anti-tank Bn and find out what is in. No doubt line out.
- 74 1305 Phone fr Rex 2: Reject 2 - Our troops have occupied M SPICCHIONE (1630250) - no casualties from FO 422 at (1627244) at 1125A.
- 75 1230 Phone fr Remount 3: Request 1 additional platoon of 4.2 mortars from 84th Chemical Mortar Bn in addition to the platoon attached to 86th and platoon attached to the 3rd Bn 85th. ACTION: Referred to G-3, C/S. CO, 84th Cal Bn says all 6 platoons can support 86th. 86th called and told to arrange communication.
- 76 1310 From Retread 3 via Lt O: (1) Old CP closed - new CP opened at CANAVARO (1604238) at 061300A. (2) "A" Co will support by fire, action of Rebate White vs enemy strong point vicinity (1612263). ACTION: C/S, G-3, SITREP.
- 77 1310 Phone fr Rebate 2: Captured 2 PWs at (1617263) (time unknown) today from 1st Bn, 15th Pz Regt, 29th Pz Div. One from Hq Co, 1st Bn, other fr 7th Co. 30 PWs, who were captured yesterday, in vicinity of (16324) are being sent down today. A PW of a Penal Platoon of 232d Div stated that shoulders of highway from ROSOLA (1588308), 3 miles NE to ZOCCA is mined. Action: G-2, Journal.
- 78 1230 Phone fr Remount 2: CP at (1588263); 3 lt. AA on road N. of BURRO (1621290) manned by 4 men in houses who run out to man guns. 3 lt. AA at (1622394) - open field - men are in house and run out to man guns. ACTION: Phoned Rex, Rover Joe.
- 79 1250 Phone fr Retread 2: What about the civilians live stock? Send Italian interpreters to Retread in order to make the civilians understand what they are to do. Called 45's and was told that they had road patrols out that picked up these civilians and led them back to ABETIA. ACTION: Noted Journal.
- 80 1235 Phone fr Raccoon 6: Suggest that demolitions be placed on roads NE of CASTEL D'ALMO before bridge in town repaired. We will then move our TDs into position behind these road blocks, prepare firing data during the day, and be prepared to blast any enemy armor during night which may come down these roads. Suggest that demolition points be coordinated with Rebate so that infantry can be used to support our TDs in making strong point. ACTION: Referred to G-3.
- 81 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 53, submitted.
- 82 1330 Phone fr Rebate 3: 1st Bn - All houses cleared except some in FANAYICIA (1612262) - working them over now. 2nd Bn - Now clearing out southern slopes of MT DELLA CASTELLANA. ACTION: C/S, G-3, SITREP.

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- 83 1340 Phone fr Rex 2: Air OP - Enemy vehicles and personnel around houses at (1587306). They are being fired on by our artillery. Rejest 2: - 3 AA guns, 4 men in house on Hill 752 (1621290) and 3 more AA-guns in open field at (1620294). Our artillery is firing on these targets. 2 heavy guns at (1620283). ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 84 1345 Phone fr Air OP: An AA Btry of 4 guns dispersed along road at (1615298). Rejest 2 air observer reports 1 mortar and enemy personnel near 3 houses inside sharp bend in road at (1621272). Heavy gun at side of building at (1620285). ACTION: G-2, ISUM, & Journal.
- 85 1355 ~~Phone~~ fr Recall 5: Road block is being established just S. of K 20 at (162219). No vehicles will be allowed N. of the road block during daylight hours unless by order of CG. Supply vehicles may go in at night. ACTION: Rebate 3 notified.
- 86 In regard to Item No. 73 of Journal for this date, "Rebate Blue contacted and they will send a patrol to investigate this house. Will report in when accomplished."
- 87 1450 Phone fr Rover Joe: 2 enemy planes in the air about 3000 feet in area of VERMADO (1698257). ACTION: C/S, G-3, Rex, Corps, Retread, Remount, Rebate.
- 88 1455 Phone fr Retread 3 via Ln Op: Mopping up operations continuing. What shall we do with livestock of civilians who are being moved out? ACTION: Have civilians take livestock with them. If stock is left behind, may be killed and eaten. At any rate roads must not be blocked.
- 89 1445 Phone fr Recall 5 to Raccoon 3: Where do you want the demolitions placed. Ans: Highway E of CANTAL BLANCO and to be specified by the Regtl Comdr. ACTION: Journal, Rebate 6 notified to lay mines.
- 90 1500 Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn G-3 Report No. 65 dated 061200A Mar 1945.
- 91 1100 Hq 10th At Div SITREP No. 87, submitted. (Not previously entered).
- 92 1500 Hq 10th At Div SITREP No. 88, submitted.
- 93 1515 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 129 dated 061200A March 1945.
- 94 1515 Phone fr Redoubt 6: AM in dugout on E. TERMINAL (1569213). We have received 20 rds of Arty fire (estimated to be 105's) in the last 45 minutes. Believe fire to come from NW, N of MONTESE. We have lateral communication with Rebate Blue but no direct communication with Recall as yet. ACTION: Rex 3 notified, C/S, G-3.
- 95 1515 Phone fr Recall 5 to CG's all units: Notify Provost Marshal of any civilians in your area who have settled in their homes. Provost Marshal will have

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- 95 (Cont'd) then evacuated with assistance of AMG. ACTION: 85th, 86th, 87th, 604th, 605th, 616th. (Notified thru Rex) 84th Cal.
- 96 1535 Phone fr Pearl: At 061254A, enemy message, "Place scattered harrassing fire at once on BELLA SFL (1617264)". At 061407A, enemy message, "Place arty fire on Hill 813, MINGORINO (4598258)". ACTION: Rebate, Retread.
- 97 1525 Phone fr Pearl: Enemy message: "Place arty fire on ALEXRTO (1608261) at 1448A". ACTION: Rebate, Retread.
- 98 1530 Phone fr Rebate Blue 3: German observation plane reported over ABLE Objective at about 5,000 at 1515A. Just made a complete circle and flew off to the North. Ques: Any definite identification as to type of plane? Ans: No, it was too high to get any distinguishing features. Rover Joe knows about enemy aircraft keep us posted if it shows up again. ACTION: Rover Joe, G-2-3
- 99 1540 Phone fr Retread 3 via LNO: "W" Co has cleaned Eastern half of CASTEL D'AYANG of all enemy personnel, mines and booby traps. "W" Co working over the West half of the town. ACTION: G-2-3, Journal.
- 100 1605 Rec'd fr Hq X II Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 142.
- 101 1605 Rec'd fr Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 241 dated 5 March 1945, 1200A.
- 102 1605 Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 546 dated 051200A Mar 45, w/overlay.
- 103 1555 Phone fr Pearl: Enemy message: "Shell SAREANA (16227) at 1533A". ACTION: Rebate, Journal.
- 104 1615 Phone fr Rebate: All houses on objective (Queen) have been cleared of enemy. Moving on to ALBERTO to continue cleaning up. Action: G-2-3, Journal.
- 105 1628 Phone fr Redoubt: 15 rounds of arty, undetermined cal, fell on E slope of TERMINALE (1568217) at 1600A. Coming fr NW 2 casualties. ACTION: G-2, Rex, C/L, Journal, LNO.
- 106 1625 Capt Livermore left for IV Corps.
- 107 1607 Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate (LNO): Your 1st Bn will be disposed as follows: B Co. 1st Plat on Hill 888; 1st Plat on Hill 8-35; 1 Plat Am Vicinity (1618-264). C Co. to extend and take over present positions of A Co., A Co. old reserve NAT ILO. Establish road blocks at TAMATIGGIO. Can use mines, make sure they are plotted inform engineers and Tanks. ACTION: Rebate 3.
- 108 1425 Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 3 via LNO: 1. OK to use mines in CASTEL D'AYANG road block. Plot minefields and inform Recall 3 and tankers. 2. Have Retre Red pull one of his front line companies back to reserve position. ACTION: Retread 3, G-2-3, Journal.
- 109 1630 Phone fr Rebate 3: Temporary road blocks at GRISTOFORO has been established. Permanent one will be put in tonight under cover of darkness. ACTION: Map,

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110. 1700 Rec'd fr Fifth Army weather forecast from 062400A to 072400A.
- 111 1700 Rec'd fr IV Corps G22, (overlay of enemy Mine fields. ACTION: Forwarded to Engineers.
- 112 1704 Phone from Remount: Patrol reports that there are no enemy in houses at PELLICARI (1559237). Civilians report that enemy carrying 5/4 left 04 Feb in direction N della TORRACOGIA (1559203). Action: Issu, G-2, G/S
- 113 1715 Phone fr Capt Turish (In C REP): the BFP and American troops never did make contact at M Di CORBA (635229). Question: Is it OK with you if we use the same flare policy tonight as we did last night. Ans: Yes. Question: What about tomorrow? Ans: Have the BFP contact us at M Di Corba (635229) at 1800A to make contact. Ans: MILCO. Action: Notified; Rebate 3, G/S.
- 114 1715 Phone fr Retread 3 via In C: Enemy tank spotted at (591299) by Retread Red 2. Called for R Joe... Directed action by Radio. Tank destroyed, now working on another tank in same vic. Action: G-2, 3 Journal.
- 115 1715 1715 Phone fr Redoubt: 5 mortar shells, undetermined cal, fell at 1715/AM on E slope TERRINELLI. No casualties. Action: Max, G-2, G/S, Map.
- 116 1710 Phone fr Recall 5 to Rebate 5: Send a patrol tomorrow morning to MT TALKONA and Mt Belvedere to determine whether occupied in strength by enemy. Follow route 779 - 881 -- then over ridge to determine what is on MT BELVEDERE. Cover patrol with MG's and mortars from COSTELLANA. Have patrol equipped with radio. Action: Journal.
- 117 1726 Phone fr Rebate 2: 15-20 enemy at (1601291)... 15-20 enemy at (1601296). Enemy personnel and possibly atk at (1600296). Unconfirmed civilian report-- there are enemy strongpoints at La Ricolla (1588272) - MONTE RIGHETTI (1601291) - La TRAPOLA (1617298). There are mines at (1638287). Have taken 37 PW's today. Two are from HQ, 1st An, 15th Pa Cr Regt. Balance from 1045 IR. Action: R Gos, Arty., G-2, Map.
- 118 1733 Rec'd fr IV Corps, IGMR No. 813 dated 061600A March 1945.
- 119 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 89 submitted.
- 120 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 54 submitted.
- 121 1805 Phone fr Remount 2: preliminary report on 16 PW's-- 4 are from 114th RGH Bn, which they say was committed on 4 March and has since moved to area N of MOTTRE. ACTION: IFS, Journal, ISUM.
- 122 1840 Rec'd msg from Reg Center as follows: To: CD 10th DIV (Att G-3). CENVERNO 60A-238. (Received from Retread via TR 061825.)
- 123 1850 Phone fr Maccon to Recall 5: On the road in the vicinity of CASTEL D'AIANO there are on demolitions from road junction 771 to FANATICOGIA. There is a demolition at 606260 and one at 1618239 but the road is passable. The 87th is putting a road block at 1610264 and a platoon. The 87th have been authorized to put mines and a road block at 1604261. ACTION: Journal.

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| 124        | 1910        | Rec'd fr IV Corps Operational Instructions No 84.  |
| 125        | 1936        | Phone fr Air C, IV Corps: Air for tomorrow; No scheduled Rover Joe flights however air available on call - 1 hours notice. 1 preplanned mission. ACTION: 85, 86, 87th Infs, Journal.   |
| 126        | 1950        | Rec'd fr Fifth Army 4 Copied password, Copy number 84.   |
| 127        | 2020        | Rec'd patrol report from Rebate Blue 2, Ron Trp, 10 Officer, 34 EM. Time out 070800A, Time in 071300A. 1554220 - 1545223 RZ to 5502208 - 1555231 and return to SL.   |
| 128        | 1835        | Phone fr Redoubt 6: ColGardes reported that about 40 rounds of either how or mortar fire have fallen vicinity of M. TERMINALA (1566218) since about 1600A. No idea where its coming from. ACTION: Notified Rex 3, called Rebate Blue three.  |
| 129        | 1850        | Phone fr BFP: German 12 man patrol was engaged in fire fight this evening at 061830A while attempting to infiltrate through positions on MT SERRASICOLA at (1470148). 3 enemy were killed and more injured. The patrol retreated, leaving behind equipment which indicated its mission to be the cutting of communications wire. ACTION: G-2, Journal.                     |
| 130        | 1855        | Phone fr Reply 2: The draw at (1577250) to (1577259) is being smoked. ACTION: G-2, Journal, ISUR.  |
| 131        | 1900        | Phone fr SIC: A road block has been established at ABETIA (1576189). Purpose: To initiate the screening of civilian refugees. 2 Carabinieri will be on duty at all times. ACTION: G-2, Journal.  |
| 132        | 1940        | Phone fr Keystone 2: Captured documents sent to Corps contain pay books indicating that members of 4th Co., 11th Army Replacement Bn are being used to fill up depleted enemy units. If possible find out what units are being filled up. ACTION: G-2, IFK, Journal.   |
| 133        | 1930        | Phone fr Retread 3: Complete Regimental zone cleared of mines etc. A possible mine field located at FIANINIA (1609249) roped off will investigate mine completely in morning. Have engs give you a hand if necessary. ACTION: G-2-3, Journal.  |
| 134        | 1950        | Phone fr Lt Chafey (148 BFP): The BFP will be mining their front lines at 15519, 15429, 15430 tonight. Will you notify your units that they will be out there. Also: info. Actions: Notified Rebate Blue, G-2-3, Journal.  |
| 135        | 2000        | Phone fr Recall 2 to Remount 2: Be on watch for G4 tonight. 11th Ron Bn, strength approx 30 now located in Boulon of MONTONE; capable of G/A or diversion. Smoke south of S.M. U BALINICO (1595253) in draw at 1830A may be indication. 11th Ron can be used for diversion in coordinated atk by 39th Pz Div. ACTION: Notified 85th, 86th and 87th Regts and Rex, Journal. |
| 136        | 2110        | Phone fr Rex 2: From Reply: CP shell by S.F. guns. Saw mortars along road (158822693) up to (159072709). The church at BALGARO (159432818) used as a Jerry C.P. On MT RIGHETTI (hill 877) at (140332908) search a front 1st.   |

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| 137 | 2040 | Phone fr account 3: 1. Enemy in bldgs S of road at (1562307). 2. Suspected 170mm field piece moved into pos at 1616299. 3. 3-88's at (1601293), (1601291), (1603286). 4. 2-105's at (158052915), (158032897). 5. Ammo dump at (1597277). 6. Suspected CP at (1578261) 7. Possible CP at (1568257) 8. code signals flashes from B HTEBS E & ERE all afternoon and evening. ACTION: Rex, Rover Joe, G-2, C/S, Map, Journal. |
| 136 | 2110 | Phone fr Rex 2: (Continued) There is no ammo dump in houses at (1589227A3). ACTION: LUM, G-2, Rover Joe, Journal.   |
| 138 | 2130 | Phone fr Rex 2: Msg from Reply 2 at 2120A. Tanks assembling at VILLA D'IRIAM (1592272). One came in about every minute. No definite indication as to number. ACTION: Account, retreat, C/S, Recon, Journal, Corps, G-2.   |
| 139 | 2138 | Phone fr Rex 2: Msg to Rex two fr requires two: At (1601266) tanks in that area. Request for arty fire from Retreat G. by Infantry Observer. (2110A) Retreat 2 reported tanks at (15920527275). ACTION: This report confirms 2130A report. Recon, Rebate, Account, C/S, Corps, Journal, G-2-3.  |
| 140 | 2138 | Rec'd fr Sig C 10th St Div 2 copies SCI Authentication Tables Item No 11-6A.  |
| 141 | 2236 | Rec'd fr IV Corps TCOM No. 814, dated 062035A.  |
| 142 | 2236 | Rec'd fr SAC to Air Officer (Maj Walker); Intentions for 7 Marsh. CP and billets 1715274 at 083. CP and troops L2220786 1330A. Rover Joe on call.   |
| 143 | 2220 | Phone fr Retreat: At 2205A 2 yellow flares were fired, believed from (1574247), at as of 267 from observer. ACTION: Map, Journal.   |
| 144 | 2235 | Phone fr Rex 2: An activation mine is located in road shoulder at (159162330). ACTION: SAC, Journal, B4th Chem Bn 87th Regt, 86th St Inf Regt, 89th St Inf.   |
| 145 | 2235 | Phone fr Rex 2: At 06210A CASERIA (1639240) was held by our forces as an outpost. Line now runs (163332497)-(163442447)-(163802999)-(163172360). B4F reports they are not holding MORILLA GROBE. ACTION: Noted to G-3, C/S, Map, Journal.   |
| 146 | 2240 | Phone fr Retreat: Trps on Hill 838 (1618250) have been receiving fire from heavy artillery (150 or 170mm) all evening. Range to gun estimate at 3-4 thousand yards; direction, N. ACTION: LUM, Journal.   |
| 147 | 2300 | Rq 10th St Div Sitrep No. 90 submitted.   |
| 148 | 2300 | Retread 3 via In C: Retread Red has pulled "B" Co back to vicinity (160A244). ACTION: C/S, Map, Journal.  |
| 149 | 2320 | Phone fr Rex 2: BFP: 062255A - Patrol left sometime in afternoon arriving at (1633229) Pndi GOBHA at 061730A; waited till 061850A to meet our patrol; did not see our patrol. ACTION: G-3, Journal.   |
| 150 | 2330 | Phone fr IFW: 060600A to 070600A - 131 PWs - 49 - 2d Bn 1045 Regt; 18 - Mittenwald Mtn Bn; 2 - 1st Bn 15th Regt PG Div; 2 - 2d Bn 15th Regt PG Div;   |

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- 150 (Continued) 4 - 114th Recon Bn; 56 - through medical channels (for the last 2 days). ACTION: G-2, C/S, Esun, Journal.
- 151 2350 Phone fr Col Thomson to Keystone Battle St. Have a msg that states there is no scheduled Rover Joe flight for tomorrow. Answer: They're scheduled for the Po Valley, but they're on call and we can get them on an hour's notice if anything breaks. ACTION: Journal.
- 152 2355 Rec'd: Overlay Mined areas fr S-2, 126 Mt Engr, 6 Mar 45.
- 153 2400 Phone fr Rebate 2: F Co, 3d Bn; 2 deserters from a spec. mtn unit who have been in line for 3 days. Call Lt Col Sheeler when they have been interrogated. ACTION: IFA, C/S, Journal.  
3d Bn: White phosphorus mortar shells falling in our area, starting fires; last shell near CP at 2300. ACTION: Rex, C/S, Journal.

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- 1      0005    Phone fr Baz 2: Reply 2 - (15829) - 2 houses, in each of which is a 105mm how. - observed by #512 - 150 yds North of that point there are 2 more 105 hows - Hill 756 (1589281) and Hill 739 (1590281) are suspected AA positions - suspected SS's at (1601293), (1601291), (1603285). Arty fired on all of these. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 2      0105    Phone fr Retread: Request Corps Arty to fire at (1693273) on tanks thought to be concentrated there at 070500A. ACTION: Will call and advise RKL.
- 3      0125    Phone fr Baz 2: A Co 87th receiving heavy shelling; Corps and Div arty firing CB. ACTION: C/S, Isum, Journal.
- 4      0205    Phone fr Baz 2: Retread Red 6: CASTEL D'ALIANO is on fire; continued shelling. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Isum, Journal.
- 5      0205    Phone fr Baz 2: Reply 2 - 0130A; small arms fire at K Co 86th, 3 men in front of position - uncertain whether friendly or enemy - they will find out. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 6      0215    Phone fr Baz 2: Things have quieted down; enemy arty fire has fallen off. Only small fires in the town of CASTEL d'ALIANO now - caused by white phosphorus. ACTION: Corps, Isum, C/S, Journal.
- 7      0240    Phone fr Baz 2: In #1 with 87th - 1 truck and 1 house on fire in CASTEL d'ALIANO. That is all. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 8      0245    Rec'd: Sitrep No. 130, Ref No. 199, 062400A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 9      0600    Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 91 submitted.
- 10     0600    Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 55 submitted.
- 11     0615    Phone fr Retread 3: Noises heard indicating motor movement during the past 30-40 minutes along road between CASTEL d'ALIANO and VILLA d'ALIANO. Heard by both 1st and 2d Bn. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 12     ~~0645    [REDACTED]~~
- 13     0720    Read; ffrom 3rd Bn 3-2, documents and letters found at 559230 of 5 March, in a house.
- 14     0729    Phone fr Air O to R Joe: Send hereofly up to investigate following suspected areas. Will request flight against most inative target disclosed. 1.- 2 houses in each of which there is a 105mm How (15829). 2.- 150 yds North of above area there are 2 more 105mm How. 3.- Hill 756 (589281) and Hill 739



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- 14 0729 (590281) are suspected AA positions. 4.- Suspected 88mm guns at 601293, 601291 (contd.) 605285. 5.- Tanks believed assembling in VILLA D' AIANO. 6.- Suspected 170mm gun at 616299. 7.- Suspected ammo dump at 58922743 (Rousses). 8.- 88th Inf requests mission against arty position at (553240). Action: O/S, Journal.
- 15 0825 Recd: IV Corps, 1st Brazilian Div G-3, General Ord order no.25, dated 6 March.
- 16 0830 Recd: Hq 92Inf Div, G-2 Periodic Report No. 121, dated 5 March.
- 17 0830 Recd: Hq 92nd Inf Div G-3 Per Rpt No.122,dated 6 March.
- 18 0750 Phone fr Remount 2: 25 rounds smoke landing in draw between Remount Red and Retread Red, via, (1599265). Action: G-2, Issm, Journal
- 19 0800 Phone fr Retread 3: Our sector generally quiet. "A" Co read more artillery fire last night than ever before. Action: Journal.
- 20 0808 CG, 10th Mt Div to Rebate 3: Has contact been established with BEF? Answer: BEZ Patrol from Rebate White left at 0700 to contact BEF via M di Corba (653239). Will report when contact made. Action: BEF Ln Co.
- 21 0855 Phone fr Keystone 2: 5th Army radio intercept indicates that elements of the 65th Div are possibly in Vis (15735); presence of an arty of Fus Bn is indicated possibly as a task force. Action: G-2, c/s, Journal.
- 22 0945 Phone fr Remount 2: PW from 3rd Co, 71st Fg Regt status his co is located via (1576262). PW is now on way to PW csg. Action: G-2, Journal.
- 23 0930 Phone fr Capt Kastner to 86th, 85th, 87th, AT Bn: Maps for future planning are available at the 126th Eng Bn for distribution. Come and get them. Noted Jnl.
- 24 0950 Recd: Hq IV Corps G-2 Per Rpt no.273, dated 7 March. ( 3 copies).
- 25 0955 Recd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Per rpt No. 65, dated 6 March.
- 26 0955 Recd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation as of 070700A March...(3 copies).
- 27 0955 Recd: Hq Replacement and Irng Command, MTOUSA, letter of Feb 23, re training of Replacements, together with 1st Wrapper Ind,dated 6 March from Col L.N. LaDue, Hq IV Corps, to CG, 10th Mt Div..
- 28 1000 Recd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Per Rpt No 65, dated 6 March 1945
- 29 1005 Recd: Hq IV Corps ISUK dated 070955A( M.616).
- 30 1006 Phone fr Rebate 3: 3rd Bn when relieved will assemble in P. COLONA --rather than Huest--is this OK? Action: This is not approved due to other installations that are planned for that area--continue Fedn in area NW of P Colona. G-3, Jnl.

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31	1012	Phone fr Retread 3: One enemy tank observed by ground CP at 601272. Enemy show line observed at 606294. 1st Bn receiving heavy arty fire. Our arty has been notified. Action: Journal, G-2.
32	0945	Phone fr Wisdom 2 (thru Rex) Forward observer reports a co. of enemy inf. at (1524267) at 070935A; going to fire on them. Action: G-2, Isum, Jral.
33	10095	Phone fr Capt Turkish (Ln @) BEF: BEF wants to put one Bn, 105mm guns in town C. TOGCHI (5717) to support BEF on our left and for future operations. Action: OK if none of our installations are interfered with. Sg; Jral.
34	1050	Phone fr Rebate 2: Italian personnel report three hvy guns in position 400 yds West of BHOCHO (617291). Action: G-2, Div Arty.
35	1055	Phone fr Rex 2: From Rejeet 2 at 071020A--enemy CP on M. ACQUARETTO (1630266) noted for G-2, Jral.
36	1100	Phone fr Lt Chafee: BEF, IV is going to lay mine field at (1541197) now. Action: C/S, G-2, Rebate Blue.
37	1115	Recd: BEF IPW Report no. 44, dated 5 March.
38	1115	Recd: BEF G-2 Report No. 123, dated 6 March.
39	1100	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 92 submitted.
40	1115	Phone from Air CP #3: At 071058 at (1614298) there are emplacements believed to be where AA fire is coming from. Action: R Joe, G-2, Journal.
41	1115	Recd: overlay from BEF, Capt Turkish.
42	1100	Phone fr Rebate 2 & 3: Our contact patrol from Rebate White to the BEF of last night (6th), were in M di COBRA, (1633229) at approx 1855A. The BEF patrol wasn't there. They reported being there only from 1730 to 1850A. The BEF were to remain until contact was made. Today 071000 a patrol from Rebate White will again be at M di COBRA with an officer. Will remain until contact is made with the BEF. Will report as soon as contact is made. No reports as yet from patrol to hill 781 (1645244), thence to (1630243). Will check and report as soon as info is recd. Action: Jral, C/S, CG, BEF.
43	1125	Phone fr Retread 2: At (16092640), (three houses), a German ambulance pulled out at 071100A. On road between this point and FANATTIGLIA (1612263) there is some vehicle and foot traffic. Action: G-2, ISUM, Journal.
44	1200	Brig Gen Crane, IV Corps visited G.P.
45	1210	Phone fr Rebate 3: Contact made with BEF at 1000A at M DE COBRA (1634229). ACTION: Journal, C/S, SITREP.

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- 46 1255 Recd: Hq 87th Mt Inf overlay of positions and Defensive fires.
- 47 1305 Phone fr Retread 3: Retread White reports a possible mine field vicinity of FIANELLI has been cleared. A mine field near dugout right front of Hill 926 (596247) has been cleared. Near this dugout is some PARKER Faust ammo. Action: G-3, G/S, Ord Off.
- 48 1320 Recd: Incoming message Nr. 42274, from IV Corps, for info to 5th Army, BEF, 10th Mt Div and for action to 894 TD Bn, 751 Tk Bn; 92 Div pass to 894 TD Bn. Ref No. 202. par 1. Move Charlie Co, 894 TD Bn from 92 Inf Div Area to via Taviano 5905, to arrive at latter location by dark 7 March. Para two. Effective upon arrival at TAVIANO, Charlie Co, 894 TD Bn is detached parent unit and attached 751 Tk Bn. Para 3. CG, C Co, 894 TD Bn, or his representative, will report to Hq IV Corps (G-3 section) without delay. Para. 4. Routes and timings will be cleared through IV Corps Tare Charlie Charlie.
- 49 1320 Phone fr Rebate 2: 1st Bn been getting heavy arty fire all day. Main CP believed at 638287, Arty position believed near F. STRADA (634777). Near HENRI (618281) - arty position. Arty near CA DELLA GATTE (616280). Move shelled at their pos 61752640 from an of 6390 mls. Some TD's on ridge (ones) have been forced to fall back because of arty fire. Action, Baz, G-3, CG, R Joe.
- 50 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 56 submitted.
- 51 1330 Phone fr I S 9: A Lt Gary A Steffen, 85th Mt Inf, has been reported by a civilian to have stayed in his house at Bagni Di Innesca. Officer stated he had been captured by Germans on M BELVEDERE and had escaped and that he was now looking for the 85th Inf. Action: Checked with S-1, 85th Mt Inf. 2d Lt Gary A Steffen has never been out of the line...is not missing. I S 9 advised that subject is a phone y.
- 52 1340 Phone fr BEF: BEF is sending patrol of one Off and 15 KM to GABOVA (659247); left at 1220A. Action: 85th Inf notified.
- 53 1420 Phone from Gen Duff to Col Barlow: Any word from Stone's patrol? Ans: No word as yet. They left at 0700 with radio and maps to call in at certain points. We will make every attempt to contact and call you. Action: Journal, G-3.
- 54 1402 Phone fr Lt Chaffe, (BEF): Patrols BEF. #1. 1 Plat strength--departed 1300--destination CASSELLINA (538204) go by way of Hill 938 (547196) and RANOCCHI (543200)-- Combat patrol #2--1 plat strength--departed 1300--destination Lazzari (540211) via Hill 938 (547196) and Hill 916 (547198)--ALBARELLI (538205) (546207)--and ROMDONI (545210) - combat patrol. Action: Rebate 2, Rebate Line G-2.
- 55 1435 Phone fr Air O to Air O (IV Corps): Our units in CASSELL D' ALIANO - M Della SPE sector are and have been receiving very intense arty fire. Our counter-batter cannot give them much relief. Request 3 flights R Joe this afternoon. Answer: will call Army and make request. Action: G/S, Journal,

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- 16 1500 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP No. 93, submitted.
- 17 1510 Phone fr Retread 2: At (1602295) road running E and W, a lot enemy traffic both vehicles and foot movements. Arty is firing on them but it does no good. Would like to get Rover Joe on it as it looks like they are definitely going into position there. Rover Joe notified and he can have planes at 1530A. ACTION: G-2, Rover Joe, Corps, C/S.
- 18 1515 Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn S-3 Report No. 66 dated 071200A March 1945.
- 19 1515 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 131 dated 071200A March 1945.
- 20 1510 Phone fr Rebate 5: 1st Bn and 2nd Bn report searchlights on their positions last night. 2nd Bn took a back azimuth on light from their position - 145° from I. MONTE (1630217). Keep lights off of M BELLA SPE (1617243) and M BELLA CASTELLANA (1628213). ACTION: Notified Searchlight officer. He will raise and shift light. Let us know if the lights give any more trouble.
- 21 1535 Phone fr Rebate 2: 3rd Bn, 85th reports an ammo dump found at BOMBON (1643210). 2nd Bn, 85th reports 75 MM or 105 MM shelling at Hill 1005 (1628211) coming from 20° azimuth - tree bursts at 071230A. OP at 0700471 at (1601295) 2 enemy observed and at 071209A at (1604273) possible mortar position at (1601272) tracked vehicle believed to be a tank. At 071102A at (1607289) 3 enemy moving in and around house. OP is located at (1602251). ACTION: G-2, ISUM, Journal.
- 22 1550 Phone fr Rex 2: Kentucky CP (1588233) - receiving SA fire from vicinity of PINTRA COLORA - being fired at random. ACTION: Notified Retread Elmo 3:
- 23 1550 Rec'd. Hq XIII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary dated 5 Mar '45.
- 24 1550 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 347 dated 061200A March 1945.
- 25 1550 Rec'd. Hq TF 45, S-2 Periodic Report No. 5, dated 6 March 1945.
- 26 1615 Phone fr Rebate 2: at 1545A in respect to patrol from GASELLA (1638240) to M. NALBURA (16424) - they were reported in to 85th Inf CP and report will follow in about 2 hours. 1st Bn CP from (1619253) on the right knob of hill 916 at azimuth 335° estimated range 2500 yds 2300 yds near point 854 at (1610273) believed to be flat trajectory arty weapon. ACTION: G-2, Rex, Corps, Journal, ISUM.
- 27 1615 PATROL PLAN, 7 Mar, 2nd Bn, 85th, 1 Co. 1 pl't(17) reinforced, Out 0700A, In 1700A, MISSION: LV GASELLA (1638240). Go to Hill 781 (1645244)- to (1650243) and return. Investigate MG positions, capture PWs.
- PATROL PLAN, 7 Mar, 2nd Bn, 85th, 1 Co., Out 0700A, MISSION: Contact with HNF at M DI COBRA (1633229). REPORT: Contact made with HNF at 071000A at M DI COBRA (1634229).

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- 67 (Cont'd) PATROL PLAN, 7 Mar, Ben Troop, 1 Officer, 34 MM, Out 070000A, In 071300A, MESSAGES: (1548220) - (1548223) - HK to (1549220) - (1549231) and return to SK.  
PATROL FINDINGS: Ben Troop Mine - 1 (Frenchman) German artillery destroyer gave up to patrol at MANERMO (1551221). Evacuated thru IFW channels. Patrol found wounded German officer at (1552220) evacuated to aid station, from 3rd Bn 232 Pan Arty - 2 abandoned 105's guns at (1548222) in good condition but no breach blocks. (Do not know whether they further destroyed guns or not but will check). Civilian reports 6 Germans in house at (1544236) and suspects 2 platoons at (1542235) both locations are being shelled by our army at 1455A.
- 68 1635 Phone fr Rasecon Ia O: Co A, 894 TD Bn has been attached to 751 Tank Bn and will move into assembly area vicinity (1648216) tonight. 1st Platoon, Co "A", 701st TD will move into same assembly area after dark tonight. ACTION: G-3, C/S.
- 69 1635 PATROL PLAN, 7 Mar, Ben Troop, 1 Officer, 34 MM, Out 1400A, In 1800A. MESSAGES: Contact patrol. Leaves Hill 928 to Hill 808 to Hill 806 and back to Hill 928.
- 70 1700 Rec'd. German maps found at PIEDRA COLERA and sent in by 3 - 87th.
- 71 1700 Rec'd. German documents sent in by 85th Mt Inf. Message Center Nos. A 2292, A 2293, A 2295, and A 2297. (Turned over to Capt Rumberg).
- 72 1650 Phone fr Rasecon 6 (Maj Madden) to Recall 5: 1. 1st Platoon, Co A, 751st Tank Bn closed in vicinity (1648231) at 1515A. 2. 2nd Platoon, Co A, 751st Tank Bn closed in vicinity (1672232) at 1500A. 3. Co B, 894 TD Bn attached to 751st Tk Bn and will move into assembly area at (1548216). 4. 1st Platoon, Co A, 701st Tank Destroyer Bn will move into vicinity of (1648216) after dark tonight. ACTION: Journal.
- 73 1730 Phone fr Rebate 2: 1st Bn, 85th observer reports a large caliber gun believed to be dug in tank at (161002723) at 1710A - 105 mm or larger. ACTION: G-2, Rex, Corps, ISUM: Journal.
- 74 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 57, submitted.
- 75 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 94, submitted.
- 76 1800 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div ANTY B-3 Report No. 37, dated 6 March 1945.
- 77 1800 Rec'd. Message dated 7 Mar fr 84th Cml Mortar Bn. "Advance CP opened 1300A at (1549228)". Signed by Bn CO at 1530A.
- 78 1800 Rec'd. Ltr fr CIE Det., Hq 10th Mt Div dated 7 Mar addressed to A.C. of S, G-2 (CI) Hq 10th Mt Div.

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- 79 1820 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 817 to include 071500A March 1945.
- 80 1820 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army Weather Forecast 072400A -- 082400A March 1945.
- 81 1830 PATROL REPORT, 2nd Bn 85th, 7 March 1945, 1 Co, 1 platoon (17) reinforced, Out 070700A, IN 071720A, Time Rec'd. 071830A. PATROL FINDINGS: Moved along high ground from CASILLA (1638240) to (1642243), where 2 MG supports and several foxholes (all unoccupied) were seen. Proceeded to (1645245), where deep slit type OP (unoccupied) was found. Went to (1649244), and found abandoned MG position. Returned along same route, observing to N and E, and saw no enemy.
- 82 1915 Phone fr Rex 3: We want to put harassing fire on area of MONTESI - Are any of our patrols out there? ACTION: Remount 3 notified - he says patrols are in. Go ahead and fire. ACTION: Journal.
- 83 1920 Phone fr Rebate 5: Rebate Red on N. DELLA SPE is being lit up by searchlight located on an azimuth of 110° - 120° from (1617264). Take the light off the area. ACTION: Notified searchlight unit at BEAR. Light will be shifted at once.
- 84 1930 Phone fr Remount 3: 1st Bn and 2nd Bn received heavy Arty fire about 20 to 30 minutes ago. Lines are out so I have no details yet. Firing has died down. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Rex.
- 85 1930 Rec'd. following message fr IV Corps \*PARAGRAPH 1. MOVE TWO PLAT, C COMPANY, 751 TK BN TO VICINITY LIZZANO (5112) NIGHT 7 - 8 MARCH. PARAGRAPH 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ARRIVAL IN LIZZANO AREA TWO PLAT, C COMPANY, 751 TK BN IS DETACHED 751 TK BN AND ATTACHED 701 TO BN."
- 86 1930 PATROL PLAN 502, E Co, 85th, 1 Co. 9 BN, OUT 071900A, In 080300A. MISSION: Obs & Ren (1635256) - (1634246) - (1629245) - (1631251) back to starting point.  
PATROL PLAN 503, E Co, 85th, 1 Co. 9 BN, Out 071900A, In 080500A. MISSION: Obs & Ren CAROLLE (1615245), TORA (1621247), MONIE SINGSTAR (1623255) - (1627254) - (1626249) - (1622245).
- PATROL PLAN 2, Ben Troop, 1 Co. 34 BN, Out 071300A, In 071800A. MISSION: Ben & Obs.  
PATROL FINDINGS: Out 071300A, In 071830A, Time Rec'd. 071940A March. No enemy contact along route. Civilians report Germans abandoned houses along route 3 days ago - civilians do not believe any had returned. Small arms, mortar and 75 mm ammunition observed along road from NAKERHO (15582) NE to (1562234).
- 87 1950 Phone fr IFW: IFW stated that road is mined from (1565245) NW to (1562246) - 10 T mines and a number of Sahn mines. ACTION: G-2, Map, Remount, Journal, Engr.

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- 88 1955 Phone fr Retread 6 to General Duff: Col Wilson is upset, he states that Tanks or armor comes down from the NW and fires on him. He thinks Rebate could go down the forward slope and mine the road. General Duff: They've got a road block down there. We'll call Rebate and have those tanks under fire when they come down and we'll alert our tanks too. We can have someone put some mines out there. ACTION: General Duff to get in touch with Colonel Barlow, Journal.
- 89 2000 Phone from Lt Chaffey, La O, to BEF T.F.: BEF Tank Force is sending out no patrols tonight. ACTION: G-2, C/S.
- 90 2000 Phone fr Retread 3 via La O. Old CP closed, new CP opened at (1665218) (VARIA DI SOTTA) at about 1900A. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Map, SITREP.
- 91 2000 Phone fr Recall Asst 6: (To: Rebate 6): Direct Col Woolley to bring Arty fire to bear on 200 yard stretch of road at (1619276) when tanks are heard moving along there. ACTION: Journal.
- 92 2030 Phone fr Rex 3: Some high velocity shells coming in at (1662285) - May be TD and Tanks. Notify Tank Bn. ACTION: Rascon notified, G/S, G-3.
- 95 2050 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 818 to include 072000A March 1945.
- 94 2125 Phone fr Recall Asst 6 to Rex 6: 1/87 in front of CASTEL D'ALIANO is receiving punishing arty and mortar fire and believe they can provide fairly accurate positions for counterbattery action. Give them the assistance they need. ACTION: Journal.
- 95 2200 Phone fr Keystone 5 to Recall 5: There will be a meeting tomorrow at 0930A at Keystone Battle which Recall 6 and desired staff members will attend. ACTION: Journal.
- 96 2200 Phone fr 1st Div, BEF: Patrol to road block (1654239). Patrol will consist of Eng and Infantry. Is leaving now. ACTION: Rebate 3 notified. They will notify Rebate White.
- 97 2205 Phone fr Rex 2: CASTEL D'ALIANO (16025) being shelled by mortar and some Arty fire - arty is firing counter battery and counter - mortar fire on that region. ACTION: G-2, C/S and Corps. Journal.
- 98 2205 PATROL REPORT NO. 503, G, 85th, 1 Co., 9 BN, Out 071845A, In 072000A, Time Rec'd. 072230A. PATROL FINDINGS: No enemy contact. E slope of Hill 912 (1625249) too steep for possible counter attack and drew on E side (1689256) to (1628250) too narrow for larger than single column.
- 99 2230 Phone fr Rex 2: (Fr Require 2): CASTEL D'ALIANO, MADNA DI BRASA and S on road to Junction at (1687236) are being shelled. Counterbattery fired. At CASTEL D'ALIANO infantry heard small arms fire. 616th FA Bn fired normal barrage 2105A - 2115A. Small arms fire ceased. FO with 1/87 reports enemy arty quieted at 2205A. ACTION: G/S, G-3.

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100 2255 Phone fr IPF: 12 Pz's captured from 070600A to 080600A/ ACTION: Noted for 0600 ISUM, Journal.

101 230 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 95, submitted.

102 2330 Phone fr Rebate 4: Flash bang reporter- Rebate OP at (160202305); 1 as of 75' flash and then bang. 3 as 80' M2 sec flash to bang location unknown.  
3. This OP can observe O/S. Rex can get thru to OP thru rebate. Lt Gillis.  
ACTION: O/S, General Duff, Rex.

103 2400 Rec'd fr IV Corps the following message: In connection with assembling of information on stragglers it is requested that you furnish this Hq answer to the following questions pertaining to the straggler problem: Have stragglers been a serious problem. What measures have been taken to prevent straggling. What measures have been taken to apprehend stragglers. Under what conditions of combat did greatest straggling occur. Were some individuals inclined to straggle repeatedly. What was greatest reason for straggling, fatigue, fear, etc. In addition to the specified answer requested above, a detailed discussion of the problem is desired. Requested reports must reach this Hq not later than noon, 10th March.



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- 1 0215 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, OSS Det, Intelligence Bulletin No. 13, 7 March 1945.
- 2 0215 Rec'd fr S-2, Return: Roll of maps for G-2.
- 3 0215 Rec'd patrol Report 502: No one obsd at houses at (1635256). About 12-15 dugouts and shelters found unoccupied on E Side of M SPIONHON (1433247). Some equipment left behind by Jerry, indicating hurried withdrawal. No enemy contact; no one seen.
- 4 0115 Phone fr Hqs 2: 1. Summary of enemy shelling: 1845-shells fell area 1997247. 2030A-shells fell area MADNA DI BRASA (16024). 2100A-start of arty fire at (160962538). 2100A-10 rounds/min at (1597247). 2200A-undetermined amount of arty at DELLA SPE (1618264), BACHNERKORITZBERGER ACTION: ISUM, Journal. 2. Plan to work out OP's on E DELLA SPE (1618264), where observers can locate enemy batteries and pin point locations by plotting intersects. Will need inter OP communications. ACTION: G-2, Journal, C/S.
- 5 0150 Phone fr Recall 2 to Keystone 2 & 3: Check on unidentified plane overhead. Corps knows of no scheduled flights. ACTION: Hqs, ISUM, Journal.
- 6 0237 Rec'd fr ABC, Fifth Army to Air O: Intentions for eight March. Refer Joe on Call.
- 7 0306 Rec'd fr IV Corps, SITREP No. 132, dated 072400A March 1945.
- 8 0306 Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf large enemy map and overlay of enemy positions.
- 9 0340 Phone fr Rebate: G1 at (1558226) heard several tank vehicles moving in vis (15A3237) DAN MARTINE. Action: Journal, G-2, ISUM.
- 10 0505 Phone fr Rebate: OP: Observer at (16022505) heard 2 bursts of enemy MG fire via CASTLE M/TIANK (1602256) at 0420A, and 2 more answered by our own at 0420A, 10 rounds of arty fell on OP at 0455A. ACTION: G-2, ISUM, C/S.
- 11 0530 Phone fr Retread 3: Complete front fairly quiet with exception of arty fire during period. Action: Noted for 080600A SITREP., Journal.
- 12 0610 Phone fr Hqs 2: Normal barrage fired between 0505A and 0510A at (1600261) when infantry reported what they thought was enemy movement, and heard burp gun 129 rounds expended; fire not observed. ACTION: Journal.
- 13 0710 Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate now has communications with Rebate White. Noted.
- 14 0710 Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate reports line to Rebate White went out at 0540A. ACTION: Informed Rebate to let us know the minute the line to White is in, Willco.
- 15 0800 Phone fr Gen Duff to Col Cordes: No plan for you to get back the 180 AF men, and we want you to reconstitute a strong defensive line with automatic weapons. This will be effective tomorrow and so I suggest that you come in today to

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- 15 (Continued) discuss the matter - 1400A. Figure out the weapons you will want.  
ACTION: Journal.
- 16 0840 Phone fr Gen Duff to Rebate 6, Remount 3, and Retread 6: Start wiring in positions immediately. Get wire up today and work on it at night. ACTION: Journal.
- 17 0915 Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol Report on #501: Out 1900A. In 0200A; Out pre-scribed route; made contact with our outpost at CAHELLA (L638240); made no contact with enemy; observed no enemy activity; no personnel or equipment lost. Patrol Intentions: 2 MCO's and 7 M from Recon Troop; Out 08000A. In 08100A; to go to (L618222); mission to destroy abandoned enemy material. ACTION: Isum, G-2, C/S, Journal.
- 18 0915 Phone fr Rebate 2: Enemy MG located at Az 10° from CP at (L608250), at a distance of about 1,000 yds. Seen at 080725A, when gun was firing. ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal.
- 19 0915 Rec'd: Overlay patrol intentions, 2d Bn, 85th Mt Inf.
- 20 0915 Rec'd: German documents, fr 3d Bn, 85th Mt Inf.
- 21 1000 Phone fr Rebate: Rebate Red CP: Road (L629274) blown by Germans. Rebate CP: Gun flashes seen at (L608278). ACTION: Engr, Rex, C/S, Journal.
- 22 1015 Rec'd: General Operations Order Number 26, fr IV Corps, 1st Brazilian Div.
- 23 1030 Rec'd: Isum No. 819, Ref No 208, 080925A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 24 1040 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No, 274, 8 March 1945, fr IV Corps.
- 25 1040 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 66, 7 March 45 fr IV Corps.
- 26 1040 Rec'd: Sitreps Nos. 131 and 132, 7 Mar 45, fr IV Corps
- 27 1040 Rec'd: Report as of 0700A, 8 Mar 45, G-3 Situation, fr IV Corps.
- 28 1045 Phone fr Rex 2: Rebate Blue Bn CP: Troop concentration in RAMOCCHIO (L5326); Corps and Bn TWT at 1100A will be fired. ACTION: Isum, C/S, G-2, Corps, Journal.
- 29 1100 Phone fr Rebate 2: (L61752805) heavy mortars on 105's. (L618273) self propelled guns (2 or 3). (L62052720) TORRE IUSMI - definitely occupied by enemy; field pieces suspected of being there. (L61952700) mortars (SARRA SARRANA). ~~Should~~ ~~check~~ ~~for~~ (L623277) field piece - flash-bang & sec. from position (L61852565). (L617256) our obsn position; shell came in at Az 12° at angle of 45°; left crater 6 ft by 2 ft. (L615277) believed to be mortar position. ACTION: Rex, Corps, Isum, G-2, Journal.

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- 30 1100 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 97 submitted.
- 31 1136 Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe: Targets - 3 or 4 self propelled guns at (L618275). TORRE INSSI (L62052720) - occupied by enemy - field pieces believed there. Heavy mortars or 105mm at (L61752805). Forward Topo: (L581258), (L593263), (L599261), (L609259), (L612262), (L621261), (L622253), (L620250), (L630250), (L635233). Rover Joe - PO Valley weather prevents flying - we may get some flights originally planned for that area. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
- 32 1145 Rec'd: Distribution List No. 10, 6 Mar 45, fr EFTM Army.
- 33 1145 Phone fr Require 2: Movement on road (L591299) to (L599295) seen at 080900A consists of 10-15 men moving N and 2 motorcycles moving south. ACTION: C-3, Isum, Journal.
- 34 1215 Phone fr Wisdom 2: Request made for permission to reproduce from 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report #19 the excerpts from a German War Diary; to be distributed to Battalion Hqs. ACTION: Request granted, with provision that classification be not changed and that the reproductions be not taken into front lines.
- 35 1235 Phone fr IFW: Civilians crossed into our lines early this morning and report that houses in and around (to about 500 meters) RIBA di BISCIA (L539232) are occupied by Jerries; they arrived in that area on the evening of 6 Mar. ACTION: Rover Joe, Raz, C/S, Corps, Journal.
- 36 1242 Phone fr Air O to Rover Joe: Civilian reports Germans billeted in houses RIBA di BISCIA (L539232) and in surrounding area - they were there last night. Hit this target with first available flight. ACTION: Journal.
- 37 1310 Phone fr Retread 2: From (L60252509) on Az of 3° and 16 to 20 sec. between flash and shell explosion are 2 guns of 150mm to 170mm. From (L60252509) on Az of 75° to 80° and 17 sec. between flash and shell explosion are 2 guns estimated to be 150mm. ACTION: Raz, Corps, G-2, Journal.
- 38 1325 Phone fr Rebate 2: Recon Patrol (demolition): identified the 2 weapons previously identified as 105's as 88's; both were put out of action (L548222). One 37mm gun also was destroyed (L548223). Returned at 1200A and nothing else to report. ACTION: Corps, C/S, G-2, Journal.
- 39 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 59 submitted.
- 40 1330 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 133, Ref 213, 081305A Mar 45, fr 2v Corps.
- 41 1330 Rec'd: Overlay 10th AT positions, 1500A 7 Mar 45.

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| 42             | 1400        | Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2 observer #513; Much activity in LA RINOLA (1589271); 605th Fired in area; had good effect, but activity continues. Arty will fire again. ACTION: Corps, G-2, C/S, Journal.   |
| 43             | 1405        | Phone fr Hovee 3: Mule train going over ridge at CAMP di BONGHIDOS (1543186). Are they friendly? Activity seen in ALBARELLI and FOUNG. ACTION: Lt Chaffee, Lt C at HMF Task Force reports this is one of their supply trains which missed their lines and are now on way back.   |
| 44             | 1415        | Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol along road from MAREMO (1551229) to (1559234) destroyed S/A, arty and mortar ammo in dumps and houses along road. No enemy seen. ACTION: Corps, G-2, Isum, C/S, Journal.   |
| 45             | 1445        | Rec'd: Weather Forecast, Ref No 3151, 081408A Mar 45 fr Fifth Army.  |
| 46             | 1400        | Meeting of CG with Regtl Commanders and Artillery Commander to discuss relief of units, change of boundaries, tentative plans for future operations, replacements (tng of replacements), and armament. Inession 1400 -- adjourned 1505A. Action: Journal.  |
| 47             | 1500        | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No.98 submitted.   |
| 48             | 1545        | Recd: fr S-2 Return; Photo Mosaic Contours...two bundles...to G-2.   |
| 49             | 1545        | Recd: Hq XXII TAC Daily Int Summary No. 144, dated 6 March.  |
| 50             | 1545        | Recd: Hq 751st Tk Bn S-3 Report No. 67, dated 8 March.   |
| 51             | 1545        | Recd: Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report dated 7 Mch (No. 548).  |
| 52             | 1550        | Recd: Hq TF 45 S-2 Periodic Report No 6, dated 7 March.  |
| 53             | 1515        | Phone fr Rebate; Rebate OP: at 081407A 4 enemy observed entering house at 1609302; they were well dispersed. At 081445A on road running NW - SEast thru 1602302 considerable enemy movement is noted; 2 ambulances going SE, several enemy troops moving SE, 2 enemy motorcycles going NW. Action: Rex, Corps, W/S, Journal. |
| 54             | 1530        | Phone fr Keystone 2: Lt M Kirdirks, SIAM Lt C at 10th Mt Div gave info to SIAM D-2 Plat at HMF commanded by Lt Eaton. Msg was ciphered in top grade cipher and transmitted over SIAM net to Army. This is explanation of results of investigation of transmittal of radio intercept.   |
| 55             | 1605        | Phone fr Rebate; OP at (1602251) state that mortar and MG fire fr As 340° falling on C Co, 86th at 081545A. OP reports 20 rounds 88mm fell at (1628 238) at 081545A. Heavy harassing fire falling via 1616259 and 1613252 at 081545A; thought to be 150mm shells. Action: G-2, Isum, Jnl.                                    |

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- 56 1625 Phone fr Retread; At 081540A, the Germans are smoking the road at (1597314). Certain amount of traffic observed. Action: G-2, Journal, Insp.
- 57 1640 CG, 10th Mt Div: Regts will hold and take care of AF officers and EW until Col Cordas calls for their return to AF Bn. All FE 75's, except 6 in the 85th Mt Inf, will be turned in without delay to Division Ord Officer at BURETTA. 85th Mt Inf will hold 6 FE 75's until called for by Col Cordas. Action: G-3, ...shown to 87th Regt, called 86th Regt, called 85th Regt.
- 58 1645 Rec'd fr IV Corps, INSM No. 820, dated 081610A March 1945.
- 59 1650 Phone fr Box 2; Reply 2: Captured medic PW reports no Germans in CASIGNO, (164429). None in ROPPERO (1635267); none in MUSIOLO (1439267); there are some 3 at Hill 634 at CALPARA (1631261) and some on Hill 889 (16427). ACTION: G/C, Corps, G-2, Journal.
- 60 1730 Rec'd fr Hq 10th Mt Div, Civilian Interrogation Report No. 8., 8 March 1945.
- 61 1730 Rec'd fr Hq 10th Mt Div, IPW Report No 28., 8 March 1945.
- 62 1735 Phone fr Macdon Adv; Telephone request to replace platoon of tanks with TD's at (1610238) at dusk to day. ACTION: G-3, Approved, Journal.
- 63 1655 Phone fr Retread 2: OP reports house at 160602875 contains armed civilians and Germans. Require is now firing on it. Action: G-2, Insp, Jral.
- 64 1730 Phone fr Require 2 (through Box): Forward observer interrogated a civilian who gave the following information: 6 days ago he was at Regtu(16128); at that time approx 100 troops were digging in at that point, and forced some civilians to help them. At Castle D' Alano at that time he observed seven 75mm guns and one 88mm gun. Action: G-2, Insp, Journal.
- 65 1740 PATROL INTENTIONS: #1.- Strength, one platoon reinforced with automatic weapons; destination, LAZZARI (1540211) via FRATI (1541194) and point 787 (153951895) and RJ (1541203) and trail to LAZZARI. Depart 1800A. Mission: combat patrol from: 3d Bn, 11th Regt. #2.- One platoon; destination, point 867(1535192); depart 2000A hours from 2d Bn, 1st Regt. #3.- one squad reinforced; destination PANELLO (1531190); depart 2000A from 3rd Bn, 1st Regt. (No return time on prior reports). #4.- (Patrol on W side) 2 squads, destination CVERGHE (1493181), depart 2000A, return 2400A.
- 66 1800 Hq 10th Mt Division SITREP NO. 99 submitted.
- 67 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 60 submitted.
- 68 1845 Phone fr Retread 2: Enemy smoking town of ALBERTO (1606261); smoke covers a 1000 yd front. Request Arty fire on this smoke and behind it. Action: Box 2 G-2, Insp, Journal, Corps.
- 69 1840 Phone fr Remount 5: 3 rds of mortar fire read on M. TERMINALE (?); one

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- 69 1840 man killed and one man wounded. Action: noted G-2, Journal.
- 70 2020 Phone fr G-2 to Div Engr: PW's report mine in field along trail at (1698252); trail is not mined. Road junction at (1640254) is mined with warning signs still in place.
- 71 2040 Recd: Message from ABC to Air Of: ABC to Forward Less Joe. Ref R 12. INTENTIONS For 9 March. Rover Joe on call.
- 72 2045 PATROL PLAN No.501: Rebate P Co, 1 Off 9 EM, out 071900, in 080500, Mission: Recon, security-oban; FINDINGS: Out 071900, in 080200A, recd:080719A, Made no contact with enemy; observed no enemy activity; no personnel or equipment lost.
- 73 2045 PATROL PLAN Special 85th, 2 NCO's, 16 EM, out 1145A in 1700A Mission: To destroy enemy ammunition stored along MASERNO-MONTESE RD  
PATROL REPORT, Spec 85th...out 1145A in 1345A, FINDINGS: S/arms, arty and mortar ammo in dumps and houses along road were destroyed; no enemy action seen.
- 74 2110 An unidentified plane circled over GAGGIO MONTANO and adjacent areas at 082050A to 082100A. Action: Informed Corps, Jrnal.
- 75 2020 Phoned fr Rebate 2: Two PW's captured at 640253 3rd Co., 1043rd Regt say saw MIR along ridge (6626)(6428). Mines in fields along trail (638252); trail not mined. Road junction at (640254) is mined, with warning signs still in place. Patrol 201 will check the mine field mentioned above tonight; patrol 206 will check the road junction tomorrow. Evacuated Italian civilian reports MOLINO SIFROTTU (635261) has been used as German camp and is heavily mined now. Action: G-2, Engrs, S/S, 15us, Jrnal.
- 76 1955 Phone fr Keystone 3: (Telephone from Maj Desbow) Mine clearing Service demonstration to be held in vicinity of Queen 725787 on 10 March at 1400A O'clock. Attendance limited as follows: 3 off per Div Hq -- one off per Arty, Inf, and 3rd Bn -- 4 off per Engr Bn. Action: G-3, Jrnal.
- 77 2030 Phone fr Rebate: Rebate Red on M. Dalla SVE is being lit up by searchlight located on an azimuth of 110° - 120° from 161726A. Take the light off the area. Action: Notified searchlight unit at Bear. Light will be shifted at once.
- 78 2040 Phone fr Retreat: Phone Sitrep; White Bn CP at 1571226 at 2030A. Action: S/S, G-2, Cap, Sitrep.
- 79 2110 Recd: Hq IV Corps ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ISUM No. 821.
- 80 2150 Recd: Hq 92nd Inf G-2/Periodic Report No. 123. dated 7 March.
- 81 2150 Recd: Hq 92nd Inf G-3/Periodic Report No 124 dated 8 March.

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- 82 2110 Phone fr Keystone 2: A reliable source states that a German Lt will tonight attempt to cross the Allied lines on a long-range spy mission. He is supposed to attempt the crossing in the 1st Parachute Corps area (about 90 Easting) but may pass through our sector. Password in 1st Parachute Corps sector tonight is "Trappe"; the countersign is "Beehren"
- 83 2140 Phone fr Col Avera to Col Thomson: Talked to our S-2 in regard to Air Observers. We have no T/C for them yet we're furnishing 2 per Bn. Rever Joe comes in and we have to furnish observers for them too. Wonder if you can supply the observers for them and have them trained. I suggest you select a couple of our own doughboys and have them trained. They also can then be eligible for extra pay, being on flying status. Action: Col Thomson to take it up with GG., Journal.
- 84 2120 Head: IV Corpo de Exercito ...S-2 Memorando Plano de Patrulhas. No. 7
- 85 2150 Phone fr Remount 2: Patrol #501 has been cancelled because 1st Bn is moving to Retreat Red position. Because of other moves, only Remount Red is sending out patrols tomorrow. Action: U-2, Journal.
- 86 2130 Phone fr Recall Air Photos. New demolitions in the road N from MONTESI have been discovered at (55702199), (155862475), and (155882439). Action: Corps G-2, C/C, Ingra, Isua, Journal.
- 87 2130 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 133, 081200A Mar 1945, and G-3 Periodic Report No. 67 dated 8 March 1945.
88. 2230 From IP's: PW information on new MLR as reported/follows: the portion of the MLR known to the 2 PWs runs through (1633283), (1634274), (1635267), and (1643260). ACTION: G-2, Corps, ISUM, Journal. by Rebate 2 (Journal 75) corrected
- 89 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 100, submitted.
- 90 2335 Phone fr IP's: 17 PWs for 24 hour period 080600A to 090600A. No new identifications, ACTION: Noted for 0600 ISUM and Journal.

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- 1 0030 Phone fr Rebate 3: At 08240A area shelled (1626242) estimated to be 105's - 3 rds - no damage - azimuth to enemy guns 340°. At 082400A area shelled (1630250) estimated to be 105's - 3 rds - no damage - azimuth of 40° to enemy guns. ACTION: Noted for G-2, ISUM, Journal.
- 2 0055 Phone fr Rebate 2: PW states that the CP of the 9th Co, 15th PGR is located under a bridge at (1631275). ACTION: G-2, Map, Rax, Journal.
- 3 0110 Phone fr Retread DO: B Co completed relief of elements of Mount White at 0030 - remainder of relief proceeding without incident. Ground CP heard vehicles in vicinity (1603265). ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 4 0110 Rec'd. Overlay showing defensive positions of 1st and 2nd Bns, 85th Mt Inf as of 081200A March 1945.
- 5 0110 Rec'd. Mine overlay from E-3, 126th Mt Engr Bn.
- 6 0110 Rec'd. Patrol overlays for Nos. 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, and 509, 2nd Bn 85th.
- 7 0110 Rec'd. Papers found on dead German. Sent in by 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf.
- 8 0110 Rec'd. "SOLDBUCH" found on dead German soldier (1617243) at 081100A. Civilian reports 7 Germans in his house at (1626269), they left 080200A. Reports MG at TORRE IUGSI (1629273). Road from ROFFENO TO CREMILIO (1661281) mined on both sides. Above received fr 2nd Bn, 85th Mt Inf.
- 9 0110 Rec'd. German pamphlet sent in by Retread 2.
- 10 0130 Phone fr Retread DO: Retread Blue completed relief of Rebate Blue at 0115A without incident. ACTION: Journal, SITREP.
- 11 0150 Phone fr Remount DO: E Co relieved at 0115A by B Co of Retread. ACTION: Journal.
- 12 0155 Phone fr Rebate DO: Rebate Blue closed CP at 0125A, opened at (1568211) at same time. ACTION: Journal, SITREP, Map.
- 13 0205 Phone fr Rebate 3: At 090025A area shelled (1551211) 4 rds - estimated 105's - azimuth of 270° to enemy guns - 14 sec flash bang time. At 090125A area shelled (1630250), 3 rds - estimated to be 105's - azimuth of 335° to enemy guns - (No flash bang time). Action: G-2, Rax, Isum, Journal, Corps.
- 14 0211 Phone fr Remount 3: 2nd Bn 87th completed relief of 3rd Bn 86th at 0206A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep, Map.
- 15 0220 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 134, 082400A March 1945.



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- 16 0340 Phone fr Rebate 2: At 090205A area shelled (1625252) 6 rds, azimuth 355° to enemy guns - estimated to be 105's - no damage - no estimated range and couldn't give flash - bang time. At 090200A area shelled (1625253) 3 rds - azimuth to enemy guns 360° - Flash bang time 3 sec - no damage. ACTION: Hq, Corps, Ison, Journal.
- 17 0345 PATROL PLAN 201, Co G, 85th, 1 O, 9 EM, Out 081900, In 090300, MISSION: Run & Obsn.  
 PATROL REPORT 201, Out 1900A, In 090300A, Time Rec'd 090350A. PATROL FINDINGS: Left TORA at 1900A, saw 3 amber flares in the E, arrived at EPICURIO (1631252) at 2230A, bldgs all quiet and not occupied. Saw Arty firing at (1630261). No enemy contact.
- PATROL PLAN 202, 8 Mar, Co K, 85th, 1 O, 9 EM, Out 081900A, In 090300A. MISSION: Run & obsn. To: CASIGNO (1644259).  
 PATROL REPORT 202, Out 081900A, In 082400A, Time Rec'd. 090350A. PATROL FINDINGS: Saw flash light flash 5 times in 5 minutes at (1639251). Heard small arms and automatic weapon firing at (1647254) and saw 3 ambs above this position. All bldgs in CASIGNO (1644259) not occupied. Patrol had no enemy contact. Did not notice mines nor any evidence of them at (1639252).
- PATROL PLAN 203, 8 Mar, Co F, 85th, 1 O, 9 EM, Out 081900A, In 090300A, MISSION: Run & obsn.  
 PATROL REPORT 203, Out 081900A, In 090350A, Time rec'd. 090350A, PATROL FINDINGS: To Mt Belvedere (1653243). Saw 3 amber flares at Hill 682 (1643259). No enemy contact and all bldgs quiet and unoccupied along all route and destination.
- 18 0245 Phone fr Hanzout DO: E Co was relieved B Co 87th Inf at 0030A rather than 0115A as previously reported. ACTION: Journal, SITREP.
- 19 0400 PATROL PLAN 401, 8 Mar, 1st Bn, 86th, 2 O (1 FO) 15 EM, Out 082100A, In 090400A, MISSION: Route: (1587259), W along ridge to draw via (1576258), W up Mt to vic (1574257); return thru draw via (1579255). Route ran up MT. MONTELLA.  
 PATROL REPORT 401, Out 082100A, In 090200A, Time Rec'd. 090400A. PATROL FINDINGS: Completed Run - No enemy contacted and no enemy observed.
- 20 0420 Phone fr Retread DC: Cps - 2nd Bn, 87th Inf at (1571226), 3rd Bn, 87th Inf at (1559216). ACTION: SITREP, Journal, Map.
- 21 0521 Phone fr Hex 3: SITREP (0430). 604th PA Bn - Communications out. 605th PA Bn - 1 mission enemy gun (1572206) unobserved - 12 rds. 3 missions harassing (1580291), (1588277), (1584285) unobserved. 1 mission enemy patrol (1576257) unobserved 24 rds. 1 mission enemy gun (1580261) unobserved 12 rds. 616th PA no missions. 175 PA Bn, 1 normal barrage (1608264) - unobserved - 4 rds. 1 mission harassing (1599275) (1603272), (1608268) unobserved - still firing. 616 PA Bn closed in position CP (1590222) at approx 0515A. A Btry (1588211), B Btry (1589230), C Btry (1593223). ACTION: SITREP, Journal, Map.

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- 22 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO.61, submitted.
- 23 0800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 101, submitted.
- 24 0655 Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate Blue closed in new area at (L568211) at 090400A. ACTION: Map, Journal, SITREP.
- 25 0630 Phone fr Rebate 3: At 0430A area shelled (L625249), azimuth 15° to enemy guns - flash bang 7 sec - 1 rd, estimated to be 105's. No damage. ACTION: Noted for G-2, ISUM, Max and Journal.
- 26 0650 Rec'd. Instrument and German documents found at MASEHNO near 2 German Arty pieces, from 85th Mt Inf.
- 27 0740 Rec'd Patrol Plan and Report No. 502. Remount Co G., Out-081930A, In-090130A. To: (L567256) Route; SASSUNGLORE (L5824) to (L583088) to (L572247) to (L573283) to (L567256); return to (L573253) to (L575253) to SASSUNGLORE (L5824). Route indicated was followed. No enemy observed or contacted.
- 28 0740 Rec'd Patrol Plan No 501. 8 March 45, Remount Co B. 081930A; In-090130A. Cancelled. Unit is moving to Retread Red position.
- 29 0712 Phone fr Keystone 2: Photo run shows the following: (flown 8 Mar 45). 1. Mine field-(L6416265A)-(L6427265A) 85th, 2. 7 wpns pos-(L59953468)-(L60233475), 3. 10 wpns pos-(L60223486)-(L6052508), 4. 3 wpns pos-(L603352), 5. 4 wpns pos-(L60133528), 6. 2 MG pos-(L60183579), ACTION: FI, Map, G-2, engr.
- 30 0758 Phone fr Rebate: Civilian reports that 7 Germans in his house at (L626269) left 080200A. (also reports MG at TORINA IUS I (L623373). Road from ROFFENO (L640268) to CANTALIONE (L661281) is mined on both sides.) ACTION: Map, engr, FI
- 31 0825 Phone fr C/S to Colonel Olson: Last night I arranged to have one Bn (800 men) housed in MONTICATINI, and now I need room for one Arty Bn at same time, which will make a total of 1300 men to be there. Have you enough room? ACTION: A study will be made and you will be advised.
- 32 0900 Rec'd fr Hq 10th Mt Div Cio, 2 cps of ltr, subject: Road Blocks.
- 33 0911 Phone fr Retread 3: 6 Italian civilians and some Polish deserters came through lines at ap rox (L5925) and reported: 1. 506 German soldiers, that were formed into 9 Cos of 50-60 men each, moved into RIVA (L538232) during the past few days. Soldiers were foreigners, and were accompanied by SS guards. 2. What was believed to be an 88 mm gun at BERTOGGI (L556284). ACTION: IPW, 85th, 86th Regts, G-2, Redoubt, C/S, Map, arty, Corps.
- 34 0920 Phone fr Rebate 2: Civilian report: German 7 man patrol took food and money from building at L625258 and also retrieved 2 wounded Germans at L628258 on 6 March. Buildings at L631262 heavily mined. Germans are in building at L620285. Action: 85th, Engrs, Corps, Rex, G-2, C/S, Journal.

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Phone fr Rebate 2: Fire rovd fr 105 or 150mm gun at (165053010) on as of 35 fr (1619257). Time of flight 14 Sec. Fire rovd fr 150 or 170 mm gun at approx (1609273) on as 346 fr (161432523). Time of flight: 5-6 sec. ACTION: ISUM, Corps, Arty, G-2, Journal.

36 0931

Phone fr Rebate 2: There is a shed full of fused 88(?)mm shells, some other type shells, and S/A ammo at CP of Co 2, 10th Mt Med Bn, at (1573226). ACTION: Called ordnance.

37 1007

Phone fr Keystone 2: Here is the short-barreled 75 which was previously reported. ACTION: Checked with Ord, found this wpn to be at (1576221), and reported to corps.

38 1024

Phone fr Keystone 2: Request a quota of 40's and 16 EM to attend a 5 day course in admin of PW's, to be held at AVERSA, near NAPLES. List should be submitted to Corps before noon, 11 Mar. Corps will issue orders. Do not know yet who will provide transportation. All personnel sent will provide their own bedding, and EM will bring mess equipment. Corps will decide who will go to courses, which will run on following dates: Mar 19-23, 26-30, APR 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 22-27, May 4. Personnel should be chosen with eye to administrative and legalistic qualifications. ACTION: G-2, C/S.

39 1030

Rec'd fr IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 275, 090800A March 1945. 5 Copies.

40 1030

Rec'd fr 10th Mt Div Arty, G-3 Report No 38.

41 1030

Rec'd fr IV Corps G-2 Det Intelligence Bulletin No. 14. 8 March 1945.

42 1030

Rec'd fr IV Corps, SITREP No. 134, 082400A March 1945.

43 1030

Rec'd fr IV Corps, 2 Copies G-2 Situation Report as of 0700A 9 March 1945.

44 1030

Rec'd fr IV Corps, IUM No. 822, 090840A March 1945.

45 1040

Phone fr Retread 3: Have located probable enemy OP in house at (1597280). ACTION: PI, G-2, C/S, Corps, map.

46 1044

Phone fr Recall 2: to OSS: Have agents been sent to ME, vic (1639269), and if so what info have they uncovered? ACTION: OSS will ball back w/info.

47 0855

Phone fr Kentucky 2: 6 rounds mortar fire coming from behind MONTESE vic (15524). Seen from CP at (1571263) at 0815. Do not know where rounds landed. Action: G-2, Journal.

48 1128

Phone fr Retread 5: Request air cover during daylight hours. Our positions are receiving constant arty and mortar fire, which stops when planes are overhead. Action: Notified G-3.

49 1200

Lt Bromberg (ID): Civilians report 500 Germans (Alpine Troops) arrived during last two nights at RIVA di BISCIA (538232) and in houses at following coordinates (545230), (549235). Last night at 1800, an 81mm mortar was observed at (530224). Position is about 50 yds S of the mill and the S bank

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- 47 (continued) of the stream. At POLENDORI (1536200) there are Germans - number unknown. ACTION: Notified BEF about Krauts. Am trying to get Rover Joe to fly a mission.
- 51 1100 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 102 submitted.
- 51 1430 Phone fr Rebate 2: Enemy tractor vehicles heard at (1640267); believed to be clearing road damaged by our arty; other traffic heard on the same road; civilians have been crossing our lines into enemy held territory; our units understand that they are to arrest anyone crossing our lines. ACTION: G-2, C/S, CIC, Journal.
- 52 1145 Phone fr Retread 2: 6 PW's (Deserters) are coming in. 3 are from 114th Gen Bn, 3 are from 15th Co, 71st PG Regt, and say that they were attached to 3d So 71st Regt, since they are from Engr Co. a 210mm mortar is being repaired at 2000A. Regt'l CP is at (1618366). There is a gap between this regt and the mountain unit on its R flank. Fortifications are being built near 2000A. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Map, IWH, Corps.
- 53 1315 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 67, 8 March 1945, fr IV Corps.
- 54 1530 Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 62 submitted.
- 55 1400 Phone fr Rover Joe (Capt Weirs): Flight you requested over RIBA di BISCIA has been cancelled. ACTION: Journal, Rover Joe.
- 56 1420 Phone fr Lt Chaffee: BEF IF sending out 4 patrols - mission to contact enemy and take PW's. 3/1 - 1 squad to CAPPA IL MONTE (1519190) depart at 1500A. 2/1 1 squad, to Point 846 (1533194) depart at 1500A. Left Sector: 2 squads 1 Off, to C BIAIGIO (1474181) depart at 1500A - return 1800A. 2 squads, 1 Off, to CAMPO CARUGLIONE (1494185) depart at 1900A - return 2300A. ACTION: Journal, G-2.
- 57 1500 Rec'd fr Lt Bromberg IPW: Civilian Interrogation Report No. 9, 9 Mar 45.
- 58 1500 Phone fr Max 3: Sitreps: 604th - NTR. 605th - moving, no communications in. 616th - 2 destruction missions; 162 rds. 175th - 2 propaganda missions (200 rds). 1 counter mortar mission at (1583268) 18 rds expended; effect good; area well covered. 1 counter mortar mission at (1584275). 4 target hits; personnel scattered, mortars silenced, 28 rds expended. 1 mission on 88mm gun at (1556254) effect good, area well covered, 50 rds expended. ACTION: Journal, G-3.
- 59 1400 Phone fr Require 2: Require in C #620 at (1596243) captured 2 PWs this morning. PW stated 6 guns were damaged and being taken to rear behind MONTISE for repairs. Trs were concentrating at RIBA di BISCIA (15423) and 1 gun beside church at SALTU (154802614). SALTU is being used as

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59			(Continued) some sort of base. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-2, Rover Joe, Corps, Map,
60	1434		Phone fr Recall 5 to Regts, Redoubt, Haccen, Hq Sp Trs, Arty, Engrs: Request consolidated report on captured and destroyed enemy equipment and materiel since beginning of our operation in this theatre and to include phase just completed. To be submitted by 1200A, 11 Mar 45 to G-2. ACTION: Journal.
61	1500		Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 103 submitted.
62	1520		Phone fr 81st Gen Sq: Wish to make arrangements for contact with elements of your division on our left. ACTION: Call transferred to Rebate J.
63	1530		Phone fr Major Walker: Rover Joe has orders from 5th Army to pull out at 091600A. ACTION: Attn G-3, C/S.
64	1530		Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 548, 8 Mar 45, fr Fifth Army.
65	1530		Rec'd: S-2 Periodic Report No. 7, 8 Mar 45, fr TF 45.
66	1530		Rec'd: weather Forecast, 091415A Mar 45, fr 5th Army.
67	1530		Rec'd: Sitrep No. 135, Ref No. 224, 091425A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
68	1530		Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary No. 145, 7 Mar 45 fr XIII Tac Air Command
69	1530		Rec'd: 751st Tank Battalion Report No. 68, 9 Mar 45
70	1650		Phone fr Rebate 2: Targets for Rover Joe: At LA TRAPPOLA (1617299) 150mm or 170mm gun, supplies, ammo and enemy occupied positions. At LA STERRELLA (1601293) a group of enemy occupied buildings, suspected supply and strong point. Heavy traffic and movement of foot troops in both directions on road (1604299) to (1600302). At TORA di IUSSI (162052720) definitely occupied by enemy and suspected heavy field piece or S.F. gun. Suspected enemy OP on Hill 883 (1638287). At (1591299) a suspected heavy field piece. ACTION: Rover Joe, G-2, Rex Corps.
71	1700		Ref to Entry No. 20 the following are the patrol findings to Patrol No. 401, 86th, 1st Bn: Proceeded as directed crossed into N side of ridge vicinity (158102585). Proceeded under crest to (1579259) where MG fire was heard across ridge at (157902585). When patrol reached (157712385) it was fired on by 80 mm mortar - 12 rds fr NW. Digging was heard just over ridge to south which stopped immediately when patrol passed. Deepest penetration at (157642580). Route of return the same, NORTH RCH REPORT: Down BALDINO across draw vicinity (1576258) and up MORTELLO impractical for troops of Co size or even smaller. Draw is a gorge. Stream is swift. Banks of stream are passible just to S. There is a bridge at point 588 (1577257). Much enemy activity heard at this point. Draw was fired

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- 71 (Cont'd) upon after return by artillery.
- 72 1730 Phone fr Rebate 3: 85th Mt Inf will contact 61st Cav Sq at (1662242) at 092300A and at 100400A. ACTION: IV Corps, CG, C of S.
- 73 1730 Phone fr Capt Livermore: Report: Redoubt and Reveks opened CP at RIOLA (1638237) at 1600A. ACTION: Map, Journal, SITREP.
- 74 1745 Rec'd. Overlay of defensive positions of 2nd and 3rd Bns, 87th Mt Inf, 091200A March 1945.
- 75 1745 Rec'd. ISUM 823 to include 091500A March 1945.
- 76 1745 Rec'd. Enemy positions overlay from 85th Mt Inf, 9 March 1945. (Compiled from Regtl IPW, CP, patrol and partisan reports). Also note for Maj Lueck.
- 77 1745 Rec'd. German documents found at (1616241) in old enemy dugouts. Sent in by 85th Mt Inf.
- 78 1745 Rec'd. overlays of Patrols No. 207, 208, and 209, 2nd Bn 85th Mt Inf, 10 March 1945.
- 79 1745 Rec'd. Hq 61st Cav Regt Sq Operations Instructions No. 9, 8 Mar 1945.
- 80 1745 Rec'd: Boletín De Informaciones N. 6, 8 Mar 45, fr INF.
- 81 1755 Phone fr Redoubt 2: OP reports; 2 MG positions So. side of house at (154202347). 3 dummy gun positions at (154502365), at (154542369) and (154592373). 2 dummy or unfinished mine fields, dimensions 200 yds by 50 yds, center of fields at (154552352) and (154652353). Patrol No. 1036 (3d Bn): Small ammo dump 75 yds SW of bridge at (1548219); civilians encountered on patrol state SW end of bridge is mined; unknown number of enemy are on ridge at (1543227). 1 Off, 12 KM from I Co - recon and obsn. Out 091300A - In 091430A. From (1546214) to (1547220) to (1548223) to (1553222) to (1554218).  
Patrol No. 1037 - Route: (1560225) to (1555227). 1 Off, 12 KM from K Co. Recon and obsn - Out 091400A. In 091530A; no enemy seen.  
ACTION: Engrs, Rex, Corps, G-2, G/S, Journal.
- 82 1800 Phone fr Rebate 1: Further information on the case of 2d Lt Gerry Steffen: Lt Steffen lost his pack, just before the MELVEDINE attack, plus his bill-fold which contained a driver's license and other personal papers but not his AGO card. Just before the attack a Pvt from the same company went AWOL and is still AWOL. The officer is under the impression that this KM may be using his name and personal effects, etc. The KM's name is Pvt. John Fatus, 5'7", fair, 145 lbs. Lt Steffen has never been in aforementioned BAGNA di LUCCA. ACTION: Corps, Journal.

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83	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 63 submitted.
84	1840	Msg fr CO, 84th CML Bn: Locations of Units: Co C, 1st Plat at (18912A3) 2d Plat at (1575222). 84th CML Bn CP (No change) at (18922A3). ACTION: Journal.
85	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 104 submitted.
86	1850	Phone fr Rebate 3 to Recall 3: Does 3/85 remain in present area S of MT TERMINALS until it moves to rest area on 12th? Answer: Yes. 85th has no word on progress of occupation of VALBUA and BELVEDERE at this time. 85th has special messengers out. ACTION: C/S, CO, Journal.
87	1850	Patrol No. 207 - Co F, 85th; 1 Off, 9 KM. Out 101900. In 110300A. Mission: Men and Obs. Patrol No. 208 - Co E, 85th; 1 Off, 9 KM. Out 101900. In 110300A. Mission: Men and Obs. Patrol No. 209 - Co G, 85th; 1 Off, 9 KM. Out 101900. In 110100A. Mission: Men and Obs.
88	1900	Phone fr BEF (Ln O): Patrol of one squad reinforced leaving at 2100A to investigate area vicinity of (1537200). Will return at 2400A. Lugar telephone lines are still out. ACTION: G-2, Signal, Journal.
89	1900	Phone fr Rebate 2: CP: on main road to 2000A at (142053200) a horse drawn gun moving SW; small trucks, ambulance, small command car, bicycle, motorcyclists, column of men (approx 1 platoon) in extended march, all moving SW. Time reported 091745A. D/S Arty Bn being called. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Rex, Journal.
90	1955	Phone fr Rebate 2: CP: Road at (1430275) has been blown. Civilian report: SW side of road from (1418275) to (1430274) is mined. MT FIGMA (1636287) is mined. ACTION: Engrs, Corps, G-2, C/S, Journal.
91	2050	Rec'd: Msg to Recall 2 fr Rex 2: 175 C.O.F. coordinates 559-202 reports all quiet except some mortar fire on MT BELVEDERE within 4000 mile 936 C.O.F. reports one round white phosphorus every five minutes behind MT MONTLASE.
92	2100	Phone fr Lt Chaffee: Lt Chaffee wants to have information on flares at ALBAMATI (1551205). ACTION: Called 87th Mt Inf who in turn will get information and call G-3, Journal.
93	2115	Rec'd: Isum No. 824, 092055A Mar 45, fr IV Corps. tracked vehicle
94	2115	Phone fr Rex 2: Rebate OP: Knemy/heard at (1609256) at 092000A. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.

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95		2215	Msg from rex 2 to Recall 21 - Enemy Gun flashes observed at azimuth 360° at 2100A. Also observed Red Light.
96		2215	Phone fr Ith: 9 Pns through cage from 090600A to 100600A. ACTION: Isum, Journal.
97		2235	Phone fr Retread 3: Retread Red CP opened at 091805A at (1582242). ACTION: Map, Journal, G-3.
98		2310	Recd: 10th Mt Div Annex X to SOF, Duties of the Arty In Off and Arty Fed Observer, dated 8 March 1945.
99		2310	Recd: Hq 92Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 124, dated 8 March.
100		2310	Recd: Hq 10th Mt Div letter, dated 7 March 1945, Subject: Shortages of items BAF III of Individual Clothing and Equipment for Replacements; addressed to G-4. Passed on to G-1 and to G-3 with lengthy comments etc.
101		2325	Recd: Field Message fr 616th FA, addressed to Div Arty--info G-2; *OP 5585 - 2270 heard motor vehicles in MONTSE Area, azimuth 340°.
102		2325	Recd: Hq 5th Army message, dated 6 March, copy Number 17A--passwords for 5th Army during period 15 March to 21 March inclusive, 3 copies.
103		2450	Phone fr Ith: In last 2 to 3 days, two more AA btries have appeared near Zocca (13033) on the main road at 1583052 (3 - possibly A - heavy AA gun btry) and 160003185 (2 Heavy AA gun btry). Action: Corps, Corps Arty, C/S, G-2, Journal.
104		2300	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO.105 submitted.
105		2400	Phone fr Max 2: Require 2 - Patrol going out from 87th Mt Inf would like inf Arty fire stopped at (15523), (15623), (15625). No estimated time of return. Action: Requested 87th G-2 to give details on this patrol.



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| 1          | 0025       |             | Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol Report--Patrol #205; Co L-2nd Bn, 85th Inf, 9th Div. Time out, 091955A, time in-092330A. Went S from I MONTE (1630246) to trail at (1632250) and N to SPIGCHIO (1631256) and continued to M PIERNOTTO (1636262). No one observed at this point. Hear small patrol coming up hill at (1645250). swung to right and heard another small patrol about 200 yds on left. Both patrols believed to be German and small in number. Saw lights at CASIGNIO (1643258) and heard dogs barking in that area while listening and looking in vicinity of (1633253). Saw lights at (163267) and at (1635266), believed to be forges. Returned to I Monte. Action: Sitrep, Isum, journal. |
| 2          | 0120       |             | Phone fr Rebate DO: Patrol Report - Patrol #204; out - 091900A, In - 100000A; followed ridge line, stopping to look and listen at intervals. Reached (1640248) without seeing or hearing anything. Continued to (1644253) - heard and saw nothing. Returned by M. Valbura (1645244)...no enemy contact. Action: journal, sitrep, Isum.   |
| 3          | 0145       |             | Recd: IV Corps Sitrep No. 136, dated 092400A March 1945.   |
| 4          | 0205       |             | Phone fr Rebate DO: Patrol Report-#206; Out - 092000A, In - 1000A55; Proceeded through saddle (1622253) to farm house (1628257) - searchlight on our right flank went on, making passage through light some hazardous. Finally had to withdraw south about 100 yds S of farm house. At 2220A, saw 2 red flares (parashute) in direction of M Dalla SP. Proceeded N and S of CALVARO (1631261). Observed arty fire on M. PIERNOTTO (1636262). At (1633258) saw and heard nothing. At 2130A, heard Kraut MG - believed to be in via (1629262). Action: Journal - Sitrep - Isum.  |
| 5          | 0210       |             | Phone fr Rebate DO: 2nd Bn - Patrol sent to investigate mine fields at (636262) and ROFFENRO (638268) - Mine field clearly marked. Extends 200 yds N along sides of trail from (635260) and 200 yds SE from same point. S of ROFFENRO is clear...N unknown. Civilian reports Rd (633265) mined all around. Action: G-2, Sitrep, Isum.  |
| 6          | 0230       |             | Phone fr Retread DO: Patrol No 902, G Co. Mission: to protect wire laying detail, locate mortars (565241). Time out, 1115A, In-0225A. Size: reinforced squad. Route: through R Flank F Co. (571236) to (565241) return same route. No enemy contact. Action: journal, Sitrep, Isum.  |
| 7          | 0230       |             | Phone fr Retread DO: Patrol #903 F Co. Mission: To protect wire laying detail and run hill 808(556235). Out 2100A, In 2230A. Size: reinforced squad. Route, N from (567235) to (556235). No enemy contact. Action: Isum, Sitrep, Journal.  |
| 8          | 0305       |             | Phone fr Remount DO: Remount White closed into new area at 100300A at (1604249) Action: G/S, G-3, Sitrep.  |
| 9          | 0310       |             | Phone fr Retread DO: Remount White completed relief of Retread Red at 100300A. Retread Red has almost completed closing into new area. Action: journal.  |

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- 16 0350 Phone fr Retread 2: CP at (558227) picked up movement of several trucks at (1555230) moving generally NE. Action: Rex 3 notified.
- 11 0410 Phone fr Rebate 2: CP at (1603251) reports that at 0345A he heard tank warming up at an estimated range of 4000 yds, Az 355° to 360°. At 0355A a flare landed on top of DELLA OPS. Action: Rex 3 notified.
- 12 0515 Phone fr Rex 3: SITREP - 0430A: 604 - 17 harassing missions. 605 - Closed into new position at 1515A; CP - 606221, A - 606223, B - 605222, C - 592229; 616 - 10 harassing missions, one counter mortar (550256) silenced. 175 - one mission - enemy gun 558248, Two counter mortar - 563259 - 555244. One mission - 2 guns - 540230. Action: Journal, sitrep.
- 13 0600 Hq. 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 106 submitted.
- 14 0600 Hq. 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 64 submitted.
- 15 0710 Phone fr Retread 3: 1st Bn closed at 100500A into new area. Action: Journal, Sitrep., C/S, G-3.
- 16 0720 PATROL TEAM #902, G/87th, 12 MM, Out 091115A, in, 100225A, MISSION: Protection of wire-laying detail from (1571236) to (1565241) and return. REPORT: out, 091115A, in 100225A, FINDINGS: No enemy contact.
- PATROL TEAM #903, F/87th, 12 MM, MISSION: To protect wire-laying detail and run Hill 808. From (1567235) to (1556235) and return. REPORT: Time out, 092100A, in 092230A, FINDINGS: No enemy contact.
- 17 0730 Phone fr Rex 2: At 0720A CP at (155422227) rptd scattered mortar and arty fire fell last night. Could hear vehicles moving at intervals. When 3 to 6 rds of arty fell near their vehicles would stop - when arty lifted they would move on horses, barking of dogs could be heard. At 0500A to 0520A approximately 100 rds of mortar and arty fire fell; no damage. Rds fell short 300 yds of HP. ACTION: Journal, G-2.
- 18 0820 Rec'd. Hq. IV Corps GCS Det Intelligence Bulletin No. 15, 9 Mar 1945.
- 19 0820 Rec'd. Hq. TF 45, G-2 Periodic Report No. 8, dated 9 March 1945.
- 20 0830 Rec'd. Hq. IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 68, dated 9 Mar 1945.
- 21 0945 Phone fr Rebate 3: (Schooley): Contact patrols to 81 Bn Squadron. Contact was to be made at (1662242) at 091100A and 100400A. Each patrol was fired on by small arms in the vicinity of the contact point. It is felt that this fire came from friendly troops, no physical contact was made. ACTION: Advise Maj Schooley to send a Lt C to the CP of the 81 Squadron located at (1659202). Have this officer coordinate with the 81st and let us know the outcome. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.

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- 22 1015 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, G-3 Situation Report as of 100700A Mar 1945 (2 copies).
- 23 1015 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 135, and No. 136, 091200A and 092400A Mar 1945, respectively.
- 24 1015 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 68 dated 9 March 1945.
- 25 1015 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 276, dated 100800A Mar '45 (5 copies)
- 26 1015 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 825 to include 100800A March 1945.
- 27 1050 Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div ARTY S-3 Report No. 39, dated 8 March 1945.
- 28 1100 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP No. 107, submitted.
- 29 1100 Phone fr Kentucky 2: Observed camouflaged object which appears to be enemy ammunition dump at (1567249). ACTION: G-2 ISUM, Journal.
- 30 1130 Phone fr Rex 2: American mine field at (1618208). ACTION: Call Eagr., Journal
- 31 1200 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 550, dated 091200A March 1945.
- 32 1200 Rec'd. Hq XIII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 146, dated 8 March 1945.
- 33 1230 PATROL PLAN 402, 9 Mar 1945, Co B, 86th, 1 squad RM, Out 1900A, In 2300A. MISSION: To contact enemy and determine strength and disposition fr vicinity (1583259) to vicinity (1577258) and return by route to S. on lowest slope. PATROL REPORT 402, Out 1900A, In 2240A, Time rec'd. 101225A. PATROL FINDINGS: Proceeded as directed. Contacted 12 enemy at vicinity (157902585) at 092100A. Enemy seemed to think that they were under attack by their reaction. Patrol came under mortar, MG, and S/A fire. No casualties.  
  
PATROL PLAN 403, 9 Mar 1945, Co C, 86th, 1 squad RM, Out 2000A, In 2300A. MISSION: To contact enemy and determine positions. Route: Fr (1587262) W. to draw at (1584260) at N. down draw and return. PATROL REPORT 403, Out 2000A, In 2400A, Time rec'd. 101225A. PATROL FINDINGS: Route as specified to approximately (1584261) where leader and 3 men detached and proceeded forward, 50 yards. Noise of enemy digging heard (1582262). Undetermined number.  
  
PATROL PLAN 404, 9 Mar 1945, Co A, 86th, 1 MCO, 5 RM, Out 100230A, In 100600A. MISSION: To reconnoiter draw and contact enemy. Route: Fr (1575264) N. to draw vicinity of (1591262) and N. down draw to vicinity (1590265) and return.  
  
PATROL REPORT 404, Out 0400A, In 0645A. PATROL FINDINGS: Delayed due to enemy mortar fire and friendly trip flares which had been set. Reset flares. Went to house at (159102645) found dugout W. of house. Some enemy equipment both places but both vacant.

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- 33 (Cont'd) PATROL PLAN 405, 10 Mar 1945, Co B, 86th, 1 squad EM, Out 101400A, In 101700A, MISBAG: (1583259) to vicinity (1580236) and return to E. Base.
- PATROL PLAN 406, 10 Mar 1945, Co C, 86th, 1 squad EM, Out 102300A, In 105500A, MISBAG: (1587262) to vicinity (1583261) and return. Ambush for snipers.
- 34 1030 Phone fr Requite 2 (Thru Box): Infantry CP at (1559227) saw mortar firing at (156092375) and (155802429) at 100930A; counter-mortar mission was fired by infantry. ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal.
- 35 1030 Bq 10th Lt Div, 1 AM No. 65, submitted.
- 36 1100 Phone fr Requite 2: Arty Ln O. reports as follows: Enemy CP: (1547237), Enemy truck (1642239) at 101405A. ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal.
- 37 1415 Phone fr 84th Chas En: "D" Co, 1st Plat (1617239). 2nd Plat (1623239). ACTION: Map, Journal.
- 38 1415 Phone fr Redoubt (AF): Co A positions on forward slope of MT. VAUBERT, (1615244) received 4 rounds arty fire of undetermined caliber at 101430A. No casualties. ACTION: G-2, I US, Journal.
- 39 1415 Phone fr Redoubt 2: Civilians report the following: at (15592660), under the big rock, 4 PCs and a telephone are located. at (1567259) behind hill in a chestnut grove, there are many scattered occupied foxholes. At (15612585), there is an enemy CP. On (1561255), approximately 1 enemy in grove of trees behind top of ridge. 2 mortars are located at (1561255). 3 or 7 batteries (?) 75mm arty was observed 2 days ago 70 meters E or road between (1538266) and (1565266). ACTION: G-2, Isum, Journal.
- 40 1430 Phone fr 12th: Civilian Interrogation Report: 2 dimm mortars in vic (1568260) on slope of MT. (1565258) on March 8, and another civilian reports to be near 4 mortars in same vicinity. 1 MG in vic (1572257) on main trail 150 yards N of (1573256). ACTION: G-2, VI, Isum, Journal.
- 41 1500 Bq 10th Lt Div, 1 AM No. 108 submitted.
- 42 1500 Rec'd fr IV Corps, 3 TRF No. 137, 101400A March 1945.
- 43 1500 Rec'd fr Fifth Army, weather forecast fr 102400A to 112400A March 1945.
- 44 1350 Phone fr Evolve (Capt. Capt): Contact patrol to dist Recon Squadron from 10th Bn was fired at by friendly arty at CA (1562233) and was unable to make contact. at 151435, a temporary CP at (160447) received sniper fire from the 81 Bn sector.

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- 01 1400 Destroyer down 75mm howitzer and a small quantity of ammunition is located at (1656237). German gun, estimated 20mm, breech block missing, possibly dual purpose in control at (1656240). No 8 at T-14A (1655236) is missed. Action; see different fire arty mission. Major Blair at Sugar will check on arty and other fire. Engrs; remains notified of destroyed enemy arty and other items.
- 02 1500 Rec'd fr British Expeditionary Force HQ Report No. 47. 9 March 1945.
- 03 1500 Rec'd fr British Army, Artillery Force G-2 Report No 126. 9 March 1945.
- 04 1600 Rec'd fr G-2, 87th Lt Inf, German documents.
- 05 1612 Home from 2nd enemy truck at (1597270) was hit twice at 1540. ACTION: 1180, G-2, Journal.
- 06 1613 Rec'd patrol from No. 803 fr 1 Co, 87th Inf. Anti 101630, In: 101230. Mission to Recon of houses. Notes: (1569234)-(1568238)-to draw, 3 to (1566236)-to draw, 2 to (1564235) - return. 2 off & 3 EM.
- 07 1615 Rec'd fr G-2 Report, roll of maps for G-2.
- 08 1616 Home fr Petrus 5: will send 100 to accompany 100 to spot where mine field can be sighted. 12770. Called 100 about transportation.
- 09 1630 Home fr Capt. 3rd contact patrol will meet a patrol from the 21 Regt at 1642 42, at 162000 and 110400. Fire contact had been made between our troops and the 1st Regt. ACTION: Journal, G/, Keystone.
- 10 1630 Rec'd fr HQ Corps; HQ No. 826. 101545 March 1945.
- 11 1630 Rec'd fr HQ Div Arty, G-3 Report No. 42.
- 12 1710 Needs fr 86th Lt Inf letter dated 10 March, Subject: Report of Captured enemy materiel and Equipment.
- 13 1800 Needs fr 85th Lt Inf overlay showing Co positions and adj units, (G-3), dated 101200 March.
- 14 1800 HQ 10th Lt Div (IBank) No. 109 Submitted.
- 15 1800 HQ 10th Lt Div (IBank) No. 66 Submitted.
- 16 1800 Rec'd fr HQ 87th Lt Inf overlay of Defensive positions.
- 17 1800 Home fr HQ 31: 604th fired one mission on enemy CP at (1639274) and 1 on HQ at (1628278) one on a truck at (1669284). 105th fired one mission on HQ and mortars (7) do not have coordinates. One on enemy tank scored two hits (7) no coordinate. One on enemy personnel in house at (1599278) - scored hits and personnel wounded. 616th fired one mission on same dump at (1568246) - 1 on mortars at (1599247) hit the target. 175th M.T.B. ACTION: Shell report 1180, G-3, Journal.

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- A destroyed German 75mm howitzer and a small quantity of ammunition is located at (1656237). A German gun, estimated 20mm, breech block missing, possibly dual purpose is located at (1656240). Road at TORAWA (1655236) is mined; tank did not fire arty mission. Major Adair at Lager will check on arty and sniper fire. Engr, (ranace) notified of destroyed enemy arty and mined road.
- 45 1530 Rec'd fr Brazilian Expeditionary Force IFW Report No. 47. 9 March 1945.
- 46 1530 Rec'd fr Brazilian Expeditionary Force G-2 Report No 126. 9 March 1945.
- 47 1600 Rec'd fr G-2, 87th St Inf, German documents.
- 48 1612 Phone fr Mex 2: enemy truck at (1597270) was hit twice at 1540A. ACTION: 1st, G-2, ...
- 49 1613 Rec'd Patrol Recon No. 803 fr F Co, 87th Inf. Out: 101630, In: 101430. Mission, to locate houses. Notes: (1569234)-(1568238)-to draw, 8 to (1566236)-to (1564235) - return. 2 Offs & 3 EM.
- 50 1615 Rec'd fr G-2 Return, roll of maps for G-2.
- 51 1616 Phone fr Detron 5: Will send me to accompany Pks to spot where mine field can be sighted. ACTION: Called Pks about transportation.
- 52 1630 Phone fr Rebase 3: A contact patrol will meet a patrol from the 1st Recon at (166240) at 102300A and 110400A. Fire contact has been made between our troops and the 1st Recon Bns. ACTION: Journal, 4/1, Keystone.
- 53 1630 Rec'd fr IV Corps: ... 826. 101545A March 1945.
- 54 1630 Rec'd fr 1st Div Arty, G-3 Report No. 40.
- 55 1740 Rec'd by 86th St Inf letter dated 10 March, Subject: Report of Captured enemy material and equipment.
- 56 1800 Rec'd by 85th St Inf overlay showing Co positions and adj units, (G-3), dated 101200A March.
- 57 1800 Hq 10th St Div IFW No. 109 Submitted.
- 58 1800 Hq 10th St Div IFW No. 66 Submitted.
- 59 1800 Rec'd fr Hq 87th St Inf overlay of defensive positions.
- 60 1800 Phone fr Mex 3: 604th fired one mission on enemy OP at (1639274) and 1 on MG at (16262278) one on a truck at (1665284). 105th fired one mission on MG and mortar (?) do not have coordinates. One on enemy tank scored two hits (?) no coordinate. One on enemy personnel in house at (1599278) - scored hits and personnel wounded. 616th fired one mission on same dump at (1568246) - 1 on mortars at (1559247) hit the target. 175th M.T.B. ACTION: Shell report SIKMP, G-3, Journal.

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- Patrol No 204 - Report Out 091900A. In 100120A. Findings: Followed ridge line, stopping to look and listen at intervals, reached (1640248) without seeing or hearing anything. Continued to (1644253) - heard and saw nothing. Returned by M. VOLBURA (1645244) - No enemy contact.
- Patrol No 205 - Report Out 091955A. In 092330A. Findings: Went E over from A. MONTE to trail at (1632250) and N to SPICCHIO (1631256) and continued to M. PIROTTI (1636262) - No one observed at this point. Heard small patrol coming up hill at (145250) swing right and heard another small patrol about 200 yards on left. Both patrols believed to be German and small in number. Saw lights at CASIGNIO (1643258) and heard dogs barking in that area while listening and looking in vicinity.
- Patrol No 206 - Report Out 092000A. In 100045A. Findings: Proceeded N thru saddle (1622253) to farm house (1628237) - Searchlight on our right flank went on making passage thru light some hazardous - finally had to halt on retreat S about 100 yards S of farm house. At 2220A saw 2 red parachute flares in direction of M. DELLA SPIA. Proceeded E and E of CALVARO (1631261) observed arty fire on M. PIROTTI (1636262). At 1633258 looked and listened - heard and saw nothing at 2130A Krauts MG believed to be in vic (1629262).
- Patrol No 207 - Report Out: This report has been cancelled because area now occupied by 227.
- Patrol No 208 - Report Out 091115A. In 100235A. No enemy contact.
- Patrol Plan and Report No 1036. - I Co, 87th; 1 Off, 12 EM. Out 091300A. In 091430A. Mission: Recon Route: 1554211-1547220-1548225-1551222-1554218. Findings: Small ammo dump 75 yards NE bridge or 1548219. Civilians told patrol SE end of that bridge is mined. Unknown number of enemy on ridge at 1543227.
- Patrol Plan and Report No 1037. - F Co, 87th; 1 Off, 12 EM. Out 091400A. In 091530A. Mission: Recon Route: 1560225-1555227 and return. Findings: No enemy seen.

- 62 1900 Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army Change No. 10 to S&E Instructions. 2 Copies ( 5 Mar 45
- 63 2 30 Rec'd fr 2nd Bn 85th Mt Inf enemy documents for IP's.
- 64 2030 Rec'd 2 packages of Photos for PI team.
- 65 2030 Rec'd 1 Copy of G-3 Periodic Report No 126 w/overlay fr 92nd Inf Div.
- 66 2030 Rec'd fr 92nd Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No 125, 1 Copy.
- 67 2030 Rec'd fr GIC, Hq, 92nd Inf Div ltr, Subject, Suspected Sabotage of Vehicles of 598th Field Artillery Battalion. Dated March 7, 1945.
- 68 2030 Rec'd fr IV Corps, USMC Det Intelligence Bulletin No. 16. DATED: 10 March 1945.
- 69 2030 Rec'd fr IV Corps number of papers and info for CB Officer.
- 70 2030 PATROL PLAN NO. 210: Co G, 85th, 1 NCO, 4 EM. Out 112100A. In 112300A. Mission: Security and Observation.
- PATROL PLAN NO. 211: Co G, 85th, 1 Off, 9 EM. Out 111900A. In 120300A. Mission: Recon and Obs of forward areas in Co sector.

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RETRACED MONTRE. 803: Findings: Obs enemy terrain N and W of front lines towards MONTESE. Discovered a 105 How near house (1566236). How in good shape. Much same in draw N of Hill 802, (1564535) extending E from that draw. Talked w/civilians MONTAUREGOLA (1565238) no Germans there. Met civilians on Hill 818 and 826. Civilians stated no enemy in MONTESE. Germans in C. MONTAUREGOLA (1567253) and in MONTALLO (1565251) civilians have been warned by Germans to stay clear of it. Patrol found a fish charge with a wire attached to it on hill 826 (1565237). Enemy ammo in house at (1568238). Patrol heard shouting and screaming left on MONTESE at 1910A (1568244) burp gun heard. No enemy encountered. From 2nd CI: Obs 7 enemy digging at (1565255) w/Italian labor yesterday. Suspected night position. Suspected G.P. (1566252).

72 2230

Phone fr IPat: PW count from 10600A to 110600A is 2. Noted for 0600 ISU.

73 2230

Phone fr Retred 3: Red CI opened 102140A (1598230). ACTION: Map, sitrep, J.

74 2300

Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 110 submitted.

75 2300

Rec'd: Correction to sitrep No. 137, fr IV Corps.

76 2300

Phone fr Mex 3: 604th - 4 C/B (1620272), results unknown. 2 Harassing; results unknown, 150 rds. 605th - 1 Personnel in house, possible mortar position (1603259) mortar silenced, 35 rds. 1 personnel in the open (1610272). Personnel dispersed, 10 rds. Personnel in house (1610266). 6 rds. Destruction of gun (1611274), unobserved. Suspected mortar position (1603269) 9 rds. 616th - 2 Harassing, 100 rds. 1 mortar position (1592356) unobserved. ACTION: Journal.

77 2312

Phone fr Maj Adair (BEF): BEF Eng report mine field at (1618218) has been removed. ACTION: Eng C, Journal.

78 2345

Rec'd: Maj, IV Corps assumes Control of all convey traffic on Route No. 64, Ref No 233, 101500A Mar 45.

79 2345

Rec'd: Isum No. 827, Ref No 237, 102055A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.

80 2400

Phone fr Remount 3: 1 PW 5th Co 71st Regt came into lines at (1595264). ACTION: Journal, Isum.



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- 1 0042 Phone fr Retread D Co: Hq, A, C, and D Co's closed into PIETRA COLORA (L5922) at 102250A. E Company relieved by BEF at 0015A and is on way to relieve B Co. F and G Co are in position. ACTION: O/S, Journal, Sitrep.
- 2 0100 Rec'd: Classified Msg No. 3036 fr CG IV Corps, 101505A Mar 45.
- 3 0203 Phone fr Rebate D Co: Enemy MI located 240° as - distance approx 2000 yds fr observer on Hill 912 (L625249). ACTION: Journal.
- 4 0320 Phone fr Retread D Co: Relief of 3d Bn of BEF progressing smoothly - 2 Co's out now. Expect relief to be completed by 0400A. ACTION: Journal.
- 5 0332 Phone fr Rebate D Co: Observer on Hill 912 (L625248) reports enemy mortar firing from (L625272). Shells are falling in 1st Bn area. ACTION: Journal.
- 6 0345 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 138, Ref 238, 102400A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 7 0406 Phone fr Retread D Co: 3d Bn relief completed at 0400A by BEF. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
- 8 0437 Phone fr Rebate D Co: 81st Bn Sqd. reports its contact patrol went to point (L662242) to make contact with patrol from our unit but returned at 2400A without making contact. ACTION: Journal.
- 9 0515 Phone fr Rebate D Co: Redoubt reports no contact with 81st Bn sqd yet by patrol. ACTION: Journal.
- 10 0539 Phone fr Rebate D Co: Rebate White CP at (L630250) reports: 88 rds 88mm fell at 0410A (4 rds at (L625236) - 4 rds at (L624244). As to gun 390° - 2 rds 155mm fell at (L622245) at 0435A - As to gun 340°. 2 rds 88mm fell at (L625236) at 0500A - As to gun 0°. 1 rd fell at (L632243) - As to gun 20°. ACTION: Journal, Isum.
- 11 0600 Hq 10th Lt Div Sitrep No. 111 submitted.
- 12 0600 Hq 10th Lt Div Isum No. 67 submitted.
- 13 0625 Phone fr Retread: Retread Red forward CP opened 0600A at PIETRA COLORA - rear CP closed SASSONCLARE 0630A. Relief of Retread Red by Retread White completed at 0600A vicinity SASSONCLARE without incident. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
- 14 0530 Phone from Hex: Rebate situation report: 604; 0430 - no coordinate - 5 harassing missions, 4 counter mortar missions, 23 179 rounds. 605; -611274 - one enemy gun, unobserved - 6 rds, 603269 suspected mortar position, unobserved 9 rounds, 2 harassing missions, unobserved - 70 rds.

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| 14      | 0530<br>(contd) | 616: 21 harassing missions, unobserved-68 rounds. 175: Nothing to report.<br>REBATS...0010 - 603251; Azimuth 2° flash to bang 1 to 2 seconds, 3 rounds.<br>0410 - 624244, Az 330° 80mm-4 rounds. 0435 - 622245; Az 340° 150mm, 2 rds.<br>0500 - 625236; az - 0 degree Flash to Bang -9 seconds-60mm, 2 rds.<br>0513 - 632243; az 20°, 2 seconds, light Gun one round.<br>SHELL REPORT...Rebate...0410-625236; az 330°, 60mm, 4 rounds.<br>2000 - 628254, az 5° by flash----- 0020-60262505; az 2°, flash XII to bang 1 second..3 rounds.<br>SHELL REPORT...RETRAD 2: 0430 to 0500 - 567235, az 335°, 15 rounds.<br>0500 to 0520 - 575238, az -295° 10 rounds. 0100 - 54952350, az - 900 mile estimated 3000 yds, 105mm, 3 rounds. 2000 - 559227, az 317° - distance estimated 4000 to 5000 yds. 75 mm, 6 rds. 0050 - 549226, az 28°, flash to bang - 11 1 to 4 seconds, believed 105mm, one round. 0100 - 54952350 az - 550 mile, flash to bang - 7 seconds, 105mm 4 rounds. |
| 15      | 0840            | Recd: Hq 751st Tank Bn S-3 Report no. 69 dated 101200A March.  |
| 16      | 0830            | Phone fr Keystone 2 (From 5th Army. a five-day course in admin of PW's is being organized by C Off, PWE, 326, AVANSA, in accordance with the following schedule; Mar 12 - 16 incl - Mar 19 - 23 incl, Mar 26 - 30 incl, April 3 - 6 incl, April 9 - 13 incl, April 16 - 20 incl, April 23 - 27 incl, April 30 - May 4 incl. The following allotment a for each course - 4th Corps One Off 4 KM. Personnel should be selected in respect to adm aptitude. Orders will be issued by your Hq for each group and transportation authorized to enable the group to report to CO PWE -326, on the day preceding the opening of course. Personnel selected will bring necessary bedding. EM will bring mess equipment. No weapons will be necessary. Course II and III course SHM V and course VII orders will be issued by your Hq Ser each group and send Corp 5 copies.  |
| 17      | 0845            | Recd: Hq TF 45, E-2 Periodic Report No. 9, dated 10 March.   |
| 18      | 0845            | Recd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Per Report No. 69, dated 10 March.   |
| 19      | 0855            | PATROL REPORT #208, E/85 1 Off 9 EM Out 101900A Time in 110015A; Proceeded to 632(1636250) examined bldgs at (1639252) and at (1631254) both bldgs empty and without signs of occupation. Proceeded on route to H di Ubalda (1643256) came under Arty fire for 25 min; no casualties. Proceeded to starting pt observed no enemy-and no equip lost. No enemy contact.  |
| 20      | 0900            | Closed Recall CP at 110900A March 1945 (GAGGIO MONTANO).   |

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- 1 0930 Phone fr Recall 3; Recall Adv opened at 110900A at ROCCA PITULIANA (16120385). Action: Notified Div, Corps.
- 2 1000 Hq IV Corps Isam No. 828 received.
- 3 1025 Hq IV Corps Corr to Sitrep NO. 137 recd., also recd copy of sitrep 137, dated 10 March.
- 4 1025 Read: Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 69, dated 10 March.
- 5 1025 Read: Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation report as of 0700A March 11.
- 6 1050 Phone fr Keystone 3 (Col Mathewson) Keystone 6 is concerned about failure of our elements to make contact with 81 Cav Men Sq. Sit has been notified to make definite arrangements. Will you notify your right elements?  
Action: G-3 notified. Officer is going out at 121300A.
- 7 1140 Rptd: Field Message from CO 65th Mt Inf...to CG 10th Mt Div att. G-2; Destroyed or captured equipment: LMG's - 67, Rifles - 167, Pistols - 66, Glass mortars - 10, aim circle -1, Range Finder -1, Field Glasses -3, Field Telephone -1, 81mm Guns -2, 75mm guns -2, AT Gun, 37mm -1, Rockets - 200, Stick Gren - 40, Egg Gren -20, Gas masks - 38, Blankets -28, Canteens -28, Mules - 1, Shelter Halves - 24, Mat Tools - 15, MG Ammo - 15,500 rounds, Radios - 10, Teller mines - 2.
- 8 1215 Phone fr Rebata 2; AUGUSTINO GAPING is a German spy (reportedly). He lives at (60952640). His two daughters go to FANATIGLIA (613242) every night, apparently to contact enemy. Action: Called G1S, GSS, Corps.
- 9 1235 Phone fr Retread 2; Civilians report - 1.- 3 mortars and 300 Germans in draw behind MORTELLO at (567289) 2.-Germans have left MONTES (558245). 3.- There are Germans in Mungulino (565267) Action: Rex, Corps, Remount.
- 10 1330 Phone fr Rex: Report on captured or destroyed enemy equipment or materiel is being consolidated, and will be submitted as soon as possible. Action: G-2, Journal.
- 11 1340 Phone fr Recall 2: to Regts, MP Flts: Schedule for attendance at PW admin school; Rebata: Mar 19-23 - Remount; Mar 26 - 30; Retread: Apr 9 - 13; MP's and Hq April 23 - 27. DIRECTIONS: 1.- Div will issue orders. 2.- Unit will arrange own transportation. 3.- Plan to spend 2 days enroute, w/night stopover in Rome. See billeting officer at "Hq Rome Area Command" for overnight accommodations. 4.- Report to AVERSA on PM of day preceding opening of school. Report to C) -PWE 326. 5.- Take bedding - EM take mess equipment.
- 12 1400 PATROL REPORT: #809, 0/05, 1 OFF 9EM, Out 101900A, In 102330A. Findings: Searchlights made original plan impossible. Changed route and proceeded to

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- 12 1400 CALVANA (1631261); blidge occupied by Italian civilians...no enemy seen at 2255A at (162852543); a flash of a gun at AZ of 3 - no flash - bang--other blidge inspected en route empty. No enemy contact - no casualties - no lost equip.
- 1400 PATROL PLAN No. 504, Co G/86th, 1 off 6EM, Out 121930, In 122400A, Mission: Run for enemy. Obs fr front of FANATICIA (1612262) houses on hill 757 (1609264) Run-in in obs one hr (1608257), (1611257), (1612262), (1608262), (1609257).
- PATROL PLAN No. 407, A/86, 3 EM, Out 120800A, In 121500A, Mission: Run in rear areas and wire cutting (1591258), (1597258), (1596253), (1599267), (1591263), (1588259) and return.
- PATROL PLAN, 11 Mar 1945, F Co, 87th, 1 HQ, 3 EM, Out 111900A, In 112400A. MISSION: Check houses (1568235), (1543237) toward MONTES.
- PATROL PLAN 406, 12 Mar 1945, Co B, 86th, 1 HQ, 5 EM, Out 121930A, In 122300A, MISSION: Contact cy and determine strength and disposition (1622233), (1576264) and return.
- PATROL PLAN 503, 12 Mar 1945, Co F, 86th, 1 C, 15 EM, Out 121900A, In 122400A. MISSION: Clear cy from vicinity (1601262), (1603239), (1603265), (1608265), (1600264) return to (1601262).
- PATROL REPORT 406, 10 Mar 1945, Co C, 86th, 1 Squad EM, Out 100100A, In 110400A. Time rec'd. 111215A. PATROL FINDINGS: Ambush set as directed. Snipers did not see along route previously used. Report negative.
- 13 1100 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP NO. 112, submitted. (Not previously recorded).
- 14 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM NO. 68, submitted.
- 15 1430 Rec'd. 2nd BN, 87th Mt Inf, S-3 situation overlay.
- 16 1580 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP NO. 113, submitted.
- 17 1345 Phone fr Rebata 5 to Recall 5: Contact was made at 1300A between elements of 10th Mt Div and 51 Run Squadron at point (1662266). ACTION: Corps notified.
- 18 1405 Phone fr Rebata 5: 86th wishes to change boundary between 86th and 87th to run from RJ 77A, N. along road to 723, then SW through crest of H. 643 (1607257). Road will be in 86th sector. ACTION: New boundary approved by C/S.
- 19 1410 Phone fr Keystone 3: Have the officers going to meter school left? Yes, officer left Div CP at GAGGIO MONTANO at 110900A. ACTION: Corps notified.
- 20 1500 Col Irvin and Major Murphy went to RIOLA en run - expect to return 111630A.
- 21 1500 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 139, 112000A March 1945.

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- 22 1520 Rec'd. Overlay fr 10th Reg, showing CP and road block.
- 23 1520 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army Weather Forecast 112400A - 122400A, March 1945.
- 24 1530 Rec'd. Hq XXII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary 147 dated 9 Mar 45.
- 25 1545 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 551 dated 101200A Mar 1945 (2 copies).
- 26 1545 Hq 10th Mt Div, G-2 Periodic Report No. 23, submitted.
- 27 1545 Rec'd. ltr fr CTE, Hq 10th Mt Div, subj: Training information dated 11 Mar 1945.
- 28 1545 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps General Orders No. 13, dated 7 Mar 1945.
- 29 1600 Phone fr IV Corps, (Capt Webster): Request from IV Corps to confirm location of E Co, 87th Mt Inf and coverage of Hill 892 between (1469243) and (1479239). Ans: Overlay from Hq 87th Mt Inf shows a platoon covering Hill 892. ACTION: Journal.
- 30 1600 PATROL PLAN 1101, 11 Mar 1945, 85th, 1 C, 8 EM, Out 111900A, In 112400A. MISSION: Recon and obs vis of (1455253).
- 31 1630 Phone fr Box 2: (Fr Wisdom 2 at 1600): Fired on enemy personnel estimated company strength at (163452750). Results unknown. Observer was wounded. Rebate white was being shelled (at 1600A) by 105 mm at (163952830). Requested and received C/S. ACTION: Journal, Isam.
- 32 1635 Phone fr Box 2: Air OP reports enemy position or dummy at (164692568). Box fired at it but no results observed. Further details to follow. ACTION: Journal and Isam.
- 33 1700 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 829 to include 111500A March 1945.
- 34 1715 Phone fr Redoubt (Col Cordes): Phone that patrols to right flank N and E of BELVEDERE (L ) have received shelling by our artillery. Artillery landed in vicinity of (1658244) and (1654237) and is believed to be friendly artillery. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal. Phoned Box 3 who will phone Corps artillery and Col Cordes.
- 35 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 114 submitted.
- 36 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Isam No. 69 submitted.
- 37 1815 Rec'd: Incoming Msg No. 3112, classified, 111405A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 38 1400 Phone fr Rebate 2: Can captured rifles and bayonets be sent home? Also knives?

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- 38 (Cont'd) ACTION: No, firearms cannot be sent through the mails. Other small items; get ordnance check on this.
- 39 1515 Phone fr Hebate 2: Two German radios being sent to Signal Section. ACTION: Called Signal, G-2. At 111100A OP at (1623253) reported that Jerry was digging in at (1622273), (1626277), and (1620274). ACTION: ISUM.
- 40 1820 Phone fr Hevoks 5: Road block has been moved to (1658244). Hevoks has an OP at (1659246). Contact patrol will contact 81st Recon at 112400A at (1661241). Road has been completely blown out at (1640244) and (1657234). 81st Recon will occupy a strong point at (1662243) tonight. ACTION: C/S, Corps, Engr, G-3, G-2, Journal.
- 41 1835 Phone fr Retread 2: (From REF in O): Road from MONYEE (15524) to the North is mined from (1558247) to the North and 7 dugouts with mines in that vicinity. Road from SAN MARTINO (1540257) to RONGGONIO (1531267) is mined at (1570266). In vicinity of Hill 483 (15412483) in a draw are 3 mortars; at (15356440) in a draw are 2 mortars. Hill 524 (1531245) is occupied by approx. 20 enemy. On night of 10/11 Mar, enemy occupied the house at Hill 533 (1534257). Enemy occupy Hill 676 (153802345) and Hill at (154042325) with 10 men on each. ACTION: ISUM.
- 42 1920 Phone fr Hebate 2: K Co at (1617253) at 111810A observed a single engine enemy plane identified by insignia; approaching from NE; approached to within 3000 yds of IL MONTE (1630246) banked and returned in NE. ACTION: Corps, Arty, 86th, 87th, C/S.
- 43 1930 Phone fr Redoubt: 8 Arty shells undetermined caliber fell at (1634237) at 111920A. No damage. ACTION: ISUM.
- 44 1955 Phone fr Lt Col Matheson (IV Corps): (From Lightning 3) -- Request recommendation as to whether or not any additional liaison type airplanes over those now assigned to Div Arty should be included in future TO/E for Division for any of following purposes: (1) Gen. (2) Emergency air supply. (3) Emergency air evacuation. (4) Courier service. (5) Etc. (6) Command and Staff observation and liaison. (7) Or other recommended functions. In recommendation - show number of planes Division should have - breakdown of function or functions for which they will be used. Answer by late tomorrow afternoon to IV Corps. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal, Div Arty.
- 45 2125 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 830 to include 112000A March 1945.
- 46 2125 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps OSS Det Intelligence Bulletin No. 17 dated 11 March 1945.
- 47 2125 Rec'd. Enemy positions Overlay as of 11 Mar '45 fr Hq 86th Mt Inf.
- 48 2125 Rec'd. Overlay of positions as of 1100A, 11 Mar '45 fr Hq 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf.
- 49 2125 Rec'd. Patrol Plan Overlays as follows: No. 212 and 213, 2nd Bn 87th Mt Inf and No. 1101, 10th AT Bn.

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- 50 2125 Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn, S-3 Report No. 70, 111200A March 1945.
- 51 2125 Rec'd. Hq 92nd Inf Div, G-3 Periodic Report No. 127, dated 11 Mar 1945.
- 52 2030 Phone fr Rex 2: Require: Observed from (156752345); chopping sound coming from left of MCNTELLO (1565259) and CA DI HERETTA (1564256). Observed from (156852340); small arms and MG fire at azimuth 40. These were observed at 112020A. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 53 2130 Phone fr Rex 2: Observer at (1614252) received from a civilian who came through our lines this information: Approximately 200 enemy at (1632268). ACTION: Corps, 85th, C/S, Journal.
- 54 2130 Phone fr Redoubt 2: Request 25 copies of each of the following map sheets: 98 IV SE, NE, SW, NW and 97 I NE and SE. ATTN: Capt Rasmberg.
- 55 2145 Phone fr IHW: 1 PG taken from 110600A to 120600A. ACTION: ISUM and Journal.
- 56 2145 Phone fr Remount 2: 2nd Bn reported NEBELWESPER fired on them from (1602289) at 111947A; arty was requested, delivered, and no further enemy fire was received. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 57 2150 Phone fr Rex 2: (Require 2): Inf OP (156642256) reports 2 orange flares over enemy territory, 1st one appearing at 112135A and 2d one at 112139A. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Journal.
- 58 2220 Phone fr Rex 2: (Wisdom 2): From (1629243) at azimuth 450, observer saw 2 amber flares followed by 2 shells which landed at (1630247) at 112300A. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Journal.
- 59 2300 Phone fr Rex 2: (Require 2): from (156642256) observer reports at 112156A, 1 orange flare at azimuth 800 mils. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Journal.
- 60 2300 PATROL PLAN 212, 11 Mar '45, Co E, 85th, 1 EGO, 5 EM, Oct 122400A, In 130200A.  
MISSION: Security and obsn.
- PATROL PLAN 213, 11 Mar '45, Co G, 85th, 1 O., 9 EM, Oct 122400A, In 130500A.  
MISSION: Sen and obsn.
- 61 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP NO. 115, submitted.
- 62 2300 Phone fr Rex: Rec'd. telephone report of activities of artillery from 110530A to 112300A.
- 63 2325 Phone fr Retread: White OP (1569226) reports vehicular movement from MONTESE (15524) northward at 112315A. OP at (1567226) picked up a gun flash and spot light in about same place at 112320A, followed by the sound of the missile blast 45 seconds later; 12 seconds after hearing sound a medium caliber shell landed near OP as to flash 500 mils. ACTION: ISUM.

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64 2330 Phone fr PI (Capt Patton): Photos taken today reveal new trenches and fire positions under constructions along high ground S of TOLE (L6530), extending from (L6530) square Eastward across MOUNT GRUCA (L6630) and joining with previously reported positions via ROSIANO (L6830). Recent coverage over past few days shows tending of Germans to construct weapon positions around towns located on high points in rear areas, notably ZOCCHETTA (L6034) and MONTE OMBRANO (L6136).

65 2330 PATROL REPORT NO. 503: Out 111900A. In 112330A. Findings: No contact with enemy. 3 enemy telephone lines cut at L602263. Spotted one mortar position, by flashes at undetermined location, but silenced same by directed arty fire.

PATROL REPORT NO. 504: Out 111930A. In 112340A. Findings: No sign of enemy activity. Search was made of houses in PANATIGGIA with negative results; also in ALBERTO (L608261); no contact with enemy, but signs of habitation within past 24 hours.

PATROL REPORT NO. 210: Out 112300A. In 120030A. Findings: Proceed on route for 30 min. Obs at (L638258) when arty fire started a fire preceded by an explosion, believed to be in vic LE VILLE (L634269). No enemy contact.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1101: Out 111940A. In 120020A. Findings: Obj (L656234) on NE slope of MT PINOCCHIA. Houses and immediate vic were investigated and were found deserted. Trails nearly good male trails w/good cover. No enemy contact.



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15		(Continued) enough trucks for movement of other unit. Our G-3 is now endeavoring to get sufficient vehicles from Corps. ACTION: Journal.
16	0913	Phone fr General Duff to Max 5: How many ships do you have? Answer: One L5 and eight L4's. ACTION: CG notified, Journal.
17	0915	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 126, 10 Mar 45, fr 92d Inf Div.
18	0915	Rec'd: Operations Instructions No. 85, 11 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
19	1000	Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 12 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
20	1000	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 70, 11 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
21	1000	Rec'd: Sitreps No. 139 and 140, 11 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
22	1000	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 278, 12 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
23	1000	Phone fr Rebata 2: PW taken to CP by engrs located mine field at (163582600) - (163412680). Trail from (163722634) to (163582658) is mined on both sides. ACTION: Engrs, PI, Map, Corps.
24	1000	Phone fr Rebata 2: Civilians report: 7-8 Jerries in building at (1637288) and an enemy Garrison at (1633286). Road from STRADA (1633279) to SANTA LUCIA (1633286) is flanked by fox holes and trenches. SW side of N. PIGNA is mined, as well as road from (1633276) to (1625273). ACTION: Recon, Corps, PI, Engrs, Lem.
25	1020	Phone fr Max 3: Telephone report of activity of artillery from 120430A to 120930A. - 604th: Bn in rest area, MONTICATELLI. 605th: 1 mission enemy personnel observed by Ground CF to (161242725) - Result - personnel dispersed. 1 mission enemy CP, observed by Ground CF (160732770), Result CP neutralized. 1 Mission fortification, house and haystack observed by Ground CF (160622698), Result casualties inflicted. 1 Mission MG and personnel observed by Ground CF (160902695) Results, fire effective. Total 210 rds. 616th: 2 Missions harassing - unobserved - 12 rds, no coordinates. 175th: 1 Mission/Enemy mortar - unobserved (1632248). 1 Mission enemy house observed by Ground CF (1625261), Results - fire effective. Rounds 22. ACTION: Journal.
26	1020	Phone fr Gen Duff to Col Curtis: ID people say permission must be obtained from Corps to move tanks or ID's. We have intentions to move some of these but will first pass recommendations on to you and await approval. Also, would like to have one gun in each arty Bn. fire illuminating shells. Answer: Will await recommendations for moving of any tank or ID's; and there is no objection to firing of illuminating shells. ACTION: Journal.

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| 27      | 1030 | Civilian Interrogation Report No. 11, 12 Mar 45.  |
| 28      | 1100 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 117 submitted.  |
| 29      | 1100 | Patrol Report: Patrol No. 804, Co F, 87th Mt Inf. Time Out 115000A. Time In: 120730A. Patrol findings: Set up listening post at (1570240). Civilians report new enemy road east between MINOGLINO (1565267), MONTELLIO (1565258) and VILLA d' ALARO (1592773). No enemy in MONTESSA, but many at M. BUFFONE (1557252) and CA di BENETTA (1565255) and 20000 (1555267), SAN MARTINO (1542256) and SALTO (1547261). 3 arty pieces being emplaced in draw 700 yds E of PALANGOLA (1542288). Road fr SAN MARTINO (1542256) to SALTO is well used. Patrol was in house, when 2 enemy came into next room, asked if Americans were there, and took and left. Were armed with M's. |
|         |      | WALL REPORT: Patrol No. 211, Co G, 87th Mt Inf. Time Out: 112000A. Time In: 120415A. Patrol Findings: At 2350A saw Frant flare in front of 1st Bn; at 0045A mortar shell landed 100 yds fr patrol at (1583254); fire was then raised on MT SPIGIONE. At 0320A mortar fire again was directed at MT SPIGIONE. 6 seen by sound to impact which placed mortar at TORRE ZUSSE (1526277). Wanted to investigate mortar position but searchlight hampered operation.  |
| 30      | 1118 | Phone fr Metred 21. CP saw aerial to E of house at CA di BENETTA (1565255). Saw 2 enemy go into house and come out. Suspected CP. Civilians fr MONTESSA (1558245) are coming through our lines because of German sniping. Jerry comes into town at night to look for food. Report that road blown out at (1558247); has a by-pass. Road also blown at (1558254) with by-pass provided. Jerry has little ammo and food and seems willing to surrender. 20 Germans are at (1558246). Mortar fire is received fr this point. Overhead arty fire is being received fr MINOGLINO (1565267). ACTION: Corps, Arty, PI, Wg.   |
| 31      | 1145 | Rec'd: Overlay - positions of NZR fr Capt Turiah.   |
| 32      | 1155 | Phone fr Rowall 5 to Keystone 3: Reference your request for recommendations as to whether or not additional liaison type airplanes are needed for Div -- 2 more L-3 planes needed in Hq and Hq 87th Div Arty for command and staff observation and liaison. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 33      | 1215 | PATROL PLAN 409A, 12 Mar, Co B, 86th, 4 EM, Out 122000A, In 122400A, MISSION: Contact m/j units fr pos at (1583259) thru (583254), (1588247) and return.<br><br>PATROL PLAN 409B, 12 Mar, Co B, 86th, 4 EM, Out 130300A, In 130900A, MISSION: Contact adj units fr pos at (1583259) thru (1583254), (1588247), and return.  |

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| 33      | (Cont'd.) | PATROL PLAN 416, 12 Mar, Co A, 86th, 1 squad KM, Out 122000A, In 130330A, MISSION: To set ambush on frequent sniper route. Fr pos at (1591257) to draw via (159052630) and return.<br><br>PATROL PLAN 411, 12 Mar, Co C, 86th, 1 squad KM, Out 121930A, In 122300A, MISSION: To set ambush on frequent sniper route. Fr pos at (1594263) to via (159552655) and return.  |
| 34      | 1330      | Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 71 submitted.  |
| 35      | 1345      | Rec'd: Military sketches found in room at VILLA MILANO (1637236). Fr Redoubt 2.  |
| 36      | 1345      | Rec'd: Isum No. 831, Ref 248, 120945A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.   |
| 37      | 1345      | PATROL PLAN - Patrol No. 505, Co G, 86th Mt Inf. 1 Off, 10 KM, Time Out: 121900A, Time In: 122300A. Mission: Investigate houses at (1606262) and (1604263). Co fr (1607257)-(1606260)-(1606262)-(1604263) return.<br><br>PATROL PLAN - Patrol No. 506, Co F, 86th Mt Inf. 1 Off, 10 KM, Time Out: 121900A, Time In: 122300A. Mission: Going to (1601267) to search for enemy. Route (1601262)-(1601267)-(1601262).   |
| 38      | 1400      | PATROL PLAN - Patrol No. 1102, 10th AT Bn, 1 Off, 8 KM, Time Out: 121930A, Time In: 130100A. Mission: Ren and Oban - LV CASERIA. (163852405) to vicinity of (1640253) and return.  |
| 39      | 1430      | Phone fr Rex 3: Report of activities of artillery from 120930A to 121330A. 604th: Rest area. 605th: 1 mission, mortars, observed by ground OP, mortars silenced. Mission, church, observed by ground OP, 4 target hits, (1610295). 83 rds expended.<br>616th: ZOGGA - Air OP observed (1555238). Mission 2 mortars observed by ground OP, effect - mortar silenced (1642261) and (1566299). Mission - gun position, unobserved (1599244). 82 rds expended.<br>175th: 1 mission enemy personnel, observed by ground OP - effect good (1636269). Enemy dug in OP observed by ground OP, effect good (1638266). Enemy troops observed by ground OP - hits observed (1630279). 46 rds expended. ACTION: Journal. |
| 40      | 1440      | Rec'd: Sitrep No. 141, Ref No. 249, 121200A Mar 45, fr IV Corps  |
| 41      | 1440      | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 558, 11 Mar 45, fr Fifth Army.   |
| 42      | 1330      | Phone fr Rex 2: (Fr Kettle): (1310A) OP at (1602252) observed groups of 1 or 2 men on MT BALZARD (1594281) at intervals. (Rex has an observer up there to see if it is a worthwhile target). (Fr William): (1330A) OP 721 rptd area smoking behind ridge of MT DELLA GROCA in (164228) and (16528) squares. ACTION: Journal.   |

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| 43                       | 1345        | Phone fr Baz 2: Rebate CP; at (159502416), 3 reports of movement of small number of enemy around building there. Enemy can observe our troops very well from this point. ACTION: Corps, C/S.   |
| 44                       | 1440        | PATROL FLAK 805, 12 March, Co K, 87th, 1 Cr, 8 RM, Out 121900A, In 130100A, MISSION: (15824) S. to houses (200 yds) W. to (158324) N. to Hill 756. Security.   |
| 45                       | 1310        | Phone fr Retread: A 75mm Gun at (1539244) in the hwy. Baz has been notified. ACTION: Journal, Map, FI.   |
| 46                       | 1630        | Rec'd. Overlay showing dispositions fr 751st Tank Bn.  |
| 47                       | 1635        | Phone fr Remount 3: 3rd Bn moved into Reserve area at 1600A. CP at (1609218). ACTION: C/S, G-2, SITREP.  |
| 48                       | 1645        | Rec'd. Hq 751st Tank Bn S-3 Report No. 71 dated 121200A March 1945.  |
| 49                       | 1645        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps GSB Det, Intelligence Bulletin No. 12 of 12 Mar '45.  |
| 50                       | 1645        | Rec'd. Hq IV 45, S-2 Periodic Report No. 10, dated 11 March 1945.  |
| 51                       | 1630        | Phone fr Retread 2: (From BN Ln O) At 120630A, 3 deserters from 1st Co, 721st 888 <sup>th</sup> AF at (1533229) by 1st Bn, 11th Regt; state Montese is not occupied by enemy; roadroads before Church (1548248) in Montese is mined; every night from 0300A to 0500A enemy come down on patrol on west side of Montese and observe from a point SE of Montese; enemy have a position on high ground S. of Montese; 1st Co is on right of 3rd Co, 2nd Co on left of 3rd Co; Co strength from 60-80 men; no mines in fields but some roads are mined at the bridges and bands; deserters heard a possibility of arrival in this sector of a new division, probably 26th or 32nd. Patrol picked up 3 PWs at (1545227); 1 was from 14th Co 1044 Regt; 2 from 3d Co, 114th Div. (will check on what Regt). A civilian told patrol that at (1537230) there is a MI with 12 man crew. Patrol at (1549220) saw lot of mortar and bazooka ammunition, abandoned. Civilians told patrol enemy is moving this ammunition out at night. At (1548230) there is an abandoned truck - patrol saw it. REF CP (155852270) reports ambulance moving from (1548273) to (1540377) to (1548281) to a house beyond 2000A (16033); there is a German aid station at (1554279). ACTION: Arty, Corps, C/S. (Note: This information has not been confirmed.) |
| 52                       | 1705        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 832 to include 121500A Mar '45 and Hq Fifth Army Weather Forecast, 122400A - 132400A March 1945.   |
| 53                       | 1710        | Rec'd. Overlays of Patrol Intentions 214 and 219, 2nd Bn, 85th.  |

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| 54         | 1710        | Rec'd. following message fr 5-2, 85th dated 12 Mar 45. "The following information was obtained at 0900A, 12 Mar from a civilian informant living near (L618256): 1. Enemy dugout at (L63002815). 2. 3 Cms (Lt. arty) (L63882955). 3. Reported mines: (a) MJ at (L63002450). (b) M. PIEROTTO (L63652620). (c) Between (L63002580) and (L63802340). (d) On road between (L63102750) and (L62652730). (e) On road between (L63802745) and (L63552780). 4. An OP with dugout (L63752720). 5. Small bn garrison at LA MARI (L63802778). 6. Sections of mortar or arty (L640286). 7. Small garrison plus mortar or arty. Poen. (L63002780) 8. Small garrison and mortar poen at (L62352845) FIAM di VALANO. |
| 55         | 1730        | PATROL PLAN - Patrol No. 215, Co G, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 9 EM, Time Out: 132400A. Time In: 140500A. Mission: Security and Com. PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 214, Co E, 85th Mt Inf, 1 MCO, 5 EM, Time Out: 132400A. Time In: 140200A. Mission: Security and Com.  |
| 56         | 1730        | Phone fr Rex: SITREP as of 121630A. 604th - NTR, 605th - 1 mission on enemy personnel in house at (L5952280), six target hits. Effect very good. 16 enemy went into house and did not come out. Another mission on house, six target hits. Total 95 rounds. Started another mission on house - did not complete. 41 rounds. 616th - Fired 1 mission destruction of enemy gun at (L5552259) unobserved, 6 rounds. 175th - in process of moving - firing registration. ACTION: Journal, SITREP.   |
| 57         | 1800        | Hq 10th Mt Div, 19UM 72, submitted.   |
| 58         | 18:0        | Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP 119, submitted.  |
| 59         | 1500        | Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP 118, submitted (not previously recorded).  |
| 60         | 1815        | Rec'd. daily PW Report for 24 hr period ending 101200A March 1945 fr IPW.   |
| 61         | 1805        | Phone fr Rebate 3: Arrangements for contact between 10th Hcn Tr and 81st Cav Hcn Sq are as follows: 81st Cav Hcn is going to CP on Hill 488 at 2300A. 10th Hcn Tr is going to Hill 390 at 130130A. Lt Chaffey is 85th Mt Inf Liaison Officer with 81st Cav Hcn and will coordinate contact. ACTION: 81st Cav Hcn notified.  |
| 62         | 1815        | Phone fr Rent: Next CP closed at 1700A at (L615167). ACTION: G-3, C/S, SITREP, 1800A.   |
| 63         | 1935        | Rec'd. Phone fr Retread 2: A German sound pick-up set for obtaining arty locations found buried flush with soil surface at (L5752236) at 121230A by 2d Bn, 87th Regt. ACTION: Corps, C/S.   |

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64	1930	Phone fr C.S.S.: Vicinity ANOKE (1644282) are great number of enemy (undetermined number). Arty CP at (1631301). 50 tanks with a set of 2 each begin wheals at (1631301). This area completely evacuated by civilians. Within radius about 2 km. of (1567332) there is considerably amount arty, various calibers, and almost 1000 enemy. ACTION: Arty, Map, C/S. Attention: Capt Ramberg.
65	2100	Phone fr Regiment 3: Bn CP at (1622201), B Co at (1628204), B Co at (1631198).
66	2110	Phone fr 5th Army thru IV Corps: Between 1600, 12 March, and dusk, 13 March, a feisler stork (German Cub) will be returning from a mission over our lines. It is not to be engaged by our troops. No more definite information can be given. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Div Arty, 85th, 86th, and 87th, 10th AT.
67	2125	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps, ISUM 833 to include 122000A March 1945.
68	2115	Phone fr Regiment 3: 2nd Bn, at 122118A, received 2 rds of Nebelwerfer fire in CASTEL D'ALIANO (1608257) coming from the NE; could get no definite azimuth; could see no flashes. ACTION: Corps, Arty, C/S.
69	2130	Rec'd. Hq 81 Cav Recon Sq, S-2 Periodic Report 47, 2000A 11 Mar '45.
70	2130	Rec'd. German documents sent in by 10th Cav Reconnaissance Troop, found at (1656240) on 11 Mar 1945.
71	2240	Phone fr Reg 3: SITREP - 122130A -- 605th - 1 mission - enemy personnel at (1602292), personnel dispersed - 20 rds. 1 mission fired on gun flashes at (1598286) unobserved - 30 rds. 1 mission on mortars at (1611273) - mortars silenced - 19 rds. 1 TOT on enemy personnel at (1618299) - 4 rds. 616th - 2 destruction missions on enemy mortars at (1558255). 1 - enemy occupied town MONTESE (1558245), unobserved - 29 rds. 1 harassing mission at (1649246) - unobserved. 1 TOT on enemy personnel at (1618299). 175th - 1 mission on enemy personnel at (1611262) - personnel dispersed. 1 on enemy mortars - explosions observed - 16 rds. 1 on enemy SP - good effect at (1625282), 1 counter mortar at (1630271) - mortars silenced - 6 rds. ACTION: Journal.
72	2245	Phone fr Regiment 3: White Bn receiving a little long range MG fire on Hill 813 (1600261) coming from Az of 10°; they are putting mortar fire on the suspected location. ACTION: Corps, C/S.
73	2300	Rec'd.: Disposition of AT Platoons with Reg in Res.
74	2300	Rec'd.: Incoming Message fr ASC: Intentions March 13. 1130A OCG WOODS P 837022. 1500A INF HQ P 849012.
75	2258	Phone fr Rebate 3: Contact made with 61st Recon Sq at Hill 488 at 2254. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Sitrep.

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1	0100	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 142 fr IV Corp dated 122400A - Ref No. 254
2	0115	Phone fr Rebate: Reported Bu telephone lines in working order. ACTION: Journal.
3	0355	Phone fr Rebate: Patrol from REMOUST made contact at designated point with BARBER at 130345A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep, C/S.
4	0455	Phone fr Rebate: Rebate Red 3 says contact with 86th at 130400A successful. ACTION: Journal.
5	0530	PATROL REPORT No. 213, Out 130010, In 130445A. - Left TORRA passing by bldg 625258 also 627259 which were empty. In CALVARA there are Italian families - smoke from bldgs. At 0230 heard BAR and sharp gunfire from their west when in CALVARA. Arrived MILEMO PIEROTTO at 130300A. Italians living there. Passed by bldgs 636264 which were empty. Heard and saw no enemy activity on return. Visibility very poor.
6	0930	PATROL REPORT #212, 11 Mar, Out 122400A, In 130210A. REPORT - - - Went to 1635253. Heard enemy MG at AZ 45°. Saw tracers of MG. Followed prescribed route at 1410A. Saw white flare AZ 35° from 636255. No other sign of enemy activity.
	0930	PATROL REPORT #1102, 12 Mar, Out 121930A, In 0310A. REPORT - Followed trail from SASHILA. Trail in excellent condition for troops or animals. Work necessary to make passable for vehicles. Trail in good condition to cliff at 641253. Followed it to MONTE USALDO (643255). Village empty. Bldgs in good condition. No signs of activity. Returned via ravine at 649255 to extension of Mt VASBURA (645263), found route almost impassible. Saw fires in grid square 6526.
	0930	PATROL REPORT No. 505, 12 Mar, Out 1900A, In 2235A. REPORT: No enemy activity observed.
	0930	PATROL REPORT No. 506, 12 Mar, Out 1900A, In 2235A. REPORT: No enemy activity observed.
7	0545	PATROL REPORT No. 409B, 121200A, Out 130300A, In 130900A. REPORT: Contact made 130415. No enemy contact.
	0545	PATROL REPORT No. 410, Out 122400A, In 130300A. REPORT: Ambush set as directed. No enemy contact.
	0545	PATROL REPORT No. 411, Out 121930A, In 122300A. REPORT: Ambush set, no enemy contact.
8	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 121 submitted.
9	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 73 submitted.



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10	0605	Phone fr Rex; Misson Bn pleased into new position at 121530A at 163502190. A Btry - 163852169; B Btry - 163692168; G Btry 163722154. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
11	0655	PATROL REPORT No. 805, Out 121900A, In 130620A. REPORT: Went to MORTARICALVA (1563237). Ran into 8 man enemy patrol. Fire fight ensued. Two enemy believed wounded. Enemy withdrew. Patrol received long range MG and Mortar fire and withdrew.
12	0730	Phone fr Retread 3: Fox Co is receiving Mortar fire in vicinity (1573235); 27 rounds have fallen and shelling continues. Mortar counterbattery is being fired, and arty has been requested. ACTION: Issu.
13	0745	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report, No. 126, 12 Mar 45, fr 92 Inf Div.
14	0745	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report, No. 127, 11 Mar 45, fr 92 Inf Div
15	0745	Rec'd: Passwords for Fifth Army, 6 Mar 45, fr Fifth Army.
16	0830	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 71, 12 Mar 45, Fr IV Corps.
17	0925	Rec'd: Issu No. 834, 130830A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
18	1000	Rec'd: Partisan Report, 12 Mar 45, fr CIG Det. Report of Arrest, 11 Mar 45
19	1000	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 407, Co A, 86th Mt Inf. Time Out: 120800. Time In: 121615A. Findings: Cut enemy wires at (1597252). Saw no enemy.
20	1000	Rec'd: G-3 Situation as of 0700A, 13 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
21	1000	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 71, 12 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
22	1000	Rec'd: Sitreps No. 141 and 142, 12 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
23	1000	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 279, 13 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
24	1000	Phone fr Col Davis - Keystone: We may send 1 Off and 1 Sgt to a PI school at SAN SEVERO. Dates of course: 26 Mar - 5 Apr. Notify Corps not later than 17 Mar. Men chosen should be from Bn, Regt or Div "2" sections, or Co or Battery command echelon. Will travel to school by air. Corps will issue orders, and need name, rank, serial no., br, org of men chosen. May also send 1 Off and 1 Sgt to Intell. Tng Center at AFH, near Naples. Course runs 1-18 April. Div will issue orders. Corps wants to know our decision on this by 15 Mar. (Col Davis recommends both schools). ACTION: G-2.

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| 25          | 1040        | Msg fr Capt Turish: 81st Army News - Patrols and exchange of arty fire constituted the work of the 8th Army units. 43d Comandos are relieving the CEMACHA unit. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 26          | 1100        | Hq 10th St Div Sitrep No. 122 submitted.   |
| 27          | 1135        | Phone fr Rebata 3: Rebata CP opened at 1130A at (1628232). ACTION: C/S, G-3, Sitrep, Map.  |
| 28          | 1135        | Phone fr Betread: PW taken near MONTSE (1558245) is from 1st Co, 114th Hon. Co has 70 men, 5-6 MG's, 5-6 Pz Fauste. In position 100-200 yds SW MONTSE. 2nd Co is to west. Report a possible mortar position at (1551242) and (1551244). Also 2 AF mine fields, 150 yds long on N slope S of creek fr (1553240) to (1561241). Saw 105mm how going toward MONTSE Mar 8. Co, composed of Austrians and Bavarians, had heard recent propaganda broadcast, agreed with it, but were not permitted to surrender. Patrol was armed with MP's and 1 Panzerfaust. ACTION: Corps, Arty, Map, Engrs.            |
| 29          | 1135        | Phone fr Wander 3: Patrol intentions fr Wander 3: 1st Patrol out at 131300A, in at 131800A, composed of 1 NCO and 5M with mission of Recon and verify enemy in area (1678260) (1683261) (1682257) (1676257). 2nd patrol out at 131900A in at 140200A composed of approx. 1 officer and 16 or 17 EM with mission of setting ambush along road between (1682263) (1685259). 3rd patrol out at 131300A in at 131800A composed of 1 Officer and 4 EM with mission of Recon and setting CP. BAGO (1644255) Ft 572 (1665256) Ft 503 (1671257) RAFFOLA (1674257) Ft 515 (1672254). ACTION: Journal, Rebata. |
| 30          | 1210        | Phone fr Rebata 2: A civilian who has given our 1st Bn much info and is considered reliable reports that 3 Hvy guns are at (161252925); 3 Hvy guns camouflaged with brush at (16162873); German CP at (159922945); 2 tanks in houses at (161702990); 2 guns were at (162953109) a week ago. ACTION: Journal, Mex, Corps.   |
| 31          | 1240        | Phone fr Betread 2: In addition to what PW, taken near MONTSE (1558245) from 1st Co, 114th Hon, said before he states that from now on patrols would be very active and that every man would go on at least 2 patrols per week; he further emphasized that the whole patrol he was on wanted to surrender and they looked forward to an American attack as it gave them a good chance to surrender. Their patrol was fired on by us last night, 1 enemy being killed - this scared the rest and they didn't surrender. ACTION: Corps, C/S.   |
| 32          | 1230        | Rec'd: General Operations Order No. 27, 10 Mar 45, fr 1st Brazilian Div. G-3 report No. 128, 12 Mar 45,  |
| 33          | 1310        | Phone fr Rebata 5: Personnel from an English Sound and Flash unit and an CP of the 248 F.A. are driving jeeps around in the open during  |

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| 33         |            |             | (Continued) Daylight hours on M. della CASTELLANA (16224) 24 Km is afraid this will draw enemy fire. Our troops are not allowed to move around during daylight. ACTION: Rex notified.  |
| 34         | 1310       |             | Phone fr Retroad: A civilian interrogated near MONTESI reports: There are arty wms unplaced at (1553288). There are Jerries with telephones at (1565271) and (1568287). Arty wms are located between (1585285) and (1585308). German tanks (4 MK IV's) are at (1617299). ACTION: PI, Arty, Corps, Map, G-2.  |
| 35         | 1310       |             | Phone fr Rex 21: A civilian reports: 3 hvy guns at (1612292). 3 guns at (1610287). Heavy CP at (1599294). 2 Tanks at (1617299). ACTION: Corps, PE, MAP, G-2.   |
| 36         | 1330       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div Isam No. 74 submitted.  |
| 37         | 1350       |             | Phone fr Mountaint Blue: We want to fire some new weapons (MG) this afternoon from 1400A to 1600A. We will fire from (1602218) to (1600210) across a draw into a bank. ACTION: Permission granted, Journal.  |
| 38         | 1415       |             | Phone fr Rex 31: Sitrep - 131330A - 605th - 1 mission on empl under haystack - set on fire. 1 mission on suspected CP - 4 target hits. 616th - NTH. 175th: 1 mission on enemy CP at (1628277) - 1 target hit 2 rds. 1 TOT - unobserved - 10 rds. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 39         | 1430       |             | Rec'd: Sitrep No. 143, 131200A Mar 45, from IV Corps.  |
| 40         | 1430       |             | PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 412, Co A, 86th Mt Inf, 6 BM, Time Out: 2000. Time In: 2400A. Mission: Men slope before our pos for isolated enemy. Fr (1594264) to draw vicinity (1599265) MW along draw and path to cliff (1595265) and return.<br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 413, Co B, 86th Mt Inf, 4 BM, Time Out: 131930A. Time In: 132230A. Mission: Contact enemy and determine strength and disposition. Fr Pos at (1582293) W along S side of ridge to vicinity (1578254) and return.<br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 507: Co F, 86th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 9 BM, Time Out: 131945A. Time In: 132400A. Mission: Set listening post at LA MOLINELLA (1601267) for MG pos N of ravine and direct mortar fire. Route: Fr Hill 813 (1601262) - (1600265) LA MOLINELLA (1601267) and return.<br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 508, Co G, 86th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 12 BM, Time Out: 132000A. Time In: 132400A. Mission: To clear houses on Hill 759 of enemy. Route: CASTEL d'AIANO (1607257) (1605263). Hill 759 (1609264) and return to ALBERTO (1607262) to CASTEL d'AIANO.<br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 805, Co B, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 8 BM, 2100A Time Out. Time In: 140300A. Mission: Men to (1580265) and return from (1580265).<br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 806, Co G, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 10 BM, Time Out: 1930A. Time In: 140230A. Mission: Men to (1568264) to from (1675235).<br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 807, Co F, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 8 BM, Time Out: |

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| 40      |      | (Continued) Patrol Plan - Time Out: 13220A. Time In 140300A. Mission: Ambush (L566237) lv from (L570237).  |
| 41      | 1445 | Rec'd: German Documents from 616th FA Bn.  |
| 42      | 1445 | Rec'd: Overlay: Disposition of 3d Bn, 86th Mt Inf, 12 Mar 45.  |
| 43      | 1445 | Rec'd: S-3 Reports #42 and #43, 11, 12 Mar 45, fr Div Arty.  |
| 44      | 1445 | Rec'd: German Mag Blank with coded and Decoded text; also German Kertar concentration plan in duplicate.   |
| 45      | 1515 | Rec'd: Civilian Interrogation Report No. 12, 13 Mar 45, fr GSG. IFO Report No. 31, 13 Mar 45.  |
| 46      | 1500 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 123 submitted.   |
| 47      | 1525 | Phone fr Retread 2: A Polish deserter fr 7th Batt, 232 Arty Regt, reports that batt had three 150mm hows and one 105mm Italian how. One 150 was destroyed, 1 is in repair, and 1 is damaged but in position at (L590270) camouflaged with tree branches. Reports that one 150mm how of 8th batt is damaged. 9th Batt has suffered many casualties. Bridge at (L558248) is blown. There are 2 morts at (L559255). ACTION: PI, Corps, Arty, Map. |
| 48      | 1530 | Phone fr Rebate 2: 5 rds of 105 (?) or nebelwerfer (?) fire fell at (L529250) at 131440A. Az to target: 360°. ACTION: Corps, Rex, Map.   |
| 49      | 1545 | Rec'd: Weather Forecast, 132400A Mar 45, fr Fifth Army.  |
| 50      | 1630 | Rec'd: Isum 835, 131500A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.  |
| 51      | 1700 | Rec'd: Overlay Defensive Positions, 13 Mar 45, fr 2d Bn, 87th Mt Inf.  |
| 52      | 1700 | Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary No. 149, fr XIII Tac Air Command.  |
| 53      | 1700 | Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary No. 148, " " " "   |
| 53      | 1700 | Rec'd: 751st Tank Battalion Report No. 72, 13 Mar 45,  |
| 54      | 1700 | Rec'd: S-2 Periodic Report No. 11, 12 Mar 45, fr TF 45   |
| 55      | 1700 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 553, 12 Mar 45, fr Fifth Army.   |
| 56      | 1700 | Rec'd: AF CODE No. 2577, (Encodes), effective 0100A, 15 Mar 45   |
| 57      | 1700 | Rec'd: Manuals (Mines and Charges used by German Army), fr Tac Intel N. Africa and Central Mediterranean. A.F.H.G.   |
| 58      | 1550 | Phone fr Rebate 6 to Recall Asst 6: Recall Asst 6: Did you see the letter about violation of security? Seems that the 1st Bn of the 85th is the only unit that gave us any trouble. Major Callahan has the names of the  |

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58 (Cont'd)		violators and he states that these officers won't take the time to have the messages coded hence enemy shelling of positions. Rebate 6: Discussed it with Col Wooley and it will be taken care of. The Colonel stated that in dire emergency messages could be sent in clear to save time. ACTION: Journal.
59	1715	Phone fr Maj Callahan to General Duff: I've had reports on the 85th in regard to breach of Radio Security. I think it's because of the breach, we got the shelling at GAGGIO. I have a list of the guilty parties and I'll bring them over to you for your information. ACTION: Journal.
60	1740	Phone fr Rex 3: 605th: 1 Mission on Enemy gun position at (1590280) - 20 rds - target hits. Mission on Ey battery (1588280), very effective - 33 rds. 616th: 4 Missions destruction of Ey mortars at (1563259), (1540256), effect unknown. 1 Mission by OP at (1570255) effect unknown. 1 Mission by occupied houses at (1557290) rounds close - effect unknown. 53 rds. 175th: 1 Mission on ey OP at (1638285) good effect - 14 rds. 1 Mission personnel at (1630280). Mission incomplete. 1 defensive mission at (1610272 - good effect - 6 rds expended. ACTION: Journal.
61	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 124 submitted.
62	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 75 submitted.
63	1805	Phone fr Rex: Captured German S-2 Journal which contains history of our division taken from PW. Captured by ey is being forwarded to this Hq. ACTION: Told S-2.
64	1830	Phone fr Recall 2 to all regts and Redoubt: Each Bn on the line will send out at least two patrols during a 24 hour period. Redoubt will send out 3 patrols during a 24 hour period. ACTION: Journal.
65	1840	Phone fr Retread: REF Lt C: Civilian report: House at (1558239) possibly mined. Mine field at (1549228). Enemy at Hill 726 (1548234) and Hill 747 (154602325) with 15 enemy. ACTION: Isum, Engr.
66	1845	Rec'd: Overlay Situation at 131400A Mar 45, fr 86th Mt Inf.
67	1805	Phone fr OSS: Civilian reports -- (1) It is impossible to get accurate information about ROFFENO MUSEOLE because all civilians have been evacuated. (2) Arty dumps and gun batteries are being moved N of ROFFENO and ZOCCA. (3) Enemy wagon trains left ZOCCA moving N last night. (4) Enemy saboteurs are mining roads around ZOCCA and ROFFENO. ACTION: G-2, Corps, Rex.
68	1930	Phone fr Warden (Lt Chaffey): Lt Chaffey will bring in overlay of 81 Ron positions and fire plan 140800A. ACTION: Journal.

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69	1930	Rec'd. Overlay showing disposition of 10th AT, 1800A, 13 Mar 1945.
70	1930	Rec'd. Overlay showing test firing area for 37mm T32 for 3rd Bn, 86th. Time 0800-1800A, 14 Mar 1945.
71	1930	Phone fr Hqsmtc Bn: Received overlay showing test firing area for 37mm and request to fire 140800A to 141800A. Permission granted. ACTION: G-3, Journal.
72	2005	Phone fr Col Curtis to Recall 6 Asst: This is in regard to an early warning for enemy aircraft within a 40 mile radius. You should get your alert call from Kentucky. They have 50 planes available but most of them are on deadline. Most of the planes will be high flying. ACTION: Journal.
73	2015	Phone fr IV Corps: IV Corps Sector all quiet except at 1423A there were 25 rds of arty received at (1408063), (1404065), (1413043). II Corps quiet. ACTION: Maj Ireland, Journal.
74	2035	Phone fr Col Smaltzer to Recall 6 Asst: Would like to have the duffel bags at Campo Tinsere, segregated into Bn piles rather than Regimental - it causes too much delay and confusion. (Recall 6 Asst to take it up with G-4), Recall 6 Asst: Which Bn do you want to relieve the 2nd? Col Smaltzer: The 3rd Bn, Sir. We cancelled our patrol tonight because we found out that the Brazilians had one out. ACTION: Journal.
75	1710	Phone fr Baz 2: Jerry is again using road at (14426) which we have previously shelled. ACTION: ISUN.
76	1715	Phone fr Retread 2: Civilian reports: (1) 5 enemy with MG at (1575273). (2) Enemy CP at (1572256). (3) 20 enemy at house in (15725) square. (4) Enemy holed at (1562258). (5) Enemy at house in (15424) square. (6) 6 mortars and some enemy at approximately (15526). ACTION: Map, PI, arty, Corps.
77	1945	Phone fr Retread 2: Civilian reports 2 mortars (81mm) at (1546239) and (1557237). ACTION: Map, ISUN, Corps, Baz.
78	2200	Phone fr C/S: If warning is received (Kentucky) of hostile aircraft in area, notify Regts and separate units. ACTION: Journal, G-3.
79	2200	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps Isun 836 to include 133000A Mar 1945.
80	2200	Rec'd. Hq 81 Cav Hqn Sqdn Patrol Reports for 12/13 Mar 1945.
81	2245	Phone fr Baz 3: 604th - NTR, 605th - NTR, 616th - 6 destruction missions on by mortar (1562299), silenced, (1564232), (1567249), unknown. 1 harassing mission, 137 rds. 175th - 1 mission on personnel at house (1532277) effect excellent. 6 hits on house - 15 rds. 1 mission on 2/7 at (1532277) effect unknown.

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82	2245		Rec'd. following message fr Fifth Army addressed to 10th At Div, attn: Air Officer. "REF NR 16. INTENTIONS FOR 14 MARCH. CP (1397296) at 0900A and 1400A. AMMO DUMP (1726497). AMMO DUMP (1728147)."
83	1345		Phone fr debate 2: 10th At patrol made contact with 81st Cav Recon Sq at 134200A at 662242. ACTION: Corps, Sitrep.
84	1300		Hq 10th At Div Sitrep No. 125 submitted.

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| 1           | 0010        | Phone fr Keystone 2: From Kentucky 2; Arty CP heard truck movement estimated to be in vicinity 155824A at 140002A; no further details available.  |
| 2           | 0205        | Phone fr Mount Duty Off: 2d Bn of 86th made contact with the 85th at 0115A at 141225B. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 3           | 0250        | PATROL REPORT No. 1103, Out 141900A, In 140100A. REPORT: Found trail on N slope Mt BELVERESE (165124) starting at 165324A very poor and unused; established listening post in creek bed 164825B; heard noises in CA. BENT (1641259), seemed to be only civilians moving in or out of town; at 132145A at 1300 heard mortar firing quite close to us; could find no ford over creek to N and W; bank too steep; moved E to point 165525B finding houses empty on the way; from this point heard burp gun and MG firing from 350 to 800 yards at 132400A; both guns firing bursts at definite intervals; no returned fire; returned by excellent aule trail around Mt PINGOCHIA (1655259) to S and SE; houses empty in this vicinity. |
| 4           | 0345        | PATROL REPORT No. 413, Out 141930A, In 140245A. REPORT: Contacted enemy at 157925A; time of contact 0200A; members of patrol were fired upon by burp guns. Estimated strength of enemy opposition to be four or five. Patrol withdrew without casualties.   |
| 5           | 0430        | Phone fr Mount Duty Off: Visiting patrol from 85th made contact with G Co at 0415A at 61225B. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 6           | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 126 submitted.  |
| 7           | 0650        | Hq 10th Mt Div Issu No. 75 submitted.   |
| 8           | 0835        | PATROL REPORT No. 508, Out 132000A, In 132400A. Report: Negative report; no enemy heard; no enemy contact.<br><br>PATROL REPORT No. 507, Out 1.1945A, In 132245A. Report: Negative report; no enemy heard, no contact made.   |
| 9           | 0855        | Phone fr Keystone 2: Flight of Fuisler Stork postponed. Flight will take place during daylight hours of 14 March. ACTION: 85th, 86th, 87th engs, Hqn, AT.   |
| 10          | 718         | Phone fr Kohate: Redoubt made contact with WANDER at 140400A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.  |
| 11          | 0830        | Rec'd: Field Journal, 12 Mar 45, for month of February 45, fr 84th CMR Mortar Battalion.  |
| 12          | 0925        | Phone fr Hex: Air CP report: At (1609315) an enemy gun firing from building at 140910A was taken under arty fire, with effect unknown. At (1615317) have seen gun flashes from a building at 140910A. Arty fire was brought on same with good effect.<br>From Require 2: At (1520272) at 140905A. Saw 4 enemy guns and 60 men   |



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12		(Continued) just east of 3 houses at GRIZZLO. Guns are 150 yds apart. This report given by partisans. Box will fire on this target if air CP gives confirmation. ACTION: Issm.
13	0935	Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin No. 19, 13 Mar 45, fr OSS Det.
14	0935	Rec'd: Security Plan for the Forward Echelon of the CP, 12 Mar 45, fr Office of the Hq Commandant.
15	0950	Rec'd: Issm No. 837, 140915A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
16	0950	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 72, 13 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
17	0950	Rec'd: S-2 Periodic Report No. 48, 12 Mar 45, fr 81 Cav Regn Sqdn
18	0950	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 126, 12 Mar 45, fr 92d Inf Div
19	0950	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 129, 13 Mar 45, fr 92d Inf Div
20	1030	Rec'd: Coordination of Infantry Patrols with Artillery Fires, 14 Mar 45, fr Div Arty.
21	1030	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 280, 14 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
22	1030	Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 14 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
23	1030	Rec'd: Sitreps No. 143 and 144, 13 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
24	1030	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 72, 13 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
25	1030	Rec'd: Captured enemy document, fr Bennett White. Captured enemy documents, fr 126th Mt Engr Bn
26	1030	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 21A, Co H, 89th. Time Out: 132400A. Time In: 140200A. Patrol Findings: All buildings passed were empty; no enemy contact; heard nothing. PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 21B, Co G, 89th. Time out: 132400A. Time In: 14045A. Patrol Findings: Suspect building at (142325G) occupied by Italians or enemy; heard series of 3 bird calls at that point sounding like a signal; also believes buildings SE of GALVANA at (142729) TOL occupied; all other buildings passed by believed empty; at RJ (143327G) heard truck moving in both directions; no enemy contact. PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 412, Co A, 86th. Time Out: 132000A. Time In: 132300A. Patrol Findings: Proceeded as planned. Found no enemy or trace of occupation but cut a number of enemy communication wires on way. PATROL REPORT: Patrol no. 805, Co E, 87th. Time Out: 132200A. Time In: 140300A. Patrol Findings: No enemy contact.

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| 26  | (Cont'd) | PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 806, Co G, 87th. Time Out: 131930A. Time In: 140230A. Patrol Findings: No enemy contact.   |
| 27  | 1030     | Phone fr Retread 2: 3 deserters came into our lines vicinity (15673) an hour ago. They are from 1st Co, Kittswald Bn and talk freely. Are now on way to PW Cage. The following information has been obtained. 1st Co front (1571259) - (1570232) - (1568251). 2nd Co is to the South another Infantry unit to the North. 80 men in 1st Company; 8 Light MG's. 1st Co CP is in bunker vicinity (1569257). There are 20 positions at (1571259), (1571254) and (1569251). There are 30 to 40 8mm mines inside triangle formed by (1570251) - (1571250) - (1572251). More mines in front of 2nd Co. Two mortars are located between (1563241) and (1566241). ACTION: Reported to IPW for verification. |
| 28  | 1100     | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 127 submitted.   |
| 29  | 1115     | Phone fr 21 Ben Sqd (Lt Chaffee): Patrol from Troop A, out 142000A in 150200A on Ron. Troop B, 1 Off, 16 EM. Out: 141900A. In: 150200A to ambush at (1565259) (1563262), capture PW's. Troop C, 1 Off, 16 EM. Out: 14200A. In: 150200A. Ambush and capture PW's at (1595253) house. Troop D out at 141300A, in at 141830A. Ron and establish CP. Route: (1570263) (1577260), (1568260), (1577257). ACTION: Journal.  |
| 30  | 1200     | PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 807, Co F, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 10 EM. Time Out: 142200A. Time In: 150600A. Mission: Ambush (1563241) - Leave from (1568235).<br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 808, Co E, 87th Mt Inf, 1 Off, 8 EM. Time Out: 132400A. Time In: 150500A. Mission: Men to (1575247) leave from (1584243).  |
| 31  | 1215     | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 129, 13 Mar 45, fr REF.  |
| 32  | 1225     | Phone fr IPW: Civilians report the following: 2 LMG's in house at (1563245). 1 LMG position at crossing of 2 mile paths at (1562246) 1 LMG position at (1562246) on S side of road and at about 20 meters from house. About 6 Germans are manning an CP in the Castle in MONTESK. About 20 Germans are manning positions in houses at (1573256) (1569257). 2 LMG's are in houses at (1563247), one in each house, covering road. Crossroad at (1579244) has been heavily mined. Germans are chasing civilians out of MONTILLO (vicinity of mountain) (1566259) and MONTESBUFFONE (1558253). ACTION: Mex, Isun, Engra, Retread  |
| 33  | 1300     | Rec'd. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 13, and IPW Report No. 32, dated 14 Mar 1945, from CIC, IPW.  |
| 34  | 1315     | Phone fr Keyteams-2: In reference to request for confirmation of OSS report of 12 Mar containing information concerning assembly of troops and tanks S of 2000A. This report has been found unreliable. How many tanks does the 29th PG now have? about 24. Then is it likely that 50 tanks are  |

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| 34 (Cont'd). |      | assembled in that area? No. We know of no units having that many tanks who are free to move into this area. (Note: The Air Rec and yesterday's photo coverage does not show or indicate anything that would substantiate this report). ACTION: CG, C/S.  |
| 35           | 1330 | Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM No. 76, submitted.  |
| 36           | 1330 | Rec'd. Overlays for patrol intentions 216 and 217, 2nd Bn, 85th, No. 1001, 10th Bn and Nos 1104 and 1105, 10th AT.   |
| 37           | 1420 | Phone fr Rex 2: At 1400A (1566237) by mortar firing position with much ammunition. Well camouflaged and believed to be unoccupied. 300 yds from our front (Fax White) 87th. ACTION: Rex will investigate and will place observed fire on target if possible.   |
| 38           | 1430 | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 145, 141200A March 1945.   |
| 39           | 1430 | PATROL PLAN 414, 14 Mar, Co B, 86th, 4 BN, Out 141930A, In 150200A, MISSION: Run route to MONTELO (1567259). Route: (1563259), (1563255), to draw near (1562251), W along draw to CA DI BONDOLINO (1573252) and return/Route N.<br><br>PATROL PLAN 415, 14 Mar, Co C, 86th, 4 BN, Out 142000A, In 150400A, MISSION: Run route to MONTELO (1567259). Route: (1566261) to draw (1564260), N. down draw to vic (1562262) W. along slope (1577260) and return.<br><br>PATROL PLAN 509, 14 Mar, Co G, 86th, 1 Co, 10 BN, Out 141930A, In 142400A. MISSION: Run route Hill 768 (1604266). Route: From CASTEL D'AIANO (1608256) to (1606262), (1604264), (1606266) and return.<br><br>PATROL PLAN 510, 14 Mar, Co F, 86th, 1 Co, 10 BN, Out 141930A, In 142400A. MISSION: Run. Destination Hill 753 (1603268). Route: Hill 813 (1601262), LA MOLINELLA (1601267) to destination and return. |
| 40           | 1430 | Phone fr Rex: SITREP 141430A. 605th - Fired 1 mission on CP in haystack (1612274). No effect due to insufficient ammunition of same lot number. 37 rds fired. 616th - Fired 3 destruction missions on CP mortars at (1566252), (1564249). Mortars were silenced. Another mission on CP gun position at (1558248). Rds hit close in target area. Total 15 rds on all missions. 175th - Fired 1 mission on 105 gun position at (1622278). Gun neutralized. 13 rds fired. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 41           | 1430 | Rec'd. Hq BN, G-3 Report No. 130 dated 130600A to 140600A Mar 1945.  |
| 42           | 1450 | PATROL PLAN 216, 14 Mar, Co E, 85th, 6 BN, Out 142400A, In 150200A, MISSION: Obs and security fwd areas.<br><br>PATROL PLAN 217, 14 Mar, Co G, 85th, 1 Co, 5 BN, Out 142400A, In 150300A, MISSION: Run and obs fwd areas.  |

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- 42 (Cont'd) PATROL PLAN 1001, 14 Mar, Ron, 1 C, 6 EM, Out 142000A, In 142300A. MISSION: Ron and security.
- PATROL PLAN 1105, 14 Mar, AT, 1 D., 10 EM, Out 141900A, In 150300A. MISSION: Ron, obs, support arty and mortar fire on call.
- PATROL PLAN 1104, 14 Mar, AT, 7 EM, Out 142400A, In 150300A. MISSION: Ron, security.
- 43 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 128, submitted.
- 44 1600 Rec'd, Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 654, dated 131200A Mar 1945 (2 copies).
- 45 1600 Rec'd, Hq XVII Eac Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary No. 150, 13 Mar 1945.
- 46 1745 Phone fr Rex OP: 2 vehicles moving along road at (153520Z), from Reply 2 - (156900Z6150) btry of 75's and 3 OP's -> have been fired upon. ACTION: Journal.
- 47 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP No. 129, submitted.
- 48 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM No. 78, submitted.
- 49 1835 Rec'd, Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report No. 44 dated 13 Mar 1945.
- 50 1830 Hq 10th Mt Div, G-2 Periodic Report, submitted, (No. 26 of 14 Mar 1945).
- 51 1830 Rec'd, Overlay of 1st and 2nd Bns, 88th Mt Inf.
- 52 1800 Phone fr Debate St: Debate Blue opened new OP at (161923Z) at 141800A. ACTION: Sitrep.
- 53 1850 Rec'd, Hq 93d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 129 dated 13 Mar 1945.
- 54 1850 Rec'd, Hq 751st Tk Bn, S-3 Report No. 73 dated 141200A Mar 1945.
- 55 1850 Rec'd, Amendment No. 1 to Operations Memo No. 4, Hq 8th Army, 11 Mar '45.
- 56 1920 Phone fr Lt Chaffee: An SF gun mounted on a tank has been annoying the Brazilians during the past few nights. They think the tank is in VAREZIMO, they will try to get it tonight. ACTION: Noted.
- 57 1900 Phone fr Rex 2: Flight at 1100A tomorrow is OK. Call the air strip in the morning for a final check. ACTION: Told Major Lunck.
- 58 1830 Capt Kurish (Lt O): IV Corps - all quiet. - II Corps - all quiet. ACTION: Journal.

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- 59 2000 Rec'd. OSS, 5th Army Det Information Bulletin dated 15 Mar 1948.
- 60 2000 Rec'd. Hq 81 Cav Hqn Sqdn, S-2 Periodic Report No. 49, 2000A 15 Mar 1948.
- 61 2000 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps OSS Det Intelligence Bulletin 20, 14 Mar 1948.
- 62 2000 Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army Weather Forecast 142400A - 152400A Mar '48.
- 63 2000 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 838 to include 141800A Mar 1948.
- 64 1915 Phone fr Retread 2: BEF Ln C. reports - 2 deserters, a Russian from 4/1044, and a Rumanian fr 13/1044, came in today at 1110A from via (L554244). They had deserted some days ago, and were dressed as Italian civilians. They state that (1) CP 1044R is at SAN MARTINO (L5425); (2) MONTE SPROGNO (L5124) houses Jerry arty trps; 2 armd cars are used by the 2 inf companies which protect the town - 1 on the eastern half and 1 the western half. (3) There are two tks about 25 meters apart at (L5075245). (4) CA DI GATTI (L499256) there is a 105mm arty piece. (5) There are 2 small guns 100 meters in front of CA DI BERTO (L5125) at (L513249). (6) There are three 75mm (7) guns 200 meters E of CARNEYARO (L514254) and (7) a gun at GINEZZO (L519273). (8) The main defense line runs through CASTELLOGGIO DI BOGONDA (L52200), crosses PANARO River and goes to MONTE SPROGNO (L51245). A civilian reports that there are 200 Jerry arty soldiers in MONTE SPROGNO (L51245), 2 small guns at (L513249), an CP in house at CARNEYALE (L521243), or trps at CARNEYARO (L526254), GAVINELLO (L532226), RIVA DI BISOIA (L5323), LERIGA (L5330), 15 cv in 4 bunkers at (L546233) were relieved by 15 other Jerrics last night. There is a mortar E of house at (L546233). TARIANA (L51232) is an important cv CP or HQ. There are 2-3 small guns at (L517257), 2 small guns at GINEZZO (L482232) and 3 small guns w/camouflage nets at GINEZZO (L519273). Civilians could not confirm the tks reported in MONTE SPROGNO but fwd observer w/BEF states he saw one tank there. ACTION: Remount, Arty, G-2, Map, PL.
- 65 2120 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 839 to include 142000A Mar 1948.
- 66 2135 Phone fr Recall 6 Asst to Hq 6: In regard to that 633 report in not being permitted to use Field Glasses, we checked with sub Hq and Co commanders and no such order was issued. ACTION: Hq 6 to check with Corps.
- 67 2155 Phone fr Rebate: 3 rdn arty, caliber unknown, received at (L620253) fr H. at 2147A. ACTION: ISUM.
- 68 2207 Phone fr Rebate 2: Redoubt contacted by 51st Recon Squadron at 2200A. ACTION: noted.
- 69 2235 Phone fr IPK: 3 PW's for 0600A. ACTION: ISUM.
- 70 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 130 submitted.

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- 71 2250 PATROL REPORT No. 509, Out 1930A, In 2230A. Report - Mortar fire down at CASTEL D ALABO from (605264), difficult route, reached objective without further enemy action.
- 72 2250 PATROL REPORT No. 510, Out 1930A, In 2230A. Report - Contacted enemy at (601268), enemy from above threw grenades, wounding patrol leader. In withdrawal one man badly wounded. Missing at rendezvous point. Patrol cut enemy wire. Another patrol now on recovery mission. Man wounded by grenades.
- 73 2325 Phone fr Box 2: Shell reports - 1. Observer at 554223 - direction of flash 330° at 2230A shelling area 553222, damage unknown. 6 rds. 2. Observer at 554223 - direction of flash 265° at 2230A shelling area 554219, damage unknown. 1 rd every 5 minutes. ACTION: Journal.
- 74 2330 Phone fr Box 3: Telephone report on artillery activities from 1630A to 2130A. - 605 FA: 1 mission on enemy personnel around house 605287 - Personnel wounded and dispersed - 12 rds. 1 mission on enemy gun position 562252 very effective - 35 rds expended. 1 mission on MG pinning down patrol at 576258. MG destroyed. - 16 rds. 1 mission TOT on LA TRAPPOLA (617299) - Effect unknown. 616 FA: One destruction mission on enemy and house at 569258. House destroyed. One destructive mission on building at 575248 - target hit - 65 rds. 175 FA - TOT on LA TRAPPOLA 617299 - 11 VT rounds. ACTION: Journal.

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- 1 0030 Phone fr Rebate: PATROL REPORT No. 1001, Out 1900A, In 2400A - FINDINGS: Established a listening post for one-half hour at 644253 at 2200A. Mortar flashes 40° at approximately 1000 yards - 3 rounds fired. Heard Bury gun firing total of approximately 140 rounds, could hear no fire or movement from CASINO or RUBALDO. Route very rough and covered by under growth. Coordinates for CASINO (2645238) - M di UBALDO (644253)F
- 2 0055 Rec'd: Operations Memorandum No. 3 dated 14 Mar from 87 Lt Inf.
- 3 0055 Rec'd: Ltr fr DTC - Subj: Screening of Italian Civilians Employed by 15 Lt Div. Also an application for Judge Advocate General Officer Candidate school.
- 4 0055 Intentions message fr ABC - No. 17. INTERICTIONS 15 Mar. Bridge 1548343 at 0900 hours and 1500 hours.
- 5 0055 Intentions message fr ABC - Ref No. 20 - Correction on intentions S A/C each at 0800 LRA and 15 0.
- 6 0105 Phone fr Account 2: White OP - Reports vehicular movement at PULLMA (1209274). Have called for 4.2 fire. Red OP - Motor movement in road in area vicinity 592281. Called for 4.2 fire. ACTION: Journal.
- 7 0105 PHONE REPORT: Report 0215, Out 2000A, In 2345A. - Sent down draw on left flank of Charlie Co in vicinity 57-25 block. about 300 yards from top of draw heard enemy digging and observed one German digging in. Moved further down draw and heard more digging. Believed positions located 584263.
- 8 0210 Phone fr Rebate 2: Faint sound of vehicles in valley at 360° azimuth from 164253. ACTION: Journal.
- 9 0210 PHONE REPORT #216, Out 2400A, In 0145A - followed route, heard no noises, saw three white flashes in 1st run and 61-26.
- 10 0225 Account 2: Phone fr MAZURE traffic lab Krella moving S - reported 6 vehicles 602274. Observer will ask reply to fire on it. ACTION: Journal, Team, Max, Corps.
- 11 0225 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 146 fr IV Corps dated 142400A - Ref No. 265.
- 12 0240 Phone fr Rebate 2: Redoubt reports contact with 81 Men Sq at 0315A. ACTION: Journal and Sitrep.
- 13 0430 PHONE REPORT No. 414, Out 1950A, In 0230A - followed route as specified to vicinity of CA di BERTOLINO (1575252), found no enemy but were fired on two times by enemy mortars while enroute.
- 14 0445 Phone fr Rebate 2: Blue closed in assembly and at 0400A vicinity North of RUBALDO (1619233). All lines are in. ACTION: Sitrep, Journal, Map.
- 15 0515 Phone fr Rebate 2: at 0240 at 630246, moving trucks were heard from azimuth of 45° ACTION: Journal - 1st Lt.

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| 15  | 0515 | FIRE REPORT No. 217 dated 14 Mar, Out 2400A, In 0330A - Report; heard German patrol estimated 4-5 men at 629254 (heard at 627255). German patrol retreated down draw - Owl call used as signal. Believes enemy heard our patrol. Did not follow route as in overlay.  |
| 16  | 0530 | Phone from Hex 3: Report on artillery activity from 2130A to 0430A. 604 FA in rest area. 605 FA ready to move to rest area upon relief by 604. 616 FA - 5 harassing missions unobserved - 30 rounds. 175 FA - 5 harassing missions unobserved - 59 rounds. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 17  | 0625 | Phone fr Redoubt 2: CP located at 603251 located 10 emplacement which was located approximately 1500 yards on azimuth of 5 degrees from CP location. ACTION: Journal, 1/2.  |
| 18  | 0631 | FIRE REPORT No. 1104, Out 2400A, In 0305A - Reached objective 0100A - listened for one hour but no enemy heard.   |
| 19  | 0638 | FIRE REPORT No. 1105, Out 1900A, In 0335A - At 650259 observed two white flares near BERETIC (1660257) also heard several bursts of MG fire. Bridge at 64952550 in good repair. Car road between 650259 and 649261 found two German bunkers unoccupied also found enemy rifle clean and loaded. 643259 deserted, badly battered, rubble blocking road. At 643260 observed two flares from BERETIC (633262), followed by two more flares. Road at B BI UBALDU (643455) damaged but a by-pass has been constructed at 0430A MG fire from BERETIC about 600 rds. at 651245 drew one round MG fire. |
| 20  | 0645 | Phone fr Hex 2: Phone from Air CP - Enemy light weapons seen at 543246 firing at 0645. Believed to be enemy mortar position. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 21  | 0735 | Phone fr Capt Daltre (Baf): Patrol in platoon strength to (1532217) destroyed ammo and brought back weapons. On return received mortar fire, killing one and wounding 10. ACTION: Journal, C-2.   |
| 22  | 0735 | Rec'd: Overlay of Intl Tank Defenses, 81 Cav Hqs Bq, 14 Mar 45.   |
| 23  | 0755 | Phone fr Hex 2: Require 2: Shelled area (1584243); observer at (1584243); shelled at 150610A - 25 rds; at 150615A - 10 rds; at 150620A - 18 rds; at 150640A - 10 rds. Flash Gt at (1692243): Counter mortar fire coming from Az 6° by sound at 150715A falling in grid square (16225) - 5 rds; other mortar fire coming from Az 1° by sound at 150715A falling in same area - 6 rds; other mortar fire coming from 10° at 150723A falling in grid square (16325) - 2 rds. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 24  | 0805 | Phone fr Hex 2: Flash Gt at (1692243): At 150757A 1 mortar rd fell in grid square (16225) from Az 352° by sound. ACTION: Journal.   |



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25	0620	Phone fr Max 2: Air Cpt & Gun btry at (1513280); taken under fire; effect not visible; fired at 150810A. ACTION: Map, Journal.
26	0700	PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 101 - Co C - 85th, 2 KM, Time Out: 142000A. Time In: 150500A. Mission: Listening Post - to (161352635). PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 102 - Co A, 85th, 2 KM, Time Out: 2000A. Time In: 150500A. Mission: Listening Post - to (162102583).
27	0725	Phone fr Max 2: Require 2: Observer at (156822346); shelled area (1567235); time of shelling 150830A to 150855A; had a few casualties; 39 rds; our arty fired counterbattery. ACTION: Isun, Journal.
28	0750	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 101, Co C, 85th. Time Out: 142000A. Time In: 150500A. Patrol Findings: At 142230A heard movement above and below their position; pulled trip flare and saw 2 enemy between listening post and his Co on hill; in the period of obsn 17 additional enemy were counted and were withdrawing because of flare; arty and mortar fire was brought on position of this enemy patrol in the approx position last seen and below it. No further activity. A patrol sent out 1 hr later to investigate, found no enemy dead or wounded.
		PATROL Report: Patrol No. 102, Co A, 85th. Time Out: 142000A. Time In: 150500A. Patrol Findings: Only activity was long range MG fire along enemy front; no activity observed; slight arty shelling, approx 60 rds received.
29	0930	PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 218, Co E, 85th. 1 Off, 3 KM. Time Out: 152100A. Time In: 160300A. Mission: Obsn and listening Post. PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 219, Co F, 85th. 1 Off, 6 KM. Time Out: 152100A. Time In: 160500A. Mission: Obsn and Ren for gaps, positions, minefields, enemy.
30	0945	Rec'd: Isun No. 840, 150900A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
31	0945	Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 15 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
32	0945	Rec'd: Sitreps No. 145 and 146, 14 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
33	0945	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 73, 14 Mar 45, Fr IV Corps.
34	0945	Rec'd: Intelligence Bulletin no. 20, 15 Mar 45, fr IV Corps, OSS Det.
35	0945	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 281, 15 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
36	0945	Rec'd: Intelligence Instruction No. 42, 8 Mar 45, fr Allied Force Hq.
37	1000	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 807, Co F, 87th. Time Out: 142200A. Time In: 150600A. Patrol Findings: Observed Possessions (1576218) and vicinity at

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37		(Continued) 150300A; civilian told patrol there were 4 Italian families in town who were very friendly toward the Allies; enemy has pulled positions out of draw to west of town and placed them on left of Hill 683 (1578250); No enemy contact.
38	1100	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 130, 14 Mar 45, fr 92d Inf Div.
39	1100	Hq 10th St Div Sitrep No. 131 submitted at 0600 - not previously entered
40	1100	Hq 10th St Div Isus No. 79 submitted at 0600 - not previously entered.
41	1100	Hq 10th St Div Sitrep No. 132 submitted.
42	1100	Phone fr Retread 2: Enemy GP at house in SERRETTO (1562247) observed, by 2d Bn GP; believe enemy is observing from holes in chimney. ACTION: Corps, G/S, Journal.
43	1100	Phone fr Max 2 Clerk: Air OP to Max: Observed several gun flashes at (1596342). Hear town of TOLE - S. of this town at coordinates (1455308) there is a haystack which is believed to be a camouflaged position. ACTION: Told Max 2 to get some definite information and call us.
44	1100	Phone Fr Max 3: 616th: 2 destruction missions on enemy mortars at (1555259). Mortars silenced. Another mission on enemy mortar at (1543236) target neutralized. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
45	1100	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 807, Co F, 87th. Time Out: 14200A. Time In: 150215A. Patrol findings: enemy territory observed; Hill 705 (1563241) and vicinity between 2300A and 0300A; saw no enemy in the area; civilians told patrol there were no enemy in that area.
46	1100	PATROL PLAK: Patrol No. 809 - Co G, 87th. 1 Off, 8 EN. Time Out: 151700A. Time In: 152000A. Mission: Ren to PORTI CELLO (1575244) - then out toward GRAD. (1570247) and return. Heavy weapon support.
		PATROL PLAK: Patrol No. 810 - Co G, 87th. 1 Off, 8 EN. Time Out: 152100A. Time In: 160200A. Mission: Ren to SANPIETRA (15652485) and return.
47	1100	Phone fr Max 2: Reject 2: Report from Italian civilian on 14 Mar: at (1535274) enemy dug in position on reverse slope of Hill 688 (1638272); 3 enemy personnel observed at (163852510). F Co of 85th has received fire from (163852510) on morning of 15 Mar - they believe it is a mortar position. Civilian came through lines vicinity (1630250) morning of 15 Mar. ACTION: Map, Corps, G/S, Journal.
48	1225	Phone fr Retread 3: Enemy GP at house SERRETTA (1562247) destroyed as of 151205A. ACTION: G-2, G/S, Journal.
49	1245	Phone fr Max 2: Frog Wisdom 3: Lt (154893033) enemy personnel along road.

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49		(Continued) Our gun can't reach. Request AGF to adjust another unit on the target. Our observer can see the area but is too far away for adjustment. Gettles is adjusting now. ACTION: Journal.
50	1300	Rec'd: S-3 Report No. 45, 14 Mar 45, fr Div Arty.
51	1300	Rec'd: Civilian Movement Control Measures Starting on 14 Mar 45, fr 1st Inf Div, INF.
52	1300	Rec'd: Reg - Ramble Baker GP closed fr (1589229) and opened at (1623229) on 14 March 1200 hrs. Fr Lt Col Lave.
53	1300	Rec'd: Overlays for Patrols - No. 1106, Reveke, 1 MG, 6 MW, Out: 151900A. In: 152200A. Ren Security. Patrol No. 1002, Redoubt Baker, 1 Off, 7 MW. Out: 160300A. In: 160600A. Ren Security. Patrol No. 1107, Reveke - Redoubt, 1 Off, 8 MW, Out: 151900A. In: 160200A. Ren - obsn.
54	1320	Phone fr Maccom: Raccoon adv CP now at (1582231) at 151200A. ACTION: Map, Journal, C/S, Sitrep 1500A.
55	1330	No 10th Lt Div Issu No. 80 submitted.
56	1330	PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 416, Co C, 86th. 4 MW. Time Out: 151900A. Time In: 152200A. Mission: Rear Area ren: (1586261) - cross roads at (1583250) - (1573248) - (1573256) - and return. PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 417, Co A, 86th. 1 Squad. Time Out: 151900A. Time In: 152200A. Mission: Set ambush on sniper route: (1591258) via (1591261) and return.
57	1330	PATROL PLAN for Patrols #1106, #1002, and #1107 (listed above).
58	1420	Phone fr Rebata 2: Civilian reports house in BERRA BARKANA (1619270) occupied by 7 Germans for past 10 days; this morning civilian was ejected from his home in this little village and came through our lines; Germans are in building furthest away from road at (161902700); 2 days ago civilian saw Germans at (1623268) but did not see them this morning. Our arty is being brought on these positions. This report came from Rebata white 2. ACTION: Map, Corps, C/S, Journal.
59	1430	Phone fr Box 2 (Require): Our CP #60 rpt enemy mortar at (1544257) and enemy CP at (1522244). The British have fired on both targets. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Journal.
60	1430	Rec'd: Weather Forecast, 152400A Mar 45, fr Fifth Army.

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| 61         | 1435       |             | Phone fr Box 3; 604th: NTR. 605th: NTR. 616th: 6 destruction missions on enemy mortars at (1559255), (1559255), (1554261), (1550251), (1557256), (1552254), unobserved. 1 mission on SP gun (1543236). Vehicle neutralized. 77 rds expended. 175th FA: 1 personnel in house mission (1608268). 1 Hit on house. 29 rds expended. 1 mission on enemy dugout and possible mortar position (1598257). 1 direct hit on dugout, 25 rds expended. ACTION: Journal. |
| 62         | 1435       |             | PATROL MAN: Patrol No. 103, Co G, 85th. 2 EM. Time Out: 152000A. Time In: 160300A. Mission: Listening Post at (161352635).  |
| 63         | 1500       |             | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 133, submitted.   |
| 64         | 1540       |             | Rec'd. following message from IV CORPS: "Par 1. Move 10 AGRA 15 March 1945 to vis of SILLA (5814). Par 2. Effective 1200A, 15 March 1945 10 AGRA is relieved from operational control 82d Inf Div and is placed under operational control IV Corps Arty".   |
| 65         | 1540       |             | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 147, 151200A March 1945.  |
| 66         | 1540       |             | Rec'd. ltr fr 10th Mt Div CID Det dated 15 Mar 1945 (Loyalty Check) also Arrest reports on four Italians.   |
| 67         | 1600       |             | PATROL PLAN #11, 15 Mar, F Co, 86th, 1 Co, 6 EM, Out 152000A, In 160030A. Leave fr (1601261) to (1602259), (1603263) and return. Observe for mortar and MG fire from farthest destination.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #12, 15 Mar, G Co, 86th, 2 Co, 6 EM, Out 152000A, In 160030A. MISSION: Leave from (1608256), (1607259), (1608261) and return. Observe for mortar and MG fire from farthest destination.   |
| 68         | 1715       |             | Rec'd. Aerial photos for PI.  |
| 69         | 1715       |             | Rec'd. Hq XIII Tas Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary 151, 13 Mar '45.  |
| 70         | 1715       |             | Rec'd. Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 555, 141200A Mar 1945 (2 copies).   |
| 71         | 1715       |             | Rec'd. Issu No. 841, 151650A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.   |
| 72         | 1715       |             | PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 809, Co G, 87th. 1 Off, 8 EM, Time Out: 151700A. Time In: 152000A. Mission: Res.<br><br>PATROL PLAN: Patrol No. 810, Co G, 87th. 1 Off, 8 EM, Time Out: 152100A. Time In: 160200A. Mission: Res.  |
| 73         | 1730       |             | Phone fr Retread: 20 rds arty fell on F Co (1590235) at 1625A. Caliber undetermined. Direction of fire now being determined. ACTION: TRUN.  |

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74	1730	Phone fr Remount 2: Civilians from Remount White coming in after dark ; about 1 truckload. 15 rds arty fire medium caliber fall vis (1617264) at 1900A, coming from due North. ACTION: CIG, ISUM.
75	1800	Phone fr Retread; Retread Red closed into PIETRA COLORA - West (1598221) at 1715A. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
76	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 81, submitted.
77	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 134, submitted.
78	1800	Rec'd. SIAM Report, 15 March 1945.
79	1845	Phone fr Retread 3: Phone call (Maj Ekern) - 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf closed in vicinity MALADINA (1567198) at 151830A. ACTION: Journal, SITREP.
80	1915	Phone fr Rebate 3: At 151845A Rebate Blue closing CP at (1619233) and opening forward CP at (1624252), and rear CP at (1621236), GORNCOLE. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.
81	1925	Phone fr Capt Turkish: TF 45 will now be known as 365th Reinforced. ACTION: Journal.
82	1935	Phone fr Require 2: CP #60 at 151630A saw an enemy patrol in draw at (1550222). At (1546230) observed men laying mines at 151700A. Possibly BEF crew. BEF patrol reports small arms firing heard near RAMCOLE (154162290) at 151700A. ACTION: BEF, ISUM.
83	1940	Phone fr Rebate 3: 2nd Bn CP reports 7 rds arty hit at (1632251) at 151550A, azimuth 345° to 360°, damage unknown. Co E reports 2 rds arty at (1629246) at 151550A; caliber unknown, no damage. ACTION: ISUM.
84	1940	Rec'd. Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 130 and G-3 Periodic Report No. 131, dated 14 and 15 Mar 1945, respectively.
85	1940	Rec'd. Hq 751st Tk Bn, S-3 Report No. 74, dated 151200A Mar 1945.
86	1940	Rec'd. Envelope addressed to Capt Patton fr 5th Army Photo Center.
87	1940	Rec'd. 5th Army OSS Det Information Bulletin, 14 Mar 1945.
88	1940	Rec'd. Minefield overlay, IV Corps area, dated 13 Mar 1945.
89	2035	Phone fr Retread 3: Retread Red closed PIETRA COLORA (1598221) at 152730A. CP at (1597221) PIETRA COLORA opened at 151715A. (Note: Former message dated 151800A, Journal entry 75, pertained to CP only). ACTION: Sitrep, Journal.

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90	2100	Phone fr Col Curtis to Recall 5 (Col Thomson): If we were to allow 84th Cdn Co to take out 1 Co at a time would you have any objections? Ans: No. ACTION: Col Curtis to notify Recall 5 if move is made.
91	2115	Phone fr Requirs 2: Between 152040A and 152055A, 5 rds mortar fire coming from (155052449) landed at (1548235). No damage reported. Box is now firing on mortar position. ACTION: ISUM.
92	2152	Phone fr Requirs 2: 10 rds mortar fire fell via (1542228) at 152125A. Aimath to gun 330°. ACTION: ISUM.
93	2200	Phone fr Col Thomson to Recall 3: How are they coming out with the reliefs? Ans: Retread Med and Rebate Elms have closed in. ACTION: Journal.
94	2220	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 842 to include 152000A Mar 1945.
95	2220	Rec'd. following message fr Fifth Army ASC. "Intentions for 14 Mar. CP (P779410) at 1000A. same camp (P783405) at 1500A. Bridge (1548343).
96	2220	PATROL REPORT #09, Co G, 87th, 1 Co, 8 Bn, Out 1700A, In 2000A, 15 Mar, Time Rec'd 152005. PATROL FINDINGS: Followed prescribed route. Only 2 women and 1 boy in PONTI GRILLO (1575244). 1 family lives at (1549245), known as CACCETTA. Also a family in house at IL CERRO, (1548243) and one at CREDA (1570247). The one at CREDA stated that there are mines on the roads and in the fields around IL CERRO and LA TORRE (1548244) and that Germans are only 300 yds away to the NE. Patrol was fired on from there by a sniper; no casualties. At CACCETTA patrol found 3 horses. At POLAZZI (1576241), patrol found 12 pack saddles in a house, also a quantity of cal. 88 ammunition(estimated).
97	2240	PATROL REPORT #416, Co C, 86th, Out 1900A, In 2215A. PATROL FINDINGS: Route followed as specified. No enemy reaction. Old enemy wires cut.
98	2240	PATROL REPORT #417, Co A, 86th, Out 1900A, In 2200A. PATROL FINDINGS: Ambush was set but enemy failed to bite. No contact.
99	2300	Phone fr Capt Livermore to Col Thomson: Just talked to Recont and Rebate and find these reliefs are taking place without incident. ACTION: Journal.
100	2300	Hq 10 Mt Div No. 135 Sitrep submitted.

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| 1          | 0001       |             | Phone fr Keystone 1: BEF in LIZZANO in Belvedere reports that 1st Sgt Donald Lackey, 605th PA, is being held at hospital N of town, accused of rape. ACTION: Called Reply.  |
| 2          | 0055       |             | Phone fr Mountain 3: Blue Bn has relieved Red Bn and has accepted responsibility as of 0042A - Bn CP located at 994555. ACTION: 0600 Sitrep.  |
| 3          | 0045       |             | PATROL REPORT No. 311, 15 Mar, F Co, 86th, Out 2000A, In 2400A. FINDINGS: Located one enemy MG at PULLANO (604275) firing toward our lines. No enemy contact.   |
| 4          | 0310       |             | PATROL REPORT No. 1106, 15 Mar, Men Tr, 85th, Out 1900A, In 2130A. PATROL FINDINGS: M from (899249) met 20 man enemy patrol at 2115A. Our patrol was outflanked; withdrew 200 yards at 2145A and heard MG's on right and left, also saw flare to left. Patrol withdrew to own lines. mortar fire placed in location of enemy.   |
| 5          | 0410       |             | Phone fr Keystone 3: BEF reports American battle casualty (?) at (536215). More information later. ACTION: G-3, G-1.  |
| 6          | 0415       |             | Phone fr Rebate: Relief of Red by Blue completed at 160415A. ACTION: Corps, G-3, Sitrep.  |
| 7          | 0435       |             | Phone fr Mountain: "G" Co contact patrol did not contact 85th. ACTION: Noted for Journal.   |
| 8          | 0450       |             | Phone fr Rebate 2: 10th AT contacted 81st Sen 160450A. ACTION: Noted.   |
| 9          | 0510       |             | Phone fr Rex 3: Situation report as of 0430A. 604: 6 harrasing missions, unobserved, 40 rounds. 605: At rest area. 616: 5 missions on enemy mortars at 558244 and 519250. Ground OP states mortars silenced. 1 harrasing mission unobserved. Total rounds for period - 90 rds. 175: 3 harrasing missions, unobserved - 18 rds. ACTION: Sitrep.  |
| 10         | 0435       |             | PATROL REPORT NO. 312, 15 Mar. G Co, 86th, Out 2000A, In 2340A. FINDINGS: No action took place. Patrol gives three readings to enemy positions. (1) arty piece on 340° Az fr (608260). (2) MG position 330° Az, 600-800 yds from (608260). (3) Heavy mortar 27° Az from (608260) at (413465).   |
| 11         | 0440       |             | PATROL REPORT No. 1107, 15 Mar. Men Tr, 85th, Out 151900A, In 160400A. FINDINGS: Coordinated Operations Sergeant 81st Sen 151043A. Cleared CORONA at 1900A. At 1945A heard and saw 50 cal tracers from vic 81st Sen. At 658251 heard enemy MG to NW 1000 yard range. At 2030A arrived 659254 and saw large fire Az 340°, probably FRADELLINO or blids to E. Trail from CANOVA to this point good for 3/4-T and repairable for 2 1/2-T vehicles. At 2100A heard and saw our arty landing near FRADELLINO. At 2115A saw Arty again near RUFFANO and M ARDU (656271). At 2130A arrived at blids at (660255), which were empty but used recently. At 2240A arrived BENEDETTO (660257). Village unoccupied; all houses battered. Trail fr Hill 591 to BENEDETTO lined with slit trenches. Trail could take 2 1/2-T truck. While in |

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- 11 (Cont'd)    SECRETO enemy mortars fired from due N at (665245), also MG's from NE and SW. They were at BABA (665259). At 2340A arrived in BALA AND found no enemy. Trail SECRETO - BALA for foot troops only. At 0025A arrived BAGO (665255). Trail BALA - BAGO is good for foot troops. At 0115A cleared houses at (L665250). Trail from houses to main road good for 2-7 vehicles. At 0150A hit highway and hear no enemy. Cleared houses L663240; no enemy. At 0205A reached 6612A3 and found road cratered twice; bridge out and mountain side blasted.
- 12    0520    PATROL REPORT No. 218, 15 Mar, E Co, 85th, Det 2400A, In 0300A. FINDINGS: Heard heavy vehicles moving E-W past ROFFERD at 0200A. Movement sporadic. Observed 4.2 mortar hits on road. No enemy movement after 0230A. Heard enemy MG fire and left front at intervals. No enemy personnel heard or seen.
- 13    0600    Hq 10 Mt Div Sitrep No. 136 submitted.
- 14    0600    Hq 10 Mt Div Isms No. 82 submitted.
- 15    0610    Rec'd: Sitrep No. 148 dated 152400A. Ref No. 275.
- 16    0638    Phone fr Rex 3: 11 rds of mortar fire fell at (552178) and 1520180 from NEW at 160600A. ACTION: ISUM.  
Message fr IV Corps.
- 17    0638    Rec'd: 1. TF 45 is disbanded effective 161200A. 2. 365 Inf Regt is detached TF 45 effective 161200A. CG 365 Inf Regt will assume missions and responsibilities formerly assigned to TF 45, effective same time. 3. Effective 161200A, the following changes in troop assignments are announced: (a) Dog Co, 760 Tn Bn is detached TF 45 and attached 365 Inf Regt. (b) 212 Btry, 111 Field Sgt is released from operational control of TF 45 and placed under operational control of 365 Inf Regt.
- 18    0750    Phone fr Max 2: Rejact 2: 1 heavy gun at (L62923105); gun fired on our observer at (L611252); this was reported by a civilian to this observer. Plane is going up to check on this position and adjust fire. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Journal.
- 19    0825    Phone fr Max 2: Air OP: 1 enemy gun sighted at (L61732990); 3 gun btry at (L6183000); 1 gun at (L61702930). Plane will check on these locations and adjust fire on them. ACTION: Corps, Map, Isms, C/S, Journal.
- 20    0830    Rec'd: Hag fr IV Corps, 160321A Mar 45 - Reference No 279 -  
1. Hq 3d Div Arty will move to new area vicinity PRATO (7079 Area) on 17 March and upon arrival is detached IV Corps Arty and IV Corps, and reverts to parent unit control.  
2. 175 FA Bn will move night 16-17 March to vicinity PRATO 7079 Area and upon arrival in new area is detached 10 MTW Div and IV Corps, and reverts to parent unit control.  
3. 185 FA Bn will move to new area vicinity PRATO (7079 area) on 17 Mar



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20		(Continued) and upon arrival is detached IV Corps Arty and IV Corps and reverts to parent unit control. 4. Coordinate all moves through IV Corps TCG.
21	0835	Rec'd: S-2 Periodic Report No. 50, 14 Mar 45 fr 81 Cav Bn Sqdn. S-2 Periodic Report No. 51, 15 Mar 45 " "
22	0835	Rec'd: Patrol Results 14/15 March 1945, 81 Cav Bn Sqdn.
23	0900	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 73, 14 Mar 45, IV Corps.
24	0900	Phone fr Recall 2 to Key Adv 2: Report: Captured enemy heavy material that can be used: 6 Hv Inf How 150mm - still on battlefield 1 Hv Inf How SP - still on battlefield; 2 Multi-Purpose S.S. Cn Flak, still on battlefield; 1 5 Cn PAK '38 AT gun - still on battlefield; 2 7.5 Cn. Geb. Haub. 254 (Italian), at 710 Ord; 1 7.5 Cn Inf How (German), at 710 Ord; 1 Tank (Pz Kpfw IV Aus) - at 751 TD Bn; 3 7.5 Cn PAK, Hv AF Gun - 1 at 710 Ord, 1 at 604 Arty Bn, 1 still on battlefield.
25	0935	Rec'd: Isum No. 843, 160900A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
26	1000	Phone fr Air OF (Through Rex): 2 enemy motorcycles seen at (1617299) moving E at 160940A. ACTION: Isum.
27	1000	LISTENING POST REPORT - No. 103, Co C, 85th: S-2 notes: probably no report since this unit was relieved. Bn now off line. Will check later.
28	1000	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 219, Co F, 85th - Time Out: 052400A. Time In: 160430A. Patrol Findings: Furthest point (1631262). Obs nothing. Investigated house per overlay and found Italian civilians. NO heard from (1627299) at 45° az. Two motor vehicles heard moving along rd going E. Record probably staff car going at high rate of speed. Time element delayed, Patrol.  PATROL REPORT NO. 1002, 15 Mar, B Co AT Bn, 85th, Out 160300A, In 160600A PATROL FINDINGS: At 0930A heard mortar fire coming from E side of M FINECHIA (1655250). At 0400A heard burp gun coming from same location and heard returned fire of friendly weapons. At 0430A at (1649213) heard another unidentified patrol 200 yds away. Burp gun heard at (500 yds W of (1647255)).
29	1000	Phone fr Rex 3: From 0430A to 0930A: 604th - 3 harassing missions unobserved - 18 rds, 605th-Rest area. 616th - 2 mortars (1566252) and (1565259) - ground observer. Mortars silenced. 1 mortar mission unobserved (1559255) Results unknown. 1 harassing mission unobserved - 44 rds. 175th - N.T.B.
30	1013	Phone fr Remount 2: Direct hit on one of our TDs located at (1606252); knocked out by German arty; no report on casualties as yet. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Arty.

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| 31      | 1020 | Phone fr Rex 2: Air OP; Enemy gun position at (1616299); 6 target hits on house, 2 explosions, at (1616299), the gun being in the house. Nearby, a house on road to ZOGGA, in vis (1616299), containing an SP gun, was blown up by our Arty, also. This was at 161005A. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Journal.   |
| 32      | 1025 | Phone fr Retread 2: 5 or 6 enemy are dug in at house (1567248) and 2 enemy mortars are near house (1557253). ACTION: Rex, Drum.  |
| 33      | 1030 | Phone fr DEF thru Corps: A deserter from 7 Co, 741 Regt was in position last night at (1513192). He deserted at 160900A. Deserter claims that last night 2 or 3 elements from some other unit (unit unknown) came to look over positions in preparation for a relief by the new unit. ACTION: 86th, 87th, 89th, Arty, C/S, Journal.  |
| 34      | 1045 | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 282, 160000A Mar 1945 (5 copies), G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 16 Mar 1945 (3 copies), G-3 Periodic Report No. 74, dated 15 Mar 1945, and Sitreps No. 147 and 148 dated 151200A and 152400A Mar 1945, respectively. (Also 6 copies of Annex 1, ENEMY DEFENSE OVERPRINT NO. 40, G-2 Report No. 556, 15 Mar 1945, Hq Fifth Army).  |
| 35      | 1100 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 137, submitted.  |
| 36      | 1100 | PATROL PLAN 513, 16 Mar, F Co, 86th, 1 Co., 6 EM, Out 161930A, In 170030A MISSION: From Hill 813 (1598258) to (1599261) to Hill 776 (1598265) and return. Observe for MG and mortar positions.<br><br>PATROL PLAN 514, 16 Mar, G Co, 86th, 1 Co., 6 EM, Out 161930A, In 162400A. MISSION: From CASTEL B'ALIANO (1608256) to K 23 (1611261) to (1612262) and return. Get a suspected spy named CAPONE. Also check area for enemy.   |
|         |      | PATROL PLAN 600, 16 Mar, K Co, 86th, 5 EM, Out 161900A, In 162800A, MISSION: Recon patrol from Co K position to (1573236) and return.  |
| 37      | 1115 | PATROL PLAN 601, 16 Mar, I Co, 86th, 5 EM, Out 160000A, In 170100A. MISSION: Recon patrol from Co I position to (1582262) and return.  |
| 38      | 1200 | Phone fr Rex 2: Wisdom 2: Civilian reported: 3 gun btry (101mm) at (1534312). 2 MGs and a German Hq at BALDIOLA (1553290). Supply depot at (1581293). Enemy emplacement on hill just N of MURFALBA (1591297). Large ammo depot at PIANAZZI (1609314). 3 gun btry on west slope of Hill 788 (1604313). Enemy OP in church on M. ROSSANO (1594282). 1 MG and an enemy OP at RINGLA (1589272). Mount White: 1 of our Tds knocked out and 1 of our ammo depots set on fire by enemy SP gun; observer at (1606-250) heard this gun firing at azimuth 30°. ACTION: Corps, C/S, Map, PL, Journal. |

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39	1235	Phone fr Rebaté 2: Between 160700A and 160800A, 30 to 40 rds of arty and mortar fell at (1606252) coming from azimuth 6400 mils and 100 miles; 1 M10 TD destroyed. ACTION: ISM, C/S, Journal.
40	1230	Phone fr Visdon 2: At 161210A 15 mortar shells landed at (1605257) azimuth 6250 mils. Observer believed that mortars are in (15828 square). No damage reported. Action: ISM.
41	1240	Phone fr Rebaté 3: Results of our arty fire last night and this morning. Heavy fires burning vicinity (1651275) RCTFMG. ACTION: ISM, Journal.
42	1255	Phone fr Rex 2: Flash OP: At 161234A (1616265) area was shelled by mortar, 6 rds were fired. ACTION: ISM, Journal.
43	1300	Rec'd. Overlay of disposition 86th Mt Inf at 160900A Mar 1945.
44	1330	PATROL REPORT 810, G Co, 87th, 15 Mar, 1 0., 8 KM, Out 152100A, In 152340A PATROL FINDINGS: found 3 civilians in El Cerro who said there were mines on road between El Cerro and La Torre at (1565246). Also mines N. and W. of draw at (1569247). Activity was fairly quiet. Spotted MG fire coming from draw between MONTALLO (1565258) and BASSO DEL DIÑO (1566299). AT CRIDA picked up civilian.
45	1330	Hq 10th Mt Div LCOM No. 83, submitted.
46	1430	Phone fr Rex: 604th - Destruction mission on house at (1630280) - effective - 22 rds. 605th - rest area. 173th - RTK, 616th - 3 destruction missions on enemy occupied houses (1567242) (1532244) - target hits - 157 rounds.
47	1430	Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Monthly Information and Education Report fr 15 Feb to 15 Mar 1945.
48	1430	Rec'd. Hq 10th Mt Div Arty 8-3 Report 46 dated 14-15 Mar 1945.
49	1430	Rec'd. Hq 87th Mt Inf ltr, subj: Proposals for Regt Counter-Battery and Counter-Mortar Action, dated 11 Mar 1944.
50	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 138 submitted.
51	1510	Rec'd IV Corps SITREP NO. 149, dated 161200A.
52	1510	Rec'd Incoming message Nr A-3743 from 5th Army dated 161257A, to (Action) 10th Mt Div; (Info) IV Corps. Reference No. 1009: 1.- Disbandment of U S Increment Mt Warfare school will make available one major, four 1st Lts., and 15 noncommissioned officers, all qualified instructors in management and packing of animals. 2.- In order to give special tag to 1200 replacements monthly, the replacement and tag command needs following

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- 52 1510 specialist instructors: Capt or Major (Mt tng Specialist as director of Tng);  
(cont'd) 4 lts and 12 NCO's (specialists in agmt and pking animals, one staff sgt (Stable sgt), one sgt (whoer), one sgt (clk), two cpls (vet)). 3.- To prevent drawing on Mt Div for instructors and to utilize available qualified instructors for this tng, it is suggested that Mt School personnel be assigned to 10th Mt Div and made available for use by Replacement and Tng Cnd in this tng. It will be necessary to retain one Lt and 3 NCO's on det service at Mt School until about 31 March current. 4.- Desire your comments..(SECRET..Message marked SECRET).....
- 53 1525 Recd Hq 751st Tank Bn S-3 report dated 161200A (report no. 75).
- 54 1530 Recd: Hq XII Tactical Air Command Daily Hqt Summary No. 152, dated 14 March.
- 55 1530 Recd Hq 5th Army G-2 Report No. 556, dated 151200A March.
- 56 1545 Recd Hq IV GSS Det...Int Bulletin NO. 21, dated March 16.
- 57 1600 Phone fr Hamble 3: Phone CP of 84 Cml Mortar Bn opened 161500A at 657199.  
CP of Co "C" of 84th CML Mortar Bn opened 161500A at 590228. Action: Jrnal, Sit.
- 58 1610 Recd BFP IPW rpt No. 50, date: 15 March.
- 59 1610 Recd BFP G-2 Rpt No. 131, dated 15 March.
- 60 1645 Recd H: IV Corps ISUM NO. 844, dated 161500A, March.
- 61 1630 Phone fr Retread 3: Request for permission to do small arms firing in draw South of PIETRA COLERA (L598221) during 17 March. Action: G-3, (Granted), Journal, 86th Mt Inf Liaison notified, Rex 3 notified.
- 62 1700 Phone fr Rex 2: At 161535A, many enemy were seen going into house at (L542268). Observed by the British flash-bang unit, Will fire if observed fire can be placed on target. ACTION: Journal, ISUM.
- 63 1700 PATROL PLAN NO. 301: "X" Co, 85th. 1 Off. 16 EM. Out-161900. In-170400.  
Mission: Capture PW's. Leave (1620260)-(1623268)-(1627269) and return.
- PATROL PLAN NO. 222: "Q" Co, 85th. 1 Off. 15 EM. Out 162400. In-170500A.  
Mission: Combat ron to clear fwd areas of enemy. Armament: 2 BARs, 2 sub MGs, 3 grenades per man, rifles and carbines, 1 SCR 536; support fires planned.
- 64 1700 Rec'd fr 3326 Siam Company G-2 Report.
- 65 1730 Phone fr Rex 3: 604-NTR. 605-NTR. 616- 1 mission enemy dugout at L566252 fire effective. 8 rounds. 175-1 mission- enemy MGs at L611272 area will be covered- 27 rounds. 175th FA Bn being relieved as of 1800A and replaced by 1125 armoured FA Bn. Of-1125 and FA Bn will be at 1635219. ACTION: Map, Journal, CITREP.

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|    | 66  | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div Issu No. 84 submitted.   |
|    | 67  | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 139 submitted.  |
|    | 68  | 1800 | Weather Forecast from 162400A to 172400A MARCH 1945 from Fifth Army.  |
|    | 69  | 1800 | Report of loss and/or Theft of Vehicle. Request for Investigation of loss and/or Theft of Vehicle. Road Blocks, (2 copies) Violation by Personnel of 10th Mountain Division of Regulations Against Carrying Unauthorized Civilians in Military Vehicles. All from CIG, 10th Mt Div.   |
|    | 70  | 1850 | Recd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 74.   |
|    | 71  | 1850 | Recd: Hq Fifth Army, Passwords for period 22-28 March.  |
|    | 72  | 1850 | Recd: Hq IV Corps, 1st M.I.D. G-3 Report No. 131, dated 15 March.   |
|    | 73  | 1850 | PATROL PLAN NO. 1003: AT 10 AM, Time Out 161930A, In 162330A, Ren obsn.   |
|    | 74  | 1850 | PATROL PLAN NO. 1179: Ren Tr, 16 AM, Out 170200A, In 170530A, Ren obsn.   |
|    | 75  | 1850 | PATROL PLAN NO. 220: Co "A" 85th, 3 AM, Out 162400, In 174400, Listening, observing arty support.   |
|    | 76  | 1850 | PATROL PLAN NO. 221: Co "G" 85th, 1 C, 15 AM, Out 162400, In 170500A, Combat ren, patrol to clear forward areas of any enemy in "G" Co forward area.  |
|    | 77  | 2000 | Phone fr Report 2: At 161930A 1 enemy MG was seen firing at AZ 100 from (1603251) estimated distance 1500 yds; another MG observed on AZ 950 900 yds from same coordinate. White GP at 161900A saw 10 enemy in CA del DATA (1610266). Action: Mex, Issu.  |
|    | 78  | 2000 | Phone fr Report 2: At 161630 a civilian came through lines for medical aid for his daughter, injured by mine explosion at (164402554). Buildings around this area are all mined and booby trapped. Scouts are said to have evacuated this area 10 days ago. At (163544660) there are now a number of Germans. Action: 1900.                         |
|    | 79  | 2010 | Phone fr Col Thomson: Retread wants to fire small arms tomorrow at Sierra Colorado. Find out everything pertaining to it and let us know. Action: Maj Walker to comply.   |
|    | 80  | 2020 | Phone fr Maj Walker, HQ, to C/O: In re small arms firing by Retread 17 March. Propose to familiarize replacements of Retread Red with rifles, mine, AT grenades, bazookas. Time: 0900 - 1630, 17-18 March. Safety precautions: Direction of fire into dirt bank from 595215. Red will place necessary guards and observe proper safety precautions. |

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| 81         | 1600        | Phone fr Col Thompson to Nebate 6: What are you doing about patrols by Gen Tr? Ans: We're preparing a mission for the morning. Col. Thompson: The Gen wants you to give them experience reconnoitering an area, nothing elaborate - he just wants to see what they can do. Action: Nebate 6 to confer with Cordes. (This msg cancelled; see 81 below)   |
| 82         | 1600        | At 1600G: 8 rounds 105 arty fell at (1603246). Back at 50°. At 1620G: 5 rounds 105 arty fell at (1604247). Back at 20° - 25°. Action: ISUM. Phone fr remount.   |
| 83         | 1610        | Phone fr remount: 70 rounds 105 arty fire received on Remount Blue position (vic (16126)) in last 45 minutes. Action: ISUM; Retread.  |
| 84         | 1600        | Phone fr recall 3 (80) to Retread 3: How is relief going? Ans: Proceeding in good order - will call upon completion.  |
| 85         | 1600        | Phone fr Col Thompson to Nebate 6: What are you doing about patrols by Gen Tr? Ans: We're preparing a plan for the morning. Col. Thompson: The General wants you to utilize the Gen Tr in reconnoitering an area, no elaborate plan is needed. He wants an area reconnoitered. Your plan should be simple, leaving the details to the Gen Tr. You coordinate other patrols and arty fire in the area. Action: Nebate 6 to confer with Cordes. |
| 86         | 1610        | STRONG 1100 HQ, 1108; 10th Gen, 1 C 15 RM, Out 161900 In 170300, Gen and own stepping point (1650244) to (1651254) and return.  |
| 87         | 1610        | Phone fr HQ: 1 PM from 150600 to 160600. He was a long-time deserter from 232 arty Regt, and was dressed in civilian clothes. Very little information. He picked up in the BONTON sector. Action: ISUM.   |
| 88         | 1610        | Msg fr 17 Corps 1 PM HQ, 845, dated 162000A, March.   |
| 89         | 1610        | Phone fr remount 2: At 162025, at (1603251), from an az of 50°, 6 rounds 105m arty landed. From (1578231), on az 280°, 5 green parachute flares were observed at 162000.  |
| 90         | 1620        | Phone fr return 3: From 162000 to 162025, 15 rounds medium arty landed near (162029), no damage reported. Action: ISUM.   |
| 91         | 1620        | Phone fr Retread 3: Relief of 2d bn by 3d bn was completed at 162030. 3d bn opened at (1571226) at that time. 2d bn reports no shelling in sector since 161900. Action: ISUM.   |
| 92         | 1620        | Phone fr Gen 3: 624.7. 8m - 1 mission - road at (1638265) - road blocked - 100 rounds. 610.7. 8m - 3 missions - heavy mortar at (1558248) (1558251) (1558268) - mortar silenced - 45 rounds. 1125.7. 8m - 1 mission - gun position (1581294) gun silenced.  |
| 93         | 1630        | Recd HQ information bulletin dated 15 March 1945  |
| 94         | 1630        | Re 10th At Div, AFM no. 140 submitted.  |

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16th St. W., 25345, C. C. Ray, for period 0000 to 2400, 16 March 1965.

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Phone fr. 4619 at 3 rounds short fire fell at (1574-231) at 162300h.  
No damage.

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Phone fr. 4619 at 30 min at 1630h - 20 rds of short fire and 12 rds of arty  
landed in vicinity (1616-64); could not determine direction. At 1730h,  
time face fir burst over 3d on W (1614-53). Since 1800h, nothing to  
report. Action: None.

09 250

Phone fr. 4619 at 1630h, observer 423, 1 motorcycle observed at  
1630h moving W on road at 625-27, cycle moving very fast. Action:  
Journal:

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USA, 1, 1945. 24 Div, 35, 9th Army, for period 0000 to 24000, 17 March 1945

- 0130 Phone fr 1st Lt. [unclear] 1st Lt. moved from forward position to [unclear].
- 0145 Phone fr [unclear] 1st Lt. and [unclear] 1st Lt., 86th, closed at [unclear] 1st Lt., 86th, closed at [unclear] 161800.
- 0150 Phone fr [unclear] Clerk: Subject 4 - COM 5; 1st Lt., 85th Inf, has been alerted, suspect infiltration, several hand grenades thrown by enemy. [unclear] at [unclear] 161845. ACTION: [unclear] 1st Lt. to investigate.
- 0200 [unclear] No. 514 - at-161930. In-162000. Findings: Patrol made contact with 85th 45th watches 13 min later than [unclear] Co which was probably the [unclear] for making contact last night. ~~[unclear]~~ - no trace of enemy - no contact.
- 0210 [unclear] 519; (out-161930). In-170300. Findings: Could not pick up [unclear] flashes. No [unclear] contact.
- 0220 [unclear] 1043; (out-161930). In-162300. Findings: Followed trail [unclear] for [unclear] and foot [unclear]. Trail about 3 ft wide. At 2130 heard sounds like [unclear] are heavily loaded vehicles moving in direction of 1654253. At about 2200 heard mortar [unclear] from direction of 1647287 but could not see the flash. At 1654253 found communications wires which had been cut. Approx 6 enemy [unclear] were fired sporadically throughout the period. Made no enemy contact - no enemy seen or [unclear] taken.
- 0230 Phone fr [unclear] 2; shell reports require 2; mortar report - location of observer (15940237) [unclear] of flash 300° - time of shelling 2400 - area shelled (1570237) - [unclear] was believed to be a [unclear] mortar. Further shelling at same place at 170100 - flash at 335° - no [unclear] of [unclear] available and caliber of mortar unknown. ACTION: [unclear] Journal.
- 0240 Phone fr [unclear] 3; local security guard located at approx (1610217) heard [unclear] and bursts of enemy [unclear] fire at long range on az 280° to 390°. ACTION: [unclear] notified. Journal.
- 0250 [unclear] fr 3d [unclear], 87th [unclear] Inf, situation asp.
- 0300 [unclear] fr [unclear], [unclear] at [unclear] in envelope containing enemy documents.
- 0310 [unclear] fr [unclear] message no. 3789.
- 0320 Phone fr [unclear] Clerk: Subject 4 - COM 5. To 400 at (1615448) reports were [unclear] hand grenades thrown at [unclear] Co, 85th Inf position. No further activity. ACTION: [unclear] Journal.
- 0330 [unclear] fr [unclear] [unclear] 150. Time 170000.
- 0340 Phone fr [unclear] 1st Lt. [unclear] 1st Lt. on a [unclear] reported that at 170000 [unclear] - 1 [unclear] 6 [unclear] on [unclear] side directly below him at (1645045) [unclear] from [unclear] [unclear] he [unclear] to [unclear] his [unclear], enemy must have heard him as they moved out of file formation. He threw grenade, effect undetermined.



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(cont'd) He alerted the Co. about 15 min later, 100 yds due S a second out-post heard men moving below him. He threw a grenade. About 10 min later a 3d out-post 200 yds to [Name] heard a patrol and opened fire with M1. Saw enemy disappear over ridge. Both T En fired 75mm M107, 16 rds-effect undetermined but range good. Attend during daylight to move out to 2 houses ab (1647244) and (1649251) to investigate for signs of enemy. ACTION SITREP, -LAMB, Journal.

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1st Lt. [Name], 345, U.S. Army, for period 0300 to 0600, 17 March 1945. Co. [Name], 35th Inf. 1 Off. 15 M1. Out-164400. In-170000. Mission: Combat Recon patrol to clear forward areas of enemy in [Name] Co forward area. Findings: At 1623255 heard sound, stopped, heard someone talking, heard enemy bolt close, subdued talking and leaves rustling occurred at 0149. Then heard an explosion at (1620257) sounded like enemy in line. Patrol leader decided they were in a trap. Reversed patrol moved men out one at a time. Returned to starting point. After patrol report, 6th mortar fire (6 rds) placed on (1623255) at 0350A.

1st Lt. [Name], 345, U.S. Army, for period 0600 to 0900, 17 March 1945. Co. [Name], 35th Inf. 1 Off. 16 M1. Out-170000. In-175000. Mission: Recon, Obsn. Findings: Moved down trail from GAMBIA toward [Name] to position at (163602495) and established ambush on both sides of trail. At 0615 patrol ambushed by arty- 6 rds - probably 100m from [Name] of 350°. Rise of flight 11 seconds. From az of 20° heard 3 - 8mms shells come over - did not hear burst, identified shell b. sound. At 0715 saw parachute fire 300-400 yards away at az of 300°. Remained at ambush for about 1 hour. Trail very good.

1st Lt. [Name], 345, U.S. Army, for period 0900 to 1200, 17 March 1945. Co. [Name], 35th Inf. 1 Off. 15 M1. Out-161900A. In-170000. Mission: Recon and Obsn. starting point (1650244 to 1653254 and return. Findings: Patrol reconed (1695250) and heard 2 men on road below. Looked for them but couldn't locate them. Couldn't identify whether soldiers or civilians. At (1695253) heard an enemy MG open fire at az 330°. Immediately friendly arty opened fire with M1. Fire approx 2000 to 2100m. At az 280° to left found enemy rifle fired about 30 rds at approx 900 yds away. MG again opened at az 310° - time approx 2330. Investigated houses on hill 551, beds still made and no sign of occupation since our patrol last there night before. Road over hill 551 is passable for 1/4 ton vehicles. Proceeded thru [Name] no indication of enemy. Road from [Name] still passable. Patrol reached (1661260) found several semi-finished MG emplacements. Established a listening post in line - found a potato washer grenade - no ammo. Found basket of apples along with cement - apparently several days old. Positions had no overhead cover and very little attempt to camouflage. Heard enemy in long distance to [Name] and to their rear. Saw friendly arty at 0100 around [Name]. [Name] fired in vicinity. Due to enemy [Name] to their rear - returned over same route as further indication of enemy.

1st Lt. [Name], 345, U.S. Army, for period 1200 to 1500, 17 March 1945. Co. [Name], 35th Inf. 1 Off. 15 M1. Out-161900. In-170000. Findings: Arrived at (1660250) at 1230. Set up ambush until 0200. No enemy activity nearby. Mine noises heard considerable distance to W, could not identify.

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1st Lt. [Name], 345, U.S. Army, for period 1500 to 1800, 17 March 1945. Co. [Name], 35th Inf. 1 Off. 15 M1. Out-161900. In-170000. Findings: Arrived at (1660250) at 1530. Set up ambush until 0200. No enemy activity nearby. Mine noises heard considerable distance to W, could not identify.

... report, for period 0000 to 2400, 17 March 1945.

... 170000 - firing silenced by our counter-mortar fire. ACTION:

... at 170000. CP is at 170000.

... contact with 81st Cav Regt at 0900.

... gave himself up in CP Go area in 170000. ... was one of a 4 man gun patrol. Gave up shortly after 0800. ... notified.

... is a Polish deserter from 6th Col 15 Regt, 29th Panzer ... came from area of 162000. He says that they have been told 29th Panzer ... relieved tonight or tomorrow night by an Italian Division. ... Journal.

... 170000 submitted.

... 170000, 85 submitted.

... observed mortar fire by ... at 155400236. ... mortar fired at 0756. ... Three rounds were fired, ... to be a 90mm mortar. Action: shell rept, issue.

... utilize 10th Cav Regt, 17 March etc (let ... aggressive recon patrolling of unpatrolled areas as shown on attached ... complete coverage of the sector within three days.

... 170000, 170000.

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... at 161000, in 162000. ... fire fr an ... there was no contact.

... at 162000, in 162000. ... sent to ... drew blood, and patrol with ... later report, however, made no enemy contact ... routes.

... at 162000, in 170000. observed and made

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- 1032 no enemy contact except heard vehicles on road(?) Will check and get a more detailed report. Could not state what vehicles were and which direction they were moving.
- 1035 phone fr Hamble; Hamble Baker now at 1586144. Action: Journal.
- 1035 phone to HQ, 37th War Dog Platoon: 1- Move your platoon from area 1st BAF to 1586144. 2- Prepare to furnish dogs and men on call from all units. (37th War Dog Platoon has at present only one squad with 87th in line--rest of dogs and personnel were near LIZIANO). 37th to furnish report on whether they can still employ dogs to fullest advantage. Action: Journal, 0/0.
- 1036 recd by 17 Corps, GCS 1st Bulletin No. 22, dated 17 March 1945.
- 1045 phone fr 81st Gen Inf: Patrol intentions sent out by "Dog" Ir - out/171300, in, 170000; one off, 4 hrs - missions: Gen fr 336 pt. (1677260), then to pt 268 at (1676457) to 80704 (1676497) then to pt 503 (1676258) then to pt 415 at (1676264) then to (1675262) and then return. Action: #2, 85th Lt Inf.
- 1100 phone fr Gen: Report from 1703300 - 1710300, 1125 Area F A...3 Mission on gun positions at 1689305 observed by air. Position neutralized; 43 rds fired.
- 1100 phone fr 2d Lt: Fr Reunire - mine field with trip wire -- some of mines are above ground at (159452118). Reported by an Italian civilian and confirmed by 8th Entry Co. Lt (1538298) saw 2 vehicles and 4 men following, and at 100 yds behind them 2 more men following. Whole procession went into a house at (1538298). Target too far away to take under fire. Action: #2, 85th Lt Inf.
- 1115 phone fr 2d Lt: At 1036, 4 rds of mortar fell on top of Mt della Spina (1617444) Inf A...wounded one man. Lt to guns 200 - range unknown. Civilian reports 8 enemy in houses at (1644263), enemy strongpoint on edge of Mt della Spina. Action: #2, 85th Lt Inf.
- 1120 phone fr 2d Lt: 2d Lt will be firing small arms on the purpose of checking functioning of weapons from 1606218 across a small draw into a steep bank. Time of firing, 1100. Time of firing, 171300 to 171800. Action: notified adjacent units ...journal.
- 1130 10th Lt Div: 1130 140 submitted.
- 1145 recd overby showing 37th positions on Mt della Spina, 10th Lt Div arty, 17 March.
- 1205 recd report no. 47, by 10th Lt Div arty, dated 16 March.
- 1230 phone fr 1st Lt: Polish deserter; does not know much; he is certain his division is moving out today and tomorrow; he has information through his men personal that their relief is to be an Italian unit. He is not

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certain of this and he thinks it is to be a div. When his unit leaves the line, they will go back to San Giovanni (17765), near Sologua; 6th Co, his Co, CP is at (163366); food is brought up to them once a day from a point about 40 km to their rear. Co lives in fox-holes, making no use of offensive weapons (16336) or facilities around the town. Co strength is 50 men. Div Cdr is confirmed as being Italian. Co Cdr is Lt Brunner, only officer in the Co. 9th Co (3d Bn) is on their right and either the 5th or 7th Co on their left; 6th Co is behind them, he doesn't know exactly where. There are no mortars with the line. His Co has 1 MG per squad; squad leader has a paratrooper's rifle, and platoon leader has 2 of them, 1 of which he usually gives to his messenger. He knows of no arty in vicinity. No arty personnel are attached to his Co. His Co CP had a direct mortar hit yesterday or the day before, causing 3 casualties. 1st Bn has had very heavy casualties, but he does not know where they are. They have been told by their leaders they are fighting for food and the Po Valley; he states there are no replacements available now. He knows nothing about the regts or line of the 23d or any other German Div. Their patrols leave from the Co every night between 2300 and 2400A. They are small patrols of 1 NCO and 3 or 4 men. A squad remains at Co CP at all times and provides the patrols. He has no information on arty or CP gun locations. He is not certain but he believed there are no tanks in the vicinity. Due to his being a Pole, his pay book was taken away before being sent on patrol. He thinks there are anti-personnel mines across and along trail in front of their position at (1633266). He thinks there is a wire strung across the trail about 30 cm high at that point. Action: Corps, 1st Bn, Arty, ISM.

- 41 1230 Phone fr Keystone 2: BNY reports 2 deserters from 2d Bn 1044 Regt. Bn is coming into the line from PAVULO and going in somewhere S of SAN MARTINO (15425). He does not know exactly where as they deserted before their unit got in the line. His Co is up to strength of 80 men, while in PAVULO. Action: 87th, 85th, Arty, CG.
- 42 1230 Phone fr Rex 2: Requires 2 - More vehicular traffic has been seen moving along road at (155649480) consisting of 3 or 4 vehicles, believed to be horse drawn; vehicles were moving slowly. Action: Corps, G/S. Note: Rex 2 will check on the direction in which vehicles were traveling.
- 43 1230 Phone fr DWT 2: Pns taken from 18200A to 171200A. Action: ISM.
- 44 1245 Phone fr Rex 2: Air CP - reports enemy tank at (1540260) and our arty made 6 possible target hits on tank, and some damage was caused. Action: Insm(1390).
- 45 1300 Phone fr Major Walker to Return 3: Question: What is the status of rest periods for your units? Answer: "C" and 8th "D" Cos are at Campo Tiscoro. Will return evening of 19 March - at which time "A" and 8th "B" Cos will go to U Tivigno. One half (1/2) of Bq and 5th Cos are at Marsusa to be replaced on 19th March by other halves of those Cos. Action: Journal.
- 46 1330 Capt Humphries left CP to visit 85th Mt Inf.
- 47 1330 Hq 10th Mt Div ISM NO. 86 submitted.

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- 48 1340 PATROL TEAM No. 224, 0/85, 1 M20, 10 M1, Out, 172000A, In 180200A; Mission: obs, rec to capture PW
- PATROL TEAM No. 243, 1/85, 1 M20, 2 M1, Out 172200, In 180200A, MISSION: obs - to (633254).
- PATROL TEAM No. 515: 0/86, 1 Off, 6 M1, Out 172000A, In 172400; Mission: Men to (1610265).
- PATROL TEAM No. 516: 1/86, 1 Off 6 M1, Out 172000A, In 172400A. MISSION: Men to (1600267).
- PATROL TEAM No. 602: 1/86, 1 M20 12 M1, Out 171930A, In 180030A. MISSION: Men to (1575257).
- PATROL TEAM No. 603: 1/86, 1 M20 1 sq., Out 172000A, In 180100A. MISSION: Men to (1588267).
- 49 1350 Phone fr Account 3: Received approx 265 rds of mixed arty fire in past 24 hrs. Came from the direction of MONTALLO RIDGE (15625) and fell in area (1578234) - (1583233). Action: Corps, Reg, 1800A - Insm, and Journal.
- 50 1355 Phone fr Debate 2: Fr Plus In - from 170750A to 171330A - 90 rds of light mortar fire fell in area of Mt Della Spe (16126). Coming from general vic of az 355° plus 20°. The heaviest was between 171224 and 171250A when 41 rds fell. No damage reported. Wave and still are giving counter mortar in that vic; does not do much good. Action: Corps, Reg, Journal.
- 51 1400 Phone fr Account 3: Captured 3 PW's at (1579253) in a bldg. One man was killed attempting to escape and he was an N C O. Will be evacuated some time after dark. More details later. Action: Corps, IFW, C/S.
- 52 1415 Phone fr Acquire 2: At (156282373) two houses are on fire. Patrol was sent out to investigate and recd info fr civilians that the Germans intend to burn all bldgs in that area; also that there are many Germans in Montese (15524). They are dug in basements and stay there all day. Civilians are being kicked out of all bldgs and there are approx 20 Germans in each bldg. Civilians are being injured by our arty fire - Germans only come out at night for food. Action: Corps, Reg, C/S.
- 53 1430 Phone fr Debate 3: At 171410A saw 12 or more enemy at (16062735) and our 4.2 mortars and 10's have taken them under fire--scattered them. Action: Corps, Reg, Journal.
- 54 1430 Phone fr Hax: Sitrep 171430A..604th and 605th MTR. 614th: 3 destruction m missions on enemy tanks at 1539259. Several hits, tanks set on fire. Mission on enemy houses at 1542268 and 536264. Area neutralized; 104 rds expended. 1125 Armd Pz: One mission on enemy personnel at 1602287. Targets hit, area neutralized--24 rds expended. Action: Journal.

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55	1520	PATROL PLAN No. 1001: Co I 87th, 1 O 12 KM, Out 172100A In 172400A, Ren (Hill 834 (15723) EM to (1575238) EM to Hill 751 (15731).
56	1520	PATROL PLAN No. 1002: Co K 87th, 12 EM, Out 172100A In 172400A, Ren (1567234) EM to (1566236) N to MCRTAURIGOLF (1561237) and return.
57	1530	Phone fr Box 21: CG from MONTE SERENITO (1622253) reports several large guns being moved to RUCCA MALSTINA (1684379). Action: 1800 EBUM, map, G-2.
58	1530	Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 557, 2 copies.
59	1530	Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 263, 5 copies.
60	1650	Phone fr Recall 2 to Regts, Arty, Return, Redoubt, Rent, Rec, Retire, Resort, Rebel, Hq Co.; Fifth Army has called our attention to occasions on which personnel of the 10th Mt Div have violated 5th Army letter directives by carrying unauthorized civilians in military vehicles, and by driving through check posts without stopping upon NF signal to halt. Responsible authorities will be advised of the military security hazard involved in such violations, and action will be taken to correct this violation.
61	1655	Hq IV Corps Isum No. 847, 171500A.
62	1655	Hq IV Corps Sitrep No. 151, 171200A.
63	1700	Phone fr Gen Staff to Nebate Blus 3: Any shelling today? Any casualties? Ans: Yes, Sir - about 40 rounds came in and we had 4 wounded. They were all dug in but we had these casualties due to direct hits. However, they are all able to walk. We'll keep them buttoned up. Action: Journal.
64	1700	Phone fr Box 21: At 172545A, a German Wehr dog was seen entering house at (156502488). Action: G-2.
65	1700	Reed Operations Instructions No. 86, "ADP Patrol" fr Hq IV Corps.
66	1700	PATROL PLAN No. 302: Co K 85th, 1 O 10 KM, Out 171900A In 180500A, Ambush (1620258)-(1629267) and return.
67	1730	PATROL PLAN No. 303: Co I 85th, 1 O 16 KM, Out 171900A In 180500A, Ambush (1620258)-(1624267) and return.
68	1700	PATROL PLAN No. 1004: 10th AT, 1 O 10 KM, Out 172100A In 180100A, Ren and security (16424) loop around and return.
69	1700	PATROL PLAN No. 1110: 10th Ren, 1 O 15 KM, Out 180100A In 190200A, Ren and combat (1658242)-(1665259)-(1660264)-(1652260)-(1662234)-(1658242).
70	1700	PATROL PLAN No. 1111: 10th Ren, 11 KM, Out 171900 In 180100, Ren and observation (1638240)-(1644260).

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| 71  | 1720 | Weather Forecast from Hq IV Corps. Recd.  |
| 72  | 1720 | Overlay positions of 2d Bn 87th Mt Inf. Recd.   |
| 73  | 1725 | Phone fr Rex 3; Report of arty activities from 171430A to 171730A; 60A - 2 anti machine gun (1634278), results unknown; 616 - fired 3 personnel missions (1591254) (1574261) (1590764) unobserved, 71 rounds; 1125 - 1 personnel missions at (1598292) area well covered - 30 rounds; 1 mission mortars at (1577274) mortars missed, 29 rounds; 2 personnel missions; (1608269) (1602287) area neutralized with 31 rounds.  |
| 74  | 1750 | Phone fr Rebate 3; Rebate wishes permission to select a motor pool for 20-30 vehicles near HARBANG (1629195). Action: G-3, journal. Referred to Lt Watson, Div Requisite Officer.   |
| 75  | 1905 | Phone fr Remount; 2 PNs taken this afternoon are from MITTENHAAL M <sup>T</sup> BN. Report that 50-60 men from this outfit are on rear slope of MONTILLIO (15625), and that enemy forward positions are on forward slope of MONTILLIO. The Bn is being relieved tonight or tomorrow night. Action: G-2, Corps, IIR, Retread, Rex.   |
| 76  | 1910 | Patrol No. 902 cancelled because Bn is changing position.   |
| 77  | 1930 | Phone fr Racoon; 1st plnt of Co B relieved 2d Plat of A Co 760 TD in place (1592244) (1586242) at 171900A. Action: Journal.   |
| 78  | 2020 | Patrol No. 902, Co K 87th, was not cancelled, but will operate as originally scheduled.   |
| 79  | 2035 | Phone fr IIR; Information gained from PNs: The Mittenwald Mt Bn received 240 replacements from TRIESTE on 15 March. These replacements were mostly young (18-20) but 20 of them were 38 or older. They had special mountain training. They drove by night in busses, and made the trip in 7 nights. 40 of these replacements are now in the 1st Co, giving it 80 men; 30 are in the 2d, giving it 80 men. The 1st Co CP is in the house at (1572256), and the Co is disposed on an EW line from the house, with 1 squad E of the house and the rest of the Co N of the house. The 2d Co is N of the first, the 3d Co, 71st FG Regt, is to the E of the 1st Co, Mittenwald Bn. Squads of the Bn have 1 LMG each and no AT wps. The Bn will go out of the line tonight or tomorrow for 10 days of training and regrouping and will be replaced by an unidentified Infantry outfit. Routes to the line, the replacements had only 50 rifles among them for arms. 170 of the new men have not yet been assigned. Action: Corps, Rex, Retread, FI, Map, G-2. |
| 80  | 2045 | At 1930A CP at (162952500) reported vehicles and heavy trucks moving on road at (1627273). Action: Corps, Arty, Remount, Retread, G-2, Map.   |
| 81  | 2045 | Houses near (156282378) are being burned tonight. Action: G-2, Retread, Remount, FI, Corps, Map.  |
| 82  | 2055 | (refer to Serial No. 78) Patrol has again been cancelled.   |

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| 83      | 2115 | Head Hq IV Corps 1888 No. 848, 172000.   |
| 84      | 2135 | Phone fr Remount 1st plst A Co of 760 Tank Bn located; 1st section (1623253), 2nd section (1617242). Closed 2000A. 2d plst A Co of 760 Tank Bn closed (1572245) at 2000A. Action: Journal.   |
| 85      | 2135 | PATROL REPORT NO. 515: Out-171945. In-172005. Findings: No enemy sighted or contacted.<br><br>PATROL REPORT NO. 603: Out-172000. In-180100. Findings: No enemy contact. Heard enemy voices and MG at (1592269). Also heard MG at (1592281). MG opened up from (1593279) and at (1588280). Heard voices at building at (1596271) small amount of motor movement at (1588280).<br><br>PATROL REPORT NO. 602: Out-171930. In-180030. Findings: Found freshly laid 5-mines at (1577254). Counted 4 mines. The patrol was discovered by an undetermined number of Germans at this point, and withdrew to E Co. Listening point at (1580255). Germans followed. The listening post personnel threw grenades, which was not by German rifle grenade fire; at which point all personnel including Germans dispersed. Patrol reassembled and returned to its base without casualties. |
| 86      | 2130 | Phone fr Remount: 1st plst able Co of 760th Tank Bn located; 1st section (1623253), and section (1617242). Closed 2000A. 2nd plst able Co of 760th Tank Bn (1572223) at 2000A. ACTION: Journal. (Cmt- has been reported).  |
| 87      | 2200 | Phone fr Rex: 604- 1 mission in convey (1642267)-effect unknown. 616-3 destruction missions on building (1561252)-effect unknown. 2 missions on MG (1567246)-(1572249) fire effective. 55 rounds. 1125 AM FA. 1 mission on MG (1604273) MG silenced 16 rounds. 1 mission personnel (1638288) neutralized. 25 rounds. 1 mission on houses and personnel (1600270) 3 target hits - house destroyed. 41 rounds. 1 mission on road junction (1602293) mission accomplished. 6 rounds. 1 mission on pers (1604273) effect unknown. 18 rounds.   |
| 88      | 2245 | Phone fr Rex: Telephone report on artillery activities from 171630A to 172130A. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 89      | 2300 | Hq, 10th At Div - TRENCH No. 145 submitted.  |
| 90      | 2310 | Phone fr Remount 2: Since 170740A until 172300A 111 rounds mixed arty fire have fallen in Remount Blue section. At 172305A, Remount White heard motor movement and possibly tank movement from vic (1613276). ACTION: ISUM, Corps.   |
| 91      | 2312 | Phone fr Rebate 2: Between 1930A and 2240A 30 rounds of lt and hvy arty fell at (1618254). 10 rds fell at 1530A. 9 rds at 1840A. 6 rds at 2010A. 5 rds at 2020A. Also 3 smoke rounds fell at 1835. 2 rds hvy arty fell at (1618254) at 1600A. As to enemy guns 2 <sup>nd</sup> . ACTION: Rex, 0600 ISUM.   |
| 92      | 2400 | PATROL REPORT NO. 224: Findings: Listened at (1623256). No unusual sounds except vehicle near (1604270). Houses at (1625258) are not occupied by Germans.  |



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In house at (1627251) was found German bread and empty German pistol case. Checked H. HERRIG (16326); it was clear of enemy. Houses at (1633261) and (1628257) were also empty. At latter building, empty dogtag was found under straw block back of house. Heard truck movement at 180215A coming from in back of (1633261) (16326). No enemy contact.

03 210

Patrol HQ 385; Findings: Ambush set as planned, half of patrol scouting en route. This portion of patrol encountered enemy fire from 3 MG's at (1633266) and received 4 light casualties. 1 enemy believed killed. Patrol returned intact.

04 200

Patrol HQ 385; Findings: Investigated houses at (163792540); unoccupied. Road through town of BEALBO (16425) is in good condition. No movement in town.

05 240

Patrol HQ 385; 10-12 trucks left via (1635267) at 0145A. Arty was fired on at. MG located at (1640252), firing on as 150°. No enemy contact.

06 220

Patrol HQ 385; Reached house (1647245); found it unoccupied. Proceeded according to plan, heard MG fire via CA 1280 (16425). Entered house at (16432455); found it unoccupied. No enemy contact.

07 040

Patrol HQ 385; While on the patrol at 2115A, they heard definite noises of men on hill at (1603250); then at 2315A, they heard MG firing from (1602267). At that time, at their left, they heard fire fights in which the 3rd Bn, 86th was involved; seemed to consist of SA and MG firing. Small mortar fire was placed on enemy MG positions. Patrol returned without casualties.

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| 1       | 0600 | Hq 10th St Div SITUS No. 146 submitted.  |
| 2       | 0600 | Hq 10th St Div ISUR No. 88 submitted.  |
| 3       | 0630 | Phone fr Flash Base B: Area (1597247) received several mortar shells at 172345A. Area (1598253) read several mortar shells at 172345-A. Meter reporting unit did not know how many shells had dropped. Action: Issu, Jral.   |
| 4       | 0635 | Phone fr Rebut 3: Contact was made with 81st Hon Sq at 172330A. Action: Jral.  |
| 5       | 0645 | Phone fr Rebut 3: Contact patrol to 81st Hon Sq made contact at 180400A. Jral.   |
| 6       | 0650 | Phone fr Rebut 2: "C" Co red 14 rds medium cal arty fire at 180000A. At 182355, Co "I" read medium 8/Arms and 100 fire fr enemy. This was neutralized by our arty. White OP (1803251) at 180353 heard faint motor movement on AB O. Action: Issu, Jral.  |
| 7       | 0645 | Phone fr Rex 3: Situation Report: 60A -- 16 harassing missions unobserved, 72 rds, 6 counter-mortar targets, unobserved 42 rds. 2 Interdiction missions unobserved 18 rds.....60S -- rest area.....616th -- seven harassing missions unobserved. 3 counter mortars missions (1541246)(554256), and (554243) unobserved. 2 personnel missions on suspected enemy troop concentration (1559245) (1573253) unobserved. One enemy truck (1559245) unobserved. Total no. of rds, 113. 1125th AFA, 11 harassing missions, unobserved., 16 rds. |
| 8       | 0705 | Read Hq IV Corps SITUS No. 252, dated 172400A March.   |
| 9       | 0730 | PERSONAL REPORT 1-302: 1/83, 1 off, 10 hrs, Out 171900A, In 180445A. Encountered no enemy. Ran into one civilian who had moved fr bldg 749(1632268); he reported that there were no enemy in this bldg. No arty fire on Mt Della Spa during course of patrol.  |
| 10      | 0800 | Read 2-Periodic report (G. 5) dated 2000A, 17 March (81st Cav Hon Sqdn.).  |
| 11      | 0800 | Read fr Hq 81st Hon Sqdn, patrol results 16-17 March, (2 sheets).  |
| 12      | 0900 | Read fr Hq 10th St Engr Bn, Report of Water Consumption, dated 15 March  |
| 13      | 0900 | Read Hq IV Corps ISUR No. 849, dated 16 March.   |
| 14      | 0915 | Read Hq 6167th En letter of 17 March, subject: Turn-in of Maps. (e-2)  |
| 15      | 0920 | Read Hq 10th St Engr Bn Command daily Int Summary No. 153, dated 15 March  |
| 16      | 0935 | Read letter fr Spec Agt J Furniss, CIO, Hq 10th St Div, re Screening of employees. Letter dated 17 March., also read letter from CIO 17 March re suspect Republican assistants.  |

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| 17      | 1000 | Recd H. 751st Tk Bn -3 Rupert No. 76 dated 17 March.   |
| 18      | 1020 | Recd 9th Inf Div 3-3 P Rpt no. 133, dated 17 March 1945. Also, Schedule for spot shoots. 50 Cal M's and 57mm guns(AT).   |
| 19      | 1030 | Phone fr Debate 2: 10 Civilians came through the lines this morning at 163025. Inqo 2nd Bn, 85th St Inf Regt and report: Up till last night only 2 enemy were at Poffeno Busiolo (1636267); last night 10 enemy moved in, forcing the civilians to leave; all these enemy were on foot; arty positions at MORTAR BLOC (1631301), MORTAR (1631299), and at GRILL (1631306); a largearrison at POMPONIO (1.613297); 7 enemy at SANIERA SERRA SANZANA (1621269); 2 others were killed there previously by our fire; they verify mines at TORRE MARI (1621273); nearest large unit is reported as being at S. LUCIA (1632285). Our arty is now firing on MARI MC - MUSELD (1636267). Action: Corps, G/S, 1000. |
| 20      | 1150 | Recd Inf Bulletin fr Office of Strategic Servies, 5th Army Det, dated 16 March.  |
| 21      | 1200 | Recd Confidential Report No. 2676 effective 0100, 18 March 1945, for G-2, G-3, Air-ground, /-.   |
| 22      | 1100 | Recd H. 10th St Div Arty -3 Rupert No. 48, dated 17 March.   |
| 23      | 1000 | Phone fr Retreat 2: 5 civilians picked up by I Co at 180600A. They confirmed statement of mine field at NJ at H. CHARD (1568243). They also state enemy dug in on forward slope of MONTI LLO (1568255). There are no Germans in front of line; MONTI LLO to PARAYATO (1565249) then along 25 grid line E to 58 grid. Found position at (15682164). Action G-2 notified.  |
| 24      | 2042 | Phone fr ex 3 clerks: Atrep for 180930A: 644, 3 harassing missions - 28 rds. unobserved. 645 - rest area. 616 - NTR. 1125 HA En - NTR. Action: Jral.   |
| 25      | 1045 | Phone fr in 1 with 81st Recon: Patrol intentions for night of 18-19 Mar. Troop - out 1900 in 0200A - same: recon patrol - cover 1681262, 1.672265, 1674267, 1682266, and return. Troop - out 2100 in 0400 - recon patrol - cover 1.682268, 1685262, 1692262, 1692260 and return. Action: G/S, Journal.   |
| 26      | 1110 | Recd Overlay showing disposition of armor on 751st Tk Bn. (-3).  |
| 27      | 1100 | 10th St Div Report No. 147 submitted.  |
| 28      | 1110 | Phone fr Col Ia re to Col Thompson: I spoke to the Gen and he requests me to inquire if there was any further indication of a shift in movement. He says: "You are not to put out aggressive patrols to pick somebody up. You are to use the General wants you to intensify your patrols tonight and get some prisoners. He believes there's a change in shift going on. Jral.   |
| 29      | 1110 | Recd H. IT Corp (-2 Periodic Report No. 284, dated 180800A March (5 copies).   |

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- 29 1110 Phone fr Col Thomson to Remount 6: Gen Crittchenberger is very anxious to get some prisoners. He believes the 29th Panzer pulled out and some new ones moved in. Get some good strong patrols out and get some prisoners.  
Action: Remount 6 to comply.
- 30 1200 Recd HQ 10th Mt Div IPX report No. 34, dated 18 March.
- 31 1140 Phone fr TAC/R: (TAC/R) TOA 1010 TA 1025: Visibility bad area VIENOA to VENTANO to CASTAL FRANCO. 3 Met and HDV B/W. Remainder of area unobserved. No A/N. Attn G-2.
- 32 1145 Phone fr Max 2: Air CP: at 1588284, enemy tanks on road - direction not given -- number indefinite, report only stating there were more than 2. Corps Arty now adjusting on them. Action: Isum, Corps, G/S, Journal.
- 33 1155 Recd HQ Bf G-3 Report no. 133, dated 170800A March.
- 34 1155 Recd HQ Bf G-2 Report no 133, dated 17 March.
- 35 1200 Recd HQ Bf IPX report #52, dated 18 March.
- 36 1220 Phone fr Max 2: Rejest: Observer #420, at 1620252 reports: at Monte Sinitro (162242525) for last 4 or 5 nights has been seen a green light similar to a flashlight that was seen at LIBROGA (161822255). Last night at 172000A a white flare was seen at LIBROGA (161822255) and a similar flare a few seconds later at TORRE IUSI (162044720); a few seconds after seeing these flares a few enemy arty rds. landed at MONTE SINITRO (162242525). ACTION: G/S, Corps, Isum, Journal.
- 36 1300 Recd Booby Traps (attn G-2) fr Met and Blue.
- 37 1310 Recd HQ IV Corps, G-3 Periodic Rpt No 76, dated 17 March.
- 38 1310 Phone fr Remount 2: 2nd Bn CP: at 180933A saw heavy vehicle tracks in a field and a new uncamouflaged dugout at 1584278. Also saw at 181136A some 24 ton trucks, troop carriers, poorly camouflaged, at 157902655 and 158152645. ACTION: Max, Corps, Isum, G/S, Journal.
- 39 1320 Phone fr Remount 2: 3d Bn CP: located one 105mm at 15900529750. Action: Max, Corps, Isum, G/S, Journal.
- 40 1330 Phone fr IPX: 2 P's from 171200A to 181200A. Action: Isum, Jnl.
- 41 1330 HQ 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 89 submitted.
- 42 1350 Phone fr Remount 2: 105 How(German) located 158752855. Remount Blue wants fire on this position. Action: Max, Corps, Isum, G/S, Journal.

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| 43         | 1410       |             | Phone fr Baz 3; Sitrep: 604 FA Bn - 3 Personnel Missions - personnel in house (L635265). Ground OP: results unknown...30 rds. 605FA Bn; Harvest area. 616 - 1 mission on mortar position (L555265), unobserved. One personnel mission - dugout (L561252) ground OP: Tree burst was observed over dugout. One mission on mortar position (L554299). Ground OP: mortar silenced. 30 rds. 1125 FA Bn: one mission on personnel in open (L604267). Air OP: Neutralized...34 rds. 1 mission on personnel in house (L573279). Air OP: several hits on house...42 rds. One mission on mort (L571278). Air OP: Mort neutralized, 8 rds expended. Action: Journal. |
| 44         | 1510       |             | Recd Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 153 18200A Mar 45.  |
| 45         | 1520       |             | Recd Hq REF G-2 Report No. 134, 180600A Mar 45.   |
| 46         | 1615       |             | Recd Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 890, 181500A Mar 45.  |
| 47         | 1615       |             | Recd Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 558, 171200A Mar 45. (2 copies)   |
| 48         | 1615       |             | Recd Hq XXII Tactical Air Command Daily ISUM No. 154, 16 Mar 45.  |
| 49         | 1615       |             | PATROL PLAN Outpost-listening Post: 85th 10th Bn, 1 O 18 KM, Out 171900A In 181900A, set up listening post at (L655290) for 24 hrs to go out after anything they hear. Have telephone communication.  |
| 50         | 1615       |             | PATROL PLAN No. 1110: 10th Bn, 1 O 15 KM, Out 180100A In 190200A, Bn and combat, (L658242)-(L665239)-(L660264)-(L652260)-(L662254)-(L658242).   |
| 51         | 1615       |             | PATROL PLAN No. 517: 86th G Co, 1 O 14 KM, Out 182000A In 190030A, CASTEL d'AIANO (L608256) to (L606262) to (L603263) and return. Ambush to secure PWs.   |
| 52         | 1615       |             | PATROL PLAN No. 518: 86th F Co, 1 O 14 KM, Out 182000A In 190030A, HILL 813 (L601261) to (L599265) to (L601267) and return. Ambush to secure PWs.   |
| 53         | 1615       |             | PATROL PLAN No. 604: 86th K Co, 12 KM, Out 182030A In 190130A, (L583256) to (L577255) to (L576257) and return. Bn.  |
| 54         | 1615       |             | PATROL PLAN No. 605: 86 I Co, 12 KM, Out 182000A In 182100A, (L589259) to (L585266) and return. Bn.   |
| 55         | 1615       |             | PATROL PLAN No. 905: 87th L Co, 5 KM, Out 181215A In 181430A, Bn from (L583239) to (L579242).   |
| 56         | 1625       |             | Phone fr Baz 2: Air OP at (L539254); there was a vehicle (troop carrier); our arty fired on it effects unknown. Action: Journal.  |
| 57         | 1635       |             | Phone fr Remount Mine 5: To Col Thomson: Regarding getting a TD out there - I don't think it would be possible, they got it pretty well covered in and I doubt if we could get in. We received some shelling from that gun, but it's at our maximum arty range.   |

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- 58 1630 Phone fr Col Thomson to Nebate 6: Did you get a msg from Rex 2 that your observer had seen a green light? Ans: We did get a report that a light was seen, however, I'm waiting until Col Stone gets back and then I'll check it further. Action: Journal.
- 59 1630 Phone fr Keystone 5 to Recall Asst 6: Gen Duff - about the mission on getting prisoners, you don't want us to put on a large scale raid, right? Key 5: Don't use any large unit in your operation, something like a squad or so, something pretty strong at any rate. Action: Journal.
- 60 1700 PATROL PLAN NO. 903: Co I 87th, 1 O 12 KM, Out 182000A In 190200A, Ren (1574232) (1577244) (1577247) (1573247) (1570244) and return.
- 61 1700 PATROL PLAN NO. 904: Co K 87th, 12 KM, Out 182000A In 182400A, Ren (1567227) (1566237) (155702395) (1559237) (1565236) and return.
- 62 1700 Phone fr Rex 3: Sitrep: 1330 - 1630A. 604 - 1 adjustment; 2 counterbattery (1632277) observed by ground OP - neutralized. One mission - troops digging in (1632269) observed ground OP...effect unknown. 1 mission food and ammunition dump (163052741) obs. ground OP--effect unknown. One mission heavy personnel (1626273) obs. ground OP..fire effective. Total--220 rds. 605--still in rest. 616--1 mission enemy CP (1561232) obs ground OP..poor effect. One mission vehicle(1559240) obs. Air OP, 8MM no effect. One mission counterbattery (1536264) unobs. Total 80 rds. 1125 FA Bn - 1 mission counterbattery (1588283) obs. ground OP - neutralized. One registration obs. ground OP. One mission armored vehicle (1593284). Total 85 rds.
- 63 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 119 submitted.
- 64 1500 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 118 submitted (not previously recorded).
- 65 1810 Head H. V Army weather Report.
- 66 1810 PATROL PLAN No. 1005: 10th Ren, 1 O 15 KM, Out 190130A In 200130A, Obs and Ren.
- 67 1810 PATROL PLAN No. 1113: 10th Ren, 3d plbt, Out 190530A In 192000A, Zone non.
- 68 1815 Head overlay of positions of 3d Bn, 87th Mt Inf.
- 69 1815 PATROL NO. 225 PLAN: 85th Co E, 1 O 15 KM, Out 182000A In 190400A, Obs ren clearing area, take 175. Ren road and trail net.
- 70 1815 PATROL PLAN No. 226: 85th Co F, 1 NCO 5 KM, Out 182000A In 190500A, Ren and obs enemy positions, installation, road and trail ren.
- 71 1815 PATROL PLAN NO. 304: Co L 85th, 4 KM 1 NCO, Out 181900A 190400A, Ren and obs from (1613266).
- 72 1815 PATROL PLAN NO. 305: Co I 85th, 1 O 6 KM, Out 181900A In 190200A, Ren and obs from (1619268).

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| 73  | 1830 | PATROL PLAN NO. 906: Co L 87th, 7 EM, Out 182200A In 190300A, Men (1586243) (1585249) (1577252) (1578247) and return.  |
| 74  | 1830 | Phone fr Keystone 2: We can send one more man to Intelligence School at SAN SEVERO. Call Major Callahan as soon as possible to give him name, rank, serial number. Action: Told G-2.   |
| 75  | 1830 | Phone fr Recall Asst 6 to Rebate 3: Looked over these overlays about your mission tonight. I see where 2 Men patrols go out only to the road. Corps wants us to intensify our patrols and get some prisoners, and I don't think you're complying with their wishes by sending them out to a sector already reconnoitered. Rebate 3: Sir, you may be referring to our previous plan, let me check on it and call you back. Action: Rebate 3 to call Asst 6.   |
| 76  | 1830 | Hq 10th Mt Div G-2 ISUM No. 90 submitted (not previously reported).  |
| 77  | 1905 | Phone fr Capt Turish: IV Corps Situation. 365th Inf. Had 18 rounds 75mm arty at squares (4006) and (4005) 5 rounds of 3 inch mort landed at (1379067) 81st Cav Men. M.T.R. 92d Div. Period very quiet. 48 rounds of arty fell, 18 of them near (19095). BWF. Sector quiet, slight arty and mort fire. LICorps. Sector quiet, arty light. Estimated 10-man enemy patrol exchanged fire with outpost at (917326) and withdrew. Action: Journal.  |
| 78  | 1930 | Phone fr Return: Oiling equipment for roads is at present tied up and will be available to oil road from CASTLE B' ALAMO to CHRISTOFORO in about a week.   |
| 79  | 1925 | Phone fr Rebate 2: Observed flare at 1905A AZ of 235° from (162452460).  |
| 80  | 1925 | Phone fr Remount 2: At 1915A, Remount White OP at (1603251) observed lights in vicinity of PULLANO (1605273) and 1 8mm mort firing from that vicinity. Taken under fire by our own 8ls. Action: Journal.   |
| 81  | 2000 | CBS Information Bulletin, 17 Mar 45, read.   |
| 82  | 2000 | Hq 751st Tank Bn 8-3 Report No. 77, 18 Mar 45, read.   |
| 83  | 2000 | Phone fr Rebate 3 to Recall Asst 6: We have 6 patrols out, 5 of them are missioned to catch prisoners. Patrol 304 to go up above FANATICCIA, on the left of MT delle SPE. Patrol 305, 1 O & 14 EM, is going above the road to point (1625269). Patrol 226 is going to right of road, 6 man patrol; CASIGNO patrol, 1 O 15 EM, to investigate MG fire in that sector. Gen Duff: Patrol 226 is much too small. It's a waste of time to expect a patrol of that size to capture prisoners. I feel that the patrols aren't strong enough for the job. Must have some prisoners. Action: Rebate 3 to check further. |
| 84  | 2020 | Rebate 2 phoned: From Blue Bn - from 172400A to 182010A 18 rounds of arty. 65 rounds mortar, 2 trip flares, 2 rifle flares at 270° from (1616258) at 1915A and 78° they noticed a changing light on and off in different colors. The new Bn OP is at (1620258). C/fire mort and arty has been fired against these targets. Action: Noted for ISUM, Journal.  |

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85	2020	Phone from Remount 3: Koeny motor mvmt at (1597271) and (1604268), direction and number of vehicles unknown. Observed from? Note: Will check and call back on direction and from where seen.
86	2040	Phone fr Rebata 2: Blue Mtn reports sound of motors coming from 1100 mile from (1617258). Our arty is now firing on same.
87	2060	Phone fr Netread 2: L Co Netread reports fire fight at (1582256). Action: Called Remount 3. Remount 3 says fire fight dying down, will call particulars later.
88	2040	Recd Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 851, 182000A Mar 45.
89	2100	Phone fr Rebata 2: 20 to 25 trucks on road in vicinity of HOGGA RUFFENO (16326). Direction unknown. Action: Corps, Rex, ISUM.
90	2100	Phone fr Ruseocost: 2d Section, 3d Plat, C Co, 701st, moved from position at (1603254) to vicinity (1601244) closed at 182000A. 2d Plat, Co G, 701st, moved from reserve at (1601244) to vicinity (1583232) closed 182000A. Action: Journal, Exp.
91	2115	Phone fr Rebata 2: Blue OP at (1607258) reports a string of 10 small lights going W then N at AZ of 75° to 90°. Arty observer counted 23 lights, coming around in a clockwise direction at intervals. Action: Corps, Rex, Journal.
92	2125	Phone fr Rebata 2: 12 white flares seen at (1635285) at 2120A. Action: Corps, Journal.
93	2125	Phone fr Rebata 2: 6 white flares at (1635275) at 2105A. Action: Rex, Corps, Journal.
94	2150	Phone fr Remount 3: Contact patrol to the 85th Inf did not make contact - waited 1 hr at contact point (?). Contacted 85th by phone and made arrangement for contact point. G Co reports motor movement sounded like hv vehicles on road between HOGGA DAI BAVARI (1620278) and BJ (1634259). Direction unknown and number of vehicles unknown - time 2120A. Action: Corps, Rex, Journal.
95	2000	Phone fr Rex 3: 178th FA Regt (British) O.P. at (161092141). Sitrep: 604 4 missions- ammo dump (163052741), effect unknown. 605th FA - In post area. 616th FA - 1 mission enemy O.P. (1566247), effect unknown. 1 mission G/W (1556251), effect unknown. 1 harassing mission (1555256) unobserved. 44 rounds, total.
96	2000	Phone fr Rex 3: 1125th FA Mtn - 1 interdiction (159612708) unobserved. VT fuse. 1 mission enemy personnel (160572949), neutralized. 1 enemy gun position, RMK position (159762824). Direct hit, 2 killed. 1 interdiction (160452688) unobserved, R.J. VT Fuse. Total 144 rounds.
97	2300	Phone fr IPW: Total EW's for 24 hour period 180600A to 190600A - 0. Noted for ISUM.



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98	2315	Phone fr Rebate DO: Rebate patrol made contact with Men Try on night at 2235A. Rebate white 2 reports a few pxms of phosphorus received at 1637249 at 2200A. rounds
99	2335	Rec'd fr IV Corps message no A3989.
100	2355	Phone fr Rebate DO: Rebate OP - N.Y.R. ACTION: Journal.

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| 1          |      |      | Phone fr Remount 3; Contact patrol to Rebate made contact with them at 2400A.  |
| 2          | 0055 |      | PATROL REPORT NO. 604; Time out-2030A. Time in-2345A. Findings: Proceeded to (1577254). Heard 4 men digging at (157652545) thought to be laying mine.  |
| 3          | 0055 |      | PATROL REPORT NO. 517; Time out-2000A. Time in-0010A. Findings: No contact with enemy.   |
| 4          | 0055 |      | PATROL REPORT NO. 605; Time out-2000A. Time in-2345A. Findings: Went to (1583264) heard estimated 4 enemy in dugout near house at (1583265). Observed MGs firing at (1589278) and at (159152765). Proceeded to (1583265) and observed house at (1585262) - no sign of occupation.  |
| 5          | 0130 |      | PATROL PLANK AND REPORT NO. 305; "I" Co, 85th Inf. 1 Off. 14 KM. Time out-181900A. Time in-190200A. Mission: PW's (1622260), (1622267), (1627270) (1623268) and Return. REPORT: Time out-181900A. Time in-182300A. Findings: At (1627270) (Building) noticed several empty mortar cases-Bldg was not occupied. At (1623268) (M. MURSETTA) saw civilian who stated Germans pulled back approximately 1000 meters last night. No contact made with enemy - no casualties, (NOTE: Capt Reid told to check Patrol ID's - find out what mission has been given him.) (Mission was to get PW's).   |
| 6          | 0200 |      | PATROL REPORT NO. 906; Time out-2000A. Time in-2145A. Findings: Patrol went out with names of reliable civilians whom they met in house at (1582249). Information obtained as follows: Large number of Germans in BARTILINO (1575253). Patrol proceeded to house at (1579253) and obtained following Zankuski information: A German Officer visited this house and searched it yesterday (2 Germans captured by 86th Inf 2 or 3 days ago were outposted in this house). The area N and S of this house is heavily mined trails and roads. A tank enters draw at (1578253) daily - fires on one position, withdraws at night. 3-40 Germans are in BRANA (1573255). Large amount of arty on reverse slope of MONTILIO (1567258), 2 - 105mm, 2 - 81mm there. There is 1 - 105mm in one of the houses directly on top of the hill near MONTILIO. |
| 7          | 0220 |      | PATROL REPORT NO. 904; Time out-2000A. Time in-2300A. Findings: No one in houses at (1563238) and (1558239). Burning of houses was ordered by 2 Germans who forced Italians to do it. Civilians in house (1566235) say Germans do not occupy inner portion of MONTESE, roads and trails to MONTESE have been heavily mined. Houses on road NE from (156245) are occupied by Germans. All are dug in around bldgs many big guns on and behind MONTILIO. Overlay of mines found by this patrol will follow.  |
| 8          | 0231 |      | PATROL REPORT NO. 518; Time out-2000A. Time in-0100A. Findings: Went to road at (1601267) waited 3 1/2 hours but heard and saw no enemy. Only distant MG fire heard.   |
| 9          | 0220 |      | PATROL REPORT NO. 903; Time out-2000A. Time in-2330A. Findings: Followed route to PERSASSIONE (1576248), houses all barricaded unable to enter. Barking dog forced withdrawal. Proceeded to houses at (1574248), civilians there state no Germans in CREDA (1574247). Germans were in FORASSIONE last night civilian heard noise there, was 1 lamb missing this morning. 30-40 Germans in BRANA (1573256). PATROL continued, found old german positions in draw at (1575243) - many caterpillar tracks there.  |

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| 10  | 0125 | Phone fr Rebate DG: Redoubt 2: At 1150A vehicle movement on an $45^{\circ}$ from SHELBA (1688239)-estimated at distance 3000 yards. At same time a red flare and white flare on an $45^{\circ}$ seen from same location which was immediately followed by enemy MG fire (long range) fire received due N of position of observer. At 0 55A, Redoubt 4 reported white flare on an $240^{\circ}$ estimated distance 1000 yards from Co positions. ACTION: Journal.                                |
| 11  | 0136 | Rebate Blue reports motor movement heard in vic TORREBUSSI (1422773)- Rex has been notified. ACTION: Journal  |
| 12  | 0140 | Phone fr Redoubt 3: Bulk OF reports flash on an $45^{\circ}$ at very great range. Same flash lasted more than 4 seconds.  |
| 13  | 0145 | Phone fr Rex 2: Rejest 4 (0140A): Lights on vehicles observed on road in 6528 square starting at 0120A to 0135A. Fired upon by arty. 1 large explosion observed. (burned for about 5 minutes). ACTION: Journal.   |
| 14  | 0200 | Rec'd fr IV Corps: Sitrep No 154, 182400: March 1945.   |
| 15  | 0246 | Phone fr Rex 2: Rejest 2 - 1st square (16525) vehicles movement continues.  |
| 16  | 0305 | Phone fr Rebate 1: Rebate fed OF, NTR as of 0300.   |
| 17  | 0410 | CONTROL REPORT NO. 1110: Time out-180100. Time in-190200A. Findings: 180325A arrived in B-50 (1664255) established OP at (1664255), no enemy action observed throughout period. No change in road and trail conditions. Enemy hasty field fortification found on hill (1664254) but were not occupied. (written report will be submitted on trail conditions.)  |
| 18  | 0410 | Phone fr Rebate DG: Redoubt on hill 488 (1658244) at 0340A "B" Co contacted enemy. 1 of "B" Co's guards was killed - sqd has been sent to locate enemy and investigate at (1659247) (position now occupied by sqd of "B" co) received fire from enemy MG. Sqd has been sent to this location to investigate. ACTI N: Rebate told to get full particulars and notify this hq as soon as possible. Journal.   |
| 19  | 0425 | Phone fr Rex 2: Rejest 2 - OF at (1624 254) has seen flashs each 16 seconds long at $13^{\circ}$ from OF. Time reported 0355A.  |
| 20  | 0445 | CONTROL PLAN AND REPORT NO. 225: "E" Co, 85th Inf. 1 Off. 15 IM. Time out-182000: Time in-190400A. Mission: Recon, clear area, take FM's atnd overlay. Findings: Time out-2000A. Time in 190415. At (1634248) ran into enemy patrol - no physical contact - our patrol set up ambush but enemy moved away this happened at 0120A (no firing exchanged). In vic of (1642259) patrol heard 2 rds fired from heavy mortar unable to locate mortar. At 0510 (1649258) heard 1 light vehicle moving. |
| 21  | 0510 | Phone fr Rebate DG: 1 Co OF reports - heard men and horses moving on road just W of M DEL A SIE in a NE direction. At 0435A on an $245^{\circ}$ from OP - heard trucks moving NE on same road - 2 concentrations of mortar fire placed in road-no results observed.   |
| 22  | 0510 | Phone fr Rex 3: 604th -21 harassing missions, unobserved 107 rounds. 605th  |

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- N.T.R. 616 - 2 personnel missions. 1 on enemy personnel (599245), 1 troop concentration at (1570255). Both unobserved. Also fired one harassing mission unobserved. 3 missions - 14 rds. 1125 and 7A - 6 harassing missions unobserved. 56 rounds.
- 23 0510 Phone fr Retread: Nothing to report.
- 24 0526 Phone fr Remount DC: In regard reported fire fight at (1582256) none of our units have contacted enemy at that point. (see Journal entry #87, 2040A.)
- 25 0510 CONTROL PLAN AND REPORT NO. 304: "L" Co, 65th Inf, 5 EM. Time out-181900A. Time in-190400A. Missions: Ken and Chan (overlay attached). REPORT: Time out-181900A. Time in-190330A. Findings: Arrived at CP (1612267) at 2200: observed there until 0200A - saw and heard no enemy action/
- 26 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO.151 submitted.
- 27 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO.91 submitted.
- 28 0645 Phone fr Retread 2: First MU 2d Bn 87th Mt Inf passed IP en route to MONTICANTINI at 0630A. U/c, Journal.
- 29 0706 Phone fr Retread: 2nd March unit of 2nd Bn/crossed IP at 0700A. Action: Jnl. <sup>87th</sup>
- 30 0730 Read Incoming message no.3998, dated 181945A: Re From 5th Army ASC to 2nd Corps, 91 Div, 34 Div, 88 Div, 4th Corps, 92 Div, First Army Div, 10th Mt Div, 6 s/a Army Div. ASC Nr 14 - Intentions for 19 March. Trp comm Love AA3556 at 1500Able and 1510 Able. Mt Park Love 340522 at 0930 Able.
- 31 0745 Read Hq IV Corps SES Int Bulletin no. 23, dated 18 March.
- 32 0745 Read Hq IV Corps U-3 Periodic Report No. 77 dated 18 March.
- 33 0755 Phone fr Retreads: 2nd Bn closed out of PIETRA UOLERA Mast (6021) 190800A. Action: Journal, Sitrep.
- 34 0815 Phone fr "scall 6 Asst, to Rebate 6: We're not satisfied with your patrol action last night! I want you to give tonight's plan your immediate supervision. There's one patrol report in particular that wasn't satisfactory; #225; they ran into an enemy patrol and there was no fire exchange and no physical contact. How do you expect to take prisoners if you don't make any contact? You'll have to intensify your patrols --even if you have to utilize as many as 25 or 30 men. I want you to check on the plans for tonight personally and report it to me. Action: Rebate6 to comply.
- 35 0840 Read 81st Cav Bn Sqdn S-2 report dated 17 March; also S-2 report dated 18 March. In addition, read Patrol Reports 17 & 18, and 19th March.
- 36 0920 Read Hq IV Corps outgoing message, Secret OP, dated 17 March... To CO, 701 TD Bn and CO, 751 Tk Bn; 1st Plat, 4 Co, 701 TD Bn is detached 751 Tk Bn and reverts to parent unit control effective 180600A.

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| 37         | 0950<br>0945 | Recd Hq 92 Inf Div G-3 Report No. 134, dated 18 March.   |
| 38         |              | Lt Col Irvin, AC/S, G-3, left for 87th Mt Inf Regt at 0945.  |
| 39         | 1005         | Recd Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 285, dated 19 March... (5 copies).  |
| 40         | 1030         | Recd Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 852, dated 190815.   |
| 41         | 1030         | Recd 20 Semi-controlled Mosaics--sheet 87 - III SW(s).   |
| 42         | 1035         | Phone fr G-4 (Major Watson): Major Watson states that 3rd Bn, 1888888 87th Mt Inf had requested two 4.2 mortars....slim mortars too short and arty too long. Action: G-3, Journal..called 5-3, 87th Mt Inf. Talked to Major Singling, 84th Cml Mortar Bn. Results - plst of 84th Cml Mort Bn will move into position and furnish necessary fire power. |
| 43         | 1045         | Phone fr Rax 3: Recd report of arty activities from 0430A to 0930A. Action: Journal.   |
| 44         | 1050         | Phone fr Rax 3: 0430 - 0930A; 604 - 2 harassing missions unobserved 24 rds. 605 - 1 personnel mission...5 men digging MG emplacement 567256. Observed by Inf Observer. Results incomplete...24 rds. 616 - Bn in Rest Area. 1125 - 1 harassing mission unobserved...5 rds.  |
| 45         | 1107         | Phone fr Keystone 2: Upon request, Corps notes that German flares have had these general meanings in the past...(for colors not included, indications were not positive enough): Red - enemy is attacking; green - send help; White - we are here; Violet--arm alert. Action: Hq, Regts, Redoubt.  |
| 46         | 1115         | Phone fr 81 st Bn: Patrol Intentions: "D" Co patrol, out 2000A; in 0300A; route - (1679265), (1680268)-(1683265) - (1682264). "C" Co patrol, out 2300A, in 0500A; route (1688259)-(1689264)-(1692264)-(1691260).   |
| 47         | 1100         | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 152 submitted.   |
| 48         | 1140         | Phone fr Rebate 2: An undetermined number of W F rds fell via CASIGNO (645 259) this morning. Action: Corps, Isum, G-2, Rax.   |
| 49         | 1150         | Recd Field Hq: No 1, fr CO 2nd Bn 85th Mt Inf..The atchd letter was given to one of our Co CO's. Will you please send us a translation when available? (Italian letter).   |
| 50         | 1200         | Recd 5-3 Report # 49, fr Hq 10th Mt Div, Arty, dated 18 March.   |
| 51         | 1230         | Recd Hq BEF G-3 Report No. 134, 180600A.   |
| 52         | 1230         | Recd Hq BEF IPW Report No. 53.   |

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| 53      | 1202 | Phone fr Rebate 2: May we take BGR 300 on patrol? Action: Yes, as long as provisions are made for destroying equipment, and all channels and call signs are memorized, and no codes are carried.  |
| 54      | 1230 | Phone fr Retread: Want 4 copies of sunrise and sunset, moonrise and moonset chart for next 30 days. Action: will be published as appendix to Tues. Periodic   |
| 55      | 1235 | Phone fr Recall 28: TAC/R Mag No 6 route 3- time over area 1000A - 1110A. Roads: Area MONTEVIREHO to 12253 approx 30 horse-drawn vehicles and handcarts very scattered all ways. 12253 to REGGIO no movement seen except 4 motor transport, stationary. All roads REGGIO total approx 50 horse-drawn vehicles and motor transport scattered all ways. REGGIO to PARMA 10 horse-drawn vehicles both ways. All roads area PARMA approx 20 horse-drawn vehicles scattered all ways. PARMA TO FORNOVO no movt seen. FORNOVO TO REGGIO, 30 handcarts and 2 horse-drawn vehicles both ways. |
| 56      | 1235 | Phone fr Rex 2: Air OP: 8 vehicles vis of PAVULLO (1475325). Rd blown at (1603261). Small vehicle moving N of Zecca (1605330). Heavy dug in at (164531A), number unknown. Camouflaged object near bldg at (1631307). Road blown at (1630273). Road blown at (162902728). Activity around house near RJ at (159653425). Action: Isum, Nap.   |
| 57      | 1335 | Phone fr Remount 2: OP reports enemy ars occupying bldg at 1544267; this bldg is being kept under obsn and will be taken under fire by our TD's. Action: Isum, Corps, C/S, Arty, Journal.   |
| 58      | 1345 | Phone fr Rebate 2: 8 rds mart fire fr N fell at 616259 - 2 rds at 1000A; 2 rds at 1040A, and 4 rds at 1315A. Action: Isum.  |
| 59      | 1330 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 92 submitted.   |
| 60      | 1400 | Phone fr Rebate 2, to Recall 3: OP at MT FERRUCCIA (725 motor) 651250 will be discontinued today. Action: C/S, Journal, GU.   |
| 61      | 1420 | Phone fr Rex 3: Report of arty activities fr 0930A to 1330A: 604 - NTR. 605 - 1 enemy gun position 60523010, observed by gd OP - result eff-active. 1 mission enemy mortar 60502750 unobserved. 616 - nest area. 1125 - no mission. Action: Journal.  |
| 62      | 1500 | Recd Patrol report 1110 dated 18- 19 March...2 sheets...10th AT Bn, 882.  |
| 63      | 1500 | Recd Hq 85th Mt Inf Report of Patrols 18 - 19 March.  |
| 64      | 1510 | Recd Hq Fifth Army Passwords for 22 - 28 March 45. (5 copies)   |
| 65      | 1510 | Recd Hq Fifth Army Engrs: Key to Route Reports and River Studies.   |
| 66      | 1510 | Recd Hq 85th Inf overlay of positions as of 190800A Mar 45.   |

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67	1520	Phone fr Rex 2: At 1432A saw enemy gun at (1573282), 3 dumps at (1542288), (1582293), (1574281); at 1120A saw enemy guns (2) at (1596282). Action: G-2, Map, Corps.
68	1520	Phone fr Remount 3: 1 Bn closed at (16025200) at 1425A. Action: G-3, Sitrep.
69	1520	PATROL PLAN NO. 907: Co I 87th, 1 Plat, Out 192000A In 200100A, Rem and Pns: (1573233)(1573235)(1571244)(1569250)(1575244)(1575241) and return.
70	1520	PATROL PLAN NO. 908: Co K 87th, 1 O 12 EM, Out 192100A In 200100A, Rem (1569232)(1567236)(1562240)(1562245)(1566242) and return.
71	1520	PATROL PLAN NO. 519: Co E 86th, 1 O 14 EM, Out 200200A In 200630A, Pns
72	1520	PATROL PLAN NO. 606: Co H 86th, 1 O 15 EM, Out 191915A In 200100A, Set ambush at (1578255) and continue to (1575257) if necessary.
73	1520	PATROL PLAN NO. 607: Co I 86th, 1 squad, Out 191900A In 200300A, Listening post and ambush at (1583263).
74	1600	Phone fr Rebate 2: Noted possible enemy supply dump at (1631275). 7 rounds of mortar fire rec'd near (1617263) between 1315A and 1530A. 3 rounds 75mm arty fell at 1445A - 1 at (1617266) 2 at (1625253). 3 red flares at (1662274) at 1500A.
75	1605	Phone fr Reply 2: Observer at (1594255) saw motorcycles with side car at (1594280). Vehicle was standing still and no personnel was observed in the vicinity. Time, 191400A. Action: ISUM.
76	1630	Head Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 155, 191200A.
77	1630	Recd Hq IV Corps Weather Forecast, 192400A - 202400A.
78	1630	Recd Hq Tactical Air Command, Daily ISUM No. 155, 17 Mar 45.
79	1630	Head Hq IV Corps Intelligence Bulletin No. 24 - GCS - 19 Mar 45.
80	1630	Recd Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 559, 18 Mar 45.
81	1645	Head Document and Translation of it given to one of the Co CO's of the 2d Bn 85th Mt Inf by a civilian.
82	1700	Phone fr BRF in C: 2/II BRF at (1562215) for the body of Charles R. Eagle 36614794 at C. MICHELINI (1537215). Body will be ret'd to FANNO (1549204). Can be picked up in the morning. Action: C.R. Eagle - a sgt in "L" Co. 85th Mt Inf - missing since 5 March - 85th Mt Inf OR Off notified.
83	1730	Phone fr Reply 2: Enemy mortar position observed at (1573264) by Italian civilian who came through our lines today. Action: ISUM.

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| 84   | 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 93 submitted.  |
| 85   | 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 154 submitted.   |
| 86   | 1800 Read fr Hq IV Corps ISUM NO. 853, 191500A, Mar 45.   |
| 87   | 1815 Patrol Report: Patrol No. 1113; Out 190530A In 191815A. Read overlay will follow At (1660249) house showed evidence of habitation - aleck running - bed made and house clean - found no mines. Well dug in positions and a 3600 OP at (1665252). In MAZOLA (16625) found a slaughtered ox with only hind quarters missing. All houses showed evidence of shelling. A new grave with 4 enemy helmets, large store of enemy equipment and MG am. Several good bunkers in and around town. Houses well wired with OP wire - (cut wire) several quarters of lamb in one room. At 1215A between RAZZOLO (16525) and BAGO (16525) patrol was pinned down for 45 min by 40 rounds of mortar fire and 4 rounds of arty, cal unknown. At (1667237) fire was coming from BUZZANO (1665281). 3 of our men were wounded, 1 very seriously. Patrol brought all men back. All patrol members think there was gas in some of the shells. McKinney now in hospital complained of a severe lung pain. All patrol members had pain in eyes and throat and all were sick to their stomachs. Shells gave heavy grayish black smoke. One man (Cpl Ivy) has blisters on arm. Patrol withdrew and returned. At (1659262) well camouflaged half-truck at (1660242) cut wire. |
| 88   | 1900 Phone fr Capt Turkish II Corps - Sector generally quiet. Enemy arty slight. 3 guns firing from (1934364). 81st Reg - BDL Inf - Sector quiet. 2 Reg patrols to (1547230) and (1554233). 365 Inf - 11 rounds of light arty fell in (14103) square at 1230A. rounds of light arty fell on MT SPICOLINO (14309) from near ABSTONE (13311). 92d Div - Sector generally quiet. MG emplacement at (1189056) engaged by our arty. Enemy occupied houses at (1908979) and (1947980) destroyed by arty fire. 47 rounds of arty read in sector. Action: Journal.  |
| 89   | 1930 Read Hq 741st Tank Bn C-3 Report No. 78, 191200A Mar 45.   |
| 90   | 1920 Phone fr Rebato 2: Between 191810A and 191900A. 6 rounds of mortar fire and 29 rounds medium arty fell on MT della SPE (1617263), coming from AZ 60, and AZ 75°. At 191915A, 4 rounds arty shells fell at NICLA (1630237), from AZ 350°.   |
| 91   | 1940 Phone fr Division Surgeon: There is no evidence that the men from Revoko who were on patrol No. 1113 today were gassed during the enemy shelling. What they smelled was probably cordite which causes coughing and sometimes vomiting. No eye or throat inflammation was found on the men who returned from the patrol, and no blisters. Action: Rebato, Revoko, Journal.  |
| 92   | 1945 Phone from C-4 to C-3: C-4 requested clearance of 2/86 commencing 202130A, to MONTECATINI. Clearance approved by Lt Col Irvin. Action: Journal.  |



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93	1955	Phone fr Rex 2: At 191854A enemy trucks were seen moving on road at (1664281) from east to west. Traffic has been intermittent since dark. Harassing missions are being fired, with unobserved effect.
94	2010	Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate Red opened at 191945A at PASSATORE (1618229) CP at (618229). Action: Journal, Sitrep, Map.
95	2025	Phone fr Remount 2: From CP at (1604264), a MG firing tracer was observed at (1602261) at 192005A. Action: ISUM.
96	2025	Phone fr Rex 2: At 191505A our air CP observed a large explosion 1/2 mile E of CASTEL de CASIO. Plane was almost directly above explosion, and reported a violent turbulence. A large crater, estimated to be equal to that caused by a 1000-lb bomb appeared. There was no plane in sight. Crater is located approximately in grid square (16313). Has been reported to Corps Army as possibly caused by a V-bomb. Action: Journal.
97	2050	Phone from C/E to Remount 5 and Col Schmelsers: Word received from Army that many men are visiting Florence without proper passes and not in proper uniforms. Also, men were wearing arms. Instructions: Definite instructions will be given troops going on pass on regulations as to proper uniforms, etc. Action: Journal.
98	2100	Recd Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 854, 192000A Mar 45.
99	2115	PATROL PLAN No. 229: Co E 85th, 1 0 39 EM (2 medics) Out 191830A In 20 morning, Capture PWs.
100	2115	PATROL PLAN No. 230: Co G 85th, 1 0 30 EM Out 192000A In 200000A, Capture PWs.
101	2115	PATROL PLAN No. 306: Co I 85th, 1 0 25 EM, Out 191900A In 200500A, Capture PWs.
102	2115	PATROL PLAN No. 307: Co K 85th, 1 0 25 EM, Out 191900A In 200500A, Capture PWs.
103	2115	PATROL PLAN no. 1114: B4 Plat 10 Sen Tp, 1 0 14 EM, Out 191730A In 200400A, Capture PWs.
104	2115	PATROL PLAN No. 1115: 1st Plat 10 Sen Tp, 1 0 14 EM, Out 191745A In 200430A, Capture PWs.
105	2120	Phone fr Remount: G Co patrol made contact with Rebate at 192100A.
106	2140	Phone fr Retread 2: K Co reports 2 MGs firing at (1559439) at 192120A. At 192050, 3d Bn CP reports hearing vehicular movement near 2000 (1555256).
107	2145	Phone fr Rex 3 clerk: SITREP 192130A. 604 - 2 missions, enemy mort (1633278) observed by ground CP, neutralized. 2 missions, enemy vehicles (16352790) observed by ground CP, 2 trucks set afire, 151 rounds. 605 - 1 mission enemy troops (160502891) observed by ground CP, troops dispersed. 1 mission, enemy gun (1562262) observed by ground CP, effective. 2 missions support of patrol (157702525) and (157002570) fire effective. 1125 - BYR

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108	2150	Phone fr Rex 2 (1125th FA Bn): Fired 54 rounds propaganda shells in MONTESE (15524) area at 191820A. Action: Journal.
109	2210	Phone fr Keystone 52 (through Rex): Keystones 52 reports that roads 62 and 63 are to be closed for 72 hours. Anyone found on road will be shot and all our agents have been obliged to leave. Keystones suspects a large troop movement shortly. Action: G-2, C/S, Journal.
110	2220	Recd overlay of information received from civilians by Patrol 904, 3d Bn, 87th Mt Inf.
111	2220	Recd Report of Encounter with Enemy Patrol from 85Mt Inf S-2.
112	2220	Phone fr Remount 2: Blue Bn: <sup>A</sup> enemy recon patrol penetrated our positions as far as (1592265) and were driven off with mort fire. No known casualties, enemy or friendly. Details later. A patrol found mines laid from (158002550) to (158002580) are 8 mines, stick mines and grenades with trip wires. No casualties. Patrol still out. Action: ISUM.
113	2250	Phone fr Rebate 2: 1 deserter and 3 Partisans have entered our lines on Belvedere (16524) and are now on way to Regtl PW cage. More information later.
114	2300	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 155 submitted.
115	2325	Phone fr Remount 1: Routine contact patrol: - "E" Co made contact with "I" Co, 8 7th Mt Inf at 2222A at a pre-arranged contact point ACTION: Journal.
116	2330	Phone fr Rebate 2: The deserter was in civilian clothes and picked up by 3 partisans is from 14th Co, 1045th Reg 232 Div. Been a deserter since March 9. At time he deserted his unit was being moved to the rear. ACTION: IPW, Corps, Journal.

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- 1 Phone fr Box 2: REF Div Arty - OP at (L554222) heard engine noise believed to be some trunk movement. PW report said that a German battalion in the area of (L557243) would mmk be relieved this evening. ACTION: Journal.
- 2 0010 Phone fr Remount 2: Routine Patrol from "G" made contact with 85th at 2400A. Noted for Journal.
- 3 0030 PATROL REPORT NO. 606: Time out: 191915A. Time in: 200010A. Findings: Patrol encountered mine field extending from (L58002565) to (L58002580). Stisk mines and grenades with trip wires - mine field protected by mortars at (L577258) and (L577255). Enemy troops unknown. A burst of MG fire. Our mortar and arty fire brought on enemy mortars and troops. Enemy mortars and MG's silenced. Due to this mine field and protective fire was unable to accomplish mission so patrol withdrew.
- 4 0100 PATROL PLAN AND REPORT NO. 1005: Redoubt. 1 Off. 15 EM. Time out. 190130A. Time in. 200130A. Mission: Obsn, rcn, (atohd overlay). REPORT: Time out-190130A. Time In-192200A. Findings: M DI-OBALDO (L603256) at 0515A talked to civilian who said 4 enemy in house in CASIGNO (L645259) house was found unoccupied 0530A. Established 2 OP's - observation of roads limited due to hill mark. Civilians pointed out enemy mines (will show overlay). Enemy OP's at RAFFENO (L638268) dug out on ridge above RAFFENO. Bridge destroyed at (L 643257) at 191000A a deserter was taken. From 1030A to 1100A received 25 rds of mortar fire. Observed no other enemy activity. 1 civilian stated that there was enemy in CANOVETTA (L643274) - finished observation at 1915A then returned.
- 5 0130 PATROL PLAN AND REPORT NO. 997: "I", 87th Mt Inf. 1 Off. plat EM. Time out-191940A. Time in- 200025A. 192000A. Time in-202100A. Mission: PW's. (L575-233), (L573235), (571244), (L569250), (575244), (L576241) and return. REPORT: Time out- 191940A. Time in-200035A. Findings: Patrol followed scheduled route to hill 778 (L509250) arriving at bottom of hill at 192250A. Base of fire moved to N or hill arriving on position at 192300A. Manuevering force crawled up S slope arriving at edge of bldg at 192300A. At this time a 15 man box barrage of our arty (4.2 and 81mm mortar) came down on BARTOLINO (L573235) and on ridge NW and on CANELLO (L566253) isolating hill 778. Manuevering force moved into houses and found hiding in bldgs completely surprised. PW's were collected and moved out. Platoon assembled at scheduled time at Rally point at (192315A as last round of box barrage fell. Patrol returned without incident. No casualties. PWs were from 2nd and 3rd Co, 741st Sgt. Total bag, 23. Platoon leader was Lt A. Jones of Co I.
- 6 0135 Phone fr Rebate 2: 2 PW's captured at (L632268) are from 6th Co 15th Bn 29 Psg were manning an OP. ACTION: Corps, Journal.
- 7 0320 Phone fr Box 2: Rejest 2 reports that at (L66382790) that our arty set 10 enemy vehicles (supply trucks) on fire. The fire was observed and is still going on. ACTION: Corps, ISUM, Journal.
- 8 0300 Phone fr Retread 2: OP at (L582242) reports heavy MG firing from gs 351<sup>o</sup> approx loco yds. OP at (L569226) reports MG and S/A firing as 360<sup>o</sup> about 900 yards. Red Flare in same area. OP at (L569235) reports S/A firing as 360<sup>o</sup> about 500 yards - probably same as above. Ourmortars are firing on them now. ACTION: Rex, Journal.
- 9 0315 Phone fr Rebate 2: OP at (L653243) 1. 0310A 3 white German tanks

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- 9 0315 Phone fr Rebate 2: CP at (1633243) at 82100A. 3 white flares seen at 320° about 1000 yards. ACTION: Noted for ISM, Journal.
- 10 0345 Phone fr Retread 2: PW identification 8 from 3rd Co 741st - 8 from 12th Co, 741st - 7 from 16th Co 741st. ACTION: Noted for Journal.
- 11 0400 Rec'd fr Fifth Army msg no. 314 to CG 10th Mt Div.
- 12 0400 Rec'd fr IV Corps, SITREP No. 156, 192400A March 1945.
- 13 0400 Phone fr Retread 2: CP at (155822568) on us at 340° at a range of 3700 yards & vehicle was moving at 200315A in a northerly direction. At 200325A at same spot more vehicle noises were heard. These similar movements are a highly occurrence in this area. would like harassing nightly on this spot as it must be a supply route. ACTION: Corps, Journal.
- 14 0443 Phone fr IFR: 3 civilians who approached an American Ptrl in vic of CASIGNO (1697258) stated that there is a mine field located on both sides of road from COLLINO PIROTTIC (1635262) to houses at (1634258). Another mine field located on NW at (163852625) and extending NE to house at (1631267) the curves of the road at (1643266) and E of these curves has been mined. All AP mines. Another mine field between houses at (1635256) and to road W. Road at (1643272) has been blown out for length of about 100 yards and also blown at (1657284) and (1657283). 1 bunker located at (1639270); 2 bunkers located immediately S of road (1636274) and (1637274). Entrances to these bunkers are on the road. 2 bunkers with MG position at apex (1635273) on W slope of hill 968. MG positions on S slope of N PIRMA (-638287) & 4 bunkers in MG positions on W slope of hill 868 (1639282). - 1 bunker located W of road at (1632277) 2 more bunkers directly N of secondary road at (1627282) and one immediately S of it about 50 yards away. 1 ammo dump E of road at (1601333). is underground tunnels. 2 more bunkers at (1597336) and (-596336) well camouflaged.
- 15 0510 Phone fr Retread 2: PW has stated that our artillery fire in BARTOLINO and PALINA area has caused many casualties last night. ACTION: Ram, Journal.
- 16 0540 Phone fr Max 3: 604 - 4 harassing missions, unobserved 9 rounds. 10 interdiction missions on trucks on road set 18 trucks on fire at (16664279). Observed by forward CP - 187 rounds were fired. 605th - 1 mission in support of a patrol at (1568257) observed by ground CP results effective. 84 rounds. 1 harassing mission on trucks on road at (1620278) unobserved, 18 rounds. 1 personnel mission at (1639290) observed by ground CP. Enemy activity ceased. 24 rounds. 616th M.T.R. 1125th - fired 3 harassing missions unobserved but by a later report results were very good. 15 rounds. ACTION: SITREP G-3.
- 17 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div ISM No. 93 submitted.
- 18 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No 156 submitted.

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19	0400		Phone fr Retread IPB: 1.- Elements 1st Bn, 741 came in line night of 18 - 19 March and probably relieved elements of the Mittenwald Bn. 2.- 1st Bn 741 reinforced elements of the 3rd Bn 741. 3.- Strength of 3rd Co. is 35 to 40 men. Corps, Journal.
20	0800		Phone fr Retread 2: OP at (15582268) reported 8 Germans getting into a car at San Martino (1541257) and moved along the road NW to RAMONCHIO (1532267) parked the car there and got out and entered one of the houses. ACTION: REK, Jnl
21	0800 REK		Recd incoming message number 4107 from Airlip to Maj Walker: REK (18 ref. Able Sugar Charlie to Fred ) Intentions 19 March 170 Mike Mike Gun Love 660265 Regt C F Love 110078. Night of one nine(19)/20 March 660-Rec- stores 1994426 Aid Mike 0084170
22	0845		Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2 - OP 520 reported: Mortar position in house at (1609269) fired few times during last night. A MG position at (1607268). At (1605265) our patrol heard Germans digging in. At (1608268) one house occupied by Germans. At (1612269) another house occupied by Germans. Our arty will fire on these targets. Action: Journal.
23	0900		Recd: Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 78, dated 19 March 1945.
24	0910		From General Duff to Rebate 3: Any further word on the patrol that was off REK its bearing? Answer: Don't know sir - I'll have to check on it. General Duff: Col Stone says that the patrol leader is a 'pretty good man and he is to get all the support necessary to bring the patrol in intact. He's asked for air support to orient him. Keep us advised on it. You've accomplished your mission, really a good job. No more patrols to go out except, of course, for local security. Action: Rebate 3 to keep Asst 6 advised...journal.
25	0920		Phone fr Rex 2: Rejeet 2: Inf reported enemy OP at 1641270. Observer at 1615265 reports 3/A fire fight between 1st Plat of "E" Co, 85th Mt Inf Bgt and enemy at 1635261; no one was hurt; also reports 3rd plat of E Co, 85th fired on their BAR and was answered by MG fire; no one hurt. Action: C/S, Jnl.
26	0925		PATROL REPORT No. 306: 1/85, 1 Off 25 EM Time out 191900A, In 200230A; Findings: N. T. R. except that heard fire REK fight of other platoon. He withdrew and came in, because he thought he was being fired on by his own troops.
			PATROL REPORT No. 519: 1/86, 1 Off 14 EM Cpt 200200A, In 200630A, FINDINGS: Left as planned and searched the houses at 1607267 and one house at 1604266 as planned; also set ambush at (1607267). While they were searching houses: small group of Germans( 5 or 6) ret'd to the houses, became aware of our trap and evaded our patrol.

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- 26 0925 PATROL REPORT No. 1114, 2nd Plat 10 Reg Tr: 1 Off 14 KM, Out 191730A, In 200600A, FINDINGS: Heard or saw no enemy - were fired on by 3 rounds of enemy arty - no casualties.
- PATROL REPORT No. 1113, 10th Reg Tr: 1 Plat: Out 190530A, In 191815A, FINDINGS: Road overlay will follow: At(1660249) house showed evidence of habitation - clock running - bed made and house clean. Found no mines. Well dug in positions and a 360° CP at (1665232). In Rasola (16625) found a slaughtered CK with only hind quarters missing. All houses showed evidence of shelling. A new grave with 4 enemy helmets - large stores of enemy equipment, and MG ammunition - several good bunkers in and around town. Houses well wired with CP wire - (cut wire); several quarters of lamb in one room. At 1215A between Rasol (16525) and Hage (16525) patrol was pinned down for 45 min by 40 rds of mort fire and 4 rds of arty, cal unknown. A (1667257) fire was coming from SUZZANO (1665281). 3 of our men were wounded, one very seriously. Patrol brought all men back. All patrol members think there was gas in some of the shells. McKinney now in hospital complained of a severe lumb pain. All patrol members had pain in eyes, throat and all were sick to their stomach. Shells gave heavy grayish black smoke. One man (spl 2177) has blisters on ears. Patrol withdrew and ret'd at (1659262) well camouflaged half-track. A (1660242) cut wire. (NOTE: This Patrol Rpt entered a journal, 19 March Ser # 87 ... entered on today's journal by mistake.)
- PATROL REPORT No. 307, K/85. 1 Off 25 KM, Out 191900A, In 200400A, FINDINGS: Proceeded along route until they came to point (16X7267) where they found enemy bunkers, 3 of pt 695 where enemy opened fire on them from blidge. Our patrol engaged them in fire and reports 8 enemy killed. 3 of our men wounded, (one badly). Attempted to take PW's but enemy fire was too heavy.
- PATROL REPORT No. 908, K Co. 1 Off 7 KM, Out 192030A, In 200045A, Findings: Followed scheduled route, arrived at obj: Blidge at (5605247) at 192245A. Remained until 192315A. No enemy activity - observed lights in blidge at (56502485). At 192250A single vehicle heard moving short distance at (561246). Patrol returned without incident.
- 27 0925 Phone fr General Raffner to Col Irvin: Corps Arty called this morning. They are holding a class tomorrow at 0600, and they want us to send down an expert Infantryman to instruct the class on hand grenades. He's to report to S-3 of Corp Arty (between Silla and Parreth) at 0800A, 21 March 1945. Action: G-3 to notify a reserve unit to send an officer and whatever enlisted personnel needed, down to check on necessary preparation. Journal.
- 28 0930 Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 3: Select an off from Retread Red to give instruction to personnel IV Corps Arty at 210800A. Have this officer report to Recall 3 by 1200 today in order that he may be properly oriented and suitable Ing Aids be secured. If enlisted assistant instructors become necessary, see that they are selected. Action: journal.
- 29 1010 Red Hq IV Corps ISUM No. 855, dated 200938A March 1945.

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| 30      | 1020 | Recd: Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 286, dated 200800A March 1945. Receipt  |
| 31      | 1020 | Recd phone message from TAC/R #2...Route #4 to 0420A to 0715...Vis...fair to good. Slight scattered movement...BOLOGNA to FERRARA, 6 MT, 2 Horse-drawn vehicles, south 3 motor transport, 2 horse-drawn vehicles, north area at side of road (motor transport, 7 horse-drawn vehicles scattered. Area FERRARA 6 MT (motor transport) scattered. FERRARA 2 MT to ML191 9 MS. Ferrara to Conte 3 HDV (horse-drawn vehicles) south 4 hdv north 3 HDV scattered area Conte 4 MT 1 HDV scattered. 19349 3 MT, 2 HDV both ways. Route to (16760 HNS 16760 to Modena 2 MT, 2 HDV West 1 MT, 3 HDV East, Area Modena 7 MT, 10 HDV scattered. Modena to Vignola to Zocca to Vergate HNS (no movement seen) except 2 M/S South at 15039. No AA.                           |
| 32      | 1025 | Phone message fr TAC/R #3 Text...route #5 ....to MARI 0602A to 0700... Vis...Okay...Very little movement seen. Masses to P7821 no movement seen, except for 3 MNDG/RTS. P7821 to BERSICO HNS except for 5 H G. P7821 to L1344, HNS. P7821 to L1309 HNS. L1309 to L3019 HNS. L3019 1 MT South. Slight light Flak...P7711 and L1212.  |
| 33      | 1030 | Phone fr IPW...Preliminary PW examination:- Only Bn committed now is 1st Bn 741st Regt; PW's are from 3rd Co whose boundaries are 1549230 to 1544252. 50 men from 3rd Bn were added to 1st Bn when it was brought into the line, and thus we have PW's from the 11th and 12th Cos. and from the 3d- 16th Co. (AT). When 3rd Bn comes into the line, which PW's think will be tonight, it will replace the Mittenwald Mt Bn, and will be to the east of 1st Bn, Cos in line are very small - average about 35 miles men; 3rd Co had only 4 INF's. Intentions: These men from 3rd Bn who were brought in to strengthen the 1st Bn expect to be relieved by Air Corps personnel, so they can strengthen the 3rd Bn. Action: Isum, Corps, 86th, 87th, G/S, Journal. |
| 34      | 1040 | Phone fr Baz 3: 604 - 1 harassing mission...unobserved; 5 missions on truck convoy (655283) - ground OP - area well covered...4 missions. total 50 rds. 605 - MTR. 616 - MTR. 1125 FA One harassing mission - unobserved - 17 rds. one destruction - mortars (554248) - Ground OP - mortars ceased firing - area neutralized - 5 rds. Action: Journal.  |
| 35      | 1055 | Phone fr Lt Shaffee, Rebate 2: I am at Reg OP - unable as yet to discover lost patrol - we hear some firing but can't determine what or where it is. Action: Journal.   |
| 36      | 1125 | Phone fr G-3 to Rebate 3: Withdraw your Lt O now on duty fr Div Hq to 81st Gen Sq Hq. Action: Div Lt O will arrange to have the 81st Gen Sq Lt O to the 85th check in with Div Hq daily. Journal, e of 8.   |
| 37      | 1100 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 157 submitted.  |
| 38      | 1120 | Recd fr 3rd Bn, 86th, documents etc (German) from 589251, found 18 March 1945.  |
| 39      | 1150 | Recd G-3 Report No. 50 from Hq 10th Mt Div Arty., dated 19 March.   |

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| 40         | 1200        | Recd Hq REF G-3 and G-2 Periodic Reports (No. 135 G-3 and 135 G-2)...dated 19 March...also IPW report #34.   |
| 41         | 1145        | Phone fr 81st Bn...Patrol intentions: "A" troop - out 202030A in 210430A - ren within 1674266, 1674274, 1681274, 1681271, 1676271, 1676266 and return. "C" Tr - out 201930A in 210200A, ren within 1689265, 1682268, 1691265, & 1689262, and return. XXI "B" Group - out 202130A in 210300A - ren within 1689255, 1690257, 1694257, 1693254 and return. Action: Journal.   |
| 42         | 1220        | PATROL PLAN..K/87, 1 Off 1 plat...out 202000A, in 210200A, Mission: ren and capture PW's.  |
| 43         | 1230        | Recd; Patrol reports from 85th Mt Inf Regt...also-Patrol reports of 19 March 1945, numbers 1005 and 1114. In addition, German map, literature and pictures. KIRKMAN Pictures found in Rasela (662), Vergota, ...see message to Lt Nixon..fr Sanders....  |
| 44         | 1300        | Phone fr Box 2: Fr Air OP: at 201200A - (64763025), 3 enemy guns. At (64613002) considerable digging in. At (64282733) AT gun pits. At (65502934) 3 gun pits. Fr (65602908) to (65602902) 6 gun pits about 50 to 100 yds. apart. Action-Isun.  |
| 45         | 1310        | Phone from IPW: 26 PW's from 191200A to 201200A; Action: Isun,   |
| 46         | 1350        | Phone fr Box 3: 604 - 2 missions - enemy half-tracks (64512769) observed by air OP - his on vehicles observed 116 rds expended. 605 - 2 missions - enemy fortification (58322726) (60122714) observed by ground OP - result activity ceased. 1 mission - trucks near house (549264) Air Op reports 6 hits target. 1125 - 1 mission - enemy MG (67872732) observed by ground OP - MG neutralized. 1 mission enemy troops (61462899) - air OP, results effective. 49 rds. Action: Journal. |
| 47         | 1400        | Phone fr Remount 2: Blue En of Remount picked up civilian who stated; 28 demolitions in road fr (679273) up to (682274). Demolition charges (67312777) to (67372765). Houses boom-trapped at (679273), also houses at (678273) and (676277). Action: O/S, Negs, Journal.   |
| 48         | 1410        | Phone fr Rebate: Between 192400A and 201330A, 25 rds of 1 mortar fire fell on Mt Della Spe (16126). At 201135A 12 rds of estimated 105mm fire fell on Mt Della Spe(6126) and Hill 920. Action: Isun, Journal.  |
| 49         | 1529        | Phone fr Box 2: 2 men digging in at (56053030) at 1345A. Action: Isun, jnl.  |
| 50         | 1529        | Recd Fifth Army Weather forecast dated 201407A, March 1945.  |
| 51         | 1530        | Recd 5th Army DET Co D Info Bulletin, dated 19 March 1945, Radio Messages recd from E. C. T.   |
| 52         | 1530        | Recd Hq XXII TAG Air Cmd Daily Int Summary no. 156, dated 18 March.  |



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53	1600	Rec'd: BKF Weekly Report of Civilian Movement Control No. 3, dated 18 March.
54	1600	Rec'd Hq 5th Army G-2 Report dated 19 March 1945. (Report No. 540).
55	1600	PATROL PLAN No. 609, I/86 1 squad, Out 202100, In 210200A, Mission: Run from (597261) to (597267) and return.  PATROL PLAN 608, I/86, 1 squad, Out 201900A to- In 202400A, Run fr (599259) to houses at (59152645) and (59052640) and return to original pt.
56	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 158 submitted.
57	1610	Phone fr Rebate 2: at 1430A a Jerry patrol noted on M FINOCCHIO (1654231). Enemy retreated when fired upon by our front line units. ACTION: G-2, ISUM.
58	1620	Phone fr Rex 2: Road crater at (1620273) is now repaired. Craters on road CASTEL D'AIANO - VILLA D'AIANO are still there. Saw 20 man gun pits at (1537289). 3 men seen digging at 1621273 at 1455A. ACTION: ISUM.
59	1630	Rec'd fr IV Corps SITREP NO. 157, 201200A March 1945.
60	1645	Rec'd fr IV Corps ISUM NO. 856, 201500A March 1945.
61	1700	Rec'd fr CIC (Lt Bromberg): Civilian Interrogation Report No. 16, 20 Mar 45.
62	1700	Rec'd fr 87th Mt Inf folder of German documents. Sent to IV Corps.
63	1645	Phone fr Rex 3: 604th - MTR. 605th - One mission enemy mortars (15732610) observed by ground CP. One mission enemy personnel (157042740) - Observed effective. 59 rds.
64	1715	Rec'd fr 34th Inf Div G-2 Intelligence Summary Nos. 381 and 382. also ltr The Western Front. Our file, G-2 Periodic Reports No 1 to 20 returned.
65	1715	Rec'd fr 87th Patrol Plans 909, 908 and 910. See complete entry below.
66	1720	Rec'd fr 87th Etr Subject: G-2 Clearance of Aliens. 18 March 1945.
67	1730	Rec'd fr AG - Pub and Supply: 2 books with request for breakdown of same.
68	1730	Rec'd fr 87th Mt Inf: Overlay of minefield from info received from PW taken by Patrol No 907.
69	1730	PATROL PLAN NO. 910: "L" Co, 87th Mt Inf, 7 RM. Time Out-202000A. Time In-202400A. Mission: Obs, bldgs.
70	1745	Phone fr Rex 2: Lt C #2 w/2nd Bn, 86th Inf rpts 9 men digging in at (1561303) at 1635A. ACTION: ISUM.

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| 71      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 96 submitted.   |
| 72      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 159 submitted.  |
| 73      | 1800 | Phone fr Retread 2: CP Report: 1700A 3 fox holes observed, 1 freshly dug on hill 927, 16602335, 1 on CP reports possible mortar at <del>1566233</del> (1566233). CP for mortar in house on hill 866 (1567236. Enemy Artillery heard in direction from behind hill 919, (1565238). Reports from civilians: Week to 10 days Germans withdrew one battery of guns - 1 large 3 small from BRATHA (1571235) to MONTELLO (1565239). ACTION: ISUM  |
| 73      | 1800 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army Change File to S.A.E. Instructions. 16 March 1945. 1 set of 9 pages for G-2 and one for G-3.  |
| 74      | 1800 | Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps envelope containing many copies "Training Film and Film Strips".   |
| 75      | 1815 | Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army Det, Co D: Information Bulletin, dated 18 March 1945.  |
| 76      | 1815 | Rec'd fr Hq 92nd Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 135. (1 copy w/overlay).   |
| 77      | 1815 | Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps: General Operation Order No. 29. w/overlay.  |
| 77      | 1815 | Rec'd fr Hq 92nd Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 134. (1 copy)  |
| 78      | 1815 | Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps: Intelligence Bulletin No 25. dtd 20 March 1945.   |
| 79      | 1815 | Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion G-3 Report No. 79. dtd 201200A March 1945.  |
| 80      | 1840 | Phone fr Racoon: CP Co "C" opened at (1603238) at 201740A. ACTION: Imp.   |
| 81      | 1850 | Phone fr Capt Turkish (IV Corps): 92 Div - section quiet-arty fired on enemy personnel via (1659030) and on vehicles going S at (1666999). 35 rounds arty reported for period in sector. 7 PW. 365th Inf. MTR. BIF - Sector quiet - no enemy activity reported. Patrols LE BARI (1548234) and Hill 747 (1546233) drew rifle grenade fire. 1 killed - 2 wounded. 2 PW's. 51st Bn - sector quiet except for MG firing from (1679273) which our arty fired on. II Corps quiet period - slight arty. 200 rds SP 150mm which landed via (1642335). |
| 82      | 1915 | Rec'd 3 copies of 10th Mt Div S.O.I. Effective 0100A, 25 March 1945.  |
| 83      | 2100 | Rec'd fr IV Corps, ISUM NO. 857.  |
| 84      | 2100 | Rec'd fr IPW (Lt Bronberg): IPW Report No. 35. 20 March 1945  |
| 85      | 2800 | Phone fr Max 2: At 1028A Air C <sup>2</sup> saw large white smoke puff at (1603331) looked like large gun firing or road being blown. At 1840A heard 6 gun flashes at (1666330). Then saw dust cloud, and suspected guns were SP's which were being moved. ACTION: Corps, G-2, ISUM.  |

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- 86 2120 Phone fr Retread 2: 1. CP at (1568228) noted fire from probable 75mm gun falling at (1579229) on 350° az. 1 rd fell at 202023A. 3 rds fell at (15200955A, killing a mule. 2. Vehicles, some tracked have been moving on roads between MONTESI (15524), ZOCCO (15525), and S. MARTINO (15423) since dark. Tank moved into S. MARTINO at 2100A. 3. Enemy reported digging at (1544255) at 2030A. ACTION: Corps, Rex (who placed arty fire on targets), G-3.
- 87 2105 Phone fr PI: Probable tank at (150983091). ACTION: Corps, Map.
- 88 2150 Phone fr Rex 3: 604th FA - 1 mission, enemy personnel - (163372775) observed by ground CP - fire effective. 4 missions harassing, unobserved. 2 counter mortar (1630277), observed by ground CP - effect neutralized. 1 mission trucks on road (166472808) observed by ground CP - result, rds in general target area. Total of 64 rounds. 605th FA - 1 mission - self propelled guns (159402742) unobserved. 24 rounds expended. 616th FA - in rest area. 1125th - 1 mission harassing (155922450) unobserved - 10 rounds expended. ACTION: SITREP.
- 89 2150 Phone fr Rex 2: At 1836A noted 3 rounds mortar fire falling in (16126) square. At 1914A noted 30 rounds mortar fire falling in 6126 square. ACTION: ISUM.
- 90 2330 PATROL PLAN No. 308: Co I 85th, 1 O 15 EM, Out 201900A In 210500A, Security.
- 91 2330 PATROL PLAN No. 309: Co L 85th, 7 EM, Out 201900A In 210400A, Listening Post.
- 92 2330 PATROL PLAN No. 1116: 10th Ban, 1 O 25 EM, Out 201930A In 210400A, Ben and oban.
- 93 2330 PATROL REPORT No. 229: Co E 85th, 1 O 39 EM 2 medics, Out 191915A In 202000A: No casualties; report later. Searched houses (1637256) empty, searched house (1641261) empty, 2 houses at (1641266) were empty at 200305A. Arrived at pt 2 of ROFFENO. Landslides made route to atk ROFFENO impractical. Turned S and checked houses (1635256). Civilians say enemy was there 8 days ago and comes back at night into area. Saw light in house window at (1639258), was in N window, came on hourly and seemed to be a signal. Stopped at (1637251) in ravine amid rocks. Cave here will house 5 men. Stayed low, mortars fired at 201606A - moved to (1635247). At 201910A went to IL MONTE. Enemy MGs at (1635266) and (1632267). Flares in air constantly during night. Raids not used because of fear of detection. Heard trucks all night to right front. Saw no mine fields. No MG at (1641266) as had been previously reported. Light in N window house at (1635256) was seen. Signal light for ROCCA ROFFENO CP (?). Probable enemy seen at (163902605). Patrol could not reach him until he escaped.
- 94 2330 Outpost, listening post at (1655250) brought in on orders of higher authority.
- 95 2350 Phone fr Raecan: Co C 894 TD took up positions (defensive) of Co B 701 TD at 201945A. Co C 894 TD located as follows: CP (603238) 1st plat (1603238) 2d plat (1st sec) (1592243) and 2d sec) (1603238) 3d plat (1st sec) (1581239) and (2d sec) (1588244). Co B 701 TD relieved Co C of 894 TD in arty role. CP of Co B 701 TD now at (1594236), 1st, 2d, and 3d plat now at (1603236). Completed relief at 202010A. Action: Noted for Map, G-3, and SITREP.

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1	0025	PATROL REPORT No. 609: 1 Co 86th Out 2100A 20 Mar In 210200A. Sighted vehicles and considerable personnel at VILLA di ALIANO (1593273), engaged enemy for 10 minutes from 202307A 202317A with 81mm fire. Caused confusion and turmoil, believe considerable damage done.
2	0025	PATROL REPORT No. 608: 1 Co 86th Out 201900A In 2350A. No positive information, no enemy contact.
3	0100	PATROL REPORT No. 309: 1 Co 85th Out 201900A In 2350A; Set up OK at (1620267) at 1945A. Heard Germans digging and trucks and carts travelling S and then E, estimated location (16228). Vehicle travel at 5 minute intervals except after arty then 15 to 20 minute interval. At 2300A, German passed within 10 feet of patrol. Looked back then ran down hill.
4	0100	PATROL REPORT No. 226: Searched CALUENA (431261) and houses at (1633261). "vilians reported Kraute in area recently.
5	0100	PATROL REPORT No. 230: Co C 85th, Out 192000A In 200015A. Searched houses at (1626259) (1628257). Went towards (1631261) CALUENA. Heard German challenge lead man, fired on by enemy. Used handgrenades at emplacement at (163002585) on W side of road. German grenade hit patrol leader, however it was a dud. Group advanced, 2 PWs captured. No friendly casualties. Patrol returned.
6	0100	Phone fr Rebate 2: Between 1330A and 2400A, 20 Mar, 51 rounds 81mm mort landed on BELLA SUE, and at (1617258) from azimuths of 62° and 12°. At 1935A, 7 amber and 1 red flare seen from (1619258) AZ 300°. At 2225A, 1 amber flare at 105°. We are shelling area (16228) with 10 rounds 81mm mort every half hour. Action: ISUX. Journal.
7	0135	Phone fr Rebate 3: 1st Bn 85th relieved 2d Bn 85th on position without incident. Relief completed at 210020A. Action: G-3, Map, SITREP.
8	0135	Phone fr Remount 3: 1st Bn relieved 2d Bn on position without incident. Relief complete at 210012A. Action -3, Map, SITREP.
9	0140	Recd Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 158, 202400A Mar 45.
10	0230	Phone fr Remount 3: CP located at (1583259) time 0240A; at AZ 309° flash bang 11 seconds undetermined number of rounds estimated to be 105s and 75s; AZ 321° flash bang 9 seconds 30 rounds estimated 105s and 75s; AZ 304° flash bang 24 seconds 30 rounds 105s and 75s. 3d Bn made contact with 87th at 0120A. Action: Rex, Journal.
11	0340	Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate White (2d Bn 85) closed in new area (Div Res PASADURE) at 202330A. CP located at (162092290). Action: Journal, Map, SITREP.
12	0400	Phone fr Remount 3: Contact made for second time this evening between 86th and 87th, 1st time at 210120A, 2d time at 210330A. Action: G-2, G-3 Journal.

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| 13  | 0435 | Phone fr Rebata 3: Rebata CP reports 1 trip flare 290° 1/2 mile from CP in a northerly direction. 2 more flares due N of CP, all seen at 210400A. MT della SPK (16126) has been receiving considerable arty and mort fire all night. Action: Journal.  |
| 14  | 0445 | Phone fr Retread 2: During period 202025A-210400A, enemy mort and arty fire increased in intensity, 4/ rounds falling in or near our 3d Bn area. New enemy gun positions spotted at the following locations: (1554264) (1556246) (1564231) and (1564261) 103s. Action: Rex 2, Journal, ISUM.   |
| 15  | 0445 | PATROL REPORT NO. 910: Co I 87th Out 202115A In 210030A. Patrol followed scheduled route, reached objective (1573249) at 202245A. Established CP and listening post there. Obs excellent, moonlight. No enemy seen or heard on Hill 778 (1569290). Remained in obs until 202345A, returned without incident. Investigated houses (1580245) on return route. No sign of enemy. One man slightly injured by trip flare as patrol left Co lines.  |
| 16  | 0450 | PATROL REPORT No. 909: Co K 87th Out 202330A In 210410A. Patrol proceeded Bn prescribed route. Contacted enemy on objective, Hill (1561245). Man-oeuv force was surrounded and cut off. 50 minute fire fight ensued. Friendly mort and our arty fire enabled patrol to regroup and return to our lines. No friendly casualties.  |
| 17  | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 97, submitted.   |
| 18  | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div CITAM No. 161, submitted.   |
| 19  | 0730 | Recd incoming message number 4215-....secret....from Five Armchair Support Control to Fwd. REF RE 22 - Tomorrow. Garrison Love 559935. Jans Love 125087. Fuel dump Love 713845 Love 312743 Peter 747365. Night attacks three billets area Love 8544/love 924439 Charlie Peter Love 5839. Billets   |
| 20  | 0745 | Phone fr IV Corps (Capt Turlich): 8th Army - enemy wide raid via 273273 repulsed-enemy raid using flame throwers 17221 repulsed. Several patrol clashes across front. II Corps - 10 man patrol, small arms fire 916327, one enemy killed - body recovered. Raiding patrol via 831283 fired on and broken off. 81 Cav Hon - NFK. 2 PW. REF - sector quiet - slight arty and mortar patrols out - no contact. 2 PW's. 345 - quiet. 92nd Bn patrol clashes only light arty recd. Patrol has fire fight via 169062 lasting 12 minutes. Patrol recd heavy mortar, small arms, grenade fire. Estimated strength enemy patrol 25 men. |
| 21  | 0800 | Phone fr Rex 2: Air CP reported a tank dug in at (1589319). Action: Isum & Journal.  |
| 22  | 0806 | Phone fr Rebata 3: Rebata White closed at 210745 in PARACATCH. Action: Jml.  |

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23	0850	Phone fr Retread 3: Request permission to coordinate use of trucks in moving 2/85 to MONTECATINI, and return of 2/87 from MONTECATINI. 2/85 would leave tomorrow morning. Action: Permission granted...Journal, G-4.
24	0920	Recd 2 mimeograph sheets...list... "Telephone Directory" Hq IV Corps Arty.
25	0930	Recd Hq 92d Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report dated 19 March 1945...No.135
26	0940	Recd Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 287, dated 210800A March 1945.
27	0950	Recd Hq 10th Mt Div IPR report No. 35, dated 20 March.
28	0530	Recd Phone call fr Rebata 3: Account has made contact with 21st Bn at 0520A. Action: Sitrep, G-3, G-2, CS, Journal..(not previously recorded).
29	0530	Phone fr Rex 3: 604 - 23 harassing missions, unobserved 62 rds. 605 - 416 NTH. 1125 - 3 harassing missions on MONTESI 599244, unobserved 130 rds. 1 mission on mortars (552258) unobserved 35 rds. Action: O/S, G-2, G-3, Journal...(not previously recorded.)
30	1030	Recd Hq IV Corps ISUM NO. 858, dated 210930A March.
31	1030	Recd Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report No.51, dated 20 March.
32	1030	Phone fr Col Wells, G-2: If you get a prisoner named WEIDRICH do not interrogate him but contact me and hold him for orders. Action: 85,86,87, & Ad.
33	1055	Phone fr Rex 3: 604 - 5 harassing missions unobserved (164259) ground CF. Personnel mission, (1665281) 43 rds. 605 - 5 harassing missions unobserved 152 rds. 1125th - one destruction mission (light gun) (1564243) AIR OP - direct hits on targets 60 rds. One house (1561254) hits on target 34 rds. Action: Journal,
34	1055	PATROL REPORT NO.1116, 10th Bn 1 Off, 25 EN, Out 201830A, In 210400A, FINDINGS: Sent back 2 civilians and continued on mission. Patrol engaged in fire fight at Il Palazzo (644263) at 0100A to 0145A. Enemy used MO's - M pistols - hand grenades fired from house in Il Palazzo - radio did not work. patrol suffered 2 casualties (wounded). The dog with patrol was killed. Believe one enemy wounded. On return they cut enemy wire running from CANTINO N. Patrol returned from fire fight.
35	1100	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO.162 submitted.
36	1100	PATROL REPORT NO. 308, I, 1 Off 15 EN, C t 201900A, In 210630A, Findings: Investigated houses and searched for suspected gun positions. Houses at (621264) unoccupied. Found no gun positions. Enemy fired flares above them while they were searching houses. Heard trucks going both ways on SERRA SARZINA at (1602270) and TARRE IGUNEX at (1622272). No enemy contacted or observed,

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| 37             | 1155        | Rec'd letter fr CIC Hq 10th Mt Div, dated 20 March re screening of Employees, ...also read similar letter on one employee Marchiano Emano Fu Guerrino.   |
| 38             | 1155        | Rec'd letter fr CIC Hq 10th Mt Div dated 21 March re Rumors.   |
| 39             | 1205        | Phone fr Regt 2: 5 javies digging (possible mortar pos) at 1579273 at 1200A Action: Isuc, Journal.   |
| 40             | 1220        | Phone fr Regiment 2: CP saw 5 enemy digging in what they believed to be a mortar at (157912734). Mortar fire scattered enemy at 211200A. Details later. ACTION: ISUM.  |
| 41             | 1220        | Rec'd fr BDF G-2 Periodic Report No. 136, dtd 20 March 1945.   |
| 42             | 1220        | Rec'd fr BDF G-3 Report No. 136, dtd 20 March 1945.  |
| 43             | 1230        | Rec'd fr 81st Cav Regn Sqdn B-2 Periodic Report No. 36. dtd 20 March 1945.   |
| 44             | 1250        | Phone fr Tac R #5: Time over area 1015A to 1115A. Route #3. Vis slightly heavy. No flak. CCGLOME (10335) to REGGIO, no svmt seen. MONTE PIRIBO to SANUOLO to MODENA, no svmt seen, 4 MT West at (12973). (13373), 3 MT North. REGGIO to PARMA only, 2 HFV scattered both ways. Roads radius PARMA N of Rt 9 no svmt seen. PARMA to ECHMUVO, 3 M/C and 4 NOV scattered S. FORNOVO to BERGATO and CALLESTABRO 19364 to BERGATO total approx 30 hand carts scattered on both roads. Five in village (10376).  |
| 45             | 1325        | PATROL REPORT PLAN No. 418, Co A, 1 Off 12EM, Out 21200A, In 220530A; Mission: Route from pos at 2601261 to draw vis 597252 to trail vis 606265 and return.<br><br>PATROL PLAN NO 419: Co C 6 EM, Out 211900A, In 212330A, Mission: Run and listening post route fr 609257 to vis CR at 611297 along vis road to 606260 up draw to vis 607257 and return.<br><br>PATROL PLAN No. 610 - Co. X. 12 EM 211915A Out...In 220100A. Mission: Ambush - from 582956 - 582253 - 597252 and return same route.<br><br>PATROL PLAN No. 611 - Co I. 12 EM, Out 211915A, In 220100A. Mission: route from 597261 to 591265 and return same route.<br><br>PATROL REPORT NO. 1115 - 1st plat, 10th Reg Tr: 1 Off 14 EM, Out 191745A, in 210230A...FINDINGS: Patrol went as far as FRADKILINO (1654266). Found houses clear at (1652252) at 2130A - Found houses clear at (164952500) at 2130A - remained in observation there until 201900A. Saw 3 enemy at (1648259) then went to (1654266), found no enemy there and ret'd at 210230A. |
| 46             | 1340        | Rec'd TAC/Report message #6 from Recall 28.  |

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47	1405	Recd TAG/R #7 from Recall 28.
48	1430	G-2 left CP to go to 10th AT En CP.
49	1435	Recd Hq IV Corps G-3 Report (Peridic Rpt No. 79), dated 20 March.
50	1450	Phone fr Rex 2: 605th FA - one personnel mission (1579273) A rounds. No obser- vation.
51	1500	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 163 submitted.
52	1500	Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps OSS, Intelligence Bulletin No. 26. dtd 21 March 1945.
53	1500	Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 561 dtd 201200A March 1945.
54	1500	Rec'd fr Hq XLII Tactical Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 157.
55	1505	Phone fr Rebate 2: Request overlay showing extension of sector boundaries of 10th AT and 85th, and 86 and 87th into EOT. ACTION: Check with G-2.
56	1522	Phone fr Rex 2: Fired destructive mission on houses at (1647262) at 1430A, got direct hits. ACTION: ISUM.
57	1550	Rec'd fr Rejact 2 (605th FA): Observ 430 - (1597262) German show line, troops are seen every day at 2000A-2100A hours. (1615317) German CP (1622893 - 488 antiaircraft guns. (161852865) 2 HH with tractors. (1606377) dugouts and mang mortar positions (161352890) 175 mm how. (160752930) mortar positions. (162502898) was a truck parked between (1612312) to this Co. (1615311) are 6 gun positions, these guns are moved frequently, (1623283) east along the road (1629281) route for trucks.
58	1550	Rec'd fr IV Corps SITREP No. 159, 211200A March 1945.
59	1600	Phone fr Rex 2: 2 men noted hanging white flag (?) in tree at (1594289). ACTION: ISUM.
60	1602	Phone fr G-4: Are our vehicles now to be marked w/unit designation? If so, what directive authorizes this release? ACTION: Checked w/G-2, Corps.
61	1630	Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps ISUM NO. 859.
62	170	Rec'd PATROL PLAN NO. 911: "L" Co 87th Inf Regt. Time out-212000A. Time In- 220300A. Mission: Ban. (1383241), (1570245), (1571249), (1570231), (1568253) (1567251), (1571249), (1570245), (583285).
63	1735	Phone fr Rex 2: Reply: At (15332081) a staff car parked next to bldg. At (153253068) German activity near houses. CP at (1594255) observed 11 rds 105 mm fire fall on "L" Co 87th from 15° as. Further details later. ACTION: ISUM



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|         | 1736 | Phone fr Retread 2: Are Brazilians still at (1547232)? ACTION: Will get G-2 to call you.   |
| 65      | 1745 | Phone fr Rebate 2: Civilian Report: Out-200900A. In-11200A. Market location (1606278), (1672795) - 75mm gun at (1611288) - German truck park (1621290). 6 large guns at (1613312) with Gt at BANALDI (1633317) - 4 AA guns (1622295). 2 guns and tractor at (1617286) - CP at YAVOLE (1632281) - MG position (1631268) - Enemy supply route S on road to (1623283) E of YAVOLE (1632281) - E to S BUCIA at (1633285) on S to STRADA (1633278). Action: Map, PI, Corps, G-2, Arty.  |
| 66      | 1745 | Phone fr Rebate 2: At 1530A a German was seen entering dugout (1627277). CP Report. ACTION: ISUM.  |
| 67      | 1645 | Phone fr Rex 3: 604th FA - 1 mission counterbattery (161622988). Unobserved. 605th FA - WTR. 616th FA - WTR. 1125th FA Bn - WTR.   |
| 68      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div ITEM NO. 97 submitted.  |
| 69      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 164 submitted.   |
| 70      | 1815 | Phone fr 34th Chemical: "B" Co relieved "C" Co on position at 1500A. ACTION: G-3, SITREP.  |
| 71      | 1840 | Phone fr Remount 3: 2nd Bn 86th Closed MGNE 0630A. ACTION: Noted to G-3.   |
| 72      | 1845 | Rec'd two mine fuses from AP mines from Patrol 1116. (Sent to Engrs).  |
| 73      | 1845 | PATROL PLAN NO. 1117: 10th Bn. 1 Off. 10 KM. 1 Dog Team. Time out-21 2130. Time in-220330A. Mission: Ambush and Security.  |
| 74      | 1845 | PATROL PLAN NO. 1006: 10th Bn. 10 Ets. 1 Dog Team. Out-212130A. In-220330. Mission: Ambush and security.   |
| 75      | 1845 | PATROL REPORT NO. 1116: 10th Bn. out-201835. In-210430A. Findings: Succeeded to (1639241), where one man in patrol tripped a flare. Moved to house at (1638252), found house to contain 2 women, 2 men and 1 child. Men reported house had previously been occupied by Germans and family had been forced to move out during that occupation. The two men appeared unafraid and tried to leave, but two of our soldiers brought them back to our lines for questioning. Five men of the patrol were left at house to prevent civilians from informing enemy, and to take prisoners if Germans approached house. From this point at (1601930), noticed also a light on ridge at 70' as, also a flare going up at this point, and another flare at the location at (1622220). Moved to (1643258). Flare noted at as of 275' at 2030A. Proceeded to CASIGNO. Voices were heard in 1 building - 3 white potato sacks hung to dry on fence outside building, still wet. Passed (1643260) at 202238A. Flare sighted as 5'. Went into IL PALAZZO, and reconnoitered series of S-mine along lane leading to house at (1644262). Removed 2 fuses, which will be forwarded separately. (See entry 72.) No signs of any inhabitants after thorough investigation of buildings, which had been heavily shelled. Signs of recent habitation in 1 building were 2 cats in room, a number of potatoes in good condition, a 2 wheeled cart in good condition in the shed. Fresh cart and |

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mule tracks in road throught CASIGNO. Road from CASIGNO to IS PALAZZO found to be in excellent condition - for vehicles up to 3-1/2 tons. Moved up road at 210030A toward IL PALAZZO. At this point (1644363) heard what seemed to be a man or several men running up road in the same direction, but could see no one. As patrol moved up road in extended squad formation, with no cover available at that location, a voice was heard giving a single command in German. A full belt of ammunition fired by a machine gun opened up on the patrol; also burst from one or more machine pistols. Patrol took cover behind bank along road near house from which fire was coming (1644363). A German grenade was thrown over the bank, killing the patrol dog and wounding one of our men. Another man was wounded by enemy MG fire in this fire fight, which lasted about 45 minutes. Patrol leader and others fired into windows of house during this time. Our patrol aerial was shot off, cutting off communications early in the fight. Squad leaders maintained covering fire while wounded men were evacuated. Medical aid men worked on wounded during fight. As patrol withdrew, was again fired on by MGs and machine pistols. Searched way to creek crossed and entered house at (1638232). Placed security, gave wounded further medical attention and improvised a litter to carry one man back to our Hqs. The other walked back. Several times during fire fight meaning could be heard from house occupied by enemy. During withdrawal 4-man enemy patrol sighted at (1646282), going from IL PALAZZO toward CASIGNO. No cut enemy com wire at CASIGNO leading North. At 210315A, from (1646362), 2 violet flares sighted by second group (patrol had split into 2 groups on return, 15 minutes apart).

- 76 1845 PATROL REPORT NO. 1115; 10th Recon. Out-191700A. In-210230. Moved out from CPL 1900A, or 676 at 1930; moved on to 684233 (heretofore 6890). Up to this point trail can be used by miles; from this place on the trail is wide enough for a jeep. Ar at 649-256 2200 bridge passable for jeeps. Cleared houses at 649-258 at 2330. Remained in houses fr 0130 to 1900. Heard vehicles in vicinity of CREMONA. Placed ambush squad out at 652261 fr 0130A to 0600A. At 0600A saw 3 Germans at (1648239). At 1700A moved to (1648239) in order to pick up Germans; they were not there at 1700A. From there we moved to (1656265) or at 2300A. Put out road block in order to pick up Germans. Were unable to find any in (1656265) area. Returned to CP 0230A. Mission not accomplished. No reason.
- 77 1845 PATROL REPORT NO. 1118; 3rd Plat 10th Recon. Out-190615. In-192000A. Findings: IP 0615A general direction RIZZOLA recon all roads and buildings. Roads (see overlay). House (1660249) shows evidence of habitation; clock running, house clean. No mines. Well dug gun position at 360 of CP (1665232). Slaughtered ox, hindquarter missing. House shelled. Grave, 4 helmets lots of enemy equipment, and MG ammo. Several good bunkers. House well wired with CP wire, several quarters of lamb in one room about 3 days old. (Above all in RIZZOLA). Between RIZZOLA and BAGO was pinned down by mortar (40 rds) (& rds of med arty) for 45 minutes. At (1667257) at 1215A fire from SUZZIANO (16727). Three men wounded, one seriously, retreated. All men maintain chlorine gas in shells. McKinney (Hos) severe lung pain, eyes and throat, sick to stomach. Grayish black smoke from shells. One man has little blisters on arm. Withdrew with casualties and returned to CP. Leader cut German communication line at (1660242). Camouflaged object at (1659262).
- 78 1850 Rec'd fr Fifth Army Weather Forecast 212400A to 222400A.

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| 77      | 1900 | Rec'd fr AS, Pub and Supply: Booklet with number of copies w/request for breakdown.  |
| 80      | 1900 | Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion, G-3 Report No. 80 dtd 211200A March 1945. w/...   |
| 81      | 1900 | Phone fr Air O to Retread 3; Rebase 3; Remount 3: Officers being trained as air observers will return to their units the evening of 23 March. ACTION: U/...  |
| 82      | 1902 | Phone fr Box 2: At 1845A 30 rds mixed arty and mortar fire over at (157700) fr via (1589388. Arty was MV. ACTION: Corps, INSM: G-2.  |
| 83      | 1930 | Phone fr Retread 3: "1" Co reports 8-7 men apparently laying mine at (156400) think they are Brazilians. ACTION: Called Luther 2 - will investigate and call back. Later says some of their men are at this point. Retread notified.   |
| 84      | 1930 | Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army Secret Document Ref No. 1051. dtd 19 March 1945. Also Document Ref No. FX 43459 fr MFOUSA.  |
| 85      | 1930 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army Detachment, Co D: Information Bulletin 664 20 March 1945.  |
| 86      | 1930 | Rec'd fr Allied Force Headquarters (2 copies) "Disposal of Prisons and Former Members of the Republican Fascist Armed Forces Captured by the Allies". 4 Mar.   |
| 87      | 1930 | Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army 1 copy "Assignment and Attachment of Troops." 19 March.   |
| 88      | 1930 | Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army (2 copies) Training Bulletin No. 1. dtd 18 March 1945.  |
| 89      | 2010 | Phone fr Retread 2: Civilian Report: House at (1572200) destroyed by our arty. Also house at (1571200) destroyed. 20 enemy located at GARA HI BARTOLINO (157202525). Enemy CP at MONTE BUFFONE (1568052). Enemy CP at GARA HI BENEDETA (1564254). CP in PARANETO (1565200): Enemy on Hill 778 (1570200). Enemy living in woods near FOSSICIERE (1570200) and never into village at night. There are 2 MG's in windows or holes in bldgs. At GARA HI SAVONI (1570200) The enemy has recently moved in. 2 enemy in CP at MONTERRI tower living in a cellar. 10 enemy in LA FORRE (1565200). House below (1562000) contains enemy. Enemy on Hill 787 (PROFUMO 1567200). CP in MONTELLO. MONTELLO is known as MONTE DELLA GROCE by civilians. As of 15 days ago the enemy line runs from MONTE DI GIAL (157257) to MONTELLO on Hill 907 (1568052). 20 positions in cemetery (1564200). Mines on Highway between MONTERRI and LA FORRE. Enemy in strength in house at (157700). Civilians believe relief made recently by enemy due to desertions by the Austrians (?) soldiers. ACTION: INSM, Corp, PI, Nap. |
| 90      | 2030 | Rec'd fr IV Corps INSM NO. 840. dtd 212000A.   |
| 91      | 2036 | Phone fr Col (Glen - G-1 Army: You are having and important visitor tomorrow - she is anxious to interview a German prisoner. Have you one on hand? Answer - no - they have all been processed to rear. If you could get one - hold on to him. Do not make any special effort to obtain one. ACTION: G-2, G/S.   |
| 92      | 2100 | PATROL PLAN NO. 311: "1" Co 89th Mt Inf. 6 Mt. 1 Mt. G-3-211000A. In-220500A. Mission: Set up CP and listening post at (162200).   |

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93 2100 PATROL PLAN NO. 210: W Co 69th Wg Inf, 1 Off, 15 M1, sub-211000. In-220000. Mission: Set up CP and listening post at (144000).

94 2130 Plans for Capt Turkish (IV Corps): II Corps-25 enemy attacked positions (177-279) were repulsed. 10-12 enemy repulsed after firing light via (201000). Rifle grenades and MG used by our patrol to repulse (144000). Very little slight and scattered. 1st Gen - sector quiet. 2nd - sector quiet. Report to (155820) reported no contact. 349th - sector quiet. 1st Gen contact out to many points. No contact.

95 2100 PATROL REPORT NO. 220: F Co 69th Inf, Oct-200100. In-200000. Plans: Searched houses at (143000) then joined Patrol 220 including sub-200000. At CALVANA, (143100) observed there for 30 min. Then searched buildings at CALVANA. No E. Observed and listened around HUFFINGO (143000). Plans revealed. At daylight returned to house at (143000) where an Italian boy claimed that E had been there recently. Proceeded to return to the next evening.

PATROL REPORT NO. 220: E Co 69th Wg Inf, Oct-200100. In-200000. Plans: Searched houses at (143700)-empty. Searched house at (143100) and houses at (144100)-empty. Time 200000 arrived at (144100) (144100 267). Rubble of land slides evidence of steep covering and evidence of attack on HUFFINGO from this direction impossible. Searched and searched houses at (143000). Found Italian children who said Germans had been there 3 days previous. During nights there is activity in that area, indicating patrols. Bright light in center on North side of house at (143920). Light came on hourly and appeared to be a signal. At daylight was coming on we stayed at location (143700) under cover of vegetation. Discovered small cave at that point which would hold E and a patrol, machine or base. Time now 200615. Laid low and covered until 200600. Then started bursting nearby as we moved in darkness to (143000). Stayed there until 201910 then returned to E Co CP. Located enemy sub-200000 at (143526) and (143207). We did not endeavor to see inside on account of HUFFINGO because of possible detection. First attempt to see inside at 20 minutes period, no contact. Heard tracks during night in our sight line in vic of (14407). Saw no mine fields by visual recognition on ground. This allowed insufficient if patrol to move quickly and observe. Actual plans and map did not give true version or picture of terrain. At (143000), a light in North window of house at (143206) was seen which might be signal light to CP on ROCCA ROFFINO. One probably E seen at (143700) near house; fled before patrol could get in capturing distance.

PATROL REPORT NO. 230: G Co 69th Wg Inf, Oct-200100. In-200000. Plans: Patrol 220 joined us at (143200). Proceeded to houses at (144000) and (144100) which were searched - empty. Proceeded E to road near CALVANA, (143100) with six men forward and balance behind. Took left side road, left road and proceeded due N on East side of road in darkness and proceeded about 25 yards when an E challenged forward group. Machine gun fire and the enemy fired a burst from a machine pistol. The forward group threw hand grenades at the E emplacement and hit first man the road to E target in window of house. Only E emplacement was on E side of road at (143000). German hand grenades thrown at the patrol with no effect however one hit the patrol leader in the leg but did not injure. E moved toward emplacement and a German speaking patrol member called to the E to surrender. Two E came out of emplacement to surrender and one was killed in

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the road. Then both started running away. I shot once and we wanted to take them alive. The patrol leader hit the largest one on the head with carbine breaking the weapon. Recognized prisoner and released (14323280). Prisoners were sent in under guard. All of us at base all day in order to support patrol 209 if necessary. Interval of patrol 209 having returned so we moved into our own Co in 1900L.

PATROL REPORT NO. 306: Co. 1219004. In 1900L. FIREBASE 1219004 houses at (1622264) and (1432267) found nothing. Heard fire from in view of point 721 at (1622264) and proceeded to give assistance. When we reached the area firing had ceased. Patrol proceeded thru draw between point 697 (1622269). When we reached draw directly in rear of 697 someone opened fire on patrol from houses. I company patrol was supposed to be covering these houses so patrol leader ordered men not to fire. An enemy was seen in contact X Co patrol by radio but could not. Told for 10 mins who was leading the other patrol. No avail. Patrol leader advised it was 100 and 1000 fire. Withdrew to (1622264), reorganized and returned to Co 67.

PATROL REPORT NO. 307: Co. K 8948, Co. 1219004 in 1900L. Radio message signaling 695 (1622269) draw enemy fire from houses 2 of 1900L. Patrol in firefight killing 8 S (estimated). Three of patrol injured. One of patrol attempted to take prisoners but enemy continued to shoot until patrol on patrol was forced to withdraw. Radio was completely jammed by enemy grenade (seriously injuring operator). Returned to Co 67 and loss of communication.

PATROL REPORT NO. 309: Co. L 8915, Co. 19004 in 1900L. Patrol to Co 67 at (1622267). Arrived at 1845L. Heard enemy firing in at (1622267). Trucks and carts traveling S and then E. Traffic travel in 10 min interval between vehicles. At 1900L enemy sound heard. Patrol, stopped, came back, looked at patrol, and 1000 at base. Patrol returned to Co 67.

PATROL REPORT No. 308: Co. I 8948, Co. 2022004 in 1900L. Patrol 711 (1622264) and 720 (1622265) have only civilians in them. No enemy installations found. Enemy resisted movement in area to (1622267). Trucks heard on Sorra Sorra - Sorra Road (1622267) (1622267) road. 2-way traffic. No enemy encountered.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1009: 1004 AF, Co. 1219004 1219004. Reached S of 7000 (1603256) at 0515. Told to civilians who said there were no enemy in house in Gaigne. Arrived Gaigne at 0530 and found no enemy. Established 2 CPs in buildings. One of road limited due to hill work. Villages showed where enemy camps are. 800 on hillside. And another in 1000 area. Road from Gaigne from N to E and SE for 1 mile each way and another 1000 trucks. All AF mine in road around base of hill. Small road (1622267) through N of 7000 to Gaigne good for jeep with both sides of road except bridge out at (1622267). Great number of enemy in area. All trails of photo can be used by radio. 1000-1000 at 1000. Enemy near. Village offers poor observation. Observation of enemy activity, none. Civilians stated X in Corrothia (1622267). Stopped at 1000. Returned early.

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PATROL REPORT No. 1114: 10th Reg, Out 191730A In 209500A. At (1645345), detail from 61st Reg placed 10 AT mines, no definite pattern. At 192230A saw and heard a 7-round enemy concentration on La Hala or Hago. Heard or saw little evidence of enemy activity. Found buildings in Sorvete (1649257) unoccupied. Evidence they had been occupied by enemy. In Hala 664259 not occupied. Map shows trail from (1642259) to (1643041), but none could be found. Received 3 rounds enemy mortar at (1640213). No casualties. Building at Hago (1654235) found unoccupied. No enemy contact.

PATROL REPORT No. 1115: 10th Reg, Out 201430A In 210400A. Proceeded to Il Palazzo (1644263) where patrol was challenged at 200200A. A firefight ensued for 45 minutes, enemy using machine pistols, handgrenades and MGs. Radio shot out with two casualties. Army patrol dog was killed. Withdrew cutting wires from Caisne N.

PATROL REPORT No. 1115: 10th Reg, Out 191745A In 210200A. Arrived (1655253) at 2030A, trails are good. Houses not occupied. Houses at point 469, (164952585) until next day setting up ambush, without result. Saw 3 enemy at (1648259) and at 1700A proceeded there but enemy had left. Proceeded to (1652265) and set another ambush with no results. Returned to CP.

- 96 2150 Road overlay from information given by Italian to Patrol 100A.
- 97 2150 Phone fr Box 3: 604 - 10 missions harassing unobserved, 5 missions counter-battery (161303120) (161902590) unobserved, 3 missions enemy personnel (1606277) unobserved - total 59 rounds. 605 - 1 mission, mortar position and an dump (160232545) observed by air CP - results area covered 75% hits. 1 mission enemy mortar (161002750) unobserved - total 58 rounds expended. 616 - N.T.R. 1125 - 1 mission harassing (164402562) observed by ground CP - mission accomplished, 24 rounds expended.
- 98 2205 Phone fr FI: Buildings E of RC3ALA at (1646309) are probably a hospital area. Action: Corps, G-2.
- 99 2215 Phone fr Box 2: 31 rounds of APG and 34 rounds of HE were fired from (1581239) at 1630A on targets at (1642244), (1646243), (1644245). Fires started on targets. Action: Corps, G-2, G-3.
- 100 2222 Phone fr Box 2: CP at (1594255) saw considerable activity near VERIGA (1531309) during afternoon and evening. Vehicles indicate possible CP. Action: ISOM, Corps, asked for check, for range from CP seemed great for good observation.
- 101 2225 Phone fr Rebel: Saw 3 light signals at 10 min intervals at about 212200A at approximately (1635195). Action - told Rebel to wait again if they recur.
- 102 2300 Phone fr Rebels 2: CP noted 3 explosions at (1645246) during the afternoon. Action: ISOM, Corps.

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103	2315	Phone fr Mount 2: OP reports 2 tracked vehicles near (1885303) heard at 2203A. 4 flares at (1591273) at 2220A. Action: IEM, Corp, G-2.
104	2320	Phone fr Box 2: Amber light (intermittent) noted 2230A-2300A on at 1380 mile fr (163092456). Action: IEM.
105	2335	Phone fr Retread 2: Mine OP at (154842258) reports S/A fire near (1571250). Our patrol is in the vicinity and is evidently having a firefight. Action: IEM.
106	2400	PATROL REPORT No. 611: CoL 86th, Out 1900A In 2300A. Men were coughing so came in, negative. Heard a vehicle (1586284) at 2355A.

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| 1       | 0030 | Recd Rq IV Corps KTRSP No. 140 212400A Mar 28.   |
| 2       | 0030 | PATROL REPORT NO. 1134 Co E 844th, Oct 2800A In 2800A. Patrol assigned and digging FUMATIGLIA (1412262) and men coming in (1402262), and about MG fire from (1402262). Returned without further incident.  |
| 3       | 0040 | Phone fr Box 2: 30 rounds of M408mm (7) fire received at (1402262) from (1402262) at 0028A. Action Corps, G-2.   |
| 4       | 0130 | PATROL REPORT NO. 610: Co E 844th, Oct 2815A In 0030A. About 0030, no contact. Reported fire fight near (1577252) and sounds of digging (1577254) (2 or more enemy).   |
| 5       | 0130 | Phone fr Element 2: CP at (1453259) reports MG fire, at 100', range 700 yd at 0045A. CP at (1592264) reports MG fire, at 90', range 1000 yd at 0045A. Action: ISOM.  |
| 6       | 0135 | PATROL REPORT NO. 911: Co L 87th, Oct 2815A In 2130A. Patrol assigned scheduled route to Area (1572269) time 2130A. Observed enemy activity started 20 min and continued on when lead scout arrived approximately 20 yds from hldg on trail at (16712266). A German scout fired machine gun then fire came from house from S/A. Our patrol under fire and returned fire to power withdrawal of patrol. German guard probably destroyed. Patrol arrived at rally point when 20 fire opened from house at (16712266) on right flank of patrol. 20 fire came from field house at (16712266). At time 1 Co CP observed blinder lights coming from (16712266) or (16712266) signaling in direction of patrol. Patrol returned without casualties. |
| 7       | 0400 | PATROL REPORT NO. 114: Co A 844th, Oct 2800A In 2300A. Patrol found area moon very bright and shone the entire valley. No enemy contact. In spotted enemy bunkers made of stone reinforced with wooden logs at (1592263). No indication of open fire and continued. Patrol withdrew then out, heard general sound of tracks apparently coming from behind (1592262). While out, our arty fired on that Mt and area behind it. Mission and results not known.   |
| 8       | 0504 | Phone fr Element 2: 20 rounds arty and mortar fall (1572) against positions 21700A - 220500A. 3 mortar fall near (1577253) at 0500. Area from vicinity SALTO (1449261). Action Corps, Box, G-2.  |
| 9       | 0530 | PATROL REPORT NO. 1117: AT In Oct 212200A In 2030A. Patrol issued to (1457265) at 2000A. Heard enemy movement and digging just in front and halted. Did not plan to move beyond this position for contact. On further report at 200500A. Pat flames fired to light enemy, and our arty fired. Patrol asked to reinforced Co at 4400A in case of attack.  |
| 10      | 0545 | PATROL REPORT NO. 1004: 10th Reg, Oct 210700A In 2030A. At (1457267) took trail; reached crest at (1542254) and went up road to (1457267) and took up ambush position 0445. Enemy had some light mortar fire at this point. Saw and heard no enemy. At 0545 our arty fired 20 rounds to E and our arty and mortar flames were returned and 2 mortar rounds and dugouts at (1453253) and dugouts at (1453253).  |



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| 11      | 0630A | PATROL REPORT NO. 311: Co I 85th, Out 1900A In 22000A, very quiet, nothing observed.  |
| 12      | 0630  | PATROL REPORT NO. 310: Co K 85th, Out 1900A In 22000A, very quiet, nothing of note.   |
| 13      | 0630  | Phone fr Retread 3: Will this Hq send orders for men to attend 21 medical action? Will check with G-2 and call back.  |
| 14      | 0600  | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 166 submitted.  |
| 15      | 0600  | Hq 10th Mt Div Logn No. 100 submitted.  |
| 16      | 0750  | Recd Hq Slat Cav Com Sqdn PW Report dated 21 March...also Federal Order 20 - 21 March 1945...   |
| 17      | 0845  | Phone fr Recall 4: 2nd Bn 65th leaves FARRATONE 22000A arrives MONTICAPONE 221105A. 2nd Bn 67th leaves MONTICAPONE 221430A arrives PISTIA 221535A.  |
| 18      | 0830  | Phone fr Col Davis: It is OK to mark your vehicles 10th Mt Div. Mark for Major Luck.  |
| 19      | 0930  | Recd HQ G-3 Report No. 137 dated 21 March.  |
| 20      | 0935  | Recd Hq IV Corps TDRM No. 661.  |
| 21      | 0930  | Phone fr Return 3: Men to attend nice morning and afternoon sessions at 8th Slt. 2nd Lt Keith L. Otter D-1107003. Sgt Sgt E. Brown. Cpl Miles Nelson - 3958227, Sgt Carl N. Salant - 1503745. Action: Report to Corps. G-1.   |
| 22      | 0945  | Recd Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report dated 21 March (No. 267).  |
| 23      | 0830  | Phone from Roberts 3: When 1/87 reliever the 30 27 will they be attached to 85th for Supply? No! The 1/87 will not be attached and supply. Action: G/S, Journal, G-3.   |
| 24      | 0845  | Phone fr Keystone 3: In regards to Col Irvin call: Is not Corps Headquarters read my request to have a I.D. outfit attached to the 10th Mt Div. Action: Replied IA. Col Irvin, Journal.   |
| 25      | 1030  | Phone fr Box 3: 60th - 3 missions harassing, unobserved 8 vbs. 200 - 4 missions harassing, unobserved 26 vbs. Action: Journal.  |
| 26      | 1045  | Phone fr Box 2--Observer 338 - a doughnut was at 1115A a German soldier with 3 men. Intelligence believed to be driven by Italian soldier or Prussian. 2 men into a house at (15091374), 2 Italian men out of this house and carried supplies from the sub. to a bunker at (1570877). Action: Box 2 call. |
| 27      | 1100  | Recall 3 to Keystone 3: This Div plans a big program for the 21st and commences 21 March. 2 Div to the west and near 100000 (1509) and 100000 (1509)...   |

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- 27 1100 TIZZORO (A999) for 3 mg days. The area we require is bounded by the 40 Easting, the 51 Easting and the 62 Northing. We will stay and work from garriens in the area. We also need a hand. Answer: Will call later. Action, CO, Journal.
- 28 1115 Rec Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 80, dated 21 March.
- 29 1130 Hq 104th Inf Div STEEP no. 147 submitted.
- 30 1150 Phone fr Rebase 3: 2nd Lt 85th closed into MONTAGNER BRIGADE. Action and normal, atrop.
- 31 1220 Phone fr Rebase 2: CP reports enemy depot at (1461275). ACTION 1220.
- 32 1230 Rec'd fr HQ, G-3 Report No. 137. 21 March 54.
- 33 1305 Phone fr Rebase 2: At 1200A our 75 Wgt moved at track at (1461271) covered by 31st - truck burning with thick black smoke. 21 March. ACTION 1305.
- 34 1310 PATROL PLAN NO. 420: "A" Co, 86th Inf, 4th Bn, 104th Div, 104th Div, 104th Div. Rebase: Fr position at (1461261) to draw via (1461261) from area to road (1461261) and return. Mission: See below for complete program of patrol.
- PATROL PLAN NO. 421: "B" Co, 86th Inf, 4th Bn, 104th Div, 104th Div, 104th Div. Rebase: From (1461261) to draw via (1461261) from area to road (1461261) and return. Mission: See above for complete patrol route.
- PATROL PLAN NO. 413: "C" Co, 86th Inf, 4th Bn, 104th Div, 104th Div, 104th Div. Rebase: (1582261) to (1582254) to (1577255) and return same route. Mission: Atrop.
- PATROL PLAN NO. 413: "D" Co, 86th Inf, 4th Bn, 104th Div, 104th Div, 104th Div. Rebase: (1582257) to (1582258) and return same route. Mission: Atrop.
- 35 0900 Phone fr Rebase 3 to Rebase 2: Can we have a 25 to be attached to this 25? Answered by Col. Curtis: No. Action: Journal. (25th Bn, 104th Div) had previously asked that G-3 call Corps and request that a 25 Co or a platoon of 2 TD's be attached this Div).
- 36 1210 Sergeant Major H. Lane visited CP. Reported 1210. Action, Journal.
- 37 1400 Read Hq 21 Cav Reg 54th 2-2 Periodic Rpt No. 57 and Patrol reports 21/22 March.
- 38 1405 Phone fr Rebase 3: 604 - 3 missions - enemy groups (1461271) observed by ground CP - effective - 37 mt. 604th - one mission - enemy group (1461271) observed by ground CP - have destroyed 44 mt. 604th - reconnaissance mission - assume one fire 234000. 1125 - one mission - reported and position (6785272) direct hit. one mission 21 (1572255) hit... and mission group (1572255) hit... 75 mt. Action: Journal.

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- 39 1455 Phone fr Box 2: 1 civilian reports that 4 guns are located in ~~area~~ (161230). Noted Lamm and Journal.
- 40 1500 Hq 10th Hq Div SITREP NO. 146 submitted.
- 41 1505 Phone fr IPW: 1 prisoner from 74th Co captured at (161230) (location), states the following: His unit was relieved in their previous position on 16-17 March by the 104th Regt. 74th then relieved the 104th on 18-19 March of 19-20 March 1st and 2nd Bns of 74th in line. ~~ATTCN: None, S/A, 2nd Bn.~~
- 42 1515 Phone fr CID: If any civilians are picked up in the neutral zone they will not be returned and care should be taken that the persons left behind are well sufficient, such as taking a waterway from any children then leaving children to shift for themselves - or a man from a sick wife, etc. ~~ATTCN: None, S/A, 2nd Bn.~~
- 43 1536 Phone fr Box 2: CP at (161235) was 3 trucks under trees at (161230) and firing on them now. Will report efforts later. ~~ATTCN: None~~
- 44 1600 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 145
- 45 1600 Rec'd fr Fifth Army Weather Forecast. From 221600 to 221600.
- 46 1600 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 161. 221600, March 1954.
- 47 1600 Rec'd fr Hq XIII Tactical Avl Command, Daily Intelligence Summary No. 136.
- 48 1600 Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 262, 221600 March 1954.
- 49 1610 Phone fr Box 2: Fire on 3 trucks under trees at (161230) by our arty was effective; no specific results reported. ~~ATTCN: None~~
- 50 1715 Phone fr The 81 Mag No. 8 Route 1 time over area 1141 to 1141 visibility good no flak, MORA to MUYOLIN 11 motor transports 11 HD vehicles and 3 motorcycles scattered both ways. MADA covered 110 Fm and 110 approximately 10 motor transports and 15 HD vehicles scattered 1141 to 1141 1 motor transports and 2 HD vehicles scattered both ways. 1 1141 to 1141 2 motor transports 1 HD vehicle and 6 hand carts both ways. 1141 to 1141 2 motor transports and 3 HD vehicles both ways. 1141 to 1141 2 motor transports and 3 HD vehicles both ways. Total 2 motorcycles scattered E PAKHA area 10 motor transports and 15 HD vehicles along 1141 area 2 motor transports and 7 HD vehicles all ways. MORA area 15 motor transports and 10 HD vehicles all ways.
- 51 1735 Phone fr Minute 2: 221630 to 221630 on H dalla 278 20 rounds sent and arty fire. 220004, arty 3 rounds sent fire.
- 52 1720 Phone fr Airord 3: 2nd Bn 87th Hq Inf aligned at FIERA (161219) at 221600. C.P. now located at (160219). ~~ATTCN: C/S, G-2, SITREP.~~

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Phone fr Box 3; 604th FA; 1 mission enemy occupied houses (140903). One hit on house. 13 rounds expended. 604th FA; 1 mission enemy occupied houses (140903). Several target hits. 75 rounds. 1 increasing stream (140908) of 1000 yds. 23 rounds. 604th FA; 1 mission. 1127th FA; 1 mission. 140923755 position neutralized. 34 rounds. 1 suspected gun position (1409245) position neutralized. 11 rounds. All observed by ground S.F. in 1127th SINF.

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PATROL PLAN NO. 104; 1st Bn 85th AB Inf. 1 CPT. 12 HL. Out 220000. In 0200A. Missions: Comm and Res.

PATROL PLAN NO. 312; 4<sup>th</sup> Co, 85th AB Inf. 1 CPT. 6 HL. Out 220000. In 0200A. Missions: Comm and Res.

PATROL PLAN NO. 313; 4<sup>th</sup> Co, 85th AB Inf. 1 CPT. 20 HL. Out 220000. In 200000. Missions: Clear houses at 497 and 1127th SINF. CP at 2 000 and 4 AM set up at houses 721 to remain till 240000.

PATROL PLAN NO. 912; 4<sup>th</sup> Co, 85th AB Inf. 2 CPT. 20 HL. Out 220000. In 230000. Missions: Comm, Res patrol. Start at 150000, 150000, 150000, 1507242 NW to 1507244, 1507244, 1507242 and return. Support by 1 000 HL.

PATROL PLAN NO. 1118; Res Troop. 1 CPT. 25 HL. Out 220000. In 220000. Missions: Res and Comm.

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PATROL REPORT NO. 1006; Out-212130A. In-220000. 10th AB Div. Findings: 14091242 across country but patrol was making too much noise to start following trails at 1409130. Inspected houses at 1409130 and found nothing. Proceeded to VERNETTILLO River at 1409135, 11 along river to 1409140, arriving at 1409140 in position at 220000 nothing ahead. No enemy contact. At 01151 a flare was fired, an 55<sup>th</sup> -600 yds range. At 0230A a second flare was fired. Flare burning all during this time, same as. Returned along prescribed route at 0230A. Inspected degree at 1409253, found burned. At 0415A a flare from same position followed by red star and M pistol firing down to left 500 yards.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1117; 10th Bn; 1 CPT. 10 HL. Out-212130A. In-220000. Findings: Patrol members left 1409136 and proceeded on 2300A. At 0100 of 2300 1409245 heard movement and digging in draw (also heard by 2nd and 3rd plato Co A). Flares were fired to light up area. 2nd and 3rd plato of Co A fired in the area. Noise ceased but started again at 2300A; again heavy fire was brought in area. Bn Co directed patrol to remain at head of draw in position; not to move down draw to original ambush position. No noise after 2315A, and patrol returned at 0330.

PATROL REPORT NO. 310; 4<sup>th</sup> Co, 85th; 1 CPT. 15 HL. Out-212130A. In-220000. Findings: Left 1409257 and proceeded to 1409245 where ambush was set up. Heard no enemy activity.

PATROL REPORT NO. 311; 4<sup>th</sup> Co, 85th; 1 HL. Out-212130A. In-220000. Findings: Set up CP at 1409245; heard or saw no enemy activity.

55 1755 Rec'd fr Div Artz 8-3 Report No 52.

56 1755 Rec'd fr Fifth Army Engineer Headquarters (Thru 1127th SINF) 1st "Key to Route Reports and River Studies." W/overleaf.

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 57 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 102 submitted.
- 58 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div SIREP NO. 169 submitted.
- 59 1800 Rec'd fr Hq 10th Mt Div G2D Deltar "Enemy Agents". Also Special Report. Also ltr "Screening of Employees". dtd 21 March 1945.
- 60 1810 Phone fr Box 2: Reported from Reply 2: Observer at 157450Z at 157450Z reports inf CP reported improvements on an enemy outpost at 1567570Z. ACTION: ISUM.
- 61 1845 Phone fr Element 3: Element CP observed a German observation plane flying W approximately over Element CP (156423Z) at 1845. ACTION: ISUM, Corps, 87th, Arty.
- 62 1846 Phone fr Echete 2: Echete CP reports an enemy MG believed to be in position at (1631275). A fire line is cut through the trees. 120100: ISUM, Arty.
- 63 1925 Phone fr IFW: Civilians came into our lines at 156200Z, some from 157450Z (1574255) stated: Germans at 210200A had ordered cessation by civilians of 157450Z (1574255) and 1562250Z. AF mine located on main path just W of Mt DI BOITALLIC (1572253) and along stream bed which runs E and parallel to the shore path. 1 ILM and underground shelter at 1561250Z, just W of the secondary road; this position manned by 4 Germans. 1 ILM position and underground shelter at (156402565); this position is manned by 3 Germans. ACTION: 87th, 89th, Corps, Ingra, Map.
- 64 1905 Phone fr Retreat 2: New type shell crater noticed after shelling last night in Mine B: shell holes were 6 to 9 feet across, 3 to 4 feet deep sloped in gradually to a center core hole which is 3 to 4 feet across. ACTION: Corps, 87th.
- 65 2000 Rec'd fr Fifth Army Photo Intelligence Center 3 copies General Interpretation Report No. R 236. Also Symbolic special Engineer Report.
- 66 2000 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps ISUM NO. 434.
- 67 2000 Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion, 8-3 Report No. 61, dtd 221200L March 1945.
- 68 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps Ops, Intelligence Bulletin No. 27 064 22 March 1945.
- 69 Rec'd fr Fifth Army Detachment Co D, Information Bulletin dtd 21 March 1945.
- 70 2020 Phone fr Box 2: Reply 2: Suspected enemy CP at 16010001A. ACTION: ISUM
- 71 2055 Phone fr Box 2: Subject 2: Observer at 1594255 at 220200A reports enemy mortar position at 157852790; hit by flash-bang from 2 different CPs.
- 72 2136 Phone fr Echete 2: From Action Trp: Patrol #1114 was called back; furthest point reached was 1662245; no enemy contact. At 221200A a trip flare was set off in front of Co B, 27 Reg the Bn is all alerted; at same time a flare was set off in front of 51st Recon. ACTION: ISUM.
- 73 2155 Phone fr Box 2: Easthaven 2: Cp reported at 154200Z MFP ran into a German patrol; killed 2 Germans, captured one and 2 escaped. ACTION: C/A.

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- 74 2113A Phone fr Max 2: Flash btry at (1614221) reports at AZ 12° from 222035A to 222103A 15 mortar rounds fall in square (16225) 6 mortar were firing the 15 rounds. Action: ISUM.
- 75 2230 Phone fr Max 3: 604 - 1 mission enemy dugout (1643348) results unknown. 8 harassing missions, results unknown, 51 rounds expended. 602 - 1 mission on enemy CP (1608275) target hits obtained, 1 casualty believed, 15 rounds. MGs (1643272) silenced. 24 rounds. 1 harassing mission, results unknown. (1578279) 24 rounds. G/M (1590297) not silenced. 24 rounds. 614 - PFM 1125 - 1 harassing mission (1578248) against personnel. Results unknown. 5 rounds. Action: Journal, G-2, G-3.
- 76 2250 Phone fr Rebate 2: 2 trip flares were tripped, 1 in front of N YALMBA (16124) and 1 in front of N BELVEDERE (16524); both positions report seeing 1 enemy running away; MGs & mortar have been fired in front of both positions; things are quiet now; this happened at 222030A. Action: ISUM.
- 77 2145 Phone fr Rebate 2: From 221630A to 222234A Blue Bn reports 4 rounds make forward slopes N della SPS (16126). At 222105A 4 rounds from AZ 25° landed on Hill 920 (1617259). Blue Bn mortars knocked out enemy MG position by direct hit at (1623277) saw no enemy activity thereafter. Action: ISUM.
- 78 2336 Phone fr Rebate 2: At TORRE DUNSI (1622274) one CP has observed lights in window of house. Action: Journal.
- 79 2355 PATROL REPORT NO. 113: I Co 854th, Out 1930A in 2345A, heard enemy digging along road at (1617249). MD weapons were moving S and E between this point and SERRASARIANA (1620270). Saw enemy patrol moving in N around SERRASARIANA. Consisted of approximately 6 men. Mort and MG fire has been placed in this entire sector. Own position N slopes of N della SPS (1617266).

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| 1       | 0030 | Recd Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 164, 230400Z Mar 45.  |
| 2       | 0100 | PATROL REPORT NO. 612: Out 1913A In 0016A. Went to (1577000). At 2200A recd MF fire from (1577000). From this point patrol could hear enemy building burner or vent blast. Sounds of shelling etc. Heard back temporarily by fire, but returned by different route to (1577000) and while working their way through minefield there, recd 9 120mm grenades. Withdrew and had mort fire placed on this position. 3 missing casualties.                             |
| 3       | 0100 | PATROL REPORT No. 613: Out 1970A In 2100A. Patrol went from (1577000) to (157632000). At this latter point, had MF which consisted of 100mm & supposed MGs fired upon them and one flame and also mortar launched by fire by enemy forced them to withdraw. Recd mortar fire during withdrawal. No casualties.  |
| 4       | 0100 | Phone fr IFN: 1 PV for period 230400A to 230400A. Action: Journal, ISUN.  |
| 5       | 0100 | Phone fr Recall 2: Contact made between 64th 3d Bn and 87th 3d Bn at 2330A.   |
| 6       | 0100 | Phone fr Retread 2: At 1723A, 73 rounds arty recd at 87th 3d Bn area. ISUN, SITREP.   |
| 7       | 0341 | Phone fr Account: 3d Bn 64th contacted Retread Mine at 0300A.   |
| 8       | 0400 | Phone fr Sabote: Reconbt patrol made contact with 64th at 0400A.  |
| 9       | 0435 | Phone fr Box 80: 616th FA Bn moved into position across at 0400A. Will assume fire supporting 87th Inf at 230400A. Action: SITREP.  |
| 10      | 0600 | Hq 10th Hq Div SITREP No. 171, 230600Z Mar 45, submitted.   |
| 11      | 0600 | Hq 10th Hq Div ISUN No. 163, 230600Z Mar 45, submitted.   |
| 12      | 0600 | PATROL REPORT NO. 612: 1 Co 87th, Out 222300A In 230100A. Patrol on scheduled route. Recd some 84 fire from 147000 (1566200) without further incident. The objective was on fire, result of our artillery preparation. The team was searched, traces of enemy were found but no personnel. Patrol withdrew to rally point and at 0600 1 Co returned to our lines. The propaganda broadcast presented by allied enemy mortar fire caused 1 casualty, slight shock. |
| 13      | 0715 | PATROL REPORT NO. 613, 1/85, 1 817 300A, Out 2200A, In 2200A, recd 120mm report: Mine to and incl point VII (1566200) clear of enemy. 87 (1566200) occupied. MF heard from point 695 but believe any mortar was destroyed. 8 82 and 1 aft are in clear post at point VII (1566200) shooting enemy fire on point 695. (8 will remain in pos all day).  |
| 14      | 0750 | Recd Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 61, dated 23 Mar.  |

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- 15 0800 Read incoming message No. 1130A fr 5th Army AGC, To Fed, Reference HQ 1...  
Intentional See 23 March. Chaparral Team leave 135117 at 2400H do not 1200H.  
Regt CP leave 135120 at 2400H 0900A. (class...230500)
- 16 0730 Phone fr Capt Turick, Ia O: II Corps: Section, enemy arty quiet. Small  
group enemy personnel observed at 913772 - 914371 - 917153 taken under fire.  
21 Men fr? patrols out no enemy contacted. Some arty work on forward  
positions. HEV mortar quiet slight arty fire heard. No enemy contacted.  
345 CP report at SPIDOLING record fire on enemy at 1180. Spoke 372120 with  
good results. 92 Div Sector, quiet-position and movement of vehicles taken  
under fire by 801 and mortar. Enemy in via 713774 was reported by mortar  
and arty fire. 15 rds mortar road via 912370. 5th Army Section: mortar quiet  
day - with all arty active. 5th Corps: 1114 shells reported on front.  
Polish French...quiet. 10th Corps: Quiet, considerable mortar action on  
Arty active. Big house located at 225843 had direct hit. Shaped large  
explosion, rubble and dirt went 200 to 300 ft high. Action Journal.
- 17 0830 PATROL REPORT no. A21, C/64, 12 EN, Cpt 222480A in 230130A, Findings: Set  
ambush; no enemy contact.
- 18 0830 Read 3384th SIAM Co, Platoon D-2 Patrol reports, dated 22 March.
- 19 0854 Phone fr Box 2: Enemy mortar pos reported at 189227. Action exp. 21, 24, 25th.
- 20 0905 Phone fr Recall 2 to Retread: 751st Tp Bn, finished 23 enemy out of houses at  
1546253, They moved up down to CABELLO. (545253) where they were taken under  
fire.
- 21 0905 Phone fr TAG/R #2 giving report.
- 22 0925 Phone fr Retread 2: Request 35 copies of G-2 Periodic Report 22 March 1945  
with reclassification for distribution to front line units. Am interested in  
part that applies to actions of patrol that captured 23 prisoners on 17-20  
March. Action: Will be done.
- 23 1000 Read: IV Corps ISUM NO. 844 dated 230937A March  
1000
- 24 Read two Tactical and Technical Trends for G-2.
- 25 1115 Read HQ IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 289 dated 230900A March.
- 26 1120 Phone fr Box 2: Civilians report: 1.-There are many survivors near 220000A.  
2.- At 230030A, 2 trucks were seen via 51220 (1614220). 3.-200 trucks are dug  
in between 7200 (16171200) and 6420 (1618200). 4.-There is a probable  
unoccupied gas position at (16162200). 5.- Enemy arty heard firing fr  
(15916232). Action: Com, Corps, 21, Regt.
- 27 1142 Phone fr Recall telegrams: The following action will appear in today's Periodic  
Report: Civilians contacted for forwarding often used to return to their homes  
to pick up members of their families left behind. Plans movement of



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civilians in forward areas is forbidden, military personnel have to accompany them on such return trips. Time will be saved and confusion avoided if families are evacuated intact. Commanders will take action to see that when civilians are evacuated no members of the household are left behind. **ACTION:** To all regts.

- 28 1215 Phone fr Tac R: 55 No. 2 Time over area 1005A to 1040A visibility good. VERGATO to 2000A 2 horse drawn vehicles E. 1000A to VERGATO 2 motor transports scattered stationary 1 motor transport S. 3 horse drawn vehicles 2 on dispatch rider E. (14050) section roads radius 2 miles 13 motor vehicles and horse drawn vehicles scattered stationary. CASTEL FRANCO 1 motor transport stationary. CASTEL FRANCO to MEDINA no movement seen. MEDINA town 1 motor transport stationary. MEDINA to PERUGINA 2 motor transports E. MEDINA to REGGIO no movement seen. REGGIO town 1 motor transport stationary. MEDINA and ALBINGIA 2 horse drawn vehicles E. REGGIO to SASSUOLO 1 horse drawn vehicle 1 motor transport S (10050) 2 vehicles stationary (10050) 2 heavy trucks no movement seen. (14223) section roads radius 2 miles 2 miles 3 horse drawn vehicles. (14247) bridge OK. No act seen.
- 29 1215 Phone fr IFW: 1 prisoner from 7th Co 741st Regt. <sup>for pass</sup> **ACTION:** Issued.
- 30B 1230 Phone fr Rom2: 1. Thin AM 11 Italians seen thru the lines at MONTANA. Heavy CP at (BALPICOLA (15312901) 2. Story of Arty at FAJON (15322100). 1 heavy abty at CASINA (15402201). 4. Mortars and howitz at LE ROY (15402207) 1. Large amt of personnel at (15452299). 6. Camp at MONTANA approximately 500 meters South. Camp will hold about 300 persons. **ACTION:** None, 0-1, 1000 Rover See.
- 31 1244 Phone fr Rom 2: Enemy CP at (1532211); was fired on and no further movement observed. **ACTION:** LSNM, Corps, 0-2.
- 32 1245 Rec'd fr MIF G-2 Periodic Report No 138 dtd 22 March 1945.
- 33 1245 Rec'd fr MIF G-2 Periodic Report No 138 dtd 22 March 1945.
- 34 0100 Rec'd German Documents found on MT FINEGGIA, by Capt Sanders, 10th Regt.
- 35 1320 Phone fr Rom 2: 1-Air Cp reports enemy CP at (1533207). 2.- CP reports enemy CP at (14002710). **Action:** Issm, Corps, P1
- 36 1340 PATROL PLAN NO. 614, 1/86, 1 squad, out 231215, In 240200. Mission: Ambush, (589259) - (589264).
- PATROL PLAN NO. 615, 1/86, one squad, out 231930, In 24004, Mission: Ambush, (591257) - (582254) - (579254) and return
- PATROL PLAN NO. 622, 1/86, 6 enlisted men, out 2300, In 240400, Mission: recon at 599267, (601261) - (599267) and return.
- PATROL PLAN NO. 623, 0/86, One squad, out 2300A, In 240500A, Mission: recon, (602250) - (604250) - (604260) - (602261) and return.

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- 37 1405 Phone fr Box 2: Activity of enemy between house (157952711) and draw (158023760) indicates possible mortar positions. ACTION: ISUM, G-3, PI, Map.
- 38 1410 Rec'd fr Hq 81st Ren Sqdn, Patrol Reports 23-23 March, dtd 23 March and also 8-8 Periodic Report No. 58, dtd 22 March 1945.
- 39 1410 Rec'd fr Hq 10th Mt Div, 8-3 Report No 53, dtd 1800A March.
- 40 1410 Rec'd fr Hq 87th Mt Inf, 8-2 (Bredour), photo of MONTREUX etc, w/field mag. G1. Request the area outlined be enlarged - 6 copies. 2. Request additional coverage below this photo - 6 copies.
- 41 1415 Rec'd fr 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf: Enemy documents.
- 42 1410 Phone fr Remout 2: 1. Civilian Report: Supply point at (1542267); arty position at (155352900); arty at (1562284). 2. CP reports: Dugouts or arty positions via (1572291); (1586305); (1581289), and enemy CP at (1572291). 3. Further reported by a patrol: There are four enemy dugouts between (157702545) and (157902545). Last night there were four men in two of the dugouts, one was empty and men were heard moving in the fourth. Outer defenses are trip flares and mines. ACTION: Corps, Map, PI, G-2, Box.
- 43 1514 Rec'd Field Mag dtd 22 March 45, fr Capt J.M. Wright, 8-3; 701st TD Bn: "Your overlay showing the CP of the 701st TD Bn is incorrect. The correct coords are (1558150)."
- 44 1500 Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 173 submitted.
- 45 1500 Hq, IV Corps SITREP NO. 163 submitted, 231200A March 1945.
- 46 1535 PATROL PLAN NO. 1119. 10th Ren Trp. 2 Off. 20 KM. Out-231900A. In-240400A. Mission: Combat, Capture PWs.
- 47 1535 PATROL PLAN NO. 913; 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf. 10 Off. 7 KM. Out-232000A. In-232400 Mission: Ren and Obsn. Route: (1582241)-(1582243)-(1573249) and return.
- 48 1530 Phone fr Box 2: Reply 2: Observer at (1594255) at 231400A reports. Inf CP reports: Enemy dugout and suspected arty positions at (1575306) and at (1586305) and at (1581289); enemy CP at (1572291); this CP is well dug in with vision window. ACTION: ISUM, Corps, Map, G/S, Journal.
- 49 1615 Rec'd msg fr Tac R #9.
- 50 1630 Phone fr Box 3: Air CP at (1621304) saw a vehicle parked by a house and took off suspected house to be CP. Our arty adjusted on house; enemy ran out of house and arty covered surrounding area at 231530A. ACTION: ISUM, Map, G/S.
- 51 1630 Rec'd fr IV Corps the following Message: Following message reference mist warfare and demolitions course is quoted for your information. Students will report to commanding Officer engineer school detachment, replacement and training command, MTOUSA, now located at CIGCHIGNOLA, ITALY. Six miles south of ROME. Personnel will bring six copies of orders placing them on detached service with

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Headquarters Replacement and Training Command, for duty as students with Engineer School Detachment. Mail forwarded will be addressed to Engineer School Detachment APO #49. Interpreters will accompany non-English speaking personnel. PX Rations cannot be issued by the school to BEF and Italian personnel as it is necessary that they bring with them sufficient PX Rations to last them for the duration of the course. All personnel will bring full field equipment less weapons, authorized clothing allowances, three blankets or bed roll, raincoat, mess kit, steel helmets, extra shoes and socks, two suits of fatigues, compass and protractor and one days rations. Students will assemble at VISA AIRFIELD by 0930A 27 March for travel by air. Addressee will designate senior Officer who will be responsible for control of respective group to and from school. On arrival inROME, senior group commander will contact Headquarters Engineer School Detachment, telephone exchange BROWIDE, for transportation from airfield to school. 48 hours prior to departure from school, senior group commander will contact Captain Clarke, telephone lightning rear three, to arrange for return transportation. Parent organization will be responsible for student transportation to and from assembly point."

- 52 1700 Rec'd fr Hq XIII Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary No 159.
- 53 1700 Rec'd fr Hq, 34th Inf Div, G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 365. (2 copies)
- 54 1700 Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 563. 221200A March 1945. (2 copies)
- 55 1700 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, ISUM NO. 665. 231530A March 1945.
- 56 1700 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, (Technical Intelligence, North Africa and Central Mediterranean) Booklet "Technical Intelligence Summary No. 44" and "Intelligence Notes No. 99."
- 57 1650 Phone fr Rex 3; Air OP: At 231610A at (L671322) observed scattered 6-10 men with horse drawn vehicle heading SE. ACTION: ISUM.
- 58 1650 Phone fr IPW: Civilian was picked up coming into (L557274) from SECCATOCOLA (L557274) and reports: 2 arty pieces at LE ROVINE (L548275), believed to be 75mm how are in the woods 200 yds E of above coordinates; were observed firing an evening of 20 March; personnel manning these hows are billeted in the houses at LE ROVINE. ACTION: ISUM, Corps, arty, C/S.
- 59 1700 PATROL PLAN NO. 315: "I" Co, 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off. 12 KM. Out-232000A. In-240400A. Mission: Recon and Obsn. Route: (L616264), (L616270), (L619270) and return.  
  
PATROL PLAN NO. 314: "I" Co, 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off. 15 KM. Out-232000A. In-240300A. Mission: Relieve OP at Point 721 (L623267) and set up OP at (L623266) also. From (L619259), (L623267) and return.  
  
PATROL PLAN NO. 107: "C" Co, 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off. 6 KM. Out-231900A. In-240400A. Mission: Recon and Obsn. Route: (L630246)-(L638254) and return.  
  
PATROL PLAN NO. 106: "B" Co, 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off. 10 KM. Out-231900A. In-240400A. Mission: Recon and Obsn. Route: (L624234)-(L631261)-(L636262)-(L628255) and return.

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- 60 1800 Rec'd: Overlay, Bivouac Area, 23 Mar 45, fr 87th Mt Inf.
- 61 1800 Rec'd: Overlay of Route of Patrol #913, 23 Mar 45, fr 1 Bn, Arty.
- 62 1800 Rec'd fr Fifth Army, Weather Forecast fr 232400A to 24000A.
- 63 1800 Rec'd fr AG, Pub and Supply, 1 Copy TM 12-253.
- 64 1800 Rec'd fr AG, Pub and Supply, 1 Copy FM 70-10 requesting breakdown of same.
- 65 1045 Phone fr Rex 3: 604th FA.-1 neutralization mission on enemy MG at (1632273). One by ground CP targets neutralized. 605th FA.-NTR. 616th FA.- NTR.
- 66 1050 Phone fr Return 3: The road vicinity CAMPI BELLO will be ciled in a week or so by IV Corps. ACTION: Noted for Col Irvin.
- 67 1805 Phone fr Lt Col Cordes: First element to be relieved at 241900A. Last element expected to be relieved by 242315A. Expected to be in MONTECATINI approx 0830A.
- 68 1850 Phone fr Rex 2: Reject 3: We fired a mission at 231700A on enemy Inf who were digging at 163692744 and casualties were seen to result; at 231815 we again fired on this position; enemy activity was neutralized; Inf observed this. ACTION: C/S ICUM.
- 69 1855 Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2: At 231845A 2 snake pits observed at 1576257; reported by Inf. ACTION: ICUM, C/S.
- 70 1855 Phone fr Div Trans Officers: Plan to move AT Bn to MONTECATINI at 1920, 1930, 2230 and 2335A. Also movement of 2/86 will start from MONTECATINI shortly after 1300A; does this meet with your approval? Ans: O.K. Go right ahead. ACTION: Noted for Col Irvin, C/S.
- 71 1915 Phone fr Capt Turkish (LNO): 92nd sector quiet, arty fired on enemy positions and enemy personnel. 365th - 23 rds 105How landed in vicinity 1403043. No patrols during period. REF -sector quiet, slight motor and arty fire reported in 15623 square. 61st Reg. - NTR. II Corps: Small fire fight at (1832285). Enemy reported at 2806882 and point 247 (1733273). slight arty fire in vis L and R sectors. ACTION: For 0630A briefing.
- 72 1935 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, Intelligence Bulletin No 28 dtd 23 March 1945.
- 73 1935 Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion, 3-3 Report No. 82. dtd 231800A March 1945.
- 74 1935 Rec'd fr Hq, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Training Memorandum No. 2. dtd 15 March 1945. 2 Copies.
- 75 1845 Phone fr Retread 2: 3 civilians came into our lines at (1585242) and (1575284). 1st civilian reports: Germans reported building bridge and using mill in vis GSA (1575257); lots of activity and Germans at 1875256). 2nd Civilian reports: 4-7 Germans in SPIGNOLA (1569250); draw in vis of 1571250 is mined; mines on road

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- between GHA (1575257) and BOROLINO (1572253); several mortars on rear slope of MONTELO (1565258); bunker with 7-8 men 10 yards from RJ at (1567250); AA gun approx (1563268); mines in SPIGNOLA at (156852496); some Germans in GHA (1575-257); 20 Germans in BRAIM at (1572256). See civilian reports: New troops arrived 3 days ago; live in lone house in woods at (1551284); story of concentrating army at 1551284; MONTELO bluff is location of several enemy mortars (1565-257); OP at church on MONTELO (1564248); 6-10 Germans in SPIGNOLA (1567250); bunker at RJ above PARAVENTO (1567250); mines in draw above SPIGNOLA (1569-250); mines on road from SPIGNOLA to BARTOLINO (1572253); new section of road put in and mined; Germans use houses and miles on road from SALTO (1567262) to IL LAGO (1560263). ACTION: Corps, Arty, Map, C/S, Engrs.
- 76 2015 Phone fr Col Chadwick: The firing demonstration of recoilless weapons will take place at (1563102) at 271A30A. ACTION: Notified 85, 86th, 87th, C/S
- 77 2045 Phone fr Recall 2: Mag to Remount (Capt Hard) 3/86 relieved on position by 2/86 night of 26 March. 3/86 will move to FRUNTI (1A995) tag area morning of 27 March. They will comply with bag program outlined in Field Message No 6 and return to Div Res during daylight hours of 31 March at PISTA COLORA. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 78 2055 Phone fr Recall 3: 3/87 relieved on position by 2/87 night of 26 March. 3/87 will move to CAMPO TIZZONO (1A999) tag area morning of 27 March. They will comply with bag program outlined in Field Message 6, and return to Div Res during daylight hours of the 31st March at PIETRA COLORA. (H). ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 79 2100 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, ISUM NO. 866. dtd 232000A March 1945.  
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- 80 2115 Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2: Observed from OP at (15840) what is believed to be signal light at 5591 mls, approx 200 yards distant at 232110A. ACTION: ISUM.
- 81 2010 Phone fr Rebate 2: Shell Report: Betwe n 231345A and 231390A ) mortar and 15 medium arty rounds landed on M DELLA SPIE (16126) coming from as of 20°; at same time 4 rounds medium arty landed 200 yards S of CASTEL D' AIANO (16026) on the road.
- 82 2130 Phone fr Rebate 2: Vehicles moving N to E in vic of (1659284) estimated 2 to 5 vehicles. ACTION: 81st Bn, Rex.
- 83 2135 Phone fr Rex 2: 751st Tank Bn TD fired 40 rounds APC, 87 rounds HE from vic (1581239) at following targets requested by 3rd Bn 87th Mt Inf; (155824A)- enemy OP; (1565246)-house; (1571250)-person-el; (1571253)-dugout. Received 25 rounds mortar and 10 rounds medium arty center battery fire. Mission fired between 231100A and 231400A.
- 84 2200 Phone fr Keystone 3: The proposed hazing training area allotted the Div has definitely been approved. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 85 2225 Phone fr Rex 3: 604th FA - fired 11 harassing missions unobserved and 3 missions on enemy occupied houses (1637275). Ground OP observed. Enemy scattered 103 rds. 605th FA - 1 mission on enemy mortars (1576282) ground OP results - fire effective. 33 rounds 1 harassing mission unobserved 5 rounds. 616th FA-1 mission on enemy occupied building (163253) building partly destroyed 24 rounds. 1125th BER. ACTION: STREP, G-3.

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- 86 2250 Phone fr Box 2 - Reply 2: The observer at (160272504) reports small arms fire and 2 flares (1612267) it is quiet now at 2245A. ACTION: Issm.
- 87 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 175 submitted.
- 88 2315 Phone fr Rebate 5: Redemt contacted 81st Ren at 2300A. ACTION: Sitrep.
- 89 2353 Phone fr Box 2: Hostile aircraft in the area, red warning. I will notify you of condition all clear. It is passing over our area now and there will soon be a yellow warning. At 0007A the condition is white. ACTION: Noted Journal and Issm.

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- 1 0005 Phone fr Rex 3: Condition Med - Air Raid warning enemy planes in our vicinity. ACTION: Corps, 85th, 86th, 87th.
- 2 0020 Phone fr Rebate 2: 2 unidentified planes - high wind noted reported flying over (1615259) approx N.W. Motors distinctly heard, planes visible in form only - no lights at 232345A. ACTION: Corps, Isum, Journal.
- 3 0030 PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 913, 3d Bn, 87th Mt Inf. Time Out: 232000A. Time In: 232345A. Patrol reached objective (1574249) at 2300A. Remained in observation until 2245A. Area observed Hill 778 (1569249) and house at (1571250). No enemy activity observed. Information received from civilians: Trail and field 50 yards S of house at (1571250) is mined - Germans in house. Patrol returned by same route. No enemy contact, no casualties.
- 4 0130 Phone fr DW. Civilians interrogated: The main path running from (1572249) to (1572260) has been heavily mined. At BALDOLA (1554271) a German supply point and kitchen. 30 males were observed there on March 22. They were 2 families only 1 man and the rest were women and children. Did not have any more information except that above. ACTION: Isum and Journal.
- 5 0145 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 164, 232400A March 1945, fr IV Corps.
- 6 0315 PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 315, Co L, 85th Mt Inf. Time Out 232000A. Time In: 240140A. Left fr (1617263) at 2000A. Moved NW down forward slope of N. della SPE came down on road running along foot of mountain (1612268). Noticed foxholes behind hedge along road. Foxholes were on NW side of road. Patrol leader sent one man to investigate houses at 781 (1612269) suspected mortar CP. Men were covered by patrol until he turned corner of one house, when 2 of his grenades were heard going off and short bursts from his tommy gun followed by several rifle shots and enemy hand grenades. One member of patrol about 40 yds East of house along road was hit in chest by enemy rifle bullet. Enemy sprayed entire area with S/A fire from house and continued throwing hand grenades. 2 illuminating flares went off from behind the ridge S of 781. Patrol withdrew to shelter out in ridge. There the patrol leader was informed about the man wounded in chest. That he was seen falling in ditch bleeding from the mouth very close to enemy occupied houses. Patrol leader returned to this spot under fire and called for the wounded man but was unable to locate him or get an answer. The patrol leader had left two men at fence (1612269) to protect rear of patrol. When patrol returned to this spot they were fired on by one of these 2 men, killing 1 member of the patrol and seriously wounding another. Patrol was forced to leave both men. First aid was given to the wounded. Patrol continued on its mission. Heard chopping and digging at House 765 (1616270). Patrol remained South of road on forward slope of N. della SPE. They found a number of foxholes and MG position about 150 yds S of road along contour from (1615267) to (1612268). Chopping and digging was also heard at (1615272) also at (1613273). Fresh vehicle tracks were seen at (1617268) on a truck trail. This trail is not plotted on a map.

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| 7  | 0400 | PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 614, Co I, 86th Mt Inf. Time Out: 231215A. Time In: 240100A. Set ambush at (1585244) and waited but no enemy appeared so returned at proper time.<br><br>PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 615, Co L, 86th Mt Inf. Time Out: 231230A. Time In: 232400A. Set ambush at (1579254) but no enemy was contacted so returned at proper time.   |
| 8  | 0415 | Phone fr Box 2: OF at (1594255) - As to enemy mortar 332 <sup>0</sup> - 3-1/2 seconds from flash to bang. As 324 <sup>0</sup> - 2-1/2 seconds flash to bang. ACTION; Journal.  |
| 9  | 0420 | PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 422, Co A, 86th Mt Inf. Time Out: 232300A. Time In: 240300A. Followed prescribed route and investigated buildings at (1599267). Found houses unoccupied and no enemy.<br><br>PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 423, Co G, 86th Mt Inf, Time Out: 232300A. Time In: 240130A. Went to (160902599) observed 4 enemy digging just around curve in road and then returned. Their mission was to find out the presence of enemy there. A combat patrol is now being formed and will go out there to get prisoners at 0500A.  |
| 10 | 0420 | Phone fr Remount 2: Contact between 86th and 87th was made at 2045A. ACTION; Journal.  |
| 11 | 0520 | Phone fr Box 2: 604th fired 1 mission on trucks unobserved - 6 rds. 605th, U.T.R. 616th - 1 mission on enemy MW's at (1565246) gun was silenced. 1125th - 1 mission on gun position at (1475276) - gun neutralized - 38 rds. 1 mission on gun at (1668278) - neutralized gun - 18 rds. ACTION; Journal.  |
| 12 | 0540 | Phone fr Redoubt 5: Contact patrol contacted the 61st Box at 240300A. ACTION; Journal.   |
| 13 | 0545 | PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 106, Co B, 85th Mt Inf. Time Out: 231900A. Time In: 240045A. Followed 125 yds E of prescribed route and encountered no mines. At (1633262) heard a dog barking. Set up listening post at (1634262) from 2230A to 2330A. Saw nothing but heard a vehicle, whose unknown. Moved back to (1625257) saw a 9 manpatrol at (1641258) unidentified. Fearing an attack and being cut off they returned to our own lines.<br><br>PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 107, Co C, 85th. Time Out: 231900A. Time In: 240100A. Followed prescribed route reached objective (1492255) at 2005A. Listening post set up until 240130A. No enemy activity heard nor observed. On return trip walked within 200 yds E of (1437256) and from there heard long loud shrill whistle signal. Patrol believed to be under observation. Heard track moving in vicinity of (1645258) no other signs of enemy. |
| 14 | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 106 submitted.   |
| 15 | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 176 submitted.   |



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| 16         | 0620 | Phone fr Keystone 3 - Maj Hamilton: 92d Div Band will be available any time that they are not using it. Make out a schedule and submit it to me and we can arrange for band on dates they are not busy with their own schedule. ACTION: Noted for Col Irvin.  |
| 17         | 0740 | PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 1119, Reeser Tr, Time Out: 231900A. Time In: 240535A. Followed prescribed route found no indications of enemy and observed no enemy. Found a new mine belt (1456264) - a wooden mine - saw trip wire and probed for mines and found these wooden ones. Brought one back for examination. Mine field depth of 30 ft width unknown. Overlay will follow. No casualties.   |
| 18         | 0740 | Phone fr Capt Turish: II Corps - enemy activity in areas 8835 and 9434. activity in vic 725283 and camouflaged point 910341 taken under fire by arty. arty fire read very light. 81st Bn - Active patrolling - no contacts. From CP fire read last night. BIF - active patrolling - no contact - patrol to 51051850 read heavy MG fire - 6 casualties --R# 3 PW 345 - Quiet - NTR 92 - active patrolling - no contact - 100 rds mortar fire read in 473 Inf Sector.   |
| 19         | 0806 | Phone fr Lt Chaffee (Rebate) 2 deserters from 334 Div, 7548sgt, 2nd Bn, 8th Co. taken on N. VALBURA (16444). Action: G-2, Journal.  |
| 20         | 0855 | Phone fr Metrean 2: From Blus 2: 2-3 field pieces definitely located at 1545273; seen firing. Corps, Isum, C/S, Journal   |
| 21         | 0850 | Phone fr Rex 2: At 240720A Arty destroyed an enemy gun at (1567242). At 240820A, arty destroyed an enemy vehicle and a house nearby at (1608295). CP saw one enemy set up a stake (three ft high) which R# had a large disc on it. Enemy tried to conceal himself at (1583287). Then he disappeared into one of the houses in FONDE (1585290). Action: Journal, Isum.   |
| 22         | 0905 | Phone fr Rex 2: Air CP: Footbridge at 1517273; it's an old bridge with center span blown out; 50 yds north of this is a new footbridge. Actio., FI, Isum, Journal, C/S.   |
| 23         | 0910 | Word H. IV Corps ISUM HQ. 867, dated 240840A March.   |
| 24         | 0915 | Phone fr Keystone 3 to Recall 3... Demonstration of recoilless weapon is at 271000A instead of 271130A at same place. Action: Journal, C/S, publish at orientation on 25th, 26th, 27th,   |
| 25         | 0925 | CG, 10th Mt Div to Col Wagner (Rebate): Patrol action last night was one of worst handled that we have had in the whole Division. I will not stand for a patrol going out and abandoning its dead and wounded. They let one poor man go out and did not cover him. When they came back and got fired on by their own men, there was no reason to leave the dead and wounded. Soon these men will lose confidence in their leaders and Snelzer's Bn will not be worth shooting. I am very much distressed as we have been in combat long enough to have good patrols and good leaders. Reply: A complete investigation of this matter is to be made and I am going to investigate it myself. In this |

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| 25  | 0925<br>(cont'd) | future, patrols will be briefed by Bn Co's. A report of all the facts will be submitted to you as soon as possible. Action: Journal.   |
| 26  | 0936             | Phone fr Retread 3: 2nd Bn will fire small arms and MG's South from 998137 into a bank from 241300 to 241700A. 86th Inf and tanks in this vic have been notified and necessary guards will be placed.  |
| 27  | 0945             | Phone fr Keystone 3 (Lt Col Mathewson): Permission is granted to deal direct with 92d Div Hq in securing use of their Band for Bn exercises. Jral, G-3.  |
| 28  | 1010             | Phone fr Retread 3: Representative from Retread and Remount is meeting with G-4 to arrange use of civilian labor in aiding construction of ranges and in procuring cardboard targets from factory in tag area. G-3, Journal.   |
| 29  | 1020             | Phone fr Retread 2: IPW reports 2 PW's taken by K Co in vic MONTSE (15324) about 240700A; PW's from 8th Co., 71st Regt; Co strength about 35-40; some casualties in 8th Co. due to German mines; PW's very low in intelligence. Further report later. Action: Corps, Isum, G/S, Journal.   |
| 30  | 1025             | Phone fr Rex 3: as of 0930A....60A - 8 harassing missions - unobserved - 3 firs. 605 - one mission - enemy mortar (5634258) - unobserved. one mission - enemy CP (533208) - unobserved. 10 missions - harassing - unobserved. one mission - enemy activity at house (605275) obsv. by Grd CP - fire effective. one known casualty. 616 - one mission - enemy personnel (574278) unobsv. one mission - gun pos (567242) - Grd CP - gun silenced. one mission - enemy houses (608295) air CP house destroyed; total 50 firs. |
| 31  | 1028             | Phone fr Retread 3: 1st Bn started moving 241000A to make relief (adv elements only - relief will be made at night). Action: Journal.  |
| 32  | 1045             | Phone fr Rebato 3: Rebato will submit schedule for tag in Tag area prior to 291800A rather than 261800A. This will give Rebato time to make Ren of tag being conducted by other units. Permission granted. G-3, Journal.   |
| 33  | 1045             | Recd G-3 Situation report as of 0700A, 24 March, HQ IV Corps.  |
| 34  | 1055             | Recd Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 82, dated 23 March.   |
| 35  | 1055             | Recd Hq IV Corps outgoing message (Copy, mimeographed, of Sitrep no. 163 & 164).   |
| 36  | 1055             | Recd G-2 Periodic Report no. 290, fr Hq IV Corps, dated 240800A March.   |
| 37  | 1100             | Phone fr Retread 2: 3rd Bn: Civilian taken in by I Co., at approx 1575235 reports: all houses in and around Montese (15324) are to be evacuated of civilians within an hour from 241100A. Corps, Isum, Journal.  |

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- 38 1110 Phone fr Rebate 2: At 241010A OP reported 2 enemy at 1633278, one carrying a Red Cross flag and one a stretcher.
- 39 1120 Phone fr Keystone 3: There is a vacancy in the Ordnance School - would you be interested in sending someone? Action: yes, will refer this to Div Com C and call you back. Div C, journal.
- 40 1120 Phone fr Rex 2: House at 161622702 - enemy activity. Civilian reports: 1631274 - ammo dump; L 632281 - dugout; 1609296 - 2 75mm; 159403036 - two 75mm; 162202915 - two half trunks used for ~~ammunition~~ towing weapons; 1634303 - 2 guns; 161362988 - 2 tanks. Villages occupied by Germans; 16321284, 163742870, 162362844, 1621272. Action: PI, Corps, Map, journal.
- 41 0920 IPN Phone... 2 PW's from 8th Co, 756 Regt, 334 Div. captured at 0600A, on W. MALBURA. Unit strength 50 men. Two Italian 81mm mortars and 3 German 81mm mortars. 334 Div arrived in this sector 21 Mar. 8th Co arrived via BOCCA ROVERE (6427) 21 Mar - came fr INOLA. Left there 17 March a.s.s. for an PW's know the entire Div left there for this sector. 756 Regt relieved a Regt (PW believes it was from 232 Div). Regt is digging in and 8th Co is on left flank. 5th Co is on left flank. 7th Co is on R flank. 1st Bn is on right of 2nd Bn. PW's do not know if 3rd Bn is on line. They have need replacement while in INOLA, most of which were men returning from hospitals. 334th was in main line in front of 8th Army. PW's state they need a mortar barrage at 231600A that fell 50 yds short. At 0300A this morning a combat patrol was to attack our lines somewhere in their sector. Patrol had strength of 45 men. could have moved from INOLA by marching. Action: Corps, 86, 87th, Div Arty, CG.
- 42 1135 Phone fr Retread 2: One of patrols of I and R platoon 1007 cancelled for tonight. Redesignation for I & R platoon given 700 series nos. Cancelled one is 701 I & R.
- 43 1135 Phone fr Retread 2: Wants more maps. Action: referred to 126th Regts.
- 44 1200 Phone fr Wender (81st Men 84). Plan to send Men patrol to SUSANO (6727) tonight. Action: G-2, 1st Bn 87th Inf, journal.
- 45 1222 Phone fr Tac R: Rec'd Msg No 6.
- 46 1230 Rec'd fr BCF, G-3 Report No. 139. Also G-2 Report No. 139. Also IPN Report No. 56, dtd 22 March 1945, and IPN Report No. 57, dtd 23rd March 1945.
- 47 1235 Rec'd fr Rex 2: At this coordinates (1565268) between two towns are two long barrel guns, at (1561253) is the CP. At (1559258) behind hill 800 are a lot of dugouts, (1554262) town LATTI 3 CP's. This information was gotten from Italian civilians.

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| 48      | 1310 | Phone fr Max 2: Air-OP at 1661312 are 2 new gun emplacements; around the houses are a lot of foxholes occupied by personnel. At 1611274 are 2 new trenches dug yesterday and occupied today. Action: Isum, Corps, C/S, Jnl.   |
| 49      | 1340 | PATROL PLAN NO 424: A/86, 6 Bn/Cpt 242300, In 250400. Mission: 1601261 - 1600264 - along road to houses at 1601266 and return. Ren houses for enemy.<br><br>PATROL PLAN #25: C/86, one squad 2 BAR's, Cpt 242200A, In 250200A. Mission: 1608258 - 1606260 - along road to bridge at 1605260 and return. Ambush at bridge - PW's.<br><br>PATROL PLAN NO 7011 I & R/87, 9 Bn Cpt 241800A, In 242300A. Mission: CASTELLANA (16224) - down trail along draw to house on Hill 329 (1639255) - make a general loop checking trail 500 yd radius...return to starting point via same route out - if time available and no enemy about. Ren mine field at at TL FAL8720 (16426)<br><br>PATROL PLAN NO 702: I & R/87, 9 Bn, Cpt 241800A, In 242300A, Mission: Canava (1659247) - N to SHRRATU (1660257) - ren area of 500 yd radius - if possible ren mine field at Hill 345, (1658263). |
| 50      | 1350 | Phone fr Max 3 - 1330- <del>404</del> - 3 personnel missions - (165902728) (44802875), (163592760) - ground CP, area neutralized, 52 yds. 502 - 1 mission - mortars (605275) - ground CP - mortars silenced. one mission - enemy CP (60332786) ground CP - 9 target hits - CP destroyed. 3 missions - mortars (60262721) (60352753) (59222809) - ground CP - mortars silenced - numerous target hits - 111 yds. 616 - 1 mission - gun position (543271) - ground CP - effect unknown. 2 missions - CP (564254) - ground CP - partially destroyed. 1 mission - enemy troops in house (564248) - ground CP - excellent effect - 110 yds. 1125 - 1 mission - CP (4912761) - ground CP - area neutralized - 18 yds.   |
| 51      | 0900 | Recd phone message fr Tac/R. No. 1, 2, 3. (not previously recorded).  |
| 52      | 1400 | Recd phone message fr Tac/R, No. 7.   |
| 53      | 1410 | Recd BEF General Operations Order No. 30, dated 23 March.   |
| 54      | 1410 | Recd Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 165 dated 241200A March   |
| 55      | 1410 | Recd Hq 10th Mt Div Arty S-3 Report #54, dated 23 March.  |
| 56      | 1410 | Recd Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 82, 23 March.  |
| 57      | 1410 | Recd CIG Hq 10th Mt Div letters re Screening of Employees (2 letters 3-22; one dtd 3-23).   |

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- 58 1420 Phone from Babate 2: At 1400A Regt OP located camouflaged dugin pos approx 20 ft long at 16332790 (near STRADA). At 1100A, 4 enemy left STRADA carrying a stretcher. At 1115A one enemy entered STRADA. Civilian reports: No enemy at PRADellino (654266). No enemy at M. ARDU (654270). Small Cp of enemy at CANAVETTA (64302735), 20 to 25 enemy at LA MARI (637277). 70a bunkers at STRADA believed to be Co. CP. Enemy bldg bunkers on road (not shown on map) between M. DOLORE (6428) and SERRAIONE (64263) (6327). Holes prepared for mines in road approx 100 yds N of SERRAIONE (64263) also dugout near proposed mine field for purpose of sheltering patrols.
- 59 1445 Phone fr Max 2: Request permission to fire carbines - firing position - 62442112 - direction of fire west into high bank. Time of firing from now until dark. Action: permission granted.
- 60 1445 PATROL PLAN NU 616, K Co. one squad, Out 242200A In 250300A...Mission: 583256 to 583254 to 579253 to 57702525. Recon houses and return.  
PATROL PLAN 617a Co L, 1 Off, 4 AM, Out 250200A, In 250400A, Mission: 597261 to 599263 to 597267 to 596268 to 59302685...recn of houses for raid.
- 61 1500 Recd Adv Hq, XXII Tac Air Cnd Daily Int Summary dated 22 March (No. 160)
- 62 1500 Recd Hq 34th Div G-2 Int Summary no. 386 dated 23 March.
- 63 1500 Rec'd Civilian Interrogation Report No. 19. dtd 24 March 1945. (2 copies).
- 64 1500 Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 544. dtd 231200A March 1945. 2 copies.
- 65 1500 Hq, 10th Mt Div STRAP NO. 178 submitted.
- 66 1600 Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, Weather Forecast from 242400A to 252400A.
- 67 1700 Hq 10th Mt Div Insm No. 107 submitted. Not previously reported.
- 68 1715 Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion S-3 Report No. 83.
- 69 1600 Phone fr Max 2: 178th Regt - Observed by Gamecock OP - camouflaged digging at (1633281), nature of digging unknown. 616th -OP reports enemy CP at (1564254) - enemy troops in house (1564254). 605th - Observer at (156302570) reports that on magnetic azimuth 5285 at 1445A, observed area at range 200 yds - 12 rds mortar fell - 1 killed, 2 wounded among our infantry at that position. Air CP: at (1598312) - camouflage around houses and enemy personnel. 604th - Receiving heavy arty fire from due N at (161722654). Air CP - at (1533312) - enemy activity and 2 tanks in town of GUSTALLO.
- 70 1620 Phone fr Lt Brewer, 5th Army, Weather Bureau to Air G: Would like to put a weather section with the Division - they can furnish hourly front line weather reports plus give you the 5th Army forecasts. Can they use your radio to transmit forecasts? Action: OK have them report to me upon arrival. Will place with Air Support Communications section, G-3, G/S, Journal.

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- 71 1710 Phone fr Rebate 2: At 1515A 4 rds of arty fell on della SPE. As 200° to 300°. At 1645A 6 rds arty on della SPE believe it to come from either or both of these locations vicinity of STRADO (1634278), LANARI (1638278). ACTION: Isum, Rex, and Journal.
- 72 1715 Rec'd: S-2 Report, fr 85th Mt Inf.
- 73 1715 Rec'd: Overlay of Defensive Positions 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf.
- 74 1715 Rec'd: Overlay of Patrol No. 108.
- 75 1715 Rec'd: Isum No. 848, 241620A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.
- 76 1715 Rec'd fr Ren Trp, Patrol No. 1119: 1 AP Mine while on patrol.
- 77 1800 Phone fr Return 3: Hq and Ser Co during demonstration of mines and booby traps at Return CP will use some flares. ACTION: Called Rex.
- 78 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 179 submitted.
- 79 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 108 submitted.
- 80 1810 Phone fr Rex 2: 604th FA- Report not in. 605th FA-Enemy mortar mission (1604275) ground obsn fire was effective, several target hits. 13 rounds. Enemy mortar mission (1592281) ground obsn mortar silenced - target hit. 20 rounds. Mission on enemy dugout, (1607274) ground OP- fire was effective. 23 rounds. Mission on enemy CP (1605291) ground OP 2 target hits CP neutralized, 228 rounds. Enemy CP (1604275) ground OP, fire was effective. 49 rounds. 616th FA-2 destructive mission on enemy town, (1558245)(1566250) ground OP- effect unknown. 1 destructive mission on enemy CP (1564254) 70 rounds total. 1125th FA- Destructive mission on suspected gun location (1672274) ground obsn position neutralized. 12 rounds. Personnel mission around house (1668255) ground OP. 5 rounds, expended, effect incomplete.
- 81 1815 PATROL REPORT NO. 914. "L" Co, 87th Mt Inf: 1 Off. 22 EM plus 14 security section. Out-250100A. In-250430A. Mission: Combat and PW's. Overlay will follow.
- 82 1815 Phone fr Rex 2: Fr AIR OP's Registered 604th on a base point switched back on RV arty channel and continued our patrol. At (162902950) enemy vehicle probable a half track moving. This info was given to the next plane taking off at (157932870) 2 or 3 houses at this coordinate thought we saw 2 or more flashes at (15842890) a small town, we did observe 2 or more flashes.
- 83 1830 Rec'd fr Fifth Army 4 copies of Passwords.
- 84 1830 Rec'd fr 92nd Inf Div, G-2 Periodic Report No 139. dtd 23 March 1945.
- 85 1830 PATROL REPORT NO. : 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off. 25 EM and 3 litter teams. Out-24-2300A. In-250300A. Mission: PW's, combat patrol. Route: (1616283)-(1612268)-(1614270) to (1614268) and return.
- 86 1830 PATROL REPORT NO. 108: "A" Co, 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off. 25 EM. Out-241900A. In-25-0400A. Mission: PW's, Combat patrol.

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- 87 1845 PATROL REPORT NO. 314; Out-232000A. In-net reported. Findings: Relief effected and CP set up at MAGUARETTO. All quiet.
- 88 1845 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, OCS: Intelligence Bulletin No. 29. dtd 24 March 1945.
- 89 1845 Rec'd fr Fifth Army Detachment, Co D: Information Bulletin No. (Comm) dtd 23 Mar.
- 90 1815 Phone fr Retread 2: Will you give me patrol intention of the Bn of the 85th that went into position on the left also the Brazilians on the right? ACTION: Gist Bn, 85th, 87th.
- 91 1830 Phone fr Remount: 2d Bn closed via (1594220) at 241725A. ACTION: SITREP.
- 92 1845 Phone fr Rebase 2: At 1815A church (1632268) 2 enemy in window observing this direction using field glasses. Have been observing for 3 minutes 4.2 are being put on team. ACTION: ISUM.
- 93 1930 Phone fr Baz 2: From Rejest 2 fired on houses at (164212686) 3 men ran out of houses into houses at (164302697) at 1830A.
- 94 1955 Phone fr IPK: 3 civilians who came into our lines at LE BOURI (1573230) at 0000A March 24. After coming from the vic of MONTESK they reported the following: 2 BMG positions located in the vic of house at (153462499) one mortar position at (155252675); 4 mortar positions at (1534243) these positions are located between CA DI GHOCCO (153542433) and the stream which runs just E of house. Personnel manning these positions are billeted in the houses at CA DI GHOCCO. 50 Germans in houses at SAN MARTINO (1540257); on officers mess located in house at (1540-257) (153872564); a CP commanded by a Col. located at M DI LEO (1494266). The main path running from MONTESK to CA LAMA (1561234) has been mined with AP. All paths in vicinity of (not on map) (1544240) have been heavily mined with AP. A plot CP - commande by a Lt. at (1559243) a house near by with a BMG position. The areas around the houses of FRADELLINO (1654266) and MOLINO ARDER (1654272) have been mined. The fields on both sides of the road which leads from SERRITONE (1642267) to PIEVE ROSSER (1651275) have been mined with AP. Most mine fields are are still marked with German danger signs. ACTION: ISUM.
- 95 2000 Phone fr Baz 2: 3 fires burning at (166402504) no personnel seen 1930A-observed by CP at (1615245).
- 96 2015 Phone fr Baz 2: At 1948A 2 lights were observed at (1582278) and the others at (1585278) the last one was in middle house second floor. ACTION: ISUM.
- 97 2020 Phone fr Baz 2: Location of CP (160272504) reports fresh dirt or digging at (160002678); suspected CP at (160952712); 2 dugouts at (16062720) 3 dugouts at (160752715) to (160952715); 1 dug out at (150202685). ACTION: ISUM.
- 98 2100 Rec'd fr REF, 3-2 Boletim de Informacoes No. 77, 80, 81,
- 99 2100 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps ISUM NO. 869, dtd 241015A March.
- 100 2100 Rec'd fr 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf: German Documents.
- 101 2105 Phone fr Retread 3: 1st Bn relieved AT Bn on position at 2040. AT Bn cleared out of area at 2100A. ACTION: SITREP.

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- 102 2110 Phone fr Retread 3: Request Air Photos area (1545225)-(1590260) NW to (1510280)-(1585305). Would like recent coverage. ACTION: G-2, Air Photo Officer.
- 103 2110 Phone fr Rebate: Retread red has replaced Redoubt effective 2060A. Action: SITREP
- 104 2115 Phone fr MP Plat (Lt Collier): Signal light, which has been reported before, has been noted again. It seems to come on from 1930A to 2030A altho 1 of our guards says he noticed it at 0300A. I plan to put a guard at (1612202) and attempt to find out what it's about. ACTION: OK, try to determine the exact location of the light by resection and notify this office. ACTION: G-2, Journal.
- 105 2126 Phone fr Recall DO to AG Office: Please issue necessary orders detailing 2nd Lt George F. Pemaska O117308, Co C, 128th Eng Bn to Officers Meter Maintenance Course, Florence, Italy. LT Pemaska will pick up orders tomorrow morning. ACTION: Return 3, Journal.
- 106 2130 Phone fr Hex 2: Request fire direction Center: (1629271) G Co, 85th Mt Inf new lights. Light in dugout. Sent in by observer (1631265) at 2100A. Reply 2; Observer at (160272504) reported light at (1607274) also (1610267) at 2045A. ACTION: G-2,
- 107 2135 Phone fr Capt Turkish (LNO IV Corps) 92nd Div-section very quiet - 8 vehicles moving N via (1903023) engaged by arty - 18 rds, light cal. arty fall via (1836928). 365 Inf - Sector quiet. 14 rds 75-mm fall via (1408051) - 4 rds 75-mm via (1405065). INF - Sector quiet - slight arty and mortar received. 61st Bn - Patrol to RAVOLA (1668235) to investigate report that enemy occupied house - house found unoccupied. II Corps. Sector generally quiet - enemy arty slight - 3 guns at (1994368) - AA guns at (015399) and (1842334) taken under fire. ACTION: Journal.
- 108 2215 Phone fr Hex 2 (Clark): Enemy tank at (1544258) we are firing harassing fire at them. ACTION: Journal.
- 109 2215 Phone fr Remount 2: Observers from 3d Bn at MT GRANDE d'ALIANO (1892862) observed 4 trucks moving to VILLA d'ALIANO. One truck turned around and went north - other three remained. Area receiving mortar fire. ACTION: Journal.
- 110 2255 Phone fr Rebate: Redoubt CP closed at 242250A. Enroute to MONTAGATINI. ACTION: Sitrep, Journal.
- 111 2300 Phone fr Hex 3: Report on artillery activities from 241630A to 242130A; 604th - 11 harassing missions - unobserved - 29 rds. 605th; TOT on group buildings (1603262) unobserved - 16 rds. 1 mission enemy gun position (1554289) Ground OP - btry silenced - 15 rds. 1 TOT on group buildings (1642293) unobserved - 4 rds. 616th; 2 Missions on enemy occupied house (1569257) - unobserved (1532261). Ground OP - result - area neutralized. 1 mission on camouflaged house - (1598312) - Ground OP, house destroyed. 1 mission on mortar (1665259) Ground OP, mortar silenced. 141 rds total. 1125th; 1 mission on house (1612269) Ground OP - 31 rds. ACTION: Journal.
- 112 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 180 submitted.
- 113 2315 Phone fr Retread 3: A green star cluster just observed coming from (1576258). ACTION: Journal.



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- 114 2315 Phone fr Box 2 (Clerk): Requirs 2: 2245A Green star cluster observed at (1576258). ACTION: Journal.
- 115 2330 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 83, 24 Mar 45 fr IV Corps.
- 116 2330 Rec'd: Maps fr 126th Engrs.

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1	0100	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 424, Co A, 86th Mt Inf, Time Out 2300A. Time In: 0030A. Proceeded to (1603264) heard digging - heard half track (1605261). No contact with the enemy.
2	0230	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 425, Co C, 86th Mt Inf. Time Out: 2200A. Time In: 0200A. West route - established ambush - no contact.  PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 616, Co K, Mt Inf. Time Out 2200A. Time In: 0220A. Checked 2 houses - found Italians who stated that there never had been Germans occupying the houses, they do come for eggs. No contact. Heard MG on Hill 758.
3	0330	Phone fr Remount: Our 3d Bn made contact with the 3d Bn of Retreat at 0330A. ACTION: Journal.
4	0430	Phone fr Hedoubt: arrived MONTECATINI at 0220A. ACTION: Sitrep, Journal.
5	0430	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 108, Company A, 85th Mt Inf. Time Out: 1900A. Time In: 0400A. No enemy contact - saw nothing in house 614 (1631261). No one at house 612 (1633264). No mine fields found. 1 booby trap found, previously reported. Cut telephone wire leading into house 701 (1628259). No phone or enemy inside. Found dugouts reverse slope of Hill 634 (1631261). No vehicles on the road. Foxholes unoccupied around house at (1627299).
6	0430	Phone fr Retreat: Retreat 3d Bn OP reports enemy tank firing near MONTESE. az of 355° from (155822468). ACTION: Journal.
7	0500	Phone fr Rex 3 (clerk): Situation: 604th: 28 harassing missions, unobserved. 5 in support of Infantry patrol (161182678) unobserved. 209 rds expended. 605th: 4 Missions supporting 604th (160822675), (160762721), (160672668) unobserved. 107 rds expended. 616th: 9 missions harassing unobserved - 105 rds expended. 1125th: 3 missions in support of patrol (161842841), (161782870), (161032725) unobserved but Infantry reported back good effect, house burning. ACTION: Sitrep, and Journal.
8	0500	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 316, Co I, 85th Mt Inf. Time Out: 2300A. Time In: 0400A. Hiding party to (1614268) Hill 781 - Party met stubborn resistance of 11 Germans - 10 Em and 1 S/Sgt. Killed 10 Germans and wounded S/Sgt - on way back S/Sgt died. Took documents from S/Sgt who is from 3d Co Pioneer Bn 334 Div. Patrol suffered 2 casualties - 1 man slightly wounded and 1 man missing! Recovered 2 bodies, American, from patrol night before. Missing man was searched for and waited for at rendezvous point but he failed to show up.
9	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Lsum No. 109 submitted.
10	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 181 submitted.

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11	0600	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 914, Co L, 87th Mt Inf. Time Out; 0100A. Time In 250530A. Followed the route on the overlay. Security patrol ran into a 6 man ambush. 3 of enemy killed in ambush fight. Main patrol reached objective but found no enemy - found several enemy installations. Patrol returned with no casualties. Enemy MG located at (1569251). Another MG at (GADIBORTOLINO (1572452)). Patrol received machine pistol fire from Hill 778 (1569249). Saw construction work was seen at (1574250). Ambush occurred at (1575246).
12	0715	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 166, 242400A March 1945 fr IV Corps.
13	0730	CP - 1 MG at (1569251) 1 M-pistol at (1569299) construction at (1574250) and 1 MG at Casa Bordinino. Noted for Journal. (phone fr Rex 2).
14	0827	Phone fr Rex 2: Air CP - observed an ambulance at coordinates (1618286) at 0620A; also saw one vehicle near bldg at (1554265) fired on by our arty - three hits on bldg, area well covered. Action; Isum and Journal.
15	0830	Phone fr Rabate 2: Receiving continuous mortar fire on Mt Della Spe(6126) re-secure area fr the general area (1620279) - request arty and observed by a liaison plane. Action: Called Rex and requested arty fire on that area--observed by a plane. Let me know results..journal.
16	0940	Rec'd Hq IV Corps TRUK NO. 670 dated 250830A March.
17	0940	Rec'd Report on patrol 316 from patrol leader and assn.
18	0940	Rec'd enemy document and also Soldbuch..field msg attached..from G-2, 85th Mt Inf" Found on fwd slope of hill 920 at 614261 at 242100A. No estimate of how long enemy dead or other info. Also Soldbuch"
19	0950	Rec'd enemy documents, wallet, etc from 85th Mt Inf.CO., also Soldbuch, German Italian grammar, whistle etc. found by patrol 316, taken fr dead PW captured at F781 - 1612269, 25 March 1945.
20	0955	Rec'd Hq IV Corps G-3 Situation report as of 0700A, 25 March, Also copy of SITREP NO 166 and 165.
21	0955	Rec'd Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report no 83, dated 24 March.
22	1000	Rec'd Hq IV Corps G-2 Per Report No. 291, dated 250800A March. ( 5 copies).
23	1010	Rec'd fr Co C 101st MP Bn, copies etc on case of Invet. of accident (Pvt Harting) ..corres first sent to IV Corps, and then to CG, 10th Mt Div., dated 23 March.
24	1010	Rec'd G. IV Corps General Court-Martial Orders No. 25, dated 23 March...case of Pvt John L. Downing, Co B, 235th Eng Cmbt Bn.
25	1015	Rec'd Hq IV Corps letter NO 319.1 V Subject : Troops Assignments and Attachments...Copies No. 088 to and including 096.

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26	1015	Phone fr Hex 2: CP - at (63312654) a long object estimated to be 50 ft long with fresh dirt showing-believed to be some type of trench. No arty was observed. Action: 85, PI, Isum.
27	1100	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP HQ 182 submitted.
28	1100	Recd H. 81 Cav Reb Sq Patrol Intentions 25-26 March...also 5-2 Periodic Report No. 60., dated 24 March, and overlay "Terrain Study", 24 March.
29	1115	Recd Hq 10th Mt Div Arty 5-3 report #55, dated 24 March.
30	1155	Recd phone call fr Reply 2: 1 Co, 86th reports 2 squads of enemy troops came fr Camps El Luce and entered bldgs at (1538265) at Palee. Raised red cross flag and later took it down. Enemy still in bldgs. Reply will fire mission on bldgs. Action: G-2, Isum.
31	1200	Phone fr Rejest 2: Air OP reports 6 AA guns at (1612296). Considerable digging seen on MT DELIA GROVE (1618288) and MT FIGMA (1638288). A roving civilian observer reports seeing the following installations on 24 March. AT (16334090) 1 75mm gun. At (161063130), 6 medium arty pieces. At (160752950), several heavy mortars. At (161782888) several medium artpieces. At (163532928) 2 tractors covered with straw. At (1629292) 1 gun, caliber unknown. ACTION: Isum, P.I.
32	1230	Phone fr Tac R Mag No 6.
33	1230	Rec'd fr CIC (Lt Bromberg): 2 copies of Civilian Interrogation Report No. 20.
34	1330	Phone fr Rejest 2: At 16343018, CP #410 saw a long trench; no activity. enemy mortar located at (161042650). Action: Isum, journal.
35	1030	Phone fr Hex 3: Sitrep 0900-1030-401... One C B mission 626293 N/O. Enemy btry temporarily neutralized. 8 rds...one mission on Tk. Effect undetermined by air CP, 48 rds, expended. 605 - MTR. 416-1 mission destruction of mortars. Ground obs. - obtained target hits. One mission on HDV 554265 observed by air CP...obtained target hits. 1125-one mission - destruction of personnel around a bridge...1660284. Obs by ground CP area neutralized - 28 rds expended.
16	1230	Phone fr Retread: Patrol fr Retread Red made contact with patrol of 81 Bn at 250300A at 1663243.
7	1330	Recd Report of 3326th SIAW Co, Flat D-2, dated 25 March.
8	1330	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum 110 submitted.
9	1425	Phone fr Reply 2: Enemy vehicle was seen at 251115A at (157312678). 32 rds were fired, with effect not observed. Enemy activity was observed at 1591822007 at 251135A. 24 rds were fired; target was hit, and now more activity was

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- observed. Enemy mortar was seen at (L61662811) at 231155A. Mission fired; effect unknown. Air CP; CP and trucks were seen at (L62833044). Effective target hit was obtained on one vehicle. Mortars at (L64032653). 105 Strg fired at this position; 2 casualties observed. ACTION: ISM.
- 40 1440 Rec'd fr Hq 34th Inf Div, G-2 Int Summary No. 387., dated 241200A March.
- 41 1500 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, SITREP NO. 167, dtd 231200A.
- 42 1500 Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO 183 submitted.
- 43 1500 Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 565, dated 241200A March.
- 44 1445 Phone fr Div Arty: 604th FA- Personnel missions (L642269). Ground observation, 2 casualties observed, 11 rounds expended. 1 mission on mortars (L640246). 48 rounds expended, unobserved, effect unknown. 605th FA- 1 mission on vehicles and personnel at (L573281), unobserved, effect unknown, 32 rounds expended. 1 mission on bldg at (L592281), ground observation, 5 target hits. 24 rounds expended. 1 mission on mortars at (L617281), ground observation, mortars silenced, 52 rounds expended. 1 mission on CP and trucks at (L621306) obs by air CP, 12 target hits, 1 hit on trucks, 26 rounds expended. 1 mission on enemy gun pits at (L613288) observation by air CP, mission incomplete, 6 rounds expended. Another mission on CP at (L608273), ground observation, results unknown, 20 rounds expended. 616th FA- 4 missions destruction of enemy installations (L-566250), ground observation, results very effective. 1 mission on mortars at (L553248), ground observation, very effective. 1 mission on CP at (L641252) ground observation, very effective. 1 mission on enemy gun (L643271), ground observation, effective. 1125th FA- 1 mission on personnel, (L671293), ground observation, area neutralized, 9 rounds expended. 616th FA- 119 rounds.
- 45 1500 Phone fr Hq 2: Air CP Reports: At (L5830327445) were 2 enemy guns at 25-1320N. Mission was fired with several target hits; 2 large explosions were noticed. Assume guns were destroyed. ACTION: ISM.
- 46 1535 Phone fr Hq 2: 609th FA- CP at (L583257) reports 8 to 10 Germans around bldg at (L53313081) in VENTURA at 1505A. Air CP has observed that in past few days more bldg closer to German line are marked with RED CROSS. 1 mission fired by obs #582 at (L586242) on working party at (L59042897)- 50% of them were casualties. 1 mission fired by obs #590 at (L694255) on mortars at (L582-4793) fire effective, mortars silenced. ACTION: G-2.
- 47 1530 Phone fr Retread 2: British Officer appeared in "I" Co's area. Name-P.F. Morgan, 965066; from 178th Med Regt, 310th Strg. ACTION: Phoned 176th Regt; Maj Cliphent will go to 67th to interview the man.
- 48 1543 Phone fr Recall 5: (To Remount 6): Inspection of VENTURA COLORA area occupied by 2d Bn of your Regiment was made by Div Comdr this morning. Area was found to be very dirty. C.G. directs that it be cleaned up immediately. Vicinity of house occupied by Hq Co is particularly bad.
- 49 1545 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, Intelligence Bulletin No. 30, dtd 25 March 1945.

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| 50      | 1545 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, XIII Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary No. 161, dtd 23 March 1945.  |
| 51      | 1625 | Phone fr AIRC: 1 aid station (1552272); aid stations at (1555271) and (1553-269); (1618286) MARGOLA. At town of ZOCOB (1553268), 2 dead Germans. ACTION: G-2, Journal.  |
| 52      | 1630 | Phone fr Rex: Air OP: Fired on dugout (1583276) 2 guns unknown calibre. Saw our flash close to or in this house where the above mentioned 2 guns were. 2 direct hits on house. ACTION: G-2  |
| 53      | 1630 | Phone fr Tac R: Rec'd Report No 9.  |
| 54      | 1700 | Phone fr Rex 2: Fr Air OP: 2 enemy guns, 1 was firing at (1583276), 1 gun on ridge, 1 gun by house. Fired by 616 on Div Arty channel. 2 large explosive target wall plastered. Fr Reply 2: Obs at (1586282). A working party at (159062897) was fired upon approx 25% casualties at 1623. Obs at (1594255). 8 Germans moving around house at (1591284) did not fire on them because they moved away. 1615. ACTION: ISUM, C/S.   |
| 55      | 1705 | Rec'd Tac M No. 10.   |
| 56      | 1715 | Rec'd Weather Forecast No. 1117.  |
| 57      | 1715 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, ISUM NO. 871, dtd 251530A.   |
| 58      | 1735 | Phone fr Rex 3: Shrep - 1730A. 604th - 1 personnel mission (1633271), personnel dispersed. 605th - 1 TOT on personnel (1648288) - results unknown. 4 rds. 1 Mission on mortars at (1582279) mortar silenced - 28 rds. 2 missions on working party (1591290), 50% casualties on one mission and 25% on second, 60 rds. 616th - 1 mission on arty firing (1583276), large explosion - many target hits. 1 mission on enemy tank (1644256), movement ceased. 1 mission on mortars (1565259), mortars silenced, total rds 110. 1125th FA - 1 destruction mission on enemy OP (1687279) - Air Obs - CP neutralized - 75 rds. 1 TOT on personnel (1648288) results unknown, 11 rds. 1 personnel mission (1570293) mission incomplete - 4 rds. |
| 59      | 1800 | Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate White closed into Division Reserve area at PASBAYRE at 1730A. CP at (1621229). ACTION: Sitrep 2300A, Journal.   |
| 60      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 184 submitted.  |
| 61      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 111 submitted.  |
| 62      | 1815 | Rec'd: G-2 Report, fr 85th Mt Inf.  |
| 63      | 1830 | Phone fr Retread 2: Capt Brodeur requests a vertical and a low oblique of area surrounded by (1630240), (1670240), (1630280), (1670280). ACTION: PI.  |

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| 64      | 1845 | Phone fr Max 2: (Require): Civilians taken by "I" Co, 87th Mt Inf state there are several guns within 500 yards of SAN MARTINO (19423). 2 tanks have been at (154302596) for 4 days. At (1510251) 3 large guns beside house. ACTION: ISUM.  |
| 65      | 1910 | Phone fr Max 2: Rejoet 2: Fire started by white phosphorus round on enemy mortar and dugout at (164032655); 1 enemy killed; reported by observer at (1631245) at 231845A. ACTION: ISUM, G/S.  |
| 66      | 1930 | Phone fr Max 2: (Reply 2): At 1905A observer at (16027804) saw 2 haystacks burning very brightly at (1601282); thought to be set on fire by hand by enemy. Reply fired on a HMG at (16040537483) at 1900A; HMG was neutralized; MG had been firing indirect fire. ACTION: ISUM, G/S.  |
| 67      | 1955 | Phone fr Keystone 2: Air OP: At 1830A observed considerable traffic going S past (1533283); also saw 3 or 4 groups of personnel with 10-15 men in each group and 3 or 4 horse drawn vehicles which observer took to be guns; arty was adjusted but effect not visible. Most traffic this air observer has seen in some time. ACTION: G/S, 86th, 87th, ISUM.   |
| 68      | 1955 | Phone fr Capt Turish: II Corps- Sector quiet. Enemy ground activity observed at (1970393) (1950393) (1917354) and (1915350). Enemy personnel at (1800297) and MG at (1795293) taken under fire by arty. Delayed report of attack on SERRA (17327). Enemy attacked town and occupied one half of town and then were driven out. Enemy attack preceded by rocket and mortar barrage on SERRA and CAPOCENA, (17427). 81st Non-Enemy OP at (1668273) taken under fire. Arty and mortar fire fell in RAZOLA (1668235) this afternoon. BIF - Sector quiet - slight arty and mortar fire in vicinity (1514176) and (1558226). 365th - Sector quiet. Enemy arty active. 40 rounds mixed arty and mortar fire in vic (1386067) and (1403064). 92nd Div Sector - quiet. The total of 63 rounds of enemy arty reported in sector, especially in vic (1965938). |
| 69      | 1955 | Rec'd Fr CIC (Lt Bromberg): Civilian Interrogation Report No. 21. 25 March.   |
| 70      | 2015 | Phone fr Beaul 4: Request approval of mortar movement from I MONTE to PRUNETTA by 86th Mt Inf on 26th March. 10 trucks at 0830A to 1130A. 70 vehicles in 5 motor marches at 1/2 hour intervals beginning at 2230A. ACTION: Referred to G-3 - approved, granted.   |
| 71      | 2020 | Phone fr Max 2: Reply 2: Observer at (1594255) reports at (1592241) in MG position; at (1590284) mortar position; from 1913A to 1922A G Co, 86th has received 19 rounds of mortar fire; all 19 rounds believed to come from (1590284). 10 ml to right of Hill 699 (1589278) is a light and 100 yards behind it is another light; this was noted at 1935A. ACTION: ISUM, G/S, Map.   |
| 72      | 2035 | Phone fr Max 2: (Rejoet 2): Observer at (1617264) reports 10 trucks at (1835-03010); later counted a total of 28 vehicles from 1830A to 1900A; corps, arty tried to fire on these with air OP; Air OP was driven off by Flak; greged OP took over but could not see rounds; corps, arty will cover area with harassing fire tonight on their road plan. ACTION: G/S, 86th, 87th, Corps.   |
| 73      | 2035 | Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion S-3 Report No. 84. dtd 251200A March 1945.  |

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- 74 2055 Phone fr Rebate 2: Shell reports: At 1440A, 3d Bn received 9 rounds mortar fire on hill 920 (L61652590) from due north; from 1850A to 1852A received 19 rounds mortars fire at Bn CP (L613250) - no damage. From 1st Bn CP at (L63992532) a flash bang of 6 sec; as 5<sup>th</sup> on these rounds. From 3d Bn CP at (L619258) a flash bang of 6 sec, as 20<sup>th</sup> on these rounds. From 1852A to 1855A, 126 rounds sodium arty and/or heavy mortar fire on M DEMASSPEL and hill 920 (L61652590) - 3 wounded and 1 killed from L Co. ACTION: Max, Corps, O/S, ISUM.
- 75 2130 Rec'd fr AFV. It reads: "TD expires first april. Added Hq, 10th Mt Div for Capt Bourke. Signed SACRED site PHOCT. No quota from this end. Earnestly hope see you first april."
- 76 2130 Rec'd Hq, IV Corps ISUM NO. 872, dtd 252025A March 1945.
- 77 2210 Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2: At 2150A white flare seen on an 1700 mils from (L590222).
- 78 2215 Phone fr Baz 3: Sitrep for 252130A. 604th - 6 missions - harassing unobsd 8 missions - enemy mortar - unobsd. 2 missions - counter battery, unobsd. 128 rds expended. 605th: 1 mission troops in dugout (L60782736) observed by ground CP - area well covered. 1 mission - 3 light arty pieces in house (L57752718) - observed by air CP - house and area set afire. 1 mission in C firing (L60402748) observed by ground CP - neutralized. 1 mission enemy gun, 150-mm or larger (L592279) observed by ground CP - area was harassed. 174 rds expended. 616th: 2 missions - enemy mortars (L558255) and (L558248). Observed by ground CP - mortars silenced. 3 missions - enemy CP (L661252), (L565259) observed by ground CP, many target hits. 1 mission - enemy CP (L562248) observed by ground CP - very effective. 1 mission - enemy gun (L510261) observed by ground CP, fire effective. 2 missions harassing (L573251) (L540252) observed by ground CP - result accomplished - 309 rds expended. 1125th Fst H.T.R. ACTION: Journal.
- 79 2240 Phone fr Baz 2: Rejest 2: sound of heavy equipment and 5 lights on road approx at (L665282); sound is from this general vicinity. Observer at (L615245) tried to adjust on these coordinates; results are undetermined. ACTION: Wonder, Isum, Journal.
- 80 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 185 submitted.
- 81 2320 Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol from Retread Red established contact with 81st Max Sqdn at 252256A. ACTION: Sitrep.
- 82 2400 Rec'd: Ltr, Special ammunition Allocation, 25 Mar 45, fr IV Corps.



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- 1    0025    Phone fr Retread 2: Co K reported a burp gun at (1567242) at 260010A. 1 white flare was seen NW of L Co at 260015A, and 1 white and green flare in front of K Company at 260005A. OP #1 at (156842258) reported 2 yellow flares at 10<sup>00</sup>, 2,000 yards out, at 252345A. ACTION: Issm.
- 2    0040    Phone fr Retread 2: 3d Bn 87th Mt Inf has received 49 rounds 81-mm mortar and 25 rounds arty fire in past two hours, coming mainly from direction of MONTESE (15524) and MONTELO (15625). Counterbattery action is being taken. ACTION: 86th, Corps, Issm.
- 3    0040    Phone fr Remount: Blue 2 received 150 rds of arty since midnight and 50 rds in 1/2 hour prior to midnight. They desire counterbattery as soon as possible - laid in searching barrage (1592310) - back as. 190° to (1591306). ACTION: Max, Corps, 87th, Issm.
- 4    0130    Rec'd: G-3 Report No. 141, 25 Mar 45, fr SEF.
- 5    0130    Rec'd: Sitrep No. 168, 252400A March 1945, fr IV Corps.
- 6    0130    Phone fr Retread 2: 3d Bn 87th has received 150 rounds medium arty in the past 10 minutes. ACTION: Corps, Remount, Issm, Rebate.
- 7    0155    Phone fr Rebate 2: Shell Report: The following shelling has been received on E. della SPE (16126) - At 252141, 5 rounds medium arty. At 252150A, 7 rounds heavy mortar. At 252152A, 4 rounds light mortar. At 25230-2400A, 100 rounds medium arty. ACTION: Max, 86th, Issm.
- 8    0325    Phone from Require 2: Shell report: Observer at (156842258). 350° Az, 4,000 yards, 260310A. Shelled area (156842258). 3 rounds mortar fire harassing. ACTION: Issm.
- 9    0540    PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 618, Co L, 86th Mt Inf. Time Out: 260010A. Time In: 260145A. Reached (1599255) at 260145A, where we were delayed by our own counterbattery. Our barrage went into effect at 260307A; at 260325A barrage was lifted. Went into houses at VERZERA (1597267); 2 were empty. 1 captured 3 Italian women and 4 children. They claimed that there had been Germans there for many days, but that occasionally the Germans came up and outposted the buildings. 3 dead Germans, long deceased, were in a field nearby. Patrol received no enemy S/A fire. 1 enemy flare was set off 300 yds NW of VERZERA. No flares or mines on the route of approach; much communication wire was found and cut. Further advance not made due to impossibility of completing mission before daybreak.
- PATROL PLAN - Patrol No. 618, Co L, 86th Mt Inf. 1 Off, 29 MM including 1 radio operator, bazooka team, 2 interpreters. Out: 260001A. In: 260500A. Mission: Capture Pts. From (1591237) to (1598263) to (1599265). A man dropped at this point to serve as flank protection; remainder continue to (1597266) and set up a killing zone. (4 RM, 3 submachine guns, 3 rifle grenadiers, Box Barrage provided).

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- 9 (Continued) Patrol No. 618 - PLAN: Alternate Route: If houses at (1597267) contain no enemy - patrol reform and proceed to (1596267) and repeat process at houses (1596268) and will return by same Route. If patrol becomes split up rendezvous point at (1599265). Background: Platoon leader recommended route last night on Patrol #617. Preparation: Barrage of arty and mortars sereed in today. To counteract moonlight arty will fire smoke shells intermittently. Arty on call after enemy alerted. Radio Relay station via (1595264).
- 10 0530 Phone fr Remount 2: 87 rounds of medium arty fire was received on our positions shortly after 260035A. After which the period became entirely quiet. ACTION: Isum.
- 11 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 112 submitted.
- 12 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 185 submitted.
- 13 0630 Phone fr Reply 2: Observer #512 saw 1 German among group of houses at (160922640) at 260530A. 2 enemy were seen at same place yesterday morning. ACTION: Isum.
- 14 0630 Message Rec'd; To: Major Walker - All Stms from WGS (ABC). - V/BG on Army Tgts today. 2 Missions - 8 Sorties. Ref. No. 725.
- 15 0730 Phone fr Capt Turkish, 10 Corps: II Corps Sector - Quiet, slight arty, medium and heavy as well as light cal. 81 Ren Sector - Quiet, patrols active, no enemy contacted, no PW's. 82F - Sector quiet, patrols active, no PW's. 365 Inf - Patrol to 384087, fire fight between 3 man patrol, 2 enemy killed, 1 captured badly wounded. PW from 11 Co 3 Bn, 5th Marine Regt and San Marco Regt taken at Ponte Vi Sespione 395067. 92 Div - Patrols active, received mortar and small arms fire, made no enemy contact. Total 66 rds arty fell in sector during night, heaviest in 9294 square. 17 PW's taken, all deserters. Note - 5 German PW's of 437 Inf Div taken at 169045. ACTION: Journal.
- 16 0815 Phone fr Tac R: To A 0610A - 0710A; visibility fair. 10 HDV SH at 16369. Vignola to Tecca (16133) 5 HDV scattered N.
- 17 0830 Phone fr 751 Tk Bn: C-3 89A TD expended 67 rds HE. 30 rds APC on following targets requested by 3rd Bn 87th Inf. (572251) draw; (568251) house, (574254) house; (568256) hill 866. Effect, excellent. Some counter-battery received. Time of missions 1630 - 1730A. ACTION: Journal.
- 18 0900 Phone fr Recall 4: The earliest time that the 87th can make their raid is the night of the 29 March. ACTION: Journal.
- 19 0950 Rec'd: Isum No. 873 from IV Corps dated 260903A. Ref No. 370.
- 20 1008 Phone Fr Rex 3: 604 - 7 harassing missions, unobserved - 59 rds. 605 - 1 mission, enemy mortar (58122936), ground CP - all rds in area. 4 missions fired in support of patrol 86th Inf - Ground CP, effective - 106 rds.

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- 20 (Cont'd) 616 - 3 harassing missions, unobserved - 1 mission enemy personnel (538270) - Ground CP - Activity ceased - 51 rds. 1125 - 3 harassing missions, unobserved - 186 rds. ACTION: Journal.
- 21 1010 Phone fr Rebate 2: Rebate 2 requests the date of their raid be postponed to night of 27 Mar, in order to allow them time to send out a strong combat reconnaissance patrol on night of 26 March in preparation for the raid. ACTION: G-3 granted request.
- 22 1015 Phone fr Rex 2: Require 2: Camouflaged gun position in ANAPEGONIA (1545259); taken under fire by our arty - 1 target hit on gun position, and 3 hits on houses in the town. ACTION: Isum, C/S, Journal.
- 23 1045 Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A, 26 March from Hq IV Corps.
- 24 1045 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 84 dated 25 March from IV Corps.
- 25 1100 Phone fr Rex 2: Observer at 1615245 saw 6 trucks along road 1665279 badly damaged. At 164032670 there is a house whose doors and shutters have previously been closed, but this morning the door is partly open, shutters are open and one shutter is completely off; to left of house is straw pile with fresh dirt around it; in front of and to left of straw pile is a red pole - believed to be an aiming stake. ACTION: Map, Isum, C/S, Journal.
- 26 1100 Hq 10 Mt Div Sitrep No. 187 submitted.
- 27 1105 Phone fr Rex 2: Observer at 1055A: At 1616265 saw 4 men with helmets occupying house; artillery will fire. ACTION: Isum, C/S, Journal.
- 28 1110 Phone fr Rex 2: Suspected gun position at 163692713, observed by ground CP; our arty fired 18 rds on this position - emplacement was destroyed. ACTION: Isum, C/S, Journal.
- 29 1115 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic report from BEF - Report No. 140 dated 24 March 1945.
- 30 1115 Rec'd: IPS Report #58 from BEF dated 24 March 1945.
- 31 1115 Rec'd: BEF G-2 Report No. 141 dated 25 March 1945.
- 32 1115 Rec'd: Patrol Intentions from Hq, 61 Cav Recon Sq. - Rec'd: Patrol Reports dated 24/25 March 1945. - Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 61 dated 25 March.
- 33 1145 Phone fr Tac R: Time over area 0945A to 1045A. Received light AA fire at 16729. ACTION: Arty, C/S, Journal.
- 34 1150 Phone fr Rex 2: Reethaven 2: Fired on enemy personnel in house at 167602751 good effect. ACTION: Isum, Journal.
- 35 1200 Rec'd: Report of Prisoners of War fr Office of the Provost Marshal.

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| 36         | 1310        | Rec'd: S-3 Report #56 from HQ 10th Mt Div Arty dated 25 March.   |
| 37         | 1310        | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 84 dated 25 March from IV Corps.  |
| 38         | 1310        | Rec'd: Ltr of Inquiry concerning Pvt William Beark. Ltr from HQ Med Theater of Operations dated 19 March.  |
| 39         | 1315        | Phone from Keystone 5 to Recall 6 (Gen Hays): You've got a Bn of 92nd attached to you so that you can have another of your Bn's relieved. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 40         | 1330        | Rec'd: Message from 500 V Army dated 241930. Ref No. 14. Tomorrow. Mt Park 1512533 at 0900 hours. CP 1584375 at 1400 hours. (Not previously entered).  |
| 41         | 1330        | Rec'd: Message from CG IV Corps dated 150230 - Ref No. 266. This message was never journalized previously. 1. 111 Field Regt (- 212 Btry) is placed under operational control 92 Inf Div and Adm control 10 AGA, effective 151200. 2. 212 Btry, 111 Field Regt is placed under operational control TF 45 and Adm control 10 AGA, effective 151200. 3. Btry C, 1125 Armd FA Bn will move to vicinity MARANO (6219) on 15 March. Unit is detached TF 45 and reverts to parent unit control 151200. 4. 1125 Armd FA Bn with assault gun Plat, 751 Tk Bn attached, is relieved IV Corps Arty and 34 Div Arty (OP) and attached to 10 Mt Div effective 161200 March. 5. 1125 Armd FA Bn will continue to provide at least one Battery with liaison and forward observation in direct support of either one Recon Sq, and will be prepared to place the fire of one additional Battery in support of that unit on call. 6. 10 Mt Div will so employ 1125 Armd FA Bn that the mission given in paragraph 5 may be accomplished. 7. Coordinate all moves through Roman IV Corps TOG. |
| 42         | 1345        | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebuta 3: 1. 2/85 will relieve 3/85 night of 27-28 Mar. 2. 3/85 will move to PRUNETTA early morning of 28 Mar for training. 3. Send 3 Bn G-3 to div CP to make Ken of Tng area. ACTION: Journal, C/E, CG, G-2.  |
| 43         | 1400        | Phone fr Hux 2: Observer learned from partisan: at 162782624 is a house containing 1 German; at 162662740 are 4 houses occupied by Germans; at 164052670 are 2 houses in front of keffens believed to be occupied; 2 MG's in culvert on road behind the houses at 164052670. Kettel CP: At 1633266 two trenches about 20 ft long near a house; did not see them yesterday. Suspect CP at 156052457; in a large house with 1 window open with an instrument in window. HILLY: At 1120. at 145602622 arty fired on personnel in house; destroyed house; personnel scattered. At 1140. at 159482840 activity observed near house; house hit by our arty. ACTION: Ism and Journal.   |
| 44         | 1410        | Phone fr Remount 2: 1st Bn picked up 2 civilian boys who stated: At 1584280 are 3 or 4 tanks; in Villa d' Aiano (1595274) approx 50 Germans billeted; at 1579267 are 3 or 4 Germans; at 1597266 are 7 or 10 Germans; at 1590278 is a MG. The civilians will be sent back to Div. ACTION: Arty, Corps, /S, S.   |

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- | Ser<br>No. | Time | Phone fr Recall 3 to Hq 3; There will be amendments to relief schedule and to FM 8 (Raid schedule). I will inform you of approved changes.<br>ACTION: O/S - Journal.  |
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| 45         | 1400 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Hq 3; There will be amendments to relief schedule and to FM 8 (Raid schedule). I will inform you of approved changes.<br>ACTION: O/S - Journal.  |
| 46         | 1435 | Phone fr Hq 3; From 0930 to 1330A. - 604 - 10 counter battery mission (63692741) (60992768) (63782856) (61382745) (64022678) observed by Ground CP. Fire effective. 2 harassing missions observed by Ground CP - accomplishments - 57 rds. 605 - 1 mission - activity around house (55402622) observed by Ground CP - Demolished house and barn. Personnel left house as battery 3 rds landed. 1 mission activity near house (59482840) observed by Ground CP - activity ceased. 94 rds expended. 616 - 1 mission enemy gun position observed by Ground CP - 1 target hit (545259). 1 mission enemy occupied house (532263) observed by Ground CP - Target hit. 62 rds expended. 1125 - Mission in process, will report later. ACTION: Journal. |
| 47         | 1445 | Phone fr Recall 3 to 3 Regt's: Asked 3 Regt's if interested in Det of Eng to demonstrate use and defense of mines in training areas. ANS: yes - will submit schedule to G-3. ACTION: Journal, O/S.  |
| 48         | 1500 | Hq, 10 Mt Div Sitrep No. 188 submitted.   |
| 49         | 1500 | Phone fr Hq 2: Reported by CP 3rd Bn (154252541) at 1312A. Picked up 4 horse shoe emplacements measured 2 1/2 yards. CP approx 10 yards from these emplacements. At (1546269), (154822680), (154872648) and (154702649) these positions are unoccupied. At 1440A suspected gun position in haystack at BELVEDERE (154102649).   |
| 50         | 1510 | Rec'd fr 87th Mt Inf: Overlay of enemy information compiled by 1st Bn.  |
| 51         | 1510 | Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 566, dated 251200A March 1945. w/overlay (2 copies of Report with one overlay).  |
| 52         | 1510 | Rec'd fr Hq 34th Inf Div; PW Interrogation Report No. 335, dtd 26 March 1945. (2 copies)  |
| 53         | 1510 | Rec'd fr Hq 34th Inf Div; G-2 Intelligence Summary #388, 2 Copies. 251200A.   |
| 54         | 1510 | Rec'd fr Hq 15th Army Group, Appendix 'A' to Operational Memorandum No. 9 dated 7 March 1945. 1 Copy.   |
| 55         | 1510 | Rec'd fr ADY Hq; XIII Tactical Air Command; Daily Intelligence Summary #162.  |
| 56         | 1530 | PATROL PLAN NO. 109; "B" Co, 85th Mt Inf. 2 Off. 20 EM. Out-271930. In-28-0400A. Mission: Combat patrol to capture PW's.<br>PATROL PLAN NO. 109; Same as above with exception: Out-261930A. In-270400A. Mission: Combat and Rem for Raid.   |
| 57         | 1600 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army Weather Forecast to include: 262400A to 272400A.  |
| 58         | 1600 | Rec'd fr IV Corps, SITREP NO. 169 dtd 261200A March 1945.   |

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59	1630		PATROL PLAN NO. 317; "I" Co, 85th Mt Inf, 1 Off. 12 RM. Out-261930A, In-27-0900A. Mission: Security patrol. Route; (1619266).
60	1635		Phone fr Air Co, 10th Mt to Air Support Central, Fifth Army (Acr): BSL SAN MARTINO (1545258) exclusive, along road to BERLOGONE (1552265) exclusive, to ROCCIA (1585307) exclusive, to TOLE (1655309) exclusive, to M NUGGA (1646310) to Corps boundary (1700310). ACTION: Sent via teletype to comply with instructions CPAs Memo #5, Hq 5th Army 22 March 1945. C/S.
61	1640		Phone fr Keystone 3 to Recall 3: 3/365 will be atnd to 10th Mt Div tomorrow. ACTION: C/S, 87th, CO.
62	1645		Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf; E-2 Periodic Report fr 251300A to 261300A, March 1945.
63	1645		Rec'd fr IV Corps, ISUM NO. 874. dtd 261345A March 1945.
64	1645		Rec'd fr 87th Mt Inf: Training Schedule of 3d Bn. 28 Mar to 30 Mar 45.
65	1645		Rec'd fr 86th Mt Inf: Training Schedule 28 - 30 March 1945:
66	1700		Phone fr Leader (Dist Gen Trp) to Rebate: Patrol Intentions of Gen Trp.
67	1715		Phone fr Box 3: 604th FA- 1 mission on enemy occupied house at (1641266)- Ground observation- target hits on house. 3 missions - counterbattery - (1655286)(1626277) ground observation - guns silenced. 605th FA-MTR. 616th FA- 2 missions on enemy occupied houses at (1556269) and (1559301) - ground observation, several target hits, very effective. 1 mission on mortars at (1558-268) unobserved - mortars neutralized. 1125th AF- 2 personnel missions (1696276) and (1671277), ground observation. Areas neutralized. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
68	1730		Phone fr Distate 6 (CO 365th Inf): Advance party will arrive at Div CP at 0800: 27 March. It will consist of 1 Officer per co, 1 NCO per platoon, S-3 (Bn), Bn CO, and possibly 1 or 2 other officers. ACTION: C/S, Retread/LMO, Retread 3 (will meet party at Div CP and guide to area).
69	1915		Phone fr Reply 2: Reported by observer at (1594255) at 1730A at cave on forward slope of MT BELGARA (1594278). There has been considerable activity around this cave a door about 6 feet high and 3 feet wide. May be Germans or Italians. Reported observer at (16027504) enemy dugout at (16052685), 2 dugouts at (16092712). ACTION: C/S, G-2.
70	1800		Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 189 submitted.
71	1800		Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 114 submitted.
72	1915		Phone fr Rebate 2: 9 rounds of arty fell on MT DELLA SPE (16126) between 1830A and 1815A. At 1847: guns flashes were observed in VERCATO, (16925). ACTION: C/S, ISUM, Rex.
73	1930		Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, Intelligence Bulletin No. 31, dtd 26 March 1945.

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| 74      | 1930 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army Detach, Co D; Information Bulletin, 24 and 25 March 1945.   |
| 75      | 1930 | Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion, S-3 Report No 85, 261200A March 1945.  |
| 76      | 1930 | Rec'd fr Hq 92nd Inf Div: G-2 Periodic Report No. 140. (1 copy w/overlay).  |
| 77      | 1950 | Phone fr Rex 2: CP at (160272504) Reports that at (160882700) one MG in haystack, 2 dugouts nearby. Arty cannot adjust on it but will harass it with 3 or 4 rounds. ACTION: 85th, C/S, ISUM.  |
| 78      | 2000 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army, Amendment No 2 to Operations Memorandum No. 4, 24 March.   |
| 79      | 2000 | Phone fr Rebata 2: At 1929A enemy MG fire being received on M VALMIRA (1648-245). At 1800A 1 GERMAN was seen at (163902625) also 2 more Germans reported there earlier this PM. Fired our mortars on target and set house afire. At 1900A 3 Germans observed at (1641255) mortars and arty fired on them and scored 5 or 6 direct hits. ACTION: ISUM, C/S, Journal.   |
| 80      | 2100 | Phone fr Rebata 2: Our own trip flares at (1648251) are being set off at 2030A by other than friendly troops. Our mortars are covering that area and troops are on look out for an enemy patrol. ACTION: ISUM, C/S.   |
| 81      | 2100 | Rec'd fr IV Corps, ISUM NO. 875. 262000A March 1945.  |
| 82      | 2100 | Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf: Overlay showing Defensive positions of 1st, 3rd Bns 85th w/1st Bn 87th atch.  |
| 83      | 2400 | Phone fr Rex 2: At 1930A a truck movement was noted on the road (1664282). At 2000: 20 trucks were observed on road (1664277). These were fired on with no visible results, but no truck movements were noted since. These trucks were believed to be moving N to E towards VINCIGUIC. Reject (604) wishes info to be given to someone on their R flank. In connection with star shells tonight the observer at (1631245) was unable to observe any effects. That all trucks stopped moving when star shells were fired. ACTION: ISUM, G-2, C/S, 85th Mt Inf. |
| 84      | 2230 | Phone fr Remount 3: The relief of the 3d Bn 86th by 2d Bn 86th was completed at 262220A. CP of 2d Bn GLANDI (1594256). ACTION: SITREP, G-3, C/S.  |
| 85      | 2240 | Phone fr Rex 2: 604th P-1 mission on enemy mortars (1637279) ground observation mortars silenced. 1 mission on truck at (1664281) unobserved. 605th P-1 mission on mortars (1603279) ground observation mortars silenced. 616th P-1 mission on town (1513243)-ground observation very effective - 5 rounds. 1 mission on mortars (1556246) unobserved. Mortars silenced. Mission on enemy CP (1563248) ground observation very effective. ACTION: G-2, C/S.   |
| 86      | 2300 | Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 190 submitted.   |
| 87      | 2325 | Phone fr Rebata 3: Patrol of 1st Bn, 87th made contact with 81st Bn at 262315.. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Sitrep (4660A), Journal.  |

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1	0015	Phone fr IPW: 2 civilians from GARETTI (1585267) entered our lines at CASTEL d'AIANO at 261100A with following information: About 6 Germans occupying houses at CA DI RIDOME (1577267), 15 Germans occupying houses at (1585268) - A German patrol is sent out every night from this latter location. 1 MG position located at (158912745) - 3 MG's located at (1590278) which is about 20 yds N of cemetery - named by approx. 20 Germans who also occupy houses in CHIESA VECCHIA (1592278). March 25: 15 Morhars 60 and 81mm observed at approx. (1576278) - all houses in area of OST DI RIVELLA (1575279) are occupied by Krauts. A C.P. and Switchboard are located at C GAMBONI (1575283), the C.P. is commanded by a Captain; Trip wires attached to hand grenades placed both sides of Streams R. SABELLA and R. RIVELLA - streams leave from VILLA DI GLARO (1588275) to OST DI RIVELLA (1575279). Northern slope of MONTE NOVALETTI (1597266) has been mined with A.P. mines. German CP located at SENILARO di SOPRA in house at approx. (1585284) - This CP is believed to be commanded by a Colonel. A German tank observed firing from position on road at (1585281) this was on March 24 - it had been firing from same position for 5 nights previous. 3 other tanks firing from N slope of Hill 738 at (1590282) on March 25. During the night of 24-25 March there was a change of troops in area N of VILLA DI AIANO. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal.
2	0215	Phone fr Baz 21: In the past two hours, the 87th sector has received approx. 60 rds of arty fire. Counterbattery has been fired by Baz and Corps and Sector is now pretty quiet. ACTION: Noted for C/S, G-2, G-3, Journal.
3	0335	Phone fr Nebate 2: Patrol of 1st Bn, 87th Made contact with 81st Bn at 270330A. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3, Journal.
4	0345	PATROL REPORT: Patrol No. 317, Co I, 85th Mt Inf. Time Out: 262140A. Time In: 270300A. <del>no enemy contact</del> - no enemy contact. Weather foggy ran into 4 A.P. mines at (1621265) (Sketches and exact location of mines will be sent in to Div Hqs by 271200A) Found a booby trapped brief case vicinity (1618268). Patrol scheduled to return originally at 270500A. However, order was changed prior to departure and patrol returned intact at 270300A.
5	0050	Phone fr Nebate 3: Positions on MT VALSURA (1648245) again reported MG fire. Have them locate the weapon and we'll fire arty at it. Also. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3, Journal (Net previously entered).
6	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 191 submitted.
7	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Logn No. 115 submitted.
8	0700	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 170, 262400A Mar 45, fr IV Corps.



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- 9 0645 PATROL REPORT No. 109 - Time Out: 241900A - Time In: 270310A. R/85, 10 - 200M Patrol to (1631261) investigated bldg at (639262). At this point ran into 9 man enemy patrol. Our patrol withdrew into gallery and called for mortar fire. Mortar fire effective on position where enemy patrol was last seen. Our patrol returned to house after mortar fire lifted and moved 25 yards W of house where they observed and listened for 1 1/2 hours (heard and saw nothing). Moved back to house and found series of well dug in slit trenches 25 yards East of house and near the road. Near 2 houses at (623256) found trip wires in field tied between fruit trees. Patrol returned - No casualties.
- 10 0735 Phone fr Capt Livermore: 92nd Div - Enemy arty continued light and harassing fire. One enemy patrol observed. Our patrols active - 4 made contact. 1/370 relieved by 3/370. 19 PW's taken. 365th Regt - Nothing to report. BFF - quiet front, moderate arty and mortar fire. No patrol contacts. No PW's taken. 51st Cav Bn - 30 rounds mortar fell on forward positions. Ambushed enemy patrol at (1642264) - killed 3 and wounded 5. Active patrolling. No PW's. II Corps - Enemy snaked area (811288). Slight enemy arty across front. Light arty fire in center sector. PW identification - 2 Co, 274 Regt (7526) - 6 Co, 267 Regt (712267)
- 11 0800 Message send out to V Army ASC: Bomb Safety Line Report as of 0800A - No change.
- 12 0830 Rec'd: Issu No. 876 from IV Corps dated 270920A - Ref No. 382.
- 13 1000 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 83 dated 26 March 1945 from IV Corps.
- 14 1000 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 293 dated 27 March from IV Corps.
- 15 1020 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 141 from 92d Inf Div, dated 25 March.
- 16 1030 Phone fr Baz 3: Sitrep - 1030A. 616 - 2 mission on enemy personnel in house (1532274) - ground observation - several target hits. 1 mission on supply dump 539261 - ground observation - several target hits - 38 rounds expended. ACTION: Journal.
- 17 1030 Phone fr Requet 2: Road at (16422700) seems to have been cleared and made ready for use. (Cratering reported here formerly) ACTION: G-2, Regt, Issu.
- 18 1035 Rec'd: Monthly Security Report fr Counter Intelligence Corps dated 26 Mar. Also a copy of IAR dated 26 Mar. Subject: PRUKITA Adalme di Angelo, alias (La Barba).
- 19 1035 Phone fr Capt Smith - G-4: Request clearance of motor movement of 3/87 tonight. 3/87 will move in four march movements beginning at 2400A at 1-hour intervals - will arrive at Campo Tisore at 280005A to 280135A. Movement of 3/85 to PRUKITA to begin 280400A. ACTION: Clearance granted.
- 20 1050 Phone fr Remount 3: 3/86 closed into training area vicinity PIASTRI at 270200A. (E located at (1454964)). ACTION: Journal, Sitrep.

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21	1100	Hq 10th Mountain Div Sitrep No. 192 submitted.
22	1100	Rec'd: Training Schedule for period 1 April to 4 April from 87 Mt Inf.
23	1100	Overlay from 87 Mt Inf indicating enemy mortar installations.
24	1100	Rec'd: Enemy documents consisting of personal letters and notebook from 3rd Bn 88th.
25	1115	Rec'd: S-3 Report #57 from Div Arty dated 251800A to 261800A March.
26	1230	Rec'd: Operation Instructions Numbers 11 and 12 from 81 Gun Sq. Both dated 26 March. Also received Overlay on Enemy Dispositions and Minefields. Rec'd Patrol Missions for nights of 27-28 March. Rec'd patrol reports dated 25/26 March. Rec'd S-2 Periodic Report No. 63 dated 26 March.
27	1245	Rec'd: Civilian Interrogation Report No. 21 from Lt Bromberg dated 27 Mar.
28	1315	Phone fr Require 2: Between 262330A and 270100A, a British soldier and a Brazilian soldier in an OP at (1569224) were captured by a German patrol. The OP was found empty with all equipment left behind. ACTION: 87th, C-3 and Journal.
29	1330	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 116 submitted.
30	1410	Phone fr Transportation Off: Clearance for move of AT Bn from Montecatini to Costa Lucia on 28 March granted. ACTION: C/S and Journal.
31	1445	Phone fr Rex 3: 604 - 1st Mission TOT enemy held town of CERRELLIO (661281) unobserved - 44 rounds. 1 mission harrassing unobserved - 14 rds. 603 - CI or CF - two houses (1606269) ground of results effective-proof knocked off one house - one house fell down - 61 rounds. House at (1605285) ground of very effective many target hits - 28 rounds. Two TOT on group of bldgs (1544-257) unobserved; (1661282) unobserved. 58 rounds. 1 personnel mission (1596-274) ground of dispersed personnel. 30 rounds. 1 mission on dugout (16132-2741) results not complete because of poor observation. 15 rounds. 61st PX - 1 mission enemy personnel in bldg (1542244) ground of many target hits-bldg destroyed. 1 mission enemy occupied bldg (1544283) ground of several target hits. 1 mission on enemy occupied bldg (1548264) ground of several target hits, movements ceased. 2 mission TOT (1544256) (1661281) unobserved. Total 433 rounds. 1125th A.F. - MTR. ACTION: C/S.
32	1510	Rec'd fr Hq 86th Mt Inf: Overlay of enemy mortar positions in front of 86th Mt Inf Regt Sector.
33	1520	INTECH PLAN NO. 110: "B" Co, 85th Mt Inf: 2 Off. 3 Squads. 8 men each. 2 3 man MG teams. 1 Radio Operator. 1 litter team. 3 Panzer Foughts. Cal-27 1930. In-280500. Mission: Combat patrol for the capture of PW's.

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| 34  | 1500 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 193 submitted.  |
| 35  | 1545 | Phone fr Rex 2; 86th Mt Inf: A civilian report: Civilians who have been working behind CASTEL DI PIANO (16025) escaped the night of 26 March, they stated the following: The unit opposing us is called the Falcon Division, it relieved a unit that was in position there the night of March 19-20. Most of the men are between the ages of 17 and 20 years old. Morale is low. No guards for trucks, low on ammunition, hard time getting supplies. All transportation is either horses drawn or mules, including the artillery. A German General is quartered in the town of PIAMAZZI (160853145). A Colonel is quartered in the town of CADELLI GATTI (161052815). The Falcon Division came from the vicinity of CASTEL FRANGO, NW of BOLOONA. Germans are in the town of G. CHIARA VECCHIA (1592278). Gun emplacements at M DI ROSSOLA (1603300). Mine area in vicinity of OST DI REDELLA (1578277) to (1578261); also mine area in vicinity of R CASSELLI (1582270) to (1590272). Heavy artillery seen at BOCCA (1605330) - Light arty seen at LASTRELLI (160252940) also at CA DI NARDI (160012960) also at CREGICCIA (1595286) also at FOGGETTO (1592295). In a house on a hill 854 (1610273) a Lt with several men are there with mortars and MG. There are dugouts ( dug by these civilians) for use of MG positions at LA RINGOLA (1588273). 200 meters behind CA DEL GONTE (1608266) is a MG position 2 mortars located behind hill 694 (1600276) also behind hill 753 (1603267) are mortars and 2 heavy MG's. Also behind hill 538 (1582265) are 3 MG's. ACTION: C/S, LHM, CB. |
| 36  | 1600 | Msg fr Hq 10th Mt Div, Air Officer to ASG Fifth Army, reads, No change.   |
| 37  | 1600 | Phone fr Rebate: During relief of 1/85th Mt Inf by 2/85th Mt Inf contact with 1/86th Mt Inf will be continued. ACTION: C/S.   |
| 38  | 1605 | Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, Intelligence Bulletin No. 32, dtd 27 March 1945.  |
| 39  | 1605 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 347, 261200A-March 1945.  |
| 40  | 1605 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army, Weather Forecast, fr 272400A to 282400A March 1945.  |
| 41  | 1630 | Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 171, 271200A March 1945.  |
| 42  | 1700 | Phone fr Retread: Schedule for mine demonstrations: 29 March 0900A. CAMPO TILZORO. Blue Bn. 30 March 0900A. Known distance range. Blue Bn. 3d April 1200A PICTRA COLORA (w). Red Bn. ACTION: G-3, Called Engr- satisfactory, C/S  |
| 43  | 1800 | Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 117 submitted.   |
| 44  | 1800 | Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 194 submitted.   |
| 45  | 1820 | Rec'd fr IV Corps, Msg No. 5005A. Maf No. 387. 1. Move one Bn, 365 Inf to detrucking point via (1577227), movement to be completed by 1900A, 27 March. 2. Effective 1900A, 27 March, 1st Bn, 365 Inf is detached parent unit and is attached 10th Mt Div. 3. Coordinate all movements with four corps too.  |
| 46  | 1820 | Rec'd fr IV Corps, OSS: Information requested by AS of 2 Cnd, IV Corps, by Interrogation of Civilians and Partisans. dtd 26 March 1945.   |

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47	1820	Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf, 3-2 Report, dtd 261100A to 271800A March 1945.
48	1820	Rec'd fr IV Corps, ISUM NO. 877. 261600A March 1945.
49	1715	Phone fr Max 3: 604th FA- 1 mission harassing observed ground CP-accomplished 2 missions counterbattery (16208285)(161702790) observed ground CP-neutralized 12 rounds expended. 605th FA-1 mission enemy personnel (162545783) observed ground CP result dispersed. 1 mission enemy dugout (1613276) no observation. 1 mission house (mortar ?) (1604275) ground CP numerous hits. 1 mission enemy in house (1603276) ground CP. 121 rounds. 616th FA-1 mission enemy occupied town (1660281) unobserved TOT mission. 1 mission enemy occupied house (16602810) observed ground CP-many hits. 1 mission on enemy CP (1662293) ground CP target hits. 84 rounds. 1125th AF- MTR. ACTION: C/S.
50	1905	Phone fr PI: PI reports that the road at (16422700) is blown for approx 240 feet - no signs of any work done on it. This found on the latest cover of the 25th March. could require a major engineer effort to repair road. ACTION: This point in road reported by Rejeste 2 to be in good condition at 1030A this morning. Called Rejeste: Rejeste will check from air tomorrow. Engr, C/S.
51	1915	Phone fr Max 2: CP at (160272504) reports enemy in house (1604276) our arty fired and hit house. ACTION: C/S, ISUM.
52	1935	Phone fr Provost Marshall: A report came in last night from Col Parker of 47th that one of his company CDE reported 2 Germans on the loose in this area in Brazilian uniforms last night. I have Corps MPs; 84th's MPs and our MP's all on the alert to arrest all Brazilians in this area. We are still on the alert. ACTION: C/S, 85th, 84th, 87th, notified.
53	1945	Rec'd fr ADV HQ XIII Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary No.143.
54	1945	Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion: 3-3 Report No. 86, dtd 271200A March 1945.
55	1955	Phone fr Rebata 2: Enemy MG firing from via SERRATTO (1660258) towards our positions at (1657267) from a range of about 1500 yards. We are putting our mortars on it. ACTION: C/S, ISUM.
56	2105	Phone fr Max 2: CP at (160272504) reports fire and explosions seen in vic of (1594282), appeared to be enemy ammo dump believed to be blown up by our arty fire at 2045. ACTION: C/S, ISUM.
57	2110	Phone fr Lt McGuirk: Relief of 3/27 by 3/345 was completed 2050A. CP the same. ACTION: C/S, ITREP.
58	2110	Phone fr Retread 3 via LHO: Engineer instruction desired as follows; Red En - 031000A April. Near known distance firing range - Campo Tissero, this is a correction on an earlier message. ACTION: C/S.
59	2125	Rec'd fr Hq 87th Mt Inf: Overlay of enemy disposition in vicinity of MONTLHO.
60	2125	Rec'd fr Retread Red 2 German documents found at (165342367).
61	2125	Rec'd fr IV Corps ISUM NO. 878, 272035A March 1945.

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- 62 2145 Phone fr Robate 2: OP reports a engine warning up at (1661263). Will lay mortars on it. ACTION: C/S, Rex, ISUM.
- 63 2230 Phone fr Rex 3: 604th FA-4 harassing unobserved. 1 counter-mortar (1667266) unobserved. 1 counter-battery-(16206395) unobserved. 605th FA-8TH. 612th FA-1 enemy mortar (1665259) unobserved mortar silenced. 1 MG firing (1574255) unobserved firing ceased. 46 rounds. 1125th AFM: 1 harassing mission-unobserved. 5 rounds. ACTION: C/S.
- 64 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 195 submitted.
- 65 2315 Rec'd: Overlay showing enemy suspected and verified mortar positions, fr 85th Mt Inf.
- 66 2315 Rec'd: Information Bulletin, 26 Mar 45, fr 5th Army Det. OSS.

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- 1 0300 Phone fr Baz 2: 1 squad from 85th raiding patrol in inj 2 squads waiting near houses in vicinity (1422259) for 1 man who strayed from patrol. No PAs known; arty support excellent. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 2 0315 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 172, 260107A Mar 45, fr IV Corps
- 3 0325 Phone fr Baz 2: 178th FA Regt: At 2350A occasional MG bursts from Hill 903 (1426277) heard; nothing since 2300A. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 4 0345 Phone fr Baz 2: 178th FA Regt: burst of MG fire from (1422278) at 2330A; otherwise all quiet. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 5 0340 Phone fr Rebate 2: 81st Recon contact patrol contacted 1st Bn 87th right flank at 0315A. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 6 0430 Phone fr Rebate 2: At 2400A 8 rds medium arty fell on CANOLLS (1424253) coming from Az 270°. At 0410A from CANOLLS 3 rds observed coming from Az 270°, bang and bang was 18-19 seconds; these 3 rds landed approx 1500 yds south of CANOLLS. 3d Bn 85th has been relieved without incident as of 0400A; 2d Bn 85th CP opened at (1421236), same location as that of old 3d Bn CP at 0400A; 2d Bn closed their old CP at same time. ACTION: Arty, Insm, Sitrep, C/S, Journal.
- 7 0530 Phone fr Baz 3: Sitrep: 604th - 14 CP missions - unobserved - 107 rds. 12 support missions for 85th Patrol - unobserved, results very small, 150 rds. 605th: 1 MG mission at (1447240), unobserved, MG silenced, 3 rds. 3 support missions for 85th Patrol, good effect, 129 rds. 616th: 1 mission on enemy occupied house at (1460243), unobserved. 1125th: 1 support mission for 85th Patrol, very effective, 30 rds. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 8 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 194 submitted.
- 9 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Insm No. 118 submitted.
- 10 0735 Phone fr Capt Livermore LO Corps: II Corps: Normal patrol activity, enemy activity vicinity 1904337 - other enemy activity vicinity 892442 - 892504. Arty fire slight, mostly in center sector. 81 Bn - Patrol had fire fight with 3 enemy vicinity 682253. 1 enemy wounded. 8A fire heard east of VERGATO. Some arty - No PA's. 365 Inf: Patrol to 365057 - no contact - No PA's. 81F: Sector quiet, slight arty and mortar fire, enemy approached Hill 991 vicinity 553202 - withdrew after entering mine field. All patrols no contact. No PA's. 92 Inf: 4 man enemy patrol repulsed. 2 raids of platoon strength met strong resistance. Four other patrols made enemy contact. Considerable patrol activity across front. Enemy arty and mortar fire active. No PA's. 366 Inf: Closed vicinity 6040 at 1450A. ACTION: Journal.
- 11 0810 Rec'd from 751 Th Bn: G Co 701 TD relieved B Co 701 TD in place. G Co CP located (594234). All platoons closed in 2150A at (603234). Co B CP 701 TD (605252) - 1st Plat, 1st Section (604253) - 2nd Section (601244), 2nd Plat (573222), 3rd Plat (609255). Closed in 2324A.

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12	0820	Phone fr Ln O IV Corps: 8th Army front: Increased light (S/A, mortar) fire across entire sector. 23rd Brigade relieved 19th Brigade in 8th Indian Sector. Heavy S/A fire received in 56 Bn sector. Enemy reaction to Frull group activities was very heavy arty fire. Heavy patrol activities across entire sector with enemy contact at many points. ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S and Journal.
13	0900	Rec'd: Monthly Security Report from GIC dated 26 March.
14	0910	Rec'd: Isum No. 879 dated 280820A from IV Corps.
15	1000	Phone fr Max 3: 604; 1 harassing mission - unobserved - 4 rounds. 605: 6 harassing missions - unobserved - 150 rounds. 616: NTR. 1125: NTR. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
16	1005	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 294 dated 28 March from IV Corp.
17	1005	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 86 dated 27 March from IV Corp.
18	1005	Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report as of 0700A dated 29 March from IV Corps.
19	1030	Phone fr Rebate 3: 2nd Bn 85th at 163042286. ACTION: Journal, Sitrep, Map, War Room and C/S.
20	1100	Hq, 10 Mt Div Sitrep No. 197 submitted...
21	1130	Rec'd: Patrol Reports 26/27 Mar from Hq, 81 Cav Bn Sqdn. 8-2 Periodic report No. 63 dated 27 Mar. Overlay of Troop Dispositions 81 Bn Sq and adjacent units.
22	1130	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 142 dated 26 March from 92d Inf Div.
23	1130	Rec'd: 5-3 Report #58 for period 26-27 Mar from 10 Mt Div Arty.
24	1130	Rec'd: Patrol Missions, night 28-29 March from Hq, 81 Cav Bn Sq.
25	1330	Phone fr Rejact 2: 5 rounds 75mm arty landed at (1602843) at 281258A. No damage. ACTION: C/S, Isum and Journal.
26	1330	Hq 10 Mountain Div No.119 (Isum) submitted.
27	1345	Phone fr Max 3: 604 - One mission enemy CP, TOT, (1617899) unobserved - 26 rds. 605: One mission, same as above - one mission troops - house (160422760) observed by ground CP, 11 target hits, house destroyed - 65 rds. 616: One mission enemy house (1655252), ground CP - 4 target hits. One mission enemy CP (same as 604th) - 55 rds. 1125: Same as 604th TOT. - 15 rds. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
28	1400	Phone fr Rebate 3: 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf closed into FRENCH at 271900A. ACTION: SITREP, Journal, C/S, War Room.

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| 29         | 1400        | Phone fr Retread 3: 3rd Bn 87th Mt Inf opened at CAMPO TILCORD at 280300A. ACTION: Sitrep, Journal, C/S, and War Room.  |
| 30         | 1440        | PATROL PLAN No. 428, 28 Mar - 1st Bn 86th, 1 CCF, 42 MM, Out 282400, In 290500. MISSION: Capture PW's and destroy possible strong point.  |
| 31         | 1500        | Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 198 submitted.   |
| 32         | 1510        | Rec'd fr Fifth Army Weather Forecast fr 282400A to 292400A March 1945.  |
| 33         | 1510        | Phone fr Box 2: Air OP at 1519A 2 ambulances parked at building (1487242) bldg not marked with red cross. ACTION: C/S, ISUM.  |
| 34         | 1510        | Rec'd fr IV Corps, SITREP NO. 173, 281200A March 1945.  |
| 35         | 1552        | Rec'd fr IV Corps, ISUM NO. 880.  |
| 36         | 1555        | Rec'd 2 copies of SOI, dtd 30 March 1945. w/2 copies of afcde on each.  |
| 37         | 1610        | Phone fr Maj Walker: 3/27 -29 March adjutants call 1430A. 3/28 -30 March adjutants call 1400A. 3/29 -31 March adjutants call 1400A. Parade 3/27 will be held rd to CAMPO TILCORD to MARBOLA. Parade 3/28 and 3/29 will be held near orphanage on rd from FONTE PAVILE to FIESIRA. Suggest that General's aid get in touch with 8-1 3/27 (or CO) if and how and method awards Gen will make. 3/27 going to have parade not review. ACTION: C/S, General's aid. |
| 38         | 1610        | Phone fr Recall 3 to CO 85th Mt Inf and 10th AT Bn: 10th AT Bn (10th Bn Troop attached) will be under operational control of the 85th Mt Inf upon the relief of the 1st Bn 87th Mt Inf on position. ACTION: 85th, AT, C/S.  |
| 39         | 1620        | Phone fr Box 2: CP at (159382442), M NUOLETTI reports enemy obs plane over that point at 281610A. ACTION: 85th, 86th, 87th, C/S.  |
| 40         | 1635        | Rec'd fr Fifth Army Detach, Co D.: Information Bulletin, dtd 27 March 45.   |
| 41         | 1635        | Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion folder full of overlays accompanying 2-3 Report no. 86, dtd 281200A March 1945.   |
| 42         | 1635        | Rec'd fr 14th Inf Div, G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 390. 271200A March 45. also Intelligence Summary No. 389. 261200A March 45.   |
| 43         | 1635        | Rec'd fr Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 548. 271200A March 1945. 2 copies.  |
| 44         | 1635        | Rec'd fr Adv Hq XIII Tactical Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary No. 144.  |
| 45         | 1630        | Phone fr Redoubt 6: Redoubt CP opened RIOLA (1438206) 1530A. Relief not complete yet. ACTION: C/S, SITREP.  |
| 46         | 1645        | Phone fr Maj Insek (Recall 2) to 85th, 86th, 87th Mt Inf: Get more count of civilians living N of the following road in your zone to your next forward  |



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- position to G-2 by 301700A March. 85th Inf; M and N of road from point 754 (1611251) PAS-ATONE - S MARIA - TORREZZA to boundary. 86th Mt Inf; M of road from X 12 - MADONNA DI S. ANTONIO - (1609251) across country to point 754 (1611251). 87th Inf; M and NW read from K15 - GARNAGLIA - K 12 Road. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 47 1710 Phone fr Box 3: Sitrep; 604th: 1 MG (1610279) neutralized, 6 rds. 1 harassing mission, unobserved, 4 rds. 405th: 1 MG (1699279), target hit 26 rds. 616th: 5 missions on enemy hold houses (1662253) (1679257) (1664248), (1661248), (1669303). Effective 106 rds. 1125th: 1 mission, enemy vehicles (1641281) target hits on house adjacent. Area well covered, 16 rds. ACTION: Journal.
- 48 1730 Phone fr Retread 3: Red CP opened at 1720A at (1694220). ACTION: C/S, Journal, Sitrep.
- 49 1730 Phone fr Box 2: 1 MG at (163842699) fired at our liaison plane - our arty fired on target, 1 man ran from position and enemy MG ceased. CP - reports unusual amount civilian activity at (1662259). ACTION: C/S, Ism, Journal, 87th Mt Inf.
- 50 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Ism No. 120 submitted.
- 51 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 199 submitted.
- 52 1810 Phone fr Remount 2: 4 rds arty fire fell at (1661262) believed to be coming from 1 gun at (1695267) and 1 gun at (168303018). The fire was time fire. ACTION: Box, C/S, Ism, Journal.
- 53 1830 Phone fr Rebate: Redoubt relief of Retread Red completed at 1825A. ACTION: C/S, Journal, Sitrep.
- 54 1915 Phone fr Box 2: CP (1694255) 1098A one sec of enemy MGs fired toward "E" Co of the 86th (1682258) from (1672261). CP (1694255) MG fire believed to be from MONTELLIO (1665259) towards M. NUVOLETTI (1694264). ACTION: C/S, Ism, Journal.
- 55 2015 Rec'd fr Fifth AGC the following msg: 10. P/N. Ccs bldg L7747 To? unknown SBYA.
- 56 2015 Rec'd fr Fifth Army AGC: Incoming msg No. 5129A, Ref No. 9. Intentions for 29 March. Billet peter 74751805. TOT 0700 Hse.
- 57 2015 Rec'd fr IV Corps Arty HB Groups, Copy No. 18, 27 March 1945.
- 58 2015 Rec'd fr IV Corps Ordnance Office: Incoming Message No. 5133A. Reference No. 398. The following allocation is made to 10th Mtn Div at ASF G-4-09 for current operation covering period 251800 March to 141800 April: 4800 rounds 75mm gun HE, 30 rounds smoke; 17200 rounds 107mm howitzer HE HE, 1700 rounds smoke. The above amounts are in addition to undrawn balances from previous allocations. (Signed CG, Fourth Corps).
- 59 2130 Rec'd fr 85th Mt Inf; S-2 Report, dtd fr 271800A to 281400A March 1945.

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d, Hq 10th Mt Div, APO #245, U. S. Army for the period 0000 to 2400A 28 March 1945.

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| 60      | 2115 | Rec'd fr IV Corps, ISUM NO. 881, dtd 282035A March 1945.  |
| 61      | 2115 | Rec'd fr Hq CGS, IV Corps, Intelligence Bulletin No. 33. dtd 28 March 1945.   |
| 62      | 2235 | Phone fr Rex 3: 604th FA-2 missions on MD (1638271) ground CP - MD neutralized. 38 rounds. 1 mission on mortar (1648276) air CP - mortar neutralized. 27 rds. 605th FA- 1 mission on mortars (1613275) ground CP - not completed. 10 rds. 4 TOT in support of raiding party, 50 rounds. 616th FA- 1 mission on personnel around bldg (1556292) ground CP - many target hits observed - activity ceased. 1 mission on MG firing from house (1564288) ground CP, 8 target hits in house. 1 mission on enemy occupied house (1565238) ground CP - fire very effective. 2 TOT in support of raid - unobserved. 1125th FA- 1 fortification mission at (1667297) ground CP neutralized. 18 rounds. ACTION: C/S. |
| 63      | 2115 | Phone fr Rex 2: Rejeet 2 - Reported by observed at (1615245) enemy MG at (162792755) the 604th FA Bn fired on it and it was neutralized. time: 2009A. Reply 2: Location of observer (1595263) reported small arms fire in vicinity (1580263); time. 2055. ACTION: C/S, ISUM.  |
| 64      | 2145 | Phone fr Capt Kastner (Recall 2) to Capt Sanders: 10th Bn Tmp. Have you prepared an overlay of all the road conditions- mule - jeep- 2 1/2 ton truck traffic in your sector? Ans: yes, will send it in first thing in the morning. ACTION: C/S.   |
| 65      | 2200 | Phone fr Rex 2: From Require 2: CP at (1586283) at 2030A 1500 yards to the front of 3450 BALDINO (15823) a flare was observed at an of 63 69 gals from (15840268) accompanied by small arms fire mortar fire and 3 large explosions. ACTION: ISUM, C/S.   |
| 66      | 2200 | Phone fr Rex 2: From Reply 2 at 2030A "V" Co, 84th reports from M GRANGE D'ALANG (1586262) that 2 MG's firing from (1588268). At 2035A "V" Co reports mortars firing from (1578274). Inf mortars are firing on these targets. ACTION: C/S, ISUM.  |
| 67      | 2220 | Phone fr Rex 2: From Kentucky CBO - Suspect light infantry gun at (15987727-119) altitude 840 meters. Photographic interpretation locations of 4 mortars (15968728434) 1 heavy mortar (15966228364) 1 heavy mortar (15884728114) 2 heavy mortars. ACTION: C/S, VL, ISUM.  |
| 68      | 2230 | Phone fr Retread 3: 1st Bn closed in PIETRA COLORA 7 2130A. ACTION: C/S, D'HEP.   |
| 69      | 2300 | Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 200 submitted.   |
| 70      | 2305 | Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate Red 2: At 2230A convey of trucks on road vis (1666279)- 6 trucks observed in twenty minute period. Our arty and other fire coming in on them. Reports also a plane circling overhead for about 1 1/2 hours - seems to be a heavier plane than a sub. ACTION: ISUM, C/S, Rex, corps  |
| 71      | 2315 | Phone fr Rex 2: Rejeet: Fire Direction Center- Message from observed at (1615-245) - one medium aircraft heard circling M SPICCHIONE (1630249) for past hour from 2210 at 2310A. ACTION: C/S, ISUM, Corps.  |

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| 1       | 0033 | Phone fr Box 2 (Clerk): Shell Report, reported by 616th FA: Location of obs (156752348) - azimuth by sound just back of MONTESSE (15524) - 17 rounds fuse delay, fell between 0015A and 0030A on (156742348) - no damage.  |
| 2       | 0145 | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 174, 282400A March 1945.   |
| 3       | 0300 | Phone fr Retread 2: DICTATE REB have observed and are hearing fire fight at (1571211) - small arms fire and 4 rds mortar fire. ACTION: Checked with Remount - CP has heard some AN in that area in last 10 minutes but that is all. JOURNAL, C/S.  |
| 4       | 0330 | Rec'd. following message fr CG, IV Corps, "THERE WILL BE AN ARMORED BRIDGING EXPEDIENT DEMONSTRATION ON FRIDAY, 30 MARCH, IN A DEMONSTRATION AREA JUST SOUTH OF PRATO (06781). THE DEMONSTRATION WILL START AT 1500A. ATTENDING PERSONNEL WILL MEET GUIDES AT (0666795) BY 1445A. QUOTAS FOR ATTENDING PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS; INFANTRY DIVISIONS - 50, BRIGADE AND GP HQ - 5, SEPARATE REGIMENTS - 15, SEPARATE BATTALIONS - 6. IT IS NOT REQUIRED THAT QUOTAS BE FILLED, BUT IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT COMMANDERS, AND STAFF AND KEY OFFICERS, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS WHICH THE PRESENT TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS, ATTEND. TRANSPORTATION USED WILL BE HELD TO A MINIMUM". |
| 5       | 0405 | Phone fr Remount DO: Preliminary report on Patrol 428 - went to destination - No PW taken - no enemy contact. Civilians report that No Germans had been there for several days - complete report on Patrol will follow soon. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 6       | 0430 | Phone fr Box 3: SITREP 0430A: 604 - 16 harassing missions unobserved. 2 missions truck column (666278) unobserved - 145 rds expended. 605 - NTR. 616 - 1 mission enemy gun (544257) - unobserved. 1 mission - MG (564256) unobserved. 2 TOT on (550253) (555262) unobserved. 2 harassing missions - unobserved - 74 rds expended. 1125 - NTR. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 7       | 0530 | Phone fr Box 2 - Clerk: Shell Report fr 281800A, 5 rds - airburst (1558227) at 1835A, 4 rds - Arty (1578254) at 1838A, 6 rds - arty (1606222) at 1855A, 3 rds - L How (1582254) at 2010A, 3 rds Hv Cal (1584244) at 2010A, 5 rds 75 Cal (1622253) at 2040A, 35 rds - med arty (1578220) at 2050A, 8 rds med arty (1578220) at 2055A, 15 rds arty (1595263) at 2100A, 8 rds arty (1568235) at 2250A, 4 rds 105 How (1575237) at 2335A, 1 rd mortar (1573235) at 0152A, 4 rds time fire (1588262) at 1805A, 17 rds - fuse delay 105 (1567235) at 0033A. ACTION: C/S, Journal, Isum.  |
| 8       | 0600 | Hq 10 Mt Div submitted Sitrep No. 201.   |
| 9       | 0600 | Hq 10 Mt Div submitted Isum No. 121.   |
| 10      | 0735 | Phone fr Capt Livermore La O IV Corps: II Corps: Patrol slash vicinity 962369; personnel observed in areas 96338026, 76319644; some increase in light arty and mortar fire in center sector; enemy identification from a corpse - 7 Co 577 Regt at 962329 and a deserter from 8 Co 267 Regt at 708266. 81st Bn: Sight mortar traffic vicinity YERBATO; No PW's; 1 patrol from 687266 drew no fire. 365th Inf: Patrols active; no PW's. REF: Sector quiet; slight mortar fire; active patrolling, mostly no contact; 4 PW's - 92d Div; sensitive to our patrol activity; slight arty received; 2 PW's. - C/S -  |

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11	0750	Phone fr Ln C (BEF): Captured four (4) deserters at L469139. 3 Polish and 1 Austrian. BEF states they are from 4th Mt Bn (?). Patrol received MG and mortar fire at 508183. Patrol received MG, mortar, SA and hand grenades at 505181. A patrol drew MG fire from 496178. ACTION: G-2, C/S and Journal.
12	0830	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 87 dated 28 March 1945 from IV Corps.
13	0900	Phone fr Recall 2 to Rebate 2, Remount 2, and Retread 2: Complete patrol reports will be phoned into Recall 2 by 0700A on the morning of the return of each patrol. ACTION: Journal and C/S.
14	0905	Rec'd: Ism-No. 882 dated 290840A from IV Corps. Ref No. 40A.
15	0850	Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: Rebate Raid for 29 Mar will extend deep into enemy territory. Maccomand Hill 860 (619272). If there is no enemy at the first point, have the patrol prepared to continue to another point. ACTION: Journal, 85th, C/S, CG, and G-2.
16	0945	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 295 dated 29 March from IV Corps.
17	0945	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 87 dated 28 March from IV Corps. (DAP entry). See entry No. 12.
18	0945	Rec'd: Intelligence Notes from Allied Force Headquarters AC/S, G-2.
19	0845	Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 3: 1. Training areas: PIZZA COLORA (K); west of 60 easting and S of DELLA VEDETTA hill mass. GROCHETTE di SCOTTO; East of 60 easting and S of DELLA CROCE hill mass. 2. Reserve Bns will continue training to include small unit problems and conditioning marches. 3. Bns must be able to assemble in reserve assembly areas on one hour's notice. ACTION: Journal, C/S, 87th, CG.
20	1020	Phone from Baz 2: Rejest 2: Observer saw enemy bunker at 163552225, near Hill 868 in back of Hill 903; observed at 0958A. ACTION: C/S and Journal.
21	1030	Phone fr Baz 3: 616; 2 missions counter mortar (1545259) (1599255) - unobserved, results unknown. 4 missions on enemy occupied houses (1561244) (1557245) (1560246) ground observed 13 targets hit, building demolished, target hits, 7 target hits respectively. 122 rounds. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
22	1040	Rec'd: Patrol Missions, 29/30 March fr Hq, 81 Cav Reg. Also received S-2 Periodic Report dated 28 Mar, No. 68. Patrol Reports 28/29 March.
23	1120	Rec'd: Shell report from 86 Mt Inf.
24	1130	Rec'd: Ltr of Inquiry and recommendation concerning Pvt Hans W. Lewens, Co "K", 86 Mt Inf. Ltr originated from Hq Med Theater of Operations.
25	1120	Rec'd: G-3 Report #59 from Hq 10th Mt Div Arty dated 27 to 28 March.
26	1100	Hq, 10 Mt Div Sitrep No. 202 submitted.

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| 27      | 1215 | Phone fr Remount 2: 255 rds of arty and mortar fire fall in 86th area from 281200A to 291200A. 167 of these rds fell via 86th CP (1581232). Approximately only 14 of these rds landed between 290600A and 291200A. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 28      | 1235 | Phone fr Baz 2: 12 rds mortar - 14 rds arty - These rds fall from 290600A to 291200A in general area of 1581234, 1586241, 1579258. Hottle 2; Suspected enemy CP at 164052710; house at 167983070 has had red cross flag on it for several days, this morning it was gone; at 1544345 saw 2 vehicles and 1 motorcycle and 2 or 3 enemy personnel. Reply 2: At 1534284 suspected gun position; air CP will investigate. ACTION: Isam, C/S, and Journal.   |
| 29      | 1305 | Phone from Baz 2: Rejest 2: Observer saw at Hill 822 (161582730) trip flares set off after our mortars fired in that vicinity. Civilians reported nearby at 1628267; believe no Germans in houses there. Enemy CP's observed at 16282706, 161602768, 16162760. Civilian reports enemy mortars at 162042642. 200 yard trench running NE to SE observed at 1628272. Enemy CP at 16282700. 2 dug-outs at 16162760; no movement at dugouts; believe they are manned at night with MG. Between road and house on Hill 744 (162362634) enemy green camouflaged position; 1 German seen there; believe it to be MG position. ACTION: Isam, C/S, Journal. |
| 30      | 1405 | Phone fr Baz 2: 604: 6 missions on mortars - 1. 609275 - 4 rds. 2. 618281 - 8 rds. 3 & 4. 602276 - 4 rds. 5. 626278 - 5 rds. 6. 630270 - 18 rds. All from ground CP. All neutralized. 1 mission on enemy personnel 638269. Ground CP results unknown - 63 rds. 603: NTR. 616; 2 destructive missions, 1 on enemy occupied house 569256. Ground CP - target hits on house, activity ceased. 1 on MG 563250. Air CP good effect, 51 rds. 1125: NTR. ACTION: Journal, C/S.   |
| 31      | 1420 | Rec'd: Sitrep No. 175 dated 291335A from IV Corps.  |
| 32      | 1450 | Phone fr Remount 2: At dusk every night, enemy leave the house at 1541250, go E to draw at 156102508 and proceed up draw to kitchen at approx 1548252; tonight 4.2 and 8mm mortars will be fired on these. Civilians say two Fascist women operate radio in house at 158152409; our men are searching house now for radio and will bring in the women. ACTION: Arty, CIC, C/S and Journal.  |
| 33      | 1515 | Rec'd fr 34th Inf Div, G-2 Intelligence Sum: ary NO. 381. dtd 281200A March.  |
| 34      | 1500 | Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 203, submitted.  |
| 35      | 1515 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps GSS, Intelligence Bulletin No. 34, dtd 28 March 1945.   |
| 36      | 1515 | Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 569. 2 copies one with overlay.   |
| 37      | 1530 | Phone fr Recall 3 (Capt Bourke): Notified the following organizations of building demonstration afternoon of 30 March: 85th Inf- 5 Off. 86th Inf- 5 Off. 87th Inf- 5 Off. Div Arty- 5 Off. 731st Tank- 5 Off. 126th Eng- 10 Offs. Div Hqs- 5 (G-3) (O-4).   |

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| 38  | 1600 | Rec'd fr IV Corps ISUM NO. 863, 291510A March 1945.   |
| 39  | 1600 | Rec'd fr IV Corps Document with serial No. 1-29-3 for CG, 10th Mt Div.  |
| 40  | 1600 | PATROL REPORT NO. 232; Co "F", 85th Mt Inf. 8 HQs. 30 EB. Out-292400A. In-300500A. Mission: To raid enemy positions and take PW's.  |
| 41  | 1600 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army Weather Forecast fr 292400A to 302400A March 1945.  |
| 42  | 1635 | Phone fr Remount 2: At (1581293) is a red cross flag on a church steeple, we also believe that there is a mortar position near by at (1577294) and a great deal of activity of men coming and going out of the house at (1581305). ACTION: C/S, Rex, ISUM.  |
| 43  | 1650 | Phone fr Rex 2: From air OP reports saw large excavations which were empty at (163322805); road was demolished at (164202695). ACTION: ISUM, C/S.   |
| 44  | 1630 | Rec'd fr CG IV Corps Incoming message No. 155A, Ref No. 407 as follows: Following Tel Hq Fifth Army quoted for immediate compliance "A board of Officers consisting of one infantry officer and one field artillery officer from each division and corps will convene on or about 31 March at G-3 training, Fifth Army rear. The chairman of the board will be Col. Billingsly of two corps Hqs. The purpose of the board will be to conduct firing tests of the new recoilless weapons in order to determine their value as standard items of equipment of combat units. The area for the proposed tests will be designated by this Hqs. Proposed plans for conducting these tests will be submitted to the board to this Hqs for approval. Direct contact between the board chairman, commanding General, 85th Infantry Division, and individual board members is authorized for the purpose of conducting these tests. The 85th Infantry Division will provide the necessary crews to man the weapons. An army directive will be issued to the board upon their arrival at G-3 training, Fifth Army rear." Chairman of the board has called a meeting at 1000 Hours 31 March at Fifth Army G-3 rear. |
| 45  | 1655 | Phone fr Rex 3: 1125th MA1 Registered for tonight's preparation. 604th FA-3 counter-mortar (1616274)-(1616274) observed by ground OP. Fire effective. 27 rounds expended. 605th FA-1 mission enemy OP (1609269) observed by ground OP numerous targets hit. 1 gun in position - (1593286) observed by ground OP. gun silenced. 1 smoke mission, marching concentration for 64th Mt Inf. (1570-246) observation by ground OP and accomplished. total 94 rounds. 616th FA-2 mission enemy in house (1558306) (1564256) observation by ground OP - many target hits. 1 mission enemy activity near house (1574246) observation by ground OP very effective. 1 mission enemy dugout (157249) observation by ground OP target hit. 104 rounds expended. ACTION: SITREP, G-2. <span style="float: right;">Gabrielli and</span>  |
| 46  | 1740 | Rec'd fr CIC, 10th Mt Div. Arrest Report of Giuseppe di Domenico and Mine fu Domenico Masini. dtd 28 and 29 respectively.   |
| 47  | 1745 | PATROL REPORT NO. 426; Out-2400A. In-0315A. Patrol left CASTEL D'ALIANO on path around left flank of C Co's positions and proceeded to the junction of the road and the large draw at the bottom of the hill. At this time someone to our right front (distance unknown) called out one word with a loud voice. To some members of the patrol the word sounded like "Achtung". Our Squad was  |

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left in position along the road as a covering force while the other two squads proceeded to the house at (1606262). The house was surrounded, the people inside were called to, the door by the Italian speaking member of the patrol, and a search was made of the entire house. There were 3 men and 3 women, all over 30 years of age. On questioning they gave the following information: 1. About March 1 Germans moved 2 tanks, horses and supplies along the road to the Km. 2. About March 4, four Germans visited the house which was our patrol's objective. Since then they had seen no Germans in their vicinity. The interpreter was left in the house to watch the people and a squad was posted around the house. A squad moved up and occupied the high ground at (160602631) and set up a MG to fire to the rear of the objective. (Time 0200). The squad on the road moved up and reported that they had heard movement around the houses at ALBERTO. A squad moved along the road to approximately (16030263) and went into position to cover the left of the objective. At these coordinates the road had been cratered to form a road block. The remaining squad moved along a draw to within 150 yards of the objective, moved along through a field to the house and surrounded it. A check was made for communication wire and the lower floor of the building was checked through a shell hole in one end of the building and through an open window in the other end, however no signs of Germans or German equipment was found. No position were found in the vicinity of the house. To get to the house the assault squad was forced to cross an open field in the bright moonlight, yet no fire was drawn from any direction.

- 46 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div I-EM NO. 123 submitted.
- 49 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 204 submitted.
- 50 1800 PATROL PLAN NO. (unnumbered fr 92d Div); 1st Bn 365th. 10ff. 52 Km. Out-29-2000A. In-292400A. Mission: Combat patrol and capture PW's.
- 51 1935 Phone fr Baz 2: From Rejact 2: Partisans saw guns go into position last night at (159102965) one of these partisans has been in the Italian Army for 8 years. Shooting is coming from the direction (159102965) at ML7A and it is hitting at MONTESINISTRO (162262526). C/B has been fired on it. ACTION: C/S, I-EM.
- 52 1945 Phone fr Baz 2: from 605th Pl- fired 1 mission on enemy gun at (159102965) at 1435. Effect- gun position silenced. 1 mission against enemy personnel in house at 1700A (160753296) effect - house destroyed. Our OP at (150672533) observed mortar fire 100 yards N of large tower in town of MONTRELE (15524). ACTION: 87th, C/S, I-EM.
- 52 1950 Rec'd fr Fifth Army AGC, Ref No. 17: Mag reads: Targets for night 29-30 March. Cf Love 77954108 and Cf Love 96204710.
- 54 1950 Rec'd fr 751st Tank Battalion, S-3 Report No. 88, dtd 291200A March 1945.
- 55 1900 Phone fr Kobate B1 2 civilians came through our lines (1st Bn 85th) and reported the following: 4 Big guns moved into draw at (161780308). Also 1st Bn OP located at (162592530) heard 8 rounds of arty go overhead on an approximately 330 sec. arty OP with 1st Bn 85 located (163092456) heard 8 rounds go overhead in 2 groups 4 rounds each. ACTION: Bn arty officer calling for counterbattery and requested grasshopper to look into this. C-2,3, C/S.

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- 56 1915 Rec'd fr Fifth Army, ASC, Incoming Message No. 5260A; Attn: Amer Liaison Off. Ref No. ASC 26. Intentions for 30 March. Div CP Love A3442998 at 0700A.
- 57 1915 Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, ISUM NO. 884, 292020A MARCH 1945.
- 58 1925 Phone fr Rex 2: Civilian report: Civilians came to our line from vicinity of VILLA D'AIANO (15927) they state the following: Civilians have been ordered to evacuate VILLA D'AIANO and that tonight the road from VILLA D'AIANO to CASSA DEL COSTA (1584278) is to be mined. Ger arty the 605th will harass that road tonight. ACTION: 86th Inf, C/S, ISUM, Journal.
- 59 2020 Phone fr Rex 6: Recall 6 (Col Thomson): How if you can dig up a minimum of 200 and a maximum of 250 big strong punk mines. I'll give you the exact amount you want tomorrow AM. ACTION: Recall 5 will comply.
- 60 2030 Phone fr Rex 2: OP on M SPIGNIONE (16325) reports an unidentified plane flying overhead at 2030A current. ACTION: 85th, 86th, 87th, C/S, ISUM, Corps.
- 61 2130 Phone fr Rebate 2: 10th AT reports an amber light flashing at (1655226) will you check this. ACTION: Called Return (126th Agre) and asked them to have a Go who is in the vicinity of reported light check it. ACTION: C/S, C-2.
- 62 2145 Phone fr Rex 3: 604th - 3 counter mortar (1638275)(1638286)(1612305) unobserved. 2 missions harassing, also unobserved. 2 missions enemy personnel (1644263)(1655308) also unobserved, total 94 rounds expended. 605th - 1 mission troops in house, (1608330), observed by ground OP, very effective, house destroyed, 1 mission harassing, unobserved, total 16 rounds. 616th - 1 mission enemy MO in house (1644238), observed by ground OP area covered. 1 mission enemy vehicle near bldg (159264) observed by ground OP, target hit. 2 missions troops in house, (1536260) (1559301) observed by ground OP, target hits on bldgs, total of 176 rounds expended. 1125th - RTA. ACTION: C/S, SIXREP, C-2.
- 63 2300 Hq, 10 Mt Div Sitrep No. 205 submitted.



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- 1 0145 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP NO. 276, 292400A March 1945.
- 2 0235 PATROL REPORT, 92nd Div, 1st Bn, 345 Inf, 1 Co, 52 KM, Out 292000A, In 300145A, Time rec'd. 300235A. REPORT: Patrol thought it heard a wireless operating in house at (1582243); found 15 civilians in house but no radio. 2 bodies were found in a house in POSSESSION (1573248); were dressed in nondescript uniforms and had been stripped of all identifications; identity could not be established. Patrol continued on to objective (1569249) and established a listening post for 1 hour. At 300030A a flare was fired from vicinity (1566253). Patrol returned without making enemy contact.
- 3 0300 Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol to 61st Bn made contact at 030230A. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 4 0408 Phone fr Rebate 2: Listening post at SPICCHIO (1631253) heard MG fire from CALVANA (1631261) at 292200A, and vehicular traffic near (1641277) at 300100A. ACTION: C/S, ISUM, Journal.
- 5 0505 Phone fr Bex 3: Shell Reports: 1800A - 9 rds, medium cal (1633261), 1805A - 10 rds 105 mm (1624251) and (1616261), 1830A - 8 rds 150 mm (1629261), 1830A - 13 rds light (1579258), 1840A - 13 rds medium (1647235), 1900A - 1 rd medium, (1558227), 2240A, 1 rd mortar (16422). ACTION: C/S, ISUM, Journal.
- 6 0507 Phone fr Bex 3: SITREP: 604 FA - 9 harassing missions, unobserved 136 rds, on ey gun positions at (1621290), (1631278), (1620279), and (1626293), 43 rds. 2 missions in support of patrol raid (1614285) and (1616283), unobserved 74 rds. 605 FA - 3 missions in support of patrol raid at (1614285) and (1616283), unobserved, 102 rounds. 616 FA - 2 missions on mortar positions at (1597249) and (1566247), results effective. Also harassing mission on MONTES (1599245) unobserved and 1 mission on enemy vehicle in MONTES, results effective. Total rds, 92. 1125 FA - 1 harassing mission (1621276); results unknown, 25 rds. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 7 0510 Phone fr Bex 3: No of rounds fired from 281800A to 291800A is 1354. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 8 0630 Phone fr Reply (w/ 86th): G Co reports MG fire coming fr (1590278). An ey OP is located at (1598276). ACTION: C/S, ISUM, Journal.
- 9 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM #124 and SITREP No. 206, submitted.
- 10 0900 Patrol Report No. 232 dated 29 Mar, Co F/85, 1 Co, 8 KOP's and 50 KM. Time Out 292101A, Time In 300423A. REPORT: Patrol proceeded to (1622263), searched houses and old enemy positions. 3 civilians in houses reported that 2 German officials had been there 2 days before but that the Germans were now 2 KM away (?). Patrol continued on route; found trip flares at (1622266). At (1620266) part of patrol searched draw for old gun positions, but found none. Plank security bar sent out to (1620289) and (16192692), and a reconnoitering party approached, SERNA SARLANA (1619270). Mortar concentration and baz barrage was requested and received at 300130A. Intense enemy arty fire fell on patrol position; also MG fire was received from (1614273) and (1607273), and 8/A fire

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- 10 (Cent'd) from (1616274). Patrol withdrew to rallying point, reorganized, and searched for possible casualties. 20 men were missing. Reported to battalion at 300300 and requested instructions. Regiment ordered patrol to return because time element did not permit completion of mission. All missing men accounted for on return of patrol to base; no casualties.
- 11 0730 Phone fr Capt Livermore 10 Corps: II Corps - fire fight with enemy patrol, 20 men vicinity 190733Z. Slight and scattered arty fire in sector. Enemy patrol attempted infiltration at 2120A, vicinity 5119. One enemy wounded. 92 Inf Div: Numerous visual contacts with enemy. One enemy patrol attack repulsed. Numerous patrols no contact. Total of 188 rds of arty received. No PW's. 365 Inf: Patrol to 396096, no contact, no PW's. 61 Reg Sq: Very quiet night - patrolled to Africa (690236), no contact, no PW's. Information reported from 958: 1 German Alpine Bn 500-600 strong bivouac between PAVILLO 1477325 and PINEPILAGO 1297187. It is rumored they will attack on Easter in ADETOME sector of SERRACHIO Valley. ACTION: Journal, G/S.
- 12 0830 Phone fr Lt O IV Corps: VIII Army: 2 enemy combat patrols in right sector beaten off. Active patrolling with some small fire fights within sector. Town of FARNA heavily shelled yesterday. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 13 0857 Phone fr Mount 2: Our OP has sighted 10-12 Jerriss at 158055355, and a possible enemy position at 157023369. ACTION: G/S, Journal, PI.
- 14 0914 Phone from Rex 2: OP at 1583259 notes movement of 5 men at 1585281, and a church at 1581287 w/a red cross flag in front of it, and an ambulance near it. ACTION: G/S, Journal, PI.
- 15 0925 Rec'd: Isua No. 885 from IV Corps dated 300845A.
- 16 0955 Rec'd Message fr G-3 Air: Bombed 1780411, time over target 2330A, no results observed. 1962471, time over target 2040A, no results observed.
- 17 1000 Phone from Rex 3: Situation Report 601: 1 mission - vehicles by house 61762848 observed by ground OP, some target hits. 24 rds expended. 605: 3 missions harassing, unobserved, 110 rds expended. 616: 2 missions troops in house 561252, 544258, observed by ground OP, 5 target hits. 71 rounds expended. 1125 Pz: Nothing to report. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 18 1015 Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report dated 30 March from IV Corps.
- 19 1015 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 68 dated 29 March from IV Corps.
- 20 1015 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 296 dated 30 March from IV Corps.
- 21 1100 Hq, 10 Mt Div SitRep No. 207 submitted.
- 22 1120 Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: 75mm pack howitzer section of 10th AT Bn will limit their firing to observed fire only. ACTION: Journal, G/S, 85 Mt Inf. (Rex has been informed).

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| 23      | 1155 | Phone fr Rebate 2: 6 enemy observed digging at 143362833 at 1145A. ACTION: C/S, Journal, Isum.   |
| 24      | 1155 | Rec'd: Corrected Copy of Operations Memorandum No. 5 from Hq Fifth Army dated 22 March.  |
| 25      | 1155 | Rec'd: Information Bulletin dated 28 March from Fifth Army Detachment Co D.  |
| 26      | 1155 | Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report dated 28 March from 93d Inf Div. Report No. 144.  |
| 27      | 1155 | Rec'd: S-2 Report dated from 281400A to 291400A from Hq 85 Mt Inf.   |
| 28      | 1155 | Rec'd: S-3 Report #60 dated 29 Mar from Hq 10 Mt Div Army.   |
| 29      | 1245 | Phone fr Rex 2: Report: 3 German ambulances parked at (143422820) and 9 men seen digging on left side of Hill #868 (1434283). ACTION: Journal, C/S and Isum.   |
| 30      | 1245 | Phone fr Rex 2: 14 rds medium arty fell at 1505242 from 0830A to 1100A. ACTION: C/S, Journal and Isum.   |
| 31      | 1245 | PATROL PLAN #1125, 30 Mar - 10th Recon Tr - 1 C, 1 Engr C, 1 Engr HCO, 15 MM. Time Out 301300A, In 301800A. MISSION: Road Recon with Engrs.<br>PATROL PLAN #1124, 30 Mar - 10th Recon Tr - 1 C, 1 Engr C, 1 Engr HCO, 15 MM. Time Out 301300A, In 301800A. MISSION: Road Recon with Engrs.   |
| 32      | 1245 | Phone fr Recall 3 to CO, 85th, 86th, 87th Mt Inf Regts. (By Lt O's) 300900A. Raids to destroy enemy strong points, and to capture, identify or destroy enemy personnel will be carried out as follows: 1 April - 87 Mt Inf - 2 Apr 85 Mt Inf - 3 April 85 Mt Inf - 4 Apr 87 Mt Inf - 5 Apr 86 Mt Inf - 6 Apr 85 Mt Inf - 7 Apr 86 Mt Inf. ACTION: Journal, G-2, and C/S. (FM No. 10) |
| 33      | 1245 | Intelligence Bulletin No. 34 fr Hq IV Corps CGS and Civilian Interrogation Report No. 24 dated 30 March.   |
| 34      | 1300 | Rec'd: Message fr CO, 81 Cav Recon Sq: Patrols, Night 30-31 Mar. A & B Trs: Mission: Security patrols in front of their respective positions to cover relief of A Tr by C Tr.  |
| 35      | 1300 | Rec'd: Patrol Reports 29/30 Mar from Hq, 81 Cav Recon Sqds, also S-2 Periodic Report No. 65 dated 29 March.  |
| 36      | 1310 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Lt Col Gall and Maj Ekern: Lt Col Gall, Hq, Div Army and Major Ekern, 87th Mt Inf are appointed to a board of officers to determine 1/2 basis of resupply weapons. They will report to FIFTH ARMY G-3 rear in Florence at 311000A. ACTION: Journal, C/S.  |
| 37      | 1320 | Ltr dated 30 Mar fr 3326th Sig Co, Platoon D&G - Subj: Violation of Radio Security. Also received Journal recordings for 30 March.   |
| 38      | 1330 | Hq 10 Mt Div Isum No. 125 submitted.   |

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| 1              | 0140        | Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 178, 302400A March 1945.   |
| 2              | 0100        | PATROL REPORT NO. 114, 30 Mar 45, 85th Mt Inf, 1 C, 2 squads, 1 Bazooka and 1 litter team, Out 301930A, In 310050A, Time Rec'd. 310100A. FINDINGS: Patrol to (L627259) followed route as shown on overlay. Investigated a bridge at (L627259) - no signs of habitation - found one (1) dugout near buildings. No enemy contact.  |
| 3              | 0200        | Phone fr Rex 2: A Kraut Hvy MG is firing from (L57022470). Knock it out and let me hear from you. WILCO. ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-2.  |
| 4              | 0210        | Phone fr Rex 2: Observer of 616 FA located at (L572237) reports a heavy tank firing at an azimuth of 305° approx 2000 yds. ACTION: If you definitely spot tank don't hesitate to fire your arty on it. -- WILCO. C/S, Journal, G-2.  |
| 5              | 0500        | Phone fr Rex 3 (Glerk): Missions fired 300500A to 310400A. A - heavy in positions, CP or OP - 3, harassing - 36, fortification - 3, troops - 23, MG and mortar - 2, motor transport - 2, total - 73. Air obs - 2, ground obs - 29, unobserved - 42, total amount - 73. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 6              | 0600        | Hq 10th Mt Div, ISUM No. 127 and SITREP No. 211, submitted.  |
| 7              | 07:00       | PATROL REPORT - 2/86, 1 C, 20 Mt, Out 2800, In 0507A. REPORT: Moved out from Co E area, followed trail down right side of draw to nose of cliff. A 50mm mortar round fell to left of patrol, patrol continued when another 50mm round fired and hit a private about 1/2 way back in the column. Found a house under cliff on front of BALDINO. Patrol leader decided to search house, sent 4 men and 1 MOC down to house. MG opened upon party - another MG opened up along ridge firing SW. MG from objective opened up and fired to S and SW. Four (4) MG's in houses at (L586270) fired long range at base of Mt Grande Di Alano. Patrol leader tried to call for supporting fires and found radio was out having been hit by MG fire. In meantime a BAR team went into action against MG in near house - this BAR was hit by MG fire. Since patrol was on forward slope without supporting fires patrol leader decided to withdraw back up hill in 2 columns. (The wounded man (50mm) had been sent back earlier). At rendezvous point patrol was missing two (2) men. Patrol leader, BAR man and aid man went out to look for missing men. Found 1 dead - patrol members fired on by MG. Medic verified man dead. Didn't locate other men. BAR man stayed with patrol leader to gain look for missing men - search unsuccessful. The house at foot of hill where 1st MG was located is at (L583266). Patrol leader believes 2 Germans were killed. Friendly casualties: 1 Killed in action - 1 Missing - 1 Wounded. |
| 8              | 0730        | Phone fr Capt Livermore LO IV Corps: II Corps - Peried quiet, arty fire slight - some activity observed along front. 81 Reg Sq: quiet night, active patrolling observed and heard enemy. No PW's. Hvy: Heater quiet - slight arty and mortar fire at 2020. Two enemy patrols attempted to penetrate lines at 540190 - 532189 - 531185 - 531190 were driven off. No PW's. 245 Inf: M.T.R. No PW's. 92 Inf: Peried relatively quiet. 1 patrol contact on left flank. Total of 76 rds enemy arty. 25 PW's. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |

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| 9                        | 0745        | Phone fr Capt Munsterman LO BHF: 75 rds arty - slight mortar fire. One patrol to LEFORE 347234 drew strong arty and mortar fire. One man killed out of patrol. Ren patrol to SASSO BELOCA 524192, claims they found Booby Traps in area. ACTION: Journal, C/S.   |
| 10                       | 0940        | Rec'd: Ltr from The Allied Military Government, 10 Mt Inf Div. dated 28 Mar. Subj: Report on Commune of Castel D'Alance.   |
| 11                       | 0940        | Rec'd: Received Isam No. 888 from IV Corps dated 310910A.  |
| 12                       | 1005        | Phone fr Rex 2: Air OP reports at (61502970) a gun firing. No <del> arty</del> <sup> arty</sup> on house - effect was good. In town TULE (14530) on a road observed empty gun pits (165753110). ACTION: C/S, PI, Isam, Journal.  |
| 13                       | 1010        | Rec'd: G-3 Situation Report dated 31 March from Hq IV Corps.   |
| 14                       | 1010        | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 89 dated 30 March from Hq IV Corps.   |
| 15                       | 1010        | Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 297 dated 31 March from Hq IV Corps.  |
| 16                       | 1025        | Phone fr Rex 3: Sitrep: 605: MTR. 605: 1 mission personnel in house (592278) - Ground OP - 3 target hits - 11 rds. 6lb; 2 missions - enemy occupied bldg at (528244) (567275). Ground OP - 1 bldg demolished - 2nd bracketed - 37 rds. 1125: 1 mission - destruction of house and vehicles (1620291). Air OP - very good effect. - 47 rds. ACTION: Journal, C/S.   |
| 17                       | 1025        | Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 66 from Hq, 81 Cav Rex Sqdn. Also received Patrol missions 31 Mar - 1 April.  |
| 18                       | 1100        | Hq, 10 Mt Div Sitrep No. 212 submitted.  |
| 19                       | 1130        | Phone fr Keystone 3 to C/S: Record indicates few PW's since 24th and these were deserters. No actual captures since 20th. Want you to try and get some more PW's for more recent information. Agents tell us Jerry is going to pull off something in Scarsolo and Cutigliano sectors. One Bn commander should go up in Cutigliano sector and contact Bn commander in that sector to get a line on the situation. ACTION: Review of recent patrol action given to Keystone 3. Message regarding anticipated action by enemy passed on to Major Miller, to be given to General Hays when he arrives Campo Eixoro. ACTION: Journal. |
| 20                       | 1140        | Phone fr C/S to Col Curtis: We have interpreted recent letter on mine removals to mean only our own, but believe we are to be allowed to remove all enemy mines. How do you interpret this. REPLY: I am in accordance with your interpretation of these instructions, to remove enemy mines, but not touch ours. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 21                       | 1145        | Phone fr Rex 2: Require OP reports at (1572258) a MG and dugout - with a suspected OP near this dugout. ACTION: 86, 87, C/S; Isup, Journal.  |
| 22                       | 1155        | Phone fr Rex 2: At 540256 two tanks with self propelled guns. At 545259 one tank with self propelled gun. At 549238 two mortar positions.  |

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22	(Cont'd)		At 535271 rocket projector believed to be mounted on 105mm How. Brazilians have fired on these targets. Two persons observed entering house at 996343; two persons with two men at 996342, both observed at 1056A. Enemy has ordered all civilians to rear of Strade and Raffens by written order; Seven Germans in house named Marzone. 3 MG's at adjacent house. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Isum.
23	1209		Phone fr Box 2: At 1148A enemy activity in a dugout seen. 2 people observed moving in the area S/W MONTAGE (553242). Observer AI is keeping the spot under close observation. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Isum.
24	1330		Hq, 10 Mt Div Isum No. 128 submitted.
25	1345		Rec'd: S-3 Report #61 dated 291800A to 301800A from 10 Mt Div Arty.
26	1405		Phone fr Box 3: Sitrep: 604: 1 mission on enemy dugout (618279), Ground CP neutralized - 18 rds. 605: 1 mission on activity around house. Ground CP - not complete - 6 rds. 616: 1 mission on enemy occupied house (561253), Ground CP - no further movement - 18 rds. 2 missions on enemy dugouts (566249) (566232) - Ground CP - no further movement - 26 rds. 1125: 1 mission on house (689273) - Ground CP - 3 rds - couldn't adjust on target. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
27	1425		Rec'd: Message fr FIFTH ARMY: Ref No. 1179. Text - Reference letter this Hq's File AG-353 Tr, Dated 30 March 1945, Subject: Training, MA43 (76mm) Tanks, training will be completed on or before 10 April 1945.
28	1425		Rec'd: Weather Forecast from FIFTH ARMY 312400A.
29	1425		Lt Col Cordes called Col Irvin: 1. The 8th Tp has only two officers left. He does not deem it advisable to carry out the plan of moving out the 8th Tp with so few officers. Capt Saunders was evacuated to-day with an infected ear. The Tp is scheduled to move out night of 1-2 April. To be referred to C/S and CG for decision. 2. Lt Col Cordes is to go to Rome on 6 April. I gave him permission. ACTION: C/S, CG, G-2.
30	1500		Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 213 submitted.
31	1545		Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps ISUM NO. 889. dtd 311515A March 1945.
32	1545		Rec'd fr ADV Hq, XIII Tactical Air command, Daily Intelligence Summary No. 146.
33	1545		Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 571. dtd 301800A March 1945.
34	1545		Rec'd fr Hq, 1st Armd Div, G-3 Periodic Report No. 518.
35	1545		Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps GSS, Intelligence Bulletin No. 36. 31 March 1945.
36	1545		Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, SITREP NO. 179, dtd 311523A March 1945.
37	1545		Rec'd fr Hq, 34th Inf Div, G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 393. 301200A March 45.

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| 38  | 1600 | PATROL REPORT NO. 293: "F" Co, 85th Mt Inf. 1 Off. 28 RM. Oct 31 1930A. In-010530A March. Mission: Raid and capture PW's.   |
| 39  | 1635 | Phone fr Retread 2: Civilian report: Infantry positions in rear of MONTESE from (1559253) toward MONTELO (1562250) only occupy them at night. Patrols move in and occupy the following positions at night (1559243) to (1562244). MONTESE not occupied but patrols enter each night. MG in house at (1562250). Infantry live in vic of (1512257); 5 or 6 arty pieces at (1562257). ACTION: 85th, 86th, Rex, C/S, ISUM.  |
| 40  | 1700 | Phone fr Max 3: Situation Report: 604th FA- 2 missions on MG's (1602266) ground CP, area neutralized. 14 rounds, 1st, 18 rounds 2nd. 1 mission on enemy mortars (1623283) ground CP, mortar silenced. 6 rounds. 605th FA- 1 mission on house (1582266) ground CP 6 target hits, house burning. 43 rds. 1 mission on troops around house (1606303) ground CP, house demolished. 35 rds. 1 mission on gun positions (1595285) ground CP very effective. 18 rds. 614th FA- 1 mission on enemy MG (1572258) ground CP, fire effective. 8 rds. 1 mission on CP (1582281) ground CP target hits, 13 rds. 1135th FA- 1 mission on troops (1647287) ground CP very well covered, 21 rounds. ACTION: C/S.  |
| 41  | 1715 | Phone fr Remount 3: 3rd Bn 86th closed into PIEDRA COLORA (1609219) 311700A. Ct at those coordinates. ACTION: STIRAP, Map, War Room, C/S.   |
| 42  | 1730 | Phone fr Rex 2: Reply 2 reports MG firing into draw at (1591260). Forward. observed with 2nd Bn 86th has been wounded.<br>Shell Reports: 10 rounds 75 How at (1591265) at 311505A.<br>2 " 105 mm at (15902640) at 311510A.<br>10 " 75 mm at (159902630) at 311520A.<br>5 " Medium arty at (1580252) at 311525A.<br>6 " 105 mm at (161672638) at 311525A.<br>6 " Medium arty at (1580252) at 311535A.<br>5 " 105 mm at (1588261) at 311545A.<br>5 " 75 mm at (1588261) at 311556A.<br>15 " 105 mm at (1588261) at 311525A.<br>15 " Mortar at (1616726) at 311605A.<br>15 " Unknown arty (156822648) at 311625A.<br>12 " Mortar at (15826) at 311630A.<br>18 " Mine Mortar (1587261) at 311635A.<br>12 " 75mm Arty at (1587253) at 311635A.<br>10 " Mortars at (16025) at 311541A.<br>2 " Unknown arty (1647269) at 311641A.<br>5 " Medium arty (1580252) at 311600A.<br>7 " Medium arty (1580252) at 311610A - 311630A.<br>2 " Medium arty (1580252) at 311555A.<br>1 " Medium arty (1580252) at 311605A. ACTION: C/S, ISUM. |
| 43  | 1740 | Phone fr Hebuta 2: 6 rounds mortar fire landed on MOUNT DELA SFE (16126) at 311545A, and 10 additional rounds at 311750A. 3 enemy dugouts, camouflaged, have been spotted by ground CP at (1618277). ACTION: C/S, ISUM.   |
| 4   | 1750 | Phone fr Rex 2: 63 rounds arty fire this afternoon in 2nd Bn 86th area coming from (1581292) and (159853030) and (1586306). ACTION: C/S, ISUM.  |

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| 45      | 1800 | Hq, 10th Mt Div, ISUM NO. 129 submitted.   |
| 46      | 1800 | Hq, 10th Mt Div, SITREP NO. 214 submitted.   |
| 47      | 1800 | Rec'd fr 1st Bn 365th Inf: Overlay of disposition, dtd 30 March 1945.  |
| 48      | 2015 | Rec'd fr CIC (Lt Bromberg): Civilian Interrogation Report Es. 25. 2 copies.  |
| 49      | 2030 | Phone fr Hqs 2: Civilians report 2 houses at road in town of CANOVETTA (1641-274) contained 12 Germans at noon today. At (163362765) at the bend of the road below STRADA, there are 2 deep dugouts with 15 to 20 Germans. ACTION: ISUM, C/S.  |
| 50      | 2035 | Phone fr Retread 2: 365th report enemy 3/5 and AB fire at (1557220) at 312005A. Their 81 mortars are firing back. ACTION: ISUM, C/S.   |
| 51      | 2055 | Phone fr Maj Watson: Col Tomson: 250 animals ready for transportation. They'll load them Monday and they'll be at MCHENEGATIAI Tuesday at daylight, about 2 houses you selected. It'll be 2 1/2 to 3 days to get them to their units. 86 and 87 want all their animals (339), 85 will give me a figure tomorrow, Howell 5; (Col Tomson) I'll split the 250 between 86 and arty. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 52      | 2120 | Phone fr Rejeat 2: Civilian reports house with numerous wires leading into it at (159734448). ACTION: C/S, ISUM.   |
| 53      | 2145 | Phone fr Retread 3: 2nd Bn 87th completed relief 1st Bn 86th 312143A. ACTION: SITREP, map, C/S, war room.  |
| 54      | 2155 | Phone fr Hqs 3: 604th- 3 missions preparation (162002723) unobserved. 2 missions harassing unobserved. 1 mission counterbattery (1629265) unobserved. 1 mission occupied village (1629281) TOT, unobserved, 51 rds. 605th FA- 1 mission enemy mortars (1609282) ground of mortar silenced. 1 mission enemy hibouise area (1542-257) unobserved TOT. 1 mission occupied village TOT (1629281). 30 rds. 616th FA- 2 missions enemy occupied house (1561254) (1556292) observed by ground of, 3 target hits on each house. 1 mission HQ in house (1548257) unobserved. fired 2 TOT above 75 rds. 1125th AFM- 2 TU's above 20 rds, VT fuse. ACTION: C/S. Correction: second sentence is to read countermortar instead of counterbattery. |
| 55      | 2205 | Phone fr Rebate 2: G's report the following: A HQ is building at (1611274) covers fire of mortar in draw at rear of building. An SF high velocity gun was at 312005A. Located at (162002780). A heavy mortar is located at (1617245). "B" Co weapons and arty has fired on all targets, effect unobserved. ACTION: ISUM, C/S.  |
| 56      | 2230 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps ltr, Subject: Recommended T/O and E for 57mm, 75mm and 4.2" Recoilless weapons. dtd 25 March 1945.   |
| 57      | 2230 | Rec'd fr 3rd Bn 86th overlay showing disposition.  |
| 58      | 2230 | Rec'd fr Hq, 86th Mt Inf: 2 copies of Training schedule. dtd 30 March 1945.  |
| 59      | 2230 | Rec'd fr Hq, 751st Tank Battalion, S-3 Report No. 90. dtd 311200A March 1945.  |
| 60      | 2230 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army: Amendment No. 3 to Operations memorandum No. 4.   |
| 61      | 2230 | Rec'd fr HQ Rear letters of citation for Maj Ireland.  |



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- 62 2230 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps ISUM 890 to include 312000A Mar 1945.
- 63 2230 Rec'd. following message from ABN FIVE ARMY: "FOR TOMORROW PD DUMP (1477294) -- AT 1100 HOURS".
- 64 2300 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP No. 213, submitted.
- 65 2305 Phone fr Retread White: CP opened at 2145A at (1604245). ACTION: 312300A SITREP.
- 66 2315 Phone fr Sax 2: 3 W flares at azimuth 500 mile fr OP at (1568286) at 2307A. ACTION: C/S, Journal, ISUM.
- 67 2325 Phone fr Rebata 2: At 2230A patrol 233 made enemy contact at (1614269). At 2307A patrol requested green barrage for support. ACTION: C/S, Journal, Corps, ISUM.
- 68 2330 Phone fr Retread 2: Contacted 365th at 2230A. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 69 2345 Phone fr Keystone 2: Reliable sources indicate that - (1) 334 ID has taken over all of sector occupied by 29 PGD. (2) 29 PGD left tanks behind to support 334 ID. (3) Mittenwald-Mt Bn has joined 4th Mt Bn vicinity YAMANO. ACTION: C-2, Map, C/S, Journal, noted for new overlay in 1 April periodic report.
- 70 2355 Phone fr Sax 2: OP at (1568286) saw 2 white flares on azimuth 500 mile at 2350A. OP at (1559218) heard small arms fire vicinity (1574247) at 2350A. ACTION: C/S, Journal, ISUM.

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1. 0600 Recall 3 to 5 Army; 84 Cal Bn 2 Co's plus in FEROLE. ACTION: C/S, J.
2. 0615 Recall 3: Co 1 at (4548031); no enemy - this by radio. ACTION: C/S, G-3, J.
3. 0630 Recall 3 to 5 Army; Sector quiet, no opposition being met by Cos I and K, 85th Lt Inf on east bank of Lake GUDA. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
4. 0645 Recall 2: Co 1, 85th is now at (4493927). ACTION: C/S, Journal.
5. 0650 Recall 1: Schurele debate in Co 1, 85th has made contact with 86th at (4109228). ACTION: C/S, Journal.
6. 0700 Recall 3: 84 Cal Co has patrolled S to TOSCOLARO (361780); 1 Co reported at 0815 it was at LIME SULA GUDA (510966), it was moving to S MARCO (5095) and must be there by now. ACTION: C/S, JFS, Journal.
7. 0745 Rec'd. Hq 24th Inf Div G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 121, 291400B Apr '45; Hq 85th Lt Inf G-2 Report No. 19, 010400B Apr '45; German documents fr 85th Lt Inf; Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 327, 300800B Apr '45; adv Hq 1211 2nd Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 197; Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 119; Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 602, 301200B Apr '45.
8. 0750 Home fr Rec 2: CP, 86th is at (4559049). At 010925B, Bns front lines were as follows: (4545046) - (4559049); (4570050) - (4579042); (4585035) - (4595032). ACTION: C/S, Map, Journal.
9. 1000 Recall 3 to 5 Army; Co I, 85th Lt Inf made contact with 86th Lt Inf at RIVA at 010922B. Co 1, 85th Lt Inf is now at (4493927). ACTION: C/S, Map, Journal.
10. 1000 RECON IN FEROLE #202, 85th, 2 Co's, 40 Bn, Co E, Out 010600B, In 012100B. RECON search out houses for PWs.
11. 1030 Home fr Recall 3 to debate 2: 1. 85th Lt Inf will detail force of one battalion to clear area south of 95 Forthing, between Lake GUDA and the road on the east side of the MTOG RIVER, and North of the 70 Forthing. 2. Force detailed will work in coordination with 87th Lt Inf's Recon and patrolling on route from MVA (544948) to MVA (6500). 3. 10th Lt Cav Recon Troop is placed on P/C 85th Lt Inf for the operation. 4. 85th Lt Inf, without delay. 4. Additional action: G.C., 85th Lt Inf, designated Bty Bn, 85th Lt Inf for the operation. 85th Lt Inf requested a Btry 75mm M.L. referred to CG, Div. Army for necessary action at GILLON. 0815: C/S, 85th, 10th Lt Cav Recon Tp, 87th.
12. 1140 Home fr Rec 2: 1 Co 85th Lt Inf is now at (4510966). ACTION: G-3, Map, C/S.
13. 1200 Home fr Recon 6: MVA, MARCO, and M.C. quiet. Received no arty fire since last night, and that appeared to come from S. Patrols are working North. 400 M's are being brought in by partisans. An OP will be established on high ground. This location not known at present. The patrol from 85th up the west side of lake is in MVA. ACTION: C/S.

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- 31 1045 Radi. Intercept Siam Co L-4 Det to 10th Mt Div Arty: Partisans report few enemy in ARCO. 011035B. ACTION: C/S.
- 32 1115 Phone fr Rebate 3: Co. L at 1012B in at LIMORE SUL GARDA (510965). ACTION: C/S
- 33 1120 85 Phone fr Rebate 2: Road Report, check point 307 to RIVA: Road blown at (A541-003) and (A538997). All tunnels OK. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 34 1120 Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 602. dtd 30 April 1945.
- 35 1130 Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army Icon No. 920.
- 36 1100 65 85 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG, Fifth Army: Patrols of Co I, 89th Mt Inf moving N on West side of Lake Garda pushed into RIVA (5904). L Co 89th Mt Inf at (F510966) at 1000H. Most forward elements of 86th Mt Inf at 8900H are (A545046), (A559049), (A570050), (A579042), (A585039), (A595033). ACTION: Journal, C/S.
- 37 1200 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG, Fifth Army: Co L, 89th Mt Inf is at LIMORE SUL GARDA (510965) at 1115H. 86th Mt Inf patrolling N of RIVA (5904). ACTION: Journal, C/S.
- 38 1200 Rec'd: Information Bulletin, 29 Apr 45, fr Fifth Army Detachment.
- 39 1200 Rec'd: Mem No. 6022, 30 Apr 45, fr Fifth Army: Warn all troops of non disturbance bomb. Take particular precautions in CITTABELLA area (62373). Captured enemy aircraft will be placed under guard immediately to prevent removal of parts or souvenirs.
- 40 1200 Rec'd: Corrected Copy Overlay to accompany CI #70, 29 Apr 45, fr 34 Inf Div.
- 41 1200 Rec'd: Interrogation Report No. III/19, 28 Apr 45, fr 6 SA Arm'd Div.
- 42 1200 Rec'd: Operational Instructions No. 69, 29 Apr 45, fr 34 Inf Div.
- 43 1200 Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 264, 28 Apr 45, fr 89th Inf Div.
- 44 1200 Rec'd: Change #15 to S.A.S. Instructions, 24 Apr 45, fr Fifth Army.
- 45 1200 Rec'd: Circular No. 6, Damage to Electric Power Lines, 25 Apr 45, fr AFM.
- 46 1215 Phone fr Div E Off: Work on tunnel #1 progressing favorably. 10ft opening now cleared at top of blow. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 47 1200 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 362, submitted.
- 48 1215 Rpt fr Capt Munsterman, Lt O, 5th Army: Position and intentions major units see SITREP No. 153 as of 010600H May 1945. Additional information: 89th Div reverted to II Corps control 301200H Apr with directive that one Bst remain N of VERONA. At present 338th and 339th are N of VERONA, 337th at VERENZA. Div cap enemy radio station at (F6785). 86th Div as of 01005 Apr, 2nd Bn 351 at (R001015), 351st Reg to move N on Nr A7 to FORZANO (R0016), 349th move fr via CORNUA (04695) to FELTRE (R3914). LIGIANO GROUP (Italian) at BRESNANA, has mission of patrolling roads in vic. 6 SA Div reverted 5th Army control.

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- 48 (Cont'd) as of 302100Z Apr '45. 34th Div Air OP reports area 40 Km N and W of MILAN no enemy action. 134th pushing along main roads N and W of MILAN towards NOVARA, 168th Inf and 135th Inf motorized. CGA and GDB and TFH assembling N of MILAN, contact with enemy broken except for scattered pockets. Partisans continue to intercept enemy elements via LIAISON. According to late reports, CG, German 75th Corps, 34th and 5th Mt Divisions, is treating with allied commanders for a surrender of his Corps. (Corps formerly occupied French-Italian frontier. Elements of 473 Inf (92nd Div) and elements of French Army (Sengibao troops) linked up in vic of NOLI on coast. Allied Inf occupied TURIN.
- 49 1235 Phone fr AMG (Capt Kay): Civilians report there are 60 PWs held by partisans at the South end of LAKE GARDA at DESENZANO (F2961) and 60 at PESCHIERA (F4257). ACTION: G/S, Ison, Journal.
- 50 1235 Rec'd. Hq 5 Army SITREP #153 as of 010600Z May 1945; Adv Hq XIII The Air Command, Daily Intelligence Summary No. 198, 30 Apr '45; Msg fr 5 Army dated 28 Apr '45 re changing of Corps rear boundary.
- 51 1250 Phone fr Recant 3: OP to be established at (575051). ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 52 1300 Phone fr Recall 3 to 5 Army: Clearing of tunnel #1 (F864948) progressing favorably. 84th Mt Inf establishing OP at (575051). ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 53 1315 Phone fr Rex 3: An underground factory for the manufacture of airplane parts has been discovered near TORBOLE (A3708). It extends approximately one mile underground and employs 500 workers. The manager has been ordered to keep all personnel present until the military takes over. Request competent personnel to check credentials, machinery, etc. ACTION: GDB has been notified to go up and check personnel at once. 5th Army notified; an Air Force representative will make a check of the factory as soon as possible. ACTION: G/S, G-2, Ison, Journal.
- 54 1320 Phone fr Rebabe 3: Co L near LIMONE (F510946) has contacted partisans who are in immediate contact with SS (?) troops. Our troops are taking prisoners. The shore road is demolished at (F471948) and (F509948). There are demolition mines at (F502946) and in tunnel at (F494936). ACTION: G/S, Ison, Journal.
- 55 1340 Phone fr Rex 2: Ln O with 84th states that partisans report coordinate squares (A6008), (A6007) and (A6006) have been cleared of enemy; partisans also report there are 300 enemy and 1 88mm gun near (A530099). ACTION: G/S, Ison, Journal.
- 56 1330 Phone fr Returns: 1 Gannett ferry now in partial operation (13308). 2nd ferry expected ready about 14308. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 57 1400 Phone fr Recall 3 to 5 Army: Co L, 85th Mt Inf near LIMONE (F510946) have contacted partisans that report contact with SS troops. Shore road is demolished at (F471948) and (F509948). 1 Gannett ferry now in partial operation at 13308. 2nd ferry expected ready about 14308. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 58 1450 Phone fr Rex 2: C Btry, 616 YA has mk had a fire fight with enemy at (F572939)

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58 (Cont'd) and has taken 78 Pns. ACTION: C/S, Ism, Journal.

59 1500 Phone fr Recall 3 to 5th Army: Hourly message: "Message of 1400B changed to read Co L, 85th Mt Inf near LIMBE (F510766) have contacted Partisans that report they are in contact with SS Troops and that road is blown at (F471948). Shore road demolished at (F503948).

One Consett Ferry now in partial operation at 1330B and 2nd Ferry completed ready about 1430B. Story C, 416A Bn engaged enemy in fire fight at (572939) at 1450B. Action: Journal, C/S.

60 1511 Phone fr Require 5: Require 5 requests 616 YA Bn be relieved of road block, possibly by AT Bn. One man killed in fire fight previously reported. Enemy was entrenched. Arty pieces used as a direct fire weapon on enemy; personnel of Bn formed an assault squad, assaulted enemy position; 78 PW's taken, one of assault group killed by enemy MG fire. Action: Journal, C/S.

61 1530 Read Hq 5th Army Urgent Outgoing Message, fr G-3 to 10th Mt Div; 1.- 10th Mt Div will continue advance to EORTH - seize and open the BRENNER PASS.  
2.- Boundary - 10th Mt Div - II Corps: From point at (F784794) - to M RAVELANI (HILL 791) (F805849) - M PASURIO (HILL 223) (F807930) - M BORCOLETTA (HILL 1760) (F844974) - M TORARO (HILL 1899) (A 880004) - COSTA ALTA (HILL 1581) (A925100) - CMA BANNERIELLA (HILL 2051) (A970137) - LA PORTIELLA (HILL 2149) (A968260) - M CROCE (HILL 2488) (A988342) - M SCILLAR (HILL 2264) (A139712) - M FARA (HILL 2547) (E882918) - RJ (N217007).  
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62 1500 Hq 10th Mt Div ISM no. 217 submitted.

63 1500 Phone fr Retread 2: Recon patrol to (F571932) saw 6 enemy at (F572939). Action: C/S, ISM, Journal.

64 1530 Phone fr Recall 10: A large radio station has been found apparently intact in RIVA (35504). Army signal has been notified. Action: C/S, Ism, Journal.

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65 1505 Read Hq CIC (10th CIC Det) letter dated 29 April, Subject "Security Survey of the Comune of Torri Dal Benaco (F4274), Province of Verona," also "Security Survey of Bardolino (F4468), Province of Verona."

66 1610 Read Tolst Bulletin, Volume III, Volume 106, published by I & M Section 1 May.

67 1630 Read Hq 87th Mt Inf FC no 14, Copy 8., dated 010100 May 1945.

68 1550 From Ia Off, 86th Mt Inf: Positions 86th Inf: 2nd Bn in RIVA (A5504) and high ground to E & W. Road blocks on all roads on approx 0500 hours. 3rd Bn occupies positions on MT BRIGNE (A5204); 1st Bn in MADO (A5204) and high ground to E. Road block on MABLO & ARGO (A5807) road on approx 0400 hours.  
Patrol fr 2nd Bn, go strength plus partisans, recommended and combat mission to investigate reported enemy and 88mm guns in vic of TERMO (A46083)/PORTE - RIVA - TERMO road. time out 1500. 1st Bn sent patrol, pl. reinforced, recon and combat missions to go to VIGNOLA (A6006); route MADO - VIGNOLA

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- 68 1550 road, time out 1500H. Torbels (A5702) receiving intermittent arty fire, cont'd est, 8mm. Action: Journal, G/S,
- 69 1642 Fr LN Off, 701 TD Bn: As of 1600H, 2 M 10s TD 's on ferry ready to move to vicinity TORBOL 2 M 8's recon cars waiting at ferry point- Est time of rd trip 1 1/2 hrs. Action: Journal, G/S.
- 70 1655 PATROL PLAN : 1 May, 2nd Bn, 86th, Co and Paribans, out 1500H; Recon and combat vicinity THERO (A54003) looking for reported 100 enemy and 20 mm guns; Route: RIVA TO THERO and back.
- 71 1700 Fr Recall 3 to CG, Fifth Army--hourly report. At 1600H, two M 10's TD 's were on ferry ready to move to vicinity TORBOL. Two M 8's recon cars waiting at ferry point to move to TORBOL. 1st Bn, 86th Mt Inf sent combat patrol to VIGNOLE (A6006) at 1500H. Action: Journal, G/S.
- 72 1700 Reed Hq 5th Army U taging Message Ref no 6434, dated 1 May...verification RIXE and typed message of that sent to us at 1730...see ser. no. 61, page 3.
- 73 1730 PATROL PLAN: 1 May, 1st Bn, 86th Main plat out 011500H, Mission: Recon and combat - Route: NAOO = VIGNOLA (along road) and return.
- 74 1545 Radio intercept: Civilians report 100 enemy with MG's at road junction 27-3875 headed generally North. ACTION: G/S, G-2-3.
- 75 1545 Radio intercept: 351st Inf losses; 2 cays at 26410, 1 cay at 23704 second bn. Third bn at 240045, first bn at 240055. Regt CP at 243071. 349 Inf leading else at 343905, regt CP at 421006. 350 Inf still clearing area via 259463 and 0888. Div CP, no change. ACTION: G-3, G/S.
- 76 1725 Phone fr Baz 2: 100 Germans were moving S about 1000 yards S of AKLO along main road at 1705H. ACTION: 66, 85, G/S, G-2, INM, Army.
- 77 1745 Phone fr GO, 255th Engrs: We are going to use vehicle lights while working fl tunnel tonight. We are making good progress, and the tunnel will take small vehicles some time tomorrow morning. Road beyond tunnel fl will not be ready yet of course. ACTION: G/S, G-3, FM, G-2.
- 78 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 343.
- 79 1800 Phone fr Recall 3; To CG, Fifth Army: Tunnel fl (V554962) will be open for small vehicles morning 2 May. Intermittent arty fire being received by 86th Mt Inf in TORBOL (5702). ACTION: G/S, G-3.
- 80 1720 Fr G/S, 10th Mt Div to Major Twombly - Support boats may be dispatched if weather is quiet at upper end of lake. Support boats to work in pairs at all times. Only 8 men to be loaded in one support boat. DUM's to be worked in pairs after dark. Organize reserve crew to go to rescue of any stranded boats.
- 81 1830 Reed 5th Army Sitrep no. 153, dated 1 May.
- 82 1815 Phone fr Retread 3: Patrol reached 995020. No enemy contact. Trail at that

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- 82 1815 point suitable for miles. Patrol retrd at 011200H May. Action: Journal, G-2, G/3  
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- 83 1830 Phone fr Max: Max Fed CP - Partisans report town Area ~~SHENGMAN~~ (A5000) clear of enemy. Request infantry assistance immediately. Partisan report bridge at (A590080) blown. Highway 45 passable otherwise. Action: G/S, G-3, Jral.
- 84 1835 Phone fr Remount 3: Can we get normal distribution on 1:25,000 maps of areas we'll be interested in? Action: Called Return 2, who says that 30-40 copies will be available tomorrow, and the balance will be procured as soon as possible. Called 85, 86, 87 ...told Capt K aster.
- 85 1835 Recd Signal Operation Instructions Index Item 01-21 dated 3 May, effective 6 May 1945...two copies, (G-2 and 3)...also AFGOEN NO. 3097.
- 86 1840 PATROL REPORT: CG 2, 85th, 2 Off, AO KM, Out 010800H, in 011715H; Went to 532852 and west along return route. Saw no enemy. Contacted organized active partisans. State Jerry activity S of 90 Northing and W of K Balde ridge is zero.
- 87 1850 SIG intercept...1st Amd Div...TOO CHILLON FOR 011816H; Generally quiet, mopping up operations continuing. PW's to 011200H, 3000.
- 88 1850 Recd 3326th Sisk Co Plat L-4, Report dated May 1, msg no. 6.
- 89 1850 Recd Radio Message fr Fifth Army GP; Sig Center Nr. 9447...time 011435H. This msg previously recorded...see Ser 80. 61(15309) 1 May, page 5. re Bd. of 10th Mt Div...als 10th Mt Div will sent adv to M, seize and open the Bronner Pass.
- 90 1900 Phone fr Rebate 2: 52 PW's taken at LINCEN (7510966) are now at Regt for interrogation. They were taken by partisans, who wounded 8. Action: G/S, G-2, Journal, IFW, Army, Insp.
- 91 1900 Fr Rebate 3 in C: L Co, has now tied up with I Co in RIVA. Action: G/S, map.
- 92 1900 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG, 5th Army: hourly msg.: Patrol of 87th Mt Inf reached 59502G and made no enemy contact. Partisans report town of ANCO(A5000) clear of enemy and bridge at (A590080) blown. Co L and I 85th Mt Inf have regrouped in RIVA (5905). Action: Journal, G/S.
- 93 1915 Phone fr Remount 3: INF support referred to in msg no. 83 (Journal) was requested by partisans, not Remount. Action: Journal, G-3, G/S.
- 94 1920 Phone fr Rebate 3: L Co, 85th Mt Inf report that road is sub at 543016 - Bailey will do. Action: G/S, Journal, G-2, Insp.
- 95 1910 Navco in Off: Schedule for Quonsetto Ferry commencing 011900H May, 1945:  
Load #1.- To RIVA with two M 8's, 1 M-20, 3 jeeps.  
Load #2.- Reserved for Engr. Load #3.- Two M 8's, 1 M-20, 3 jeeps.





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| 106     | 2140<br>(contd) | to 1800B 1 May 1945. addressed to Cnd Hq 5th Army Hqgr..this copy sent to ADE 10th Mt Div.   |
| 107     | 2210            | Fr Rex: Westhaven report on SS Hq at 546121. Action: C/S, G-2, Journal.  |
| 108     | 2200            | Usual hourly urgent message fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army: Patrolling continues in sector with no enemy contact reported. SS Hq reported to be in vicinity (546121). Action. Journal, C/S.  |
| 109     | 2200            | Phone fr Rex 2: At dusk, considerable traffic was noted going in and out of DRO (A608123) along road N of town. Action: C/S, Journal, Isum, 24th.  |
| 110     | 2145            | Phone fr Rex 2: An Italian civilian reports - 1.- There is an SS Hq vicinity (A565155). 2.- A German raiding party went to Troate last night for food. Enemy is very short of food in this area. Action: C/S, Isum, Ital.  |
| 111     | 2150            | Phone fr Rebate 2: At 1200B a sizeable group of Germans was seen marching N of SPIAZZI (F560779). SS guns were with them. Action: C/S, Journal, Isum.  |
| 112     | 2225            | Reed Hq 5th Army Isum No. 923, includes 011200B May 1945.  |
| 113     | 2205            | Fr CIE: We have a German civilian who was taken at RIVA(A555045) by Partisans. He was in charge of defensive installations being prepared by organization TGBT. Who captured he gave partisans plans for the German-Italian defensive line, which was begun in Nov 1944 and was 90% completed when we came but not manned. He states that we have broken through this line, which passes through RIVA in a general N - W direction. Of the roads from VERONA to the BRESCIA PASS, the one through ROVERETO (A709037) is the easiest to block w/ demolitions, 4-5000 Kilos of explosives are stored in TGBT warehouse in RIVA. Civilian believes 86th Sgt got defense line plans fr partisans. IPW advised to hold man until plans for defenses can be procured. Action: 86th, 85th, 87th, Army, Isum, C/S, Journal, CG, G-2. |
| 114     | 2300            | TXI fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: SS Hq reported in vicinity (A565155). Patrolling continues with no enemy contact reported. Action: C/S.  |
| 115     | 2400            | TXI fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: The Quonsetto Ferry is presently transporting reconnaissance vehicles, supporting armor and engineer equipment directly to RIVA.   |
| 116     | 2400            | Phone fr GIO. The 500 people working in the underground factory we captured at RIVA (A555045) are Italian civilians who were employed by Germans building tools for Messerschmidt. Director and Vice Director will be held by us, and tomorrow the whole problem of disposing of the factory personnel will be turned over to AMG. The few German Hqgrs in the factory escaped before we came. This factory marks the beginning of new GIO problems, for from RIVA N the Germans thought of the land and industries as their own. Action: G-2, AMG, ISUM, Army.  |
| 117     | 2400            | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 364 submitted.   |

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Phone fr Rex 2: 1. SS personnel from (A541093) are reported to have raided houses at (A501093). 2. There is a road block at (A531132). 3. Patrol to TENNO (A535088) made no enemy contact. 4. Partisans have taken 14 PWs at (A530099); there are no identifications. 5. Partisans report there are SS troops in ARGO (A532134). 6. There are road blocks at (A531129) and (A532134). 7. There is an SS Hq at (A546121). Action: C/S, ISUM.

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Phone fr Rebate 2: Our patrol moved along W shore of LAKE GARDA from PIAZZA (F4486) to RIVA (A555045), and found estimated millions of dollars worth of machines, lathes, tools, airplane and gun parts, etc., in tunnels along route. Partisans in this area have situation well in hand, and are acting to clear area of remaining Germans. Action: C/S, G-2, ISUM, Army.

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| 1   | 0045 | Phone fr Remount 3: Following armor and ren vehicles now in RIVA (A5304): 2 M-8s, 1 M-20, 2 TDs. Action: C/S, G-3.  |
| 2   | 0100 | Phone fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: The following armor and Ren vehicles now in RIVA. 2 M-8s, 1 M-20, 2 TDs.  |
| 3   | 0150 | Phone fr Remount 3: Request Rover Pate to support a strong patrol to ARGO (A5807). Action: Maj Walker, C/S, 86th.   |
| 4   | 0200 | TWX fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: Arty continuing to fire harassing missions on areas of enemy activity N and NE of RIVA.   |
| 5   | 0250 | Phone fr 701 TD: 2 M-8s, 1 M-20, 3 1/4 tons in TORBOLE, 3 1/4 tons in RIVA.   |
| 6   | 0350 | Sgt Jackson 3641 QM Trk Co Arrived at 020350B with 8 2 1/2 ton trucks with Bailey Bridge sections; told to get trucks off road vicinity MAVERNE (F5494). Action: C/S, G-3, 235 Engrs notified to unload them at 0600B.  |
| 7   | 0400 | TWX fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army: 701 TD Bn now has three 1/4 ton trucks in TORBOLE and three 1/4 ton trucks in RIVA.   |
| 8   | 0455 | Phone fr Rex 3: 2 105 hows now loading for TORBOLE. Action: C/S, G-3.   |
| 9   | 0500 | TWX fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army: 2 105 hows enroute to TORBOLE by DUMNS.   |
| 10  | 0500 | TWX fr 5th Army Ref No. 6727: Cmdrs in accepting surrender of units will accept only unconditional surrender. In the event of surrender of large units, this Hq will be contacted for instructions. Such units will not be broken up and evacuated as individual POWs.  |
| 11  | 0500 | TWX fr 5th Army Ref No. 6455: 1. Effective 020001B May 631 FA Bn is detached II Corps and attached 10 Mt Div. II Corps move unit in area designated by 10 Mt Div. Cmdg O or representative report to 10 Mt Div without delay. 2. Effective on relief by 631 FA Bn, 10 Mt Div will move 178 medium regiment to an assembly area S of highway 11 S of Lake GARDA. Report location to this Hq. Upon arrival unit is relieved from operational attachment to 10 Mt Div and reverts to army control. |
| 12  | 0530 | From G-2: At 020200B, MPs in MALCESINE stopped 2 German trucks and 3 German cars in order to check as to why these vehicles had not been turned in as ordered. They were found to contain 4 German Officers, 1 mistress, and about 30 German soldiers, most of them armed. They claimed to be on the way from BRESCIA (FO467) to Verona. All are now in the Division PW cage. Action: C/S, ISUM.  |
| 13  | 0600 | TWX fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army: Bailey bridge section being put in place over blow in road at 559968 beyond Tunnel No. 1 at 557962.   |
| 14  | 0615 | Remount 3: Patrol to ARGO and beyond to N on ren for enemy arty will have fluorescent orange panels desire air cover over ARGO at 0630B. Action: C/S, G-3, Maj Walker.  |
| 15  | 0630 | From G-2: At 020530B an officer courier from Retread Blue reported that   |

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16. 0655 several hundred Pz and German Officers had been intercepted on the road near TIGRI (14174). They were without guard, and said they had been captured by the 34th Division and sent down the road. G-2 gave instructions to march them to our Pz cage for processing and evacuation. At 02615B, Major Ireland, returning from LIDIA, reported that the column had been turned around and was marching under guard. Action: As Retread had had only poor radio communication, an MP road patrol was dispatched to check on the situation and report back. Action: C/S, 5th Army, 87th.
17. 0700 Phone fr DUEK Point: Load #6 - 1 light tk, 1 M-20, 3 L tons - enroute TORBOL. Action: C/S, -3.
18. 0730 FAX fr Recall 3 to Fifth Army: 751st Tk Bn: 1 tank enroute TORBOL. 701st Tk Bn: 1 M-20 and 3 L ton trucks enroute TORBOL. Action: C/S.
19. 0800 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG, Fifth Army: No change in troop location; continued patrolling on sector. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
20. 0830 HQ 10th At Div Isua No. 219 submitted.
21. 0835 Phone fr g-3 (air) Fifth Army: There will be no air available until further notice - no one is getting any - decision was made higher than this headquarters never etc will remain with you. ACTION: CG, C/S, 86th Inf, 87th Inf, Journal.
22. 0845 Rec'd: Isua No. 924, to include 012100B Apr May 45 fr Fifth Army.
23. 0845 Rec'd: Msg, 020355B May 45, fr Fifth Army, Ref No. 6723: Pearl section to Isua No. 603 to 012200B May. NTR.
24. 0850 Phone fr Hex 2: Air G - at (678247) much movement N and E into TRENTO. Ground G - Between 0600-0800 30 vehicles moving N on road in (6112). ACTION: Journal, 86th Inf, G-2, C/S.
25. 0900 Phone fr Hex 2: Between 0600 and 0800 much movement of vehicles and personnel noted E out of BAO (4606125). ACTION: C/S, Journal, Isua.
26. 0900 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 155 as of 020600B May 45, fr Fifth Army.
27. 0855 Phone fr Recount 3: Intentions 2 May: 3d Bn - 1 rifle Co, 1 plat HMG, 1 sect mortars, and 2 TUs left at 0830 to seize and occupy ARGO (5807). Patrols will be sent to the N from ARGO. 2d Bn - 2 rifle plats, 1 plat HMG, 1 sect mortars, 2 MB's with advance on road N and E of RIVA to ALBERGO (530100). Town will be occupied and area patrolled. 1st Bn - from ARGO patrols will be sent to LAGO DI IGRI (6102) and high ground N and E - also to S BARBARA (630052). ACTION: Sitrep, Journal, C/S, Rover Etc, Mex.
28. 0915 Phone fr Hex 2: Air G - much movement on Bridge at (639204). Enemy tank at (635186). ACTION: G-2, Journal, C/S.
29. 0900 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: Intentions 2 May fr Recount. ACTION: Journal, C/S.

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29. 0930 Phone fr Rex 2: Reports of enemy movement during the morning include: 100 enemy going N at (A66175) at 0900B. Heavy traffic N on bridge and road at (A639204). Enemy Tank seen at (A65126). Enemy tank going N at ARGO (A585075). 20 vehicles going E of DRG (A606124) at 0800B, and 4 going S. Heavy traffic N on highway 45 at (A678247). 25 vehicles and 75 men going N at (A677210). ACTION: C/S, Journal, Isum.
30. 0945 Phone fr Rex 2: Road at (A606128) blown at 0920B. ACTION: C/S, Journal, 84th, Engrs.
31. 0945 Rec'd: Intercept, 10th Mtn Arty fr Siam Co: 20 enemy vehicles and 75 personnel on road at (677240) at 020922B.
- Radio Intercept, 10th Mt Div Arty fr Siam Co: 100 enemy personnel on road at (665175) at 020910B.
32. 1000 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: Tunnel No. 1 (556963) cleared for 2-1/2 ton vehicular traffic. ACTION: Journal, C/S.
33. 1000 Phone fr Hq Comdt: Fifth Army will provide an official guard for Mussolini's villa at CARONARO starting today. ACTION: C/S, Journal, GIC.
34. 1000 Phone fr Rex: (608125) 3 enemy 75's. Rex is firing on them now. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
35. 1025 Rec'd. Hq 1 AD, Operations Instructions No. 12, 29 Apr '45; ADV Hq XIII Tac Air Command Daily Intelligence Summary No. 198, 30 Apr '45; Hq 5 Army SITREP No. 154, as of 011500B May '45; Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 265, 291300B Apr '45; Hq 5 Army G-2 Report No. 603, 011200B May '45.
36. 0935 Rec'd. following intercept fr SIAM Det L-4: (10th Mt Arty) Bridge at (606228) has just been blown. (605 FA "G" Btry) 020930B - 3 enemy 75mm guns at (608125).
37. 1030 Rec'd. Hq 37th Inf Scout Bde Platoon Progress Report dated 30 April '45; Hq 87th Mt Inf, PO No. 14, (copy No. 9) dated 011000B May '45.
38. 1005 Phone fr Retread 2: 10th AT has taken over control of approx 100 trucks loaded with Pcs. They were moving in direction of BERBER PASS when stopped, and are now enroute to 5th Army cags. ACTION: C/S, Army, Redoubt, G-3, Journal.
39. 1050 Phone fr Rex 2: Ground OP reports a friendly patrol at (A572067) at 0950B. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
40. 1100 Phone fr Remount 3: Reinforced company occupied ARGO (5807) at 1015 with no resistance encountered. Patrol moving towards ALBERGO (5310) had reached (544072) at 1010B without resistance. ACTION: Sitrep, Map, C/S, Journal.
41. 1100 Phone fr Recall 3 to 5 Army: Reinforced company fr 86th Mt Inf occupied ARGO (5807) at 1015 with no resistance encountered. Patrol moving towards ALBERGO (5310) had reached (544072) at 1010B without resistance. ACTION: C/S, Journal.

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- 42 1100 Rec'd. Hq 1 AD, G-2 Periodic Report No. 178, 292100Z Apr '45.
- 43 1150 Phone fr Remount 3: Patrol to ALBERGO has reached (532009). ACTION: Map, Sitrep, Journal, C/S.
- 44 1130 Phone fr Box 3: I Co, 86th is in ARGO (A5807), and is setting up road blocks at (A593082) and (A593092). F Co, 86th is now at (A541972), and moving toward LAGO TERMO (A5310), and plans to set up a road block at the lake. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 45 1150 Phone fr Retread 2: Our OP at (F545948) notes an enemy OP at (F5700927). ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 46 1200 Phone fr Recall 3 to 5 Army: Patrol fr 86th Mt Inf to ALBERGO has reached (532009). Co L, 86th Mt Inf now in ARGO (A5807) and road blocks established at (A593082) and (A593092). ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 47 1200 Following msg fr Lt C, 10 Mt Div to G-3 10th Mt Div: "FORWARD POSITION FIRST AD (280900), TASK FORCE MONTE (K485935), CGA (K379999), 81 Bn (K379990), FIRST AD CP (590875)."
- 48 1200 Phone fr Box 2: Numerous horse-drawn vehicles reported by Air OP at (5700928) -- arty will fire. ACTION: 86th Mt Inf, G-2, C/S, Journal.
- 49 1220 Fr Remount Lt C of F Co, 86th occupied ALBERGO (5310). Elements of F Co have passed through TERMO (5408) on way to VILLE DEL MONTE (5409). ACTION: Sitrep, Map) C/S, Journal.
- 50 1200 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 366, submitted.
- 51 1255 Fr Air C to G-3 (Air) 5 Army: Fwd troops ALBERGO (5310) - ARGO (5407) -- patrols advancing to SERRARA (6205). ACTION: Rover Pats, Journal.
- 52 1300 Phone fr Recall 3 to 5 Army: F Co, 86th Mt Inf occupied ALBERGO (5310). Elements of F Co passed through TERMO (5408) on way to VILLE DEL MONTE (5409). I Co, 86th Mt Inf has established road blocks, at (A593082) and (A593092). ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 1330 Rec'd: Msg fr 91 Div, 64th Lt, 021150Z May 45: 91 Div boundaries: South boundary from intersection Highway 53 and BRENTA River East to TRIVISO, East boundary from TRIVISO NW along Highway to MONTE BELLUNA, North boundary along highway to BASSANO along Highway from MONTE BELLUNA West to BASSANO, East boundary from BASSANO South along BRENTA River to Junction Highway 53 and BRENTA River near PONTARIVA.

Report fr Capt Turish Lt C, 9th Army, 021300Z: 6 SA Div transferred to central IV Corps. 1 AD TF Boney occupied Milan other elements sent to city to reinforce. 10th Div has task of crossing River TICINO and outposting Highway 53. 92d under command of IV Corps as of 011200Z. They had been under direct control

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- 84 cont'd of: 15th Army Group. 88th Div - took 4500 PW's during 12 hours OLLIGNO - 012400Z. Enemy resistance scattered. 337th Inf Regt detached 88th Div and put under control of 88th Div, 31st Inf Regt at VERONA (33816), 337th at FERRA (34003) 850th at MAROSTICA (01988). 85th Div (-) used in patrol work around VERONA. 339th Inf Regt at ARCO (03891). 91st Div - assembled via YRVINO (04376). REF: 11th Inf (-) plus Div Com fr moved to ALBESANDRIA (J7508). 3 Bn crossed PO and entered GEMONA (K2226) against light scattered opposition. 1/1 Inf is at PIACENZA. 3/1 Vic (K2615) 2/1 crossed SO at PIACENZA and occupied COLOGNO (K2239), BISSIGNONO (K7081) and CASABUSTELLEGO (K2951) without opposition. LEGHANO group patrols road between BRESOIA and BERGAMO.
  
- 55 1230 Rec'd: Mag fr 8th Army, 021100Z May 45; Brit Jig 8th Army; 2d-13th Corps, 2nd S.E. Div, Elements contacted RE area 1105. 8th S.E. Fys com: 7971. 6th Arm Div; 27th Lancers, elements in MANIGO captured 800 PW's. Last reports still show a large number of enemy in BELLINO. First GNS Brig: Welch Gds moving to areas (8507) and (7608). 6th Arm Div; 68105 Area. 27th Lancers entered SPILIMBERGO (1825). 15th Corps moved to (0988).
  
- 56 1400 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: 14 Stern boats, 3 Quonsett ferries, 1 Infantry support raft, and approximately 89 Dukw's in operation on lake at present time. Opening of tunnels and filling of craters progressing. ACTION: C/S.
  
- 57 1400 Phone fr Return 3: Tunnel No. 1 open for traffic and blow on other side of no 1 being worked on. 14 stern boats in operation on lake. Also 3 Quonsett ferries and 1 Inf support raft. Boats built on upper end of lake. Work going on in tunnel #7 near TORBOLE. #7 being cleared so Bailey bridge can be built between Tunnel # 6 and #7. 2 of TORBOLE are 2 large craters that work is being started on. ACTION: C/S.
  
- 58 1430 Rec'd: S-2 Report No. 20, 3 May 45, fr 85th Mt Inf.
  
- 59 1430 Phone fr AMG: 30-40 SB troops are in BOCCA DI NAVENE (F8093) and MGA ZOCCHI (F81927). The enemy is using the road that goes through BERTONICO (F80966). ACTION: C/S, G-2, Icom.
  
- 60 1430 Rec'd: Road Condition Overlay, 3 May 45, fr 85th Mt Inf.
  
- 61 1500 Usual hourly urgent message fr Recall 3 to CG, 5 Army: No change in friendly troop locations. Italian civilians interrogated by AMG report 30-40 SB troops in BOCCA DI NAVENE (F8093) and MGA ZOCCHI (F81927) at OLLIGNO. The enemy is using the road that goes through BERTONICO (F80966). ACTION: C/S.
  
- 62 1505 Phone fr Lightning 3: Lightning 3 plans to come to your CP this afternoon inquired as to route). Action: C/S.



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| 63  | 1600 | Usual hourly urgent message fr Recall 3 to CG, Fifth Army: "L" Co, 86th Mt now has positions at A572085 - A595093, and A607083. 3 Patrols from 1st Bn 86th Mt Inf left for the following locations: A609044, XMR A595011 and A635022. Action: journal, C/S.  |
| 64  | 1555 | Phone fr Box 2: L Co, 86th now has positions at (572085) (595093) and (607083). 3 patrols from 1st Bn, 86th; out at 1300 to go to 605044 - out 1330 to go to 595011 - out 1400 to go to 635022. Action: C/S, O-3.  |
| 65  | 1610 | Recd Hq 5th Army written verification of outgoing message (BSUN no. 925), date: 2 May, time date. 021315B.   |
| 66  | 1610 | Phone fr Div XANTHALL, Arty S-4: The Engrs working on the road going generally E from NAGO needs a bulldozer. Action: C/S, Maj Boyd, O-3 journal.  |
| 67  | 1700 | Fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: Major General Hans Milderbrandt believed to be Commander of the San Marco Marine Division was captured by partisans and delivered to 85th Mt Inf via BARDOLINO (4467) at 021410B. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 68  | 1700 | Recd Hq 88th Inf Div Directive no. 44, dated 021200B May 1945.   |
| 69  | 1720 | Phone fr Rebate 3: Our 2/83 would like to fire 4/8 tomorrow from 0900-1200 and from 1300-1600 hours. We are going to fire into the bank at (532904). ACTION: C/S, O-3, Journal.  |
| 70  | 1730 | Recd Hq 10th CIC Det Commendation to Provost Marshall, 10 Mt Div, dated 1 May 1945.  |
| 71  | 1730 | Recd Hq 10 CIC Det letter on confessed enemy agent dated 1 May 1945.   |
| 72  | 1740 | Phone fr Remount 2: CP reports seeing 30 "erpans with several horse-drawn vehicles moving along road on west side of LAGO DI LOPPIO (A6001) at 021730B. Patrol reports 15 enemy and several field pieces at (A607019) arty mission was fired on them with unobserved results. Road is blown at (A606021) and (A606020); 3 hours work by bulldozers will repair both. Road to east end of lake is in good shape. Trail from (A600020) to (A614037) is suitable for foottroops only. ACTION: C/S, 37th, Engr, Isum, Journal. |
| 73  | 1650 | Phone fr Retread 2: IPW reports: 12 88mm guns in orchard N of airport in area (A946670)-(A952670)-(A952675)-(A946675)-near BOLZANO. 12 88mm guns vicinity (A777212). Btry of 105AA guns 2 km West of VITPIENO (A045150). Action: C/S, Rover Pets, Isum, Jnl.   |
| 74  | 1745 | Phone fr Rebate 2: At GARDONI DI SOTTO (F320754) there is a German hospital with 300 patients. German medics are running the place. There is enough food left for four days and medical supplies for a week. Action: C/S, Isum.  |
| 75  | 1800 | Usual hourly urgent message from Recall 3 to CG, Fifth Army: At GARDONI DI SOTTO (F320754) there is a German hospital with 300 patients. 86th Mt Inf CP reports several horse-drawn vehicles moving along road on west side of   |

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- 75 cont'd LAGO DI LOFFIO (A6001) at 021730B. IPW reports 12 88 mm guns in orchard E of airport in area (A946670) - (A952670) - (A952675) - (A946675) near BALEANO. Action: Journal, C/S.
- 76 1800 Phone fr Major Trosbley: We have all the priority armor and Engr equipment which the CG wanted transported now at the other end of Lake GARDA. Unless otherwise instructed we will give priority to the Engr equipment needed at the other end over the armor. If this doesn't meet with Col Irvin's approval notify us here. WILCO C/L, G-3, Journal.
- 77 1800 Fr Ferry Point: The status of armor, vehicles, trucks etc taken by Monsett Ferry to date is as follows: 4 M 10's - 4 M 8's - 3 M 20's - 9 1/2 tons - one arm'd half track - two 76mm med. tanks - one lt tk M 5. Engr Equip: 4 - 2 1/2 Trucks - 3 1/2 Ton Trucks - one bulldozer... another bulldozer and Engr equipment is on the lake now. Action: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 78 1750 FR SIAM CO: R die Intercept--85th Inf Regt - REE Adv Bn CP at Check Point 300 closed at 1700B today 021723B.
- 79 1835 Recd Hq 86th Mt Inf overley of Disposition, dated 020800B May.
- 80 1840 BEC Flash--All the German Armies in Northern Italy have surrendered unconditionally. All units notified that this is unconfirmed officially.
- 81 1850 Recall Asst 3--(021830B)....1.- 1/86 in MAGO and patrolling SE with recon patrols (6 men one off) to LAGO DI LOFFIO (605021). Road is blown at 605021 but can quickly be made passable for jeeps. German gun was being manned there at 021200B. Our troops are working on blown road between Lago and TORBOLLE. There are three roads to MAGO from TORBOLLE. These two best ones are blown - the third, a jeep trail, runs SE of the other two and is OK. 1/86 is scouting road possibilities (with patrols) N of Lake LOFFIO down toward MORI.  
2.- 3/86 in ARGO opposed.  
3.- F Co/86 is in FRANZO (5308) and TENNO (5408)  
4.- There are vague reports in TOMSOLE of a DURN having capsized last night when loaded with 2 75's and 26 men. One or two survivors.  
5.- Bailey bridge is across first blow beyond tunnel #1. The piers for the next span is well under way. Tunnel #6 is being cleared.  
6.- A bulldozer was observed on the way by ferry to TORBOLLE or RIVA at 1745B. Capt Livermore.
- 82 1730 Fr Recall 5 to all units concerned: All units concerned will take immediate steps to stop the reckless driving which is taking place on the highways. A speed limit of 30 MPH on highways and 15 MPH in towns will be rigidly adhered to and violators will be severely punished. Action: Following units notified: 85, 86, 87, 84th Cal, Div arty, 701TD, 751 Tk, 235 Engrs, 126 Engrs, MD AT Bn 10th Mtn, Hq Co.
- 83 1900 Usual hourly urgent message fr Recall 3 to CG Fifth Army: Status of Armor taken by Monsett Ferry to date is as follows: 1 arm'd half track--2 76mm med tks,-- 1 lt tk M 5--4 M 10's--4 M 8's--3 M 20's. Action: Journal, C/S.

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- 84 1900 Fr. In Off 88th Inf Div: Intentions: 351 Inf; was ordered this morning to send a reinforced Bn up Hwy 47 through BORG to help the 10th Mt Div to take Trento. the 351 Inf was to attack west up Hwy 47 and also secure BORG. 349th Inf was to attack north up Hwy 50. 350 Inf; which was assembling in MAROSTICA was to move by shuttle to FOMZASO - from there, was to follow up the 349th Inf by leaps and bounds. 88th Inf Div CP moved this afternoon to MORIARO on Hwy 50.  
Div positions as of midnight last night...351 Inft CP 225107.  
Elements 351 plus this in ORIGNO (171166) 1st Bn (-) at 225107  
2nd Bn (elements) at ARBIN(266127) 2nd Bn (-) 369143  
3rd Bn at 234095.  
350 Inf at MAROSTICA. 349 Inf CP at 377166; 1st Bn at 380161  
2nd Bn at 372165  
3rd Bn at 384161  
1t BAGE.
- 85 1930 Recd Hq 5th Army Sitrep No. 242, mimeographed copy, datpd 012400H May.
- 86 1930 Recd Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 267a dated 011300H May 1945.
- 87 1930 Fr Recall 6(Asst) when the CG starts on his tour of Div troops he wishes to have the Div Chaplin, Asst Div Chaplin and a Hebrew Chaplin go with him. Action; Notified Chaplin Moran who will take care of this.
- 88 2000 Usual hourly urgent message fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army: General Carlton Chief of Staff, 5th Army arrived this CP 1630H. Action: Journal; C/S.
- 89 2025 Following message delivered to Rex, Redoubt, Redoubt, Rescount, and Rebate: time 022020H, May 1945...by G/S: 1.- Immediate steps will be taken to disarm Partisans. A central point will be picked out and Partisans will turn weapons in and may put their own guard on them if they desire. AMG and SIF are also working on this. 2.- There will not be excessive drinking tonight and special MP's will be appointed to maintain order. 3.- The General desires to talk to all elements and units attached to the Division tomorrow. A schedule will be arranged and large groups will be addressed at different locations. Action; jrc
- 90 2030 Recd Field Message No. 7 fr CG Redoubt, Lt Col G F Cardus Jr., to Recall 3; Reference is made to incident reported to have occurred in CALMARINO (4664) about 020220H. Preliminary investigation indicates that no German vehicles passed through that town last night, and further that there are no KPs on duty there. Request coordinates of place of incident so further ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ investigation ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ can be made.
- 90 2100 Usual hourly urgent message fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army: Steps will be taken to disarm partisans. They will turn in Weapons to a central point, and place their own guard on the point if ~~XXXX~~ they desire. Action: Journal, G/S.
- 91 2126 Phone fr Air Photo: Demolitions along the road appear on photo cover dated 020920H at (603022) where sections of the mountains were blown down on the road for approx 200 feet and at (607021) where craters have been blown for approx 20 ft. Inbetween these demolitions are 2 craters 20 ft across. Action: G-2, G/S, B

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92	2200	Usual hourly urgent message fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army; Read to TORBOLE (5702) estimated to be open 041200B. Action: Journal, C/S.
93	2200	Recd Hq 701 TD Bn S-2 Periodic Report dated 021800B May..also G-3 Per. Rpt No. 122.
94	2250	CG's schedule for 3 May 1945...Leave CP at 0830B. RIVA # 1000B - 86th, 2 Co's 85th TORBOLE - 1130B - Div Arty, 86th, 84th Cml, 7th AGRA NAVENE - 1300B - 3/87, Engrs, 1125th MALCESINE- 1345B - 85th (-) DIV CP - 1430B - Staff, Engrs, Arty Staff, Medics BENACO - 1600B - 87th (-)
95	2250	Phone fr Remount 2: 70000 rounds 75mm, 20mm, 81 mortar and assorted S/A ammunition in large dump at A575050; also, oil storage dump, estimated 40000 gal capacity at A570035.
96	2300	Phone fr Recall 3 to CG 5th Army: N.T.R.
97	2315	Phone fr Mr Harman (Sig): Partisans between CASTELLETTO (4782) and FORTE (4987) stopped CWO Harman of 10th Mt Sig Co and informed him that there were "many" Germans on the mountain above the lake who would not surrender or believe the war in Italy was ended. Action: C/S, 87th, 235 Engrs.
98	2330	Phone fr Col Hall Lightning 3: Col Hall confirmed by telephone the surrender of all German forces in Italy. He also said that the C/S Lightning's instructions to Maj Gen Hays this afternoon regarding the stepping of all forward movement, still held. Action: C/S, G-3.
99	2400	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 368 submitted.
100	2400	Recd: Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 604 dated 2 May 45.
101	2400	Recd: Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 329 dated 2 May 45.
102	2400	Msg fr 5th Army Ref No. 6752: It is reported that one six were very important political prisoners are being held by the enemy at PREPER WILDSEGG vicinity DOBBIAO (B6496). You will make every effort to secure and escort them to the rear as soon as possible. Notify this headquarters when prisoners are secured.
103	2400	Recd: 5th Army sitrep No. 156 020600B May 45.
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| 1   | 0015 | Rec'd: Hq Fifth Army letter dated 2 May 45, subj - Counter-Intelligence Operations  |
| 2   | 0645 | Rec'd: Hq Fifth Army ISUM No. 926 to 022100B May 45.  |
| 3   | 0645 | Phone fr Rex 6 at TORBOL: Gen Ruffner called to say he had not been able to contact CHINIGO. Action: C/S.   |
| 4   | 0800 | Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 222 submitted.  |
| 5   | 0810 | Mag fr Fifth Army to Hedall 3: Pearl Section to Isum No. 609 to 022200B. Italian SS Police net. 1259B. To SS Anok Police Hq at 14 Army headquarters. For Burger (not known). Effective 2 May 1945 at 1400 hours cessation of all fighting. Larger troop movements not to be made. Refuse discussion by Partisans with reference to agreement with Field Marshal Alexander and chief Partisan leaders to Headquarters Belgians. Further orders follow.<br>/s/ Obergruppenfuhrerwulff<br>Tenth Army Net. 1546B. Soldiers of the 10th Army. The Fuehrer has met a heroes death. Admiral Donets was designated by him as successor as head of state and head of German armed forces. The fatherland is in the midst of greatest danger. Only through discipline and unity of purpose can the life of our people be saved. No one may shirk his duty. Only then is it possible for the German fatherland and with it our wives and children to be saved. Only that way will we be able to return home again in any conceivable time. 1700B. Capitulation offered under the agreement of Field Marshal Alexander with GSW Von Vistinghoff. Surrendering of weapons impossible until after meeting at assembly place. Meanwhile the battle goes on.<br>/s/ Herr (CG 10 Army)<br>1730B. Permit no giving up of weapons until receipt of respective orders from Army. Be strict. Court martial. Return fire immediately against firing bands. Notify all units. 1735B. Reference message of 1700B. Giving up of light infantry weapons and hand weapons only possible when conflict against Partisans cease. Detailed terms with Alexander on way through G-2.<br>/s/ Bishitz (G/S 10th Army)<br>924 Assault Gun Bn.<br>Instruction to assemble staff and companies in area VOLANO (A7307) given at 1900B. |
| 6   | 0900 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army gross of letter of commendation to men of Fifth Army.   |
| 7   | 0915 | Rec'd mag fr Redoubt ( 10th AT): Understand partisans have 120 Slav prisoners in CAMRINO (5073) and want to know what to do with them.  |
| 8   | 0915 | Rec'd fr Hq, 85th Inf Div, G-2 Report No. 209.  |
| 9   | 0900 | Phone fr Rex Weather Station: Ref No. 353.  |
| 10  | 0945 | Rec'd fr Hq, 34th Inf Div, G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 423, also 422.  |
| 11  | 0945 | Rec'd fr Hq, 85th Inf Div, G-2 Report No. 210.  |
| 12  | 0945 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 326.   |
| 13  | 0945 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, ltr pertaining to 235th Ingr C Mn atnd 10th Mt Div,  |

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| 14      | 0935 | Phone fr Recall 2 to Redoubt 6: Send prisoners to GARDA (FA470) and turn them over to MP's.   |
| 15      | 0945 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, Sitrep No. 241, also Sitrep No. 157.   |
| 16      | 0945 | Rec'd fr Hq, 751st Tank Battalion, S-3 Report No. 120, also No. 121.  |
| 17      | 1018 | Phone fr Rover Pete: We have received instructions from Lightning to return to their Headquarters at once. ACTION: CG, C/S, Journal.  |
| 18      | 1030 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Capt Clark at Lightning 183: Capt Clark is Training Officer in G-3 section 5th Army. He was requested to give us quotas from now on for any school 5th Army conducts. The PI school from 6 May - 18 May at SAN SEVERO, 18 miles NW POGGIA is for Bn and Regt'l S-2's, Co Comdrs, Asst G-3's. Mine warfare course #19 in Rome is from 15 May to 26 May; our quota may be 1 Officer and 4 EM. Mine warfare course #20 from 31 May in Rome; our quota may be 2 Officer and 10 EM. Bailey bridge School #19 from 22 May to 2 June in Rome; our quota may be 2 Officers and 8 EM. The men attending the 1st course of the I and E School in Rome will return 061230B at VILLA FRANCO airfield; EM to attend 2nd course should be there at that time; in any event transportation should be provided for students returning from 1st Course. ACTION: C/S, G-3. |
| 19      | 1120 | Rec'd the following message fr CO, 85th Mt Inf: Submitted copy of inventory of equipment in administrative building of MUSEOLINI. Located in GARGNANO.  |
| 20      | 1120 | Rec'd fr Hq, 92nd Inf Div: G-2 Periodic Report No. 175, also 174.   |
| 21      | 1120 | Rec'd fr Hq, 1st Armd Div: G-2 Periodic Report No. 179.   |
| 22      | 1120 | Rec'd fr Allied Force Headquarters, Intelligence Notes No. 104, dtd April 17, 45.   |
| 23      | 1130 | Phone fr Recall 6 to Recall 5: Gen Ruffner is at ROVERETO. He was told by German Comdt that emissaries have gone through line at another point, but doubts it. Gen Ruffner ordered to stay in ROVERETO. Contact army and find out if emissaries are met elsewhere. When you are informed contact Remount 6 so he can pass it on to Gen Ruffner. There are still a lot of Germans in ROVERETO. ACTION: Journal, Lightning 3. Will call when Lightning informs us.  |
| 24      | 1200 | Hq, 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 370.   |
| 25      | 1255 | Rec'd msg fr Redoubt 6: Reference your msg 030900B unable to contact any MP's in GARDA. Believe no MP's in this vicinity able to handle or transport 120 prisoners. If slav prisoners are to be considered PWs this Bn can pick up at CAPRINO 5073 and take to DIV PW cage or VERONA using organic trks after address scheduled this date. Request answer. ACTION: C/S, G-2.  |
| 26      | 1255 | Rec'd fr Hq, 88th Div G-3 SITREP NO. (no number) dated 020600B.   |
| 27      | 1300 | Phone fr Recall 2 to Redoubt: Consider slavs as PW's and handle accordingly. Correction: This message was radioed.  |
| 28      | 1315 | Rec'd fr msg enter SFGODE No. 3110.   |
| 29      | 1200 | Phone fr Lightning 3: Form 2 mortorised deta each to consist of:  |

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30 (Continued) 1 Bn Inf, 1 Btry of 105's or 75's, 1 Tk Co (Light or medium), 1 Plat of TD's, 1 Co of Engrs, Attached Medics. Send them to seize possession in some of passes from Italy to Austria in approximate line to frontier. Mission of Dets is to place forces astride enemy lines of communication in order to prevent withdrawal of enemy forces from Italy. No movement of enemy army from Italy will be permitted. II Corps has same mission on R. Move without delay as soon as road is cleared. Some German formations will not surrender. Take necessary action against such formations. Boundary is as follows: From point on DI at (A943175) to point on ADISE R at (A909530); thence along river to (A839905) to M. AUSTRIAN HILL 3479 on Austrian border at V728014. Running rights on R 12 to be accorded 10th Mt Div by mutual arrangement with II Corps. ACTION: Army, 2nd and 3rd, 85th, 86th, 87th, G/S, Engrs. 1 Bn from 87th and 1 Bn from 86th to constitute the 2 Inf Dets.

31 1330 Phone fr Havoc 6: Armor and TD to be included in motorized task force as follows: 1 Bn 86th Inf (Capt Gutteridge cmdg) Co C, 751st Tk Bn (1 plat) & 1 plat D Co, 751st Tk Bn & 1 plat C Co, 701 TH Bn and combat trains to include 1 half track ammo carrier; 2 1/2 ton trucks (gas and diesel); 1 & 2 (tank recovery) 1 half track (maintenance). 1 Bn 87th Mt Inf (Capt Leake) Co D, 751st Tk Bn (1 plat -) & 1 plat, G/Co 751st Tk Bn & 1 plat A Co 701 TH Bn and combat trains as listed above. Road space (closed column) 3/8 mile. Road space in action 2 1/2 miles. ACTION: 86th, 87th Inf, G-3, G/S.

32 1345 Rec'd fr Ho, Fifth Army the following message: Students returning from army education school course number one will arrive VIAA FRANCO main airfield, F5344. 1230E 6 May. Units will provide students transportation from that point to proper stations. ACTION: G/S, G-3.

33 1330 Rec'd fr 1st G Fifth Army (Capt Turish): II Corps- 85th Inf Div - 339 Inf/Regt 2 Bn reach Junction of Hwy 50 and 51 via (6733) 3 Bn in BELLUNO (6229) 1 Bn via (4722) 237 Inf Regt overtook enemy column via 5529 which consisted of remains of 2 enemy divisions. Div Co's surrendered troops (278 and 98 Divs), 2 Bn at 554350; 3 Bn 520310; 1st Bn assembly area via 4722. 91st Div - continues to opp in corps area. 88th Div- 349 Inf Div - hvy resistance at FORNASO (8916) from 1068 Hitler Youth Regt. Hvy casualties inflicted on enemy. 1st Bn 326945; 2 Bn 270210 3 Bn 270220. 351st Inf Regt pushed W on Hwy 47 against slight resistance to BORGIO (0322) 350th 2 and 3 Bn via (2713). CP - II Corps via BASSANO. IV Corps - 1 AD - CGA - (3635525) GCS - (3669560) 81st Bn - (3718480) TF House- (J-620457)-BNF- 11th Inf at BOLERO (6707) 2 Bn at (6231) 3 Bn at OGGIYANIO (68-22) 34th Div - 75th Corps (German) will officially surrender all troops under their command today on Hwy 8 or LAGO DI VIVERONE (3464) approx 40000 troops. 8th Army - 2 MZ div crossed the ISOLINO RIVER and advanced into TRIESTE. Many PW's taken. ACTION: G/S, G-3-2.

34 1935 Recd Daily PW report to IV Corps for 24 hr period ending 031200 May...also recd IPW report No. 47 dated 3 May.

35 1940 Recd 701st Bulletin Volume III number 108 dated 3 May.

36 1940 TAC Bn reports the following road movements between 1130B and 1200B:  
 1.- 20-30 Motor Transports N at (80643). 2.- 20 MT N at (A9354).  
 3.- 50 MT N at (B2097) - (B1505) 4.- 15 MT N at (A9544). 5.- 100 MT N (A9544)-(B1078). 6.- 50 plus MT N (A8390). 7.- 100 plus MT N (A8390) - (B1118)  
 8.- A 20 car Diesel train heading S of BOLZANO. 9.- Partisans speak of considerable swat N of TRENTO. Action: G/S, G-2, journal.

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- 37 1545 Read Top Secret Message fr Fifth Army dated 031409 to II Corps and 10th Mt Div. Ref Nr. 6052. Par one. 1.- In accordance with OI No. 12 send eight (8) motorized detachments to seize passes in Zone from Italy into Austria on the approximate line of the frontier. Mission of detachments is to place forces astride the enemy line of communication in order to prevent withdrawal of enemy forces from Italy. No movement of enemy troops away from Italy will be permitted.  
2.- Motorized detachments will each consist of the following: one Bn Inf, one Btry 105mm How, one tk Co., one Plat TD, One Co engr and attached medics.  
3.- 10th Mt Div (with present attachments) is attached to II-corps effective 031600B.  
4.- In case enemy forces refuse passage to motorized detachments, these detachments will halt and report the circumstances to this Hq.  
5.- Reinforcing transportation is available to two Corps as follows:  
one (1) truck Co at class three dump number Queen - 5- 32 at ISOLA. Two (2)/ truck Cos at class three dump number Queen - 5-43 at BASSANO.
- 38 1545 Read Secret Message dated 031238B fr 5th Army ..action to II Corps/Four Corps, 1st Arm Div, 2d Div, 10th Mt Div, 8th Div, 88 Div, 91 Div, 92 Div; Ref Nr. 1562.--Effective at once one thousand lire Italian Bank notes will not be accepted by personnel and finance officers or APO for purchase of PTA, money orders, War Bonds or soldiers deposits. Personal funds of prisoners of war will not be taken from them. Captured enemy funds other than personal funds of prisoners of war will be turned in to local finance officers and by them to Army Finance Off. 5th Army rear. Hand receipts for captured funds will be given by local Finance Off but funds will not be taken into their accounts. Report of captured funds turned in to local finance officers will be made by officer making turn-in by letter direct to Army Finance Officer.
- 39 1545 Read Hq 5th Army Isms No 927, dated 031311B May.
- 40 1545 Phone fr Army En Sect: CP II Corps at 034515A. Action: Capt Turkish, in with 5th Army told to report there with least practicable delay. Journal, C/S.
- 41 1550 From SIAM ENMG CO: 8th Army; Brit Jig, 2nd N.Z. Div, 9 Inf Bnig Area 6190. 6 N.Z.Brig 4791. One Para Div Commander now POW. Own troops have contacted force of Serbs advancing west from Gorizia. Situation vague as not yet certain whether friendly or otherwise. 2nd N.Z. Div forward troops in center of TRIESTE. Opposition negligible. Enemy surrendering to us rather than Yugoslavs. One CBS Brig, three Green CBS relieve one Welch Inf vicinity 4623. Some resistance still being met but many prisoners taken. 26000 PW's taken 1 May-2 May 0600 Hrs.
- 42 1545 FR SIAM ..91st Div ..031000...PW count thru sage 011200 to 021200B, 4821. Between 500 and 1000 unaccounted in sage. Total for opn 13909 to 021200B.
- 42 1640 Phone fr 235th Engr Bn(Col Jones) Road to TORBOLA will be open 0700B tomorrow, morning. Action: C/S, G-3.
- 43 1645 Recall 3: 126th Engr Bn: "B" to accompany 84th Task Force. "C" to accompany 87th Task Force. Action: C/S, G-3.
- 44 1545 Phone fr Lightning: 10th Mt Div under II Corps control as of 031600B May. C/S.  
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- 45 1654 Recall 3 to Retread 3 (Capt Broder): Assembly area for Task Force M from 67th Inf and attached elements will be NAGO. Action: C/S.
- 46 1705 Fr Recall 3 to Remount (Capt Redington): The TD, TK, Eng and Med elements to accompany Remount M will meet M in ARGO. Engs will clear the TAMBOL, MAN-ARGO road first. Action: C/S.
- 47 1705 Read Sitrep #157 fr Hq 5th Army, dated 030600Z May... mimeographed copy.
- 48 1750 Phone fr Recall 3 to 10th Mtd: Told to hold up moving of ambulances via passover ferry as 12th Mtn has priority. To coordinate with Engs about when to move ambulances to ferry point. Action: Journal, C/S, 0-3.
- 49 1700 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 371 submitted.
- 50 1830 Read Hq II Corps ops instruction No. 53A, dated 2 May 1945.
- 51 1850 Read Hq 5th Army Secret Mag... passwords for 5th Army during period 20 May to 16 May inclusive, dated 1 May 1945.
- 52 1825 Phn In Off, II Corps (Capt J T Dams, Jr): Sitrep as of 1300. New ST opens at 1800B vicinity BR28150. Per 88 Div:
- CF PONZASO BR217  
349 I Bn on RA at BR10210 2nd and 3rd Bns W  
350 Vicinity ANSIE BR70180  
351 1st Bn W side TORASIO BR33390.
- 85 DIV  
CF FELTRE BR40170  
337 1st Bn BR923 2nd Bn BR936 3rd Bn BR930.  
338 Enroute from VERONA to join Div  
339 1st Bn BR430 2nd Bn BR439, BR43400.
- 3rd Bn BEILING. Action: Journal, C/S.
- 53 1935 Read Hq Fifth Army Administrative Directive Number 12, dated 3 May 1945, re Control and Administration upon General surrender of Enemy Forces... 10 copies.
- 54 1925 Fr Navco 3: Status of trucks... 701 TD Bn:
- |      | A  | B | C | E | H |
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| M 10 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M 8  | 5  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M 20 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| M 4   | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M 4A3 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T 2   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M 5   | 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
- 751st Tk Bn: ("C" and "D" Cos)
- Action: Journal, C/S, Sitrep.
- 55 1930 Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 3: Task Force 87 is to be assembled in NAGO (A5400) and 8 of NAGO by 041800Z. Action: C/S, Jnl.

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- 56 1945 Phone fr Rex 6 to Col Thomson: Salesaries have arrived. Am bringing them back by B24. Action: Journal, C/S.
- 57 1945 1st Div (CGP): There is a ford at mouth of SANCA River on road from TAMBOLA to RIFA. Light and heavier vehicles may make crossing with difficulty. Inadvisable for all vehicles to remove fan belts. Engineers are improving approaches and marking ford. Action: C/S, G-3.
- 58 1945 Phone fr Detachment 31: Retread Blue closed CP at BAYNE at 031700B - moving to ... Action: C/S.
- 59 1945 Recd preliminary report CEC, Romane Riva in Trento Province, dated 2 May.
- 60 1945 Recd C/S # 70-201, changes no. 1. May 30, 1st Div.
- 61 1945 Recd 1st Div report, Detachment 158, dated 031500B May.
- 62 1945 Recd Technical and Technical Trends Number 56, March 1945. 2 copies.
- 63 1945 Recd 1st Div 70-201, 2-2 Periodic Report dated 031800 May and 2-3 Periodic Report no. 120, dated 1800B May, 1945.
- 64 1945 Phone fr Nightingale 31: Speedy wants a in OFF to report to Corps. He is to bring current plans and be prepared to discuss them. If he can't be at II Corps CP by 2200Z, he should arrive by 040700Z. Action: C/S, G-3.
- 65 1945 Phone fr Detachment 6: to Detachment 6: Patrols to Lake NOLVERO (640900) contacted 51st Mountain Corps (German). Officers wished to surrender to Americans troops. They are sending parties to HQ of Detachment 6 to arrange surrender. Road to Lake Nolvero in good shape except for small blow north of BALLINO (530139) which is being repaired by Regimental P and A Platoon.
- 66 1945 Phone fr Rex (Col Vera): Recd a radio msg from the 605th FA which stated that they picked up an officer from the 11th Panzer Div, who stated that their troops wanted to surrender. Will check on the details as to what his rank is and where the troops are and advise you know later in detail. Action: C/S, G-2, Journal, etc.
- 67 1945 Phone fr Detachment 6 to Col Thomson: My men will be ready and clothed with winter clothing by 1900Z 4 May. Col Thomson: Have Col Veras report to me at 0900Z, 4 May. Action: Journal.
- 68 1945 Recd 1st Div 1st Div Directive no. 4, dated 031600B May.
- 69 1945 Recd 1st Div 1st Div (2200Z), 1st Div 1st Div (2200Z) 351 - 1st in 60000. 1st Bn - 909200 and 1st - 050330. 1st Bn - 040940. 350 Bn in 60000 also 350 (-) MARCUTIGA. 209 Bn 1st Bn - 330340. 2nd Bn - 300330. 3rd Bn, 310310.
- 70 1945 Phone fr Detachment 3 to Detachment 31: Time of assembly of TR 87 in and 3 of 8400 has been changed to 041200Z. Action: C/S, Journal.

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- 71 2200 Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount 3: TF 86 to be assembled in area between NAGO (A5993) and West end of LAGODI LOPPIO (A6102) by 04100B. Carry rations for 5 days. 86th is to send one Co. to garrison ROVERETO (A7004). Action: C/S, Journal.
- 72 2215 Phone fr Speedy to Recall 3: 1.- Organize 2 Bns, reinforced to go vicinity NAUDERS 3417 cutting enemy line of communications and preventing enemy withdrawal from Italy. 2.- If necessary force may be used to prevent withdrawal. 3.- Pursuit in accordance with your prearranged plans. 4.- Arrange locally with enemy to pass through his lines w/o fighting. 5.- If enemy opposes advance halt in place and try alternate route in your zone. 6.- If an agreement can be reached or advance made, hold pending further order from Corps Hq. Report status of advance. 7.- Send SCR 299 with Mts F's. Replace those that you send through signal channels. 8.- Send command Ln to II Corps by 040700B. This office to have complete information of your intentions and plans. 9.- Elms at of 85 and 88..85 at 8272 S.CATERINA 88 at 3245, SAN MARCO.
- 73 2230 Phone fr Col Thomson to Col Hay. Col Hay: Would like to have a platoon of Arad Rcn attached to me if possible (MS), to check all RJ and route rcn. Col Thomson: I'll get hold of Redding and have him get in touch with you. Can we leave at noon? Yes Sir! Col Thomson: Meet me down here at 0900B tomorrow. I should have instr fr II Corps by then. Action: Col Hay to Comply..journal.
- 74 2245 Phone fr Speedy Ln Off to 5th Army- Major Dalton): Sitreps to be submitted to Corps at 0630 - 1200 - 2400. Action: C/S, G-3.
- 75 2245 Phone fr Rebate 2: Fathisan weapons are being stored by "K" Co at No. 53, VIA ROMA, GAGNANO, (office of Carabinieri). Other points will be established and reported. Action: C/S, G-3.
- 76 2310 Phone fr Col Hay to Col Thomson: Request permission to use road from TARBOLLE W to form task force - afraid of jamming up with 87th, and need more road, - Ans: OK, use that road and we will have 87th form up on other side of tunnel and have them move up later. Action: G-3.
- 77 2323 Msg fr Engr O: Blow between NAGO and MORI has been bypassed and can be used by 2 T trucks without trailers - 2 T with trailers can be handled after 0900 tomorrow. Action: C/S, 86th, 87th.
- 78 2330 Phone fr Col Thomson to Col Hay: Have you any information about the Ford? Ans: My S-4 now has a jeep out there 2 feet under water. So I am using ducks tonight - have 12 ducks on their way down here. Action: J.
- 79 2330 Phone fr Speedy 3: TF is not permitted to force their way forward. Should go fwd only under agreement with the Germans. If any opposition is offered, should look for another route where Germans offer no opposition. Accept unconditional surrender from German troops. Attn Lt Col Lueck: II Corps rear area cmdr, Gen Hendricks, located at BASSANO (F2589) is in charge of setting up areas for large surrendering units and is to be contacted for designation of such areas. Action: G-2, C/S.

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80 2345 Phone fr Rex 3: Reply reports 9 Germans surrendered at Road Block in TORBOLE with them is convoy of 6 vehicles loaded with equipment. They are from the 14th Panzer Corps. They will be sent to Div PW cage in morning. Action: C/S, G-2.

81 2345 Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 3: Assembly area for TF 87 is now at GORDA at 041200B; move out when word is received to do so from Col Thomson. Attached units will fall into column along the route. Action: C/S.

82 2400 Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 372 submitted.

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Manufacturers, 24th Counter Division, SAC 343, U. S. Army, for period 0600H to 2400H & say per

10 17550 1. Hand fr return estimate that road to TOMBOLA will open at 0700H. Action: C/S

2. Sec'd fr 11 Corps (Ref No. 503): Reference attachment of 10 Mt Div to II Corps effective 031600H, CG, 10 Mt Div will establish command liaison with 11 Corps immediately. Orders will follow. CG II Corps at B349154.

3. Sec'd fr 11 Corps, Ref No. 529 to 031600H.

4. Sec'd fr 11 Corps: 1. Have 2 motorized Inf Bns (reinf) pursuant orders CG 11 Corps, effective 031617Z, early 'G' AM 'Y' in accordance with previously prepared plans. 2. Boundaries - 88 - 10 Mt: See O item No. 12, 5th Army. 3. 10 Mt Div - 11 Corps: See O item No. 53A, II Corps. 3. Cut enemy lines of communications in that vicinity to prevent his withdrawal from Italy. 4. Advance locally with energy for passage without fighting or use unopposed routes of advance halt in place pending further orders. 5. Send 500 rpt to 11 Corps radios with authorized forces and replace through signal channels. 6. It is imperative that this Bn be kept constantly informed of your progress.

5. Sec'd fr 11 Corps & ITAF No. 246 032400H May 45.

6. Sec'd fr 11 Corps: Road into TOMBOLA is open. Action: C/S, 86th.

7. Sec'd fr 10 Mt Div issue No. 225 submitted.

8. Sec'd fr Reg'to 7796, 3 May 45, fr 11 Corps. Ref No 503: 10th Mt Div reference attachment of 10 Mt Div to II Corps effective 031600H, CG, 10 Mt Div will establish command liaison with CG II Corps immediately. Orders will follow. CG II Corps at B-345154.

9. Sec'd fr 10 Mt Div Atrop No. 373 submitted.

10. Sec'd fr Devoc 3: Permission given to move up tank attached to TF 86 over main highway. Hold to pick up TF 87 as it passes by from its assembly area at 0600. Action: Journal, 3/4, C-3.

11. Sec'd: Sec'd No 9797, 3 May 45, fr II Corps: II Corps CG opened 031600H at B-345157. (Ref No 505).

12. Sec'd: Sec'd fr 11 Corps: French liaison officer got from French CIC agent following information. BELLARIE is the big German resistance spot for Italy - about 50,000 Germans plus 18000 French Nazi troops were reported 2 days ago around this town. In 1944, about 20000 Germans. Lt Col Scur, SS is chief of this area - only keeps with him Forces 88 and Fallschirmers and sets up combat groups. (Scur has been about 10 - 20km and 30 mm guns from BELLARIE down to REVERETO. Forces are most disorganized - BELLARIE is the center of all the German CIC for Italy and France. Chiefs of the French Gestapo are located there. Road to Brenner Pass supposed to be mined every 300 yards from the Brenner down to 2 miles south of the Brenner Pass. ACTION: C/S, C-2, Issue, Journal.

13. Sec'd: Sec'd fr 11 Corps, 3 May 45. Ref No 4804 - leading elements encountering no resistance, units standing fast no contact. (Issue 834 covering period 031600H to 031900H fr 11 Corps) some leading elements at LERNA (7967) at 1600H.

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14	0915	Rec'd: Ltr, AF 545, 031600H May 45, fr II Corps.
15	0915	Phone fr speedy 3 to recall 5: Send out one SCR 299 with the leading Bn on your move. ACTING Journal, Sig Co, Asst Div Cdr.
16	0930	Rec'd: G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 424, 2 May 45, fr 34th Inf Div.
17	0930	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 605, 3 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
18	0930	Rec'd: Patrol Intention Overlay, 4 May 45, fr 1st Bn 85th Inf.
19	0930	Rec'd: Ltr, seizure of enemy money in BAR HENZENTIG, 2 May 45, fr IV Corps.
20	0930	Rec'd: Message No. 6056, 3 May 45, fr Fifth Army: Secret. Para 1. Effective 031600H May, 631 FA Battalion is detached 10 At Div and is attached 428 FA Group. Representative Report without delay to Fifth Army arty officer for instructions. Unit remains in present position. Para 2. Effective 040200H May, Battery A 530 FA Bn is detached II Corps and reverts to parent unit control (DUELL). Para 3. Effective upon arrival EGOLA, 75 and 530 FA Bns are attached 428 FA Group.
21	0930	Rec'd: Sitrep No 159 as of 040600H May 45, fr Fifth Army.
22	0930	Daily Intelligence Summary No. 199 and 200, fr XII Tactical Air Command.
23	0930	Rec'd: G-2 periodic report No. 330, 2 May 45, fr IV Corps.
24	0930	Rec'd: Sitrep No 159, 4 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
25	0945	Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Col Butchers and Major West to Col Beggs and Major Snow. Major West notified Major Snow that motorized elements should move out. Orders are being issued now. Col Butchers gave Col Beggs the following information: Have received orders to move motorized troops out. Left boundary: 10th At Div/88 Div. Present boundary to Point on ADIGI at (999534), thence along river to (835905); thence to W. ALBETHI (hill 3479) on Austrian frontier at (V728014). Running right on Highway 12 to be accorded 10 At Div by arrangement through II Corps. Mission of Detachments is to place forces astride enemy lines of communication in order to prevent withdrawal of enemy forces. No movement of enemy troops away from Italy will be permitted. Attention is invited to the fact that certain German formations or units will likely disregard orders to surrender and will continue to fight in which event necessary action will be taken by Allied troops to accomplish their mission. Time signed: 1045H. Col Beggs raised question that yesterday when we started to advance in compliance with Corps directions the fronts contended they had orders to fire if we tried to advance and if that could be expected today. Col Butcher's stated that it could be expected. Col Beggs inquired if higher headquarters had not made proper negotiations with German's potentially to prevent any further casualties - if not, suggested and desired Corps take it up with higher headquarters to obtain an assurance that German combat elements are aware of the continuance of the advance. Col Butchers stated it would be taken up with Army, but at present the advance will continue as directed. Corps (Col Mansboro) called at 1130H and

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(continued) advised that every effort would be made to advance without a fight. If combat cannot be avoided halt in place, advise Corps at once and await instructions.

CG, 347 Inf - advance at once under directive No. 43 attached, as modified by above instructions just received from Corps. Do not await arrival of remaining trucks or attachments. Attachments and trucks for hauling Infantry will be rushed to you. Highway 12 North of 53 nothing available to you under new boundary as alternate route. 339 Bat (85 Div, advances on your right, 10th Lt Div on left. To G-2, 88th Div, fr Col Greely, II Corps. II Corps made following agreement with German 76 Corps: Officers keep their arms for the time being until they get to BASSANO area. They are authorized 50 rifles in the Division and one bayonet per squad. Gen Von Graffen says there is only one blowout on Highway 50, just east of BELLUNO. In 1510H.

26 1050

Phone fr Capt Allen Col Briscoe, from 15th Army Group, is bringing up a convoy of 60 vehicles which is to follow TF Thomson to BOLZANO. Col Briscoe's objective. This convoy is to fall in behind TF 87; it is leaving from VERONA at 04100H and should arrive vicinity MALCESINE (F5291) approx. 1330H. ACTION: 87th, 88, C/S, Journal.

27 1100

Rec'd: 2 copies of Daily PW Report to V. Army for 24 hour period ending 041200H May 1945.

28 1145

Phone fr Return 6: Bridge across SANGA R. between TORBOLTA (A5702) and RIVA (A5505) can be put in for Class 18 traffic by 061200H -- a rough estimate. Driver will not be able to use the bridge but will be able to use the ford over the SANGA R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.

29 1130

Rec'd: HQ II Corps SITREP No. 574, 032400H May 1945.

30 1200

HQ 10th Lt Div Sitrep No. 374 submitted.

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Reg fr Tolst to Lt 701st Bn HQ is now located in MALCESINE. "A" Co is now in the process of moving its HQ and 1 platoon to Via RIVA. 1 platoon on Road Block (MARBRE and ARGO) and one platoon in Task Force. "C" Co has one platoon at (557958). One platoon with TF and 1 platoon on Road Block with 10th Lt. Ron is in via BAGO. 1 platoon in TF and 1 platoon on road block. ACTION: Journal.

32 1315

Rec'd: II Corps Issues No. 829 and 830, 3 May 45.

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Rec'd: G-2 Report Nos 211-212, 3 May 45, fr 95 Inf Div.

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Rec'd: Issues fr II Corps.

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Reg fr Capt Hamsterman in to 88th Div: 349th Inf leading elements; as of 032400H May - 1st Bn - 3047 (3rd Marine) - objective (056194). 2d Bn 3234 - Obj 2105 (210944). 3d Bn 3235 - Obj 2105 (210944). 349th Inf jumped off at 040405H May against no opposition objective Brenner Pass. 351st Inf vic of MORGO (0521); are confronted by bulk of 1st Paratroop Div (German) whose C.O. refuses to let our troops

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(Continued) pass or to surrender. Mention 351st - remain in place. 390th Inf - not committed - assembly area vic. BENS (2612). 80th Div does not intend to enter Bente but possibly to use Highway 12 vic. of BOLS. 339th Inf, 88th Div. Leading Elements (012400Z May) at 7990 - obj Brosser pass. ATTC: C/S, Journal.

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Phone fr Lightning 2: Tee/R Reports: daylight to noon: BELLEAU; trains with steam up, headed north. BELLEAU to BENTIC; 3,000 plus troops, scattered, headed South. (B2404) to (B2093); 700 plus loaded horse-drawn vehicles and numerous troops headed north. (B3004) to (B7094) along Highway #49, 1000 plus horse-drawn and motor vehicles headed East. ATTC: C/S, Journal.

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Phone fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: TF Thomson left WAGO (4500) at 1200Z. ATTC: Journal, C/S.

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fr CG, II Corps. Operations: 85th Div: no resistance in zone. 329 Inf: leading elements 2d Bn reinforced reached (751906) at 2150. 3d Bn at (B22734). Others no change. 338th Inf: 1st and 3d Bns reverted to parent unit control at 1600Z and closed in assembly area vic. PELINE (3816). 88th Div: 349 Inf: 1st Bn occupied S. WENTING (3043), 2d Bn at PRIBERO (3234), 3d Bn at BIRCH (3235); no resistance. 351 Inf: No change in positions. Enemy paratroop elements remain in position W of BERGO (C321). 10 Lt Div: attached II Corps effective 1600Z. For 20 Lt Div and II Corps left boundary see periodic to. 578, 3 EMB, this page, 91st Div - no change. II Corps Ops: 338 Inf (- 2d Bn) reverted to parent unit control 1600Z. 2d Bn vic. WENTING. II. Intentions: No change. III. CP's: 349 Inf BIRCH (3235). IV. Tank Status: No change.

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Phone fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Phoned to Col Galloway - no additional information from 1400Z report. ATTC: Journal, C/S, CG.

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Msg to TF 81 thru Div head: Capt Warburg return immediately Reaccount CP.

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Message to Div from HQ. 226 submitted.

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Phone II Corps: TF 349 at B 5000 - 1515Z. TF of 85 Div at B7596 in pass - 0425Z.

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fr Reaccount in off: Tail of 86th TF column was one mile beyond WAGO at 1540Z. Action, Journal, C/S.

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fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Rear of 1st Column was one mile beyond WAGO at 1540Z. Action, Journal, C/S.

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fr Recall 3 to TF Thompson: report position TF 1 and TF 2 at once. C/S, Jnl.

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fr Recall 3 to all units that are maintaining road blocks: Pull in all road blocks: maintain warning posts around each bypass area.



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| 47  | 1650 | Phone fr Lightning 2: Location of German Hq: 10th Army at SCITIA'D AREA 22 (8575735); 14th Army at FAX (8740360) II in C SW at MORGUELFO (8555980). Action: C/S, Journal, G-2, CG.   |
| 48  | 1700 | Phone fr Sebaste 2: 1st Bn cannot continue patrol opn's w/ any desirable results unless overwrite missions are planned and we are not equipped for such missions. What shall we do? Action: Will ask G-2.  |
| 49  | 1745 | Radio Liaison 2: Center of Col. #2, 2 Bn beyond BAGO at station. Journal, G/S.   |
| 50  | 1750 | Re Recall 3 to 3d II Corps: Capt Livermore contacted Col Galloway at 1700h and informed him of latest developments. Action: G/S, CG, Journal.  |
| 51  | 1755 | Recall 3 to Sebaste 3: Send a motorized rifle company to Bolsano to guard and protect the Hq and encampment of Gen. von Vistinghoff. Contact Col. Brinac, 10th Army Group, who will be there at the Hq. for specific ord. vs. Keep partisans out of the Hq and encampment; contact partisan leader and have partisans in vicinity of the Hq stack their arms in a central place. Take five days rations. ACTION: C/S, Journal. |
| 52  | 1755 | Phone fr Sebaste 2: Pvt Edward Hall has been repatriated after two weeks in the hands of the Germans. Do you want to question him? ACTION: PRO will get Hall's story and we will see it.   |
| 53  | 1755 | Phone fr Col Galloway, II Corps: 14th Army Hq is at FAX (8740360). Put out patrols to that Hq to establish liaison and communication with them. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.   |
| 54  | 1755 | Recall 3 to Mount 3: Pull in all road blocks; maintain warning posts around each bivouac area. Turn in all DUMCs to pool at once. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.   |
| 55  | 1755 | Lead way fr II Corps to 10th Army Div for action: Ref Fr 4522; Ref Fr 6056 of 5th Army dated 3 May. Effective 031600h: 631 Pz Bn Detached 10th Army Div, attached 42d Pz Group. Representative report without delay to 5th Army Officer for instructions. Unit remains in present position.  |
| 56  | 1800 | Call center Forecast date 4 May.   |
| 57  | 1800 | Recall 3 to II Corps Sitrep No. 246 dated 3 May.   |
| 58  | 1800 | Recall 3 to II Corps Item No. 831.   |
| 59  | 1800 | Recall 3 to II Corps, AFM Intelligence Notes, No. 104, dated April 17, 1945.   |
| 60  | 1800 | Recall 3 to II Corps Sitrep No. 574, 032400h May 1945.   |
| 61  | 1800 | Recall 3 to II Corps Ops Instructions No. 93, dated 3 May 1945.  |
| 62  | 1800 | Recall 3 to 751st Div Op -3, Op No. 122, dated 021200h May.  |

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- 63 1800 Read Hq II Corps PERS TWK No. 269, dated 040700, May.
- 64 1800 Read Hq IV Corps Sitrep No. 244, dated 022400 May.
- 65 1800 Read 3d Inf Div G-2 Int Summary No. 425 dated 031200 May 1945.
- 66 1800 Read restricted msg from CG II Corps dated 040300 May Ref Nr 401A. Fed Hqs to S. MARTINE (B-324A), B-7990 and B - 8273 Report, no resistance--details of surrender being arranged between 10th Div and IX (Love-Thom) M4 Corps. Issn no. 811 covering period 031200 to 040700 fr II Corps to 5th Army Sur G-2 (alts of 1 Para and 4 Para Div remain in posn N of Barge ) B - 04021.
- 67 1800 Read Confidential Msg from II Corps to 5th Army CP, 5th Army, 10th M4 Div, 14th SS, 88, 91 Divs. Ref Nr. 505: II Corps CP opened 031200 at 040107. Report 1A and 1 S Strip at 0073075. Will report location new strip on opening.
- 68 1755 Phone fr Lightning 2: VI Corps is in NEMER PANS. Action: Journal, CG, C/S.
- 69 1805 Phone fr Babete 3: F Co motorized will be sent to BOLIANO leaving around 1900. Action: C/S, Journal.
- 70 1825 Read German documents from 86th S-2... found in Rivu, 3 May..include 24 Posters, mail w/ ret address to 53 tro; marked map of planned defenses of OLLIO River; Obstacles of GANDA defenses, typewritten plan book by high ranking German staff in which it is claimed that use of assault boats is impossible..However, 1st Lt Inf Bn S-2.
- 71 1900 Phone fr Hovee 3: Tank Status  

Type	A	Type	A
M 15	34	M 4	3
M 8	5	M43(70mm)	11
M 20	18	M43(105mm)	1
T 2	3	T 2	1
Other vehs	97% 15( C class)	M 3	14

 2 (B class) 1 (C class)  
 Action: C/S, sitrep, Journal.
- 72 1915 Phone fr Babete 3: F Co Motorized left for BOLIANO at 1900.
- 73 1920 From Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: No report from TF Thompson. Motorized 15th Co, 85th Inf, left for Boliano at 1905.
- 74 1930 Fr 5th Army Phantom: Head of column of Recall TF with guide from 11th Pz has reached point approx 30 Km short of BOLIANO on Route 12 in A0040. Column now continuing on to final objective in V3020. Action: CG, II Corps, C/S, Journal.
- 75 1930 Above message sent to CG, II Corps( ser No. 74).
- 76 1930 Phone fr Col Parker to C/S: The LAGO DI IERNO road is badly blown, and estimated time for repairs is 40 to 61 days. A bridge cannot be put in as the blow happens to be on a curve. The road on west side of lake is to be worked on as soon as we can get to it. Action: Journal.

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| 77         | 2000         | Recd Hq II Corps G-3 Periodic Rpt No. 577, dated 3 May.  |
| 78         | 2000         | Recd Hq II Corps G-2 Report NO. 622, dated 032000Z May.  |
| 79         | 2010         | Recd letter fr Hq Engr School Det, the Replacement and Reg Cnd, NTUSA, dated 9 April, , SUBJECT: Manner of Performance, School of Mine Warfare and Demolitions.  |
| 80         | 2020         | Phone fr Recall 3 to Haves 3: Havs M20 (with SC193) report to Capt Allen, C/S Office, at 0730, 5 May. Radio Operator to accompany street car. Action: Capt Allen, C/S, Sig O, Journal.   |
| 81         | 2030<br>2040 | Recd msg-fr II Corps Item 830, dated 031920Z May.  |
| 82         | 2030         | Recd Hq II Corps Sitrep No. 575, 041200Z May.  |
| 83         | 2055         | Phone fr Account 3: Our Co at ROVERTO reports situation well in hand. There are two German Bns in an assembly area with a third Bn on the way. The Germans have not turned in their weapons but are awaiting orders from their High Com before doing so. Partisans have been dispersed. Action: Maj Allen to call back as to identification of German units in ROVERTO and what dispositions have been made by our Co. to protect themselves. CU, C/S, G-2, Journal.   |
| 84         | 2105         | From Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Seeking to report on TV Thomson. Journal, 4/5.   |
| 85         | 2100         | Phone from Retread 2 via IM Off: Regt 8-3 reports following Partisan information submitted to him by Partisan leader in TRENTO. Reference - Map Italy 1:250000.<br>1.- 1000 German Parachute Tro in FERRISSE, and L AVISO, E of TRENTO, are fighting with partisans, might surrender to Americans. 2.- 200 SS TR in GIBBERA NE of TRENTO. 3.- 2 American aviators, shot down, now at BUDINA, NE of TRENTO. 4.- Road mined in ANDALO, NE of TRENTO. 5.- German General and 200-300 SS TR at MOLVENO, wish to surrender to Americans. 6.- An American Air Corp Sgt, shot down from B-24, is at MOLVENA. Has been there one year. 7.- Bridge near STENGO and Post North of town are mined. 8.- German command south of Trento city limits is extensive, virtually unoccupied. Possibly a good rally point for PW's. Action: G-2, Journal. |
| 86         | 2118         | Fr Reg Center..Radio..We can hear TV Thomson radio now and one of our relays is establishing contact. Will call. Action: C/S, Journal.   |
| 87         | 2130         | Recd GIC letter, 4 May, Subject: Security Measures, 10th Mt Div area..2 copies. ..also Arrest Reports on M Capello, Stefano I. Gnotti, and G Gnotti.   |
| 88         | 2130<br>2nd- | Recd Msg (radio) from II Corps..Ref Nr. 4615: 200-2- 30 Baker May. GSDiv: Leading elem 339 Inf no change. GSDiv : 349 Inf : 1 Bn (Motorized) moved out from S MARTINO (2043) at 0445 with 2 and 3rd Bns following. BDI 350 and 351 Inf no change. 10th Mt Div no change in dispositions.   |
| 89         | 2125         | Phone fr Account 3: Our Co in ROVERTO reports that one of the German Bns assembled there is a Para Bn. The German Bns are in an assembly area N of town.   |

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- 89 2125 (cont'd) our forces are in the town. We have established a road block between the town and the German assembly area and are maintaining a patrol outside of ROVERETO and one inside the town itself. Action: CG, G/S, Journal.
- 90 2130 Phone fr Lightning 2 ( Col MacDonald); Efforts of wire party (German) to contact 10th Div have been unsuccessful. General Raffner still waiting in RIVA. Lt Hallman of German 14th Army in charge of wire detail is now in PW cage at VERONA. We and party will be sent to 10th Mt Div which unit will give them every assistance in getting communication established to the German 14th Army. Action: G/S, G-2, Div Sig Officer, Journal.
- 91 2140 Phone fr Capt Turish ( In Off II Corps); Elements of Pan Tr, 149 Inf (98 Div) have reached BRENNER PASS at 1051B. Contact has been made with VI Corps (7th Army). Action: CG, G/S, Journal.
- 92 2200 Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Nothing to report on TF Thomson. Action: G/S, Jnl.
- 93 2210 Following is the Telephone Directory of Code Names... See SOI item A5-4, dated 15 April 1945. 10th Mt Div is RECALL numbers from 1 to 97.
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|---------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| 10th Mt Inf Div Arty..... | HEK     | SIS.....               | BRENNER   |
| 604th FA Bn.....          | HELECT  | FIFTH ARMY.....        | LIGHTNING |
| 605th FA Bn.....          | HEFLY   | IV Corps.....          | HESTONE   |
| 614th FA Bn.....          | HEGUNE  | IV Corps Arty.....     | KENTUCKY  |
| 85th Mt Inf Regt.....     | HEKATH  | 8th Cal Mortar Bn..... | RANGER    |
| 86th Mt Inf Regt.....     | HEMOUNT | 175th FA Bn.....       | WESSEM    |
| 87th Mt Inf Regt.....     | HEHEAD  | 424th FA Co.....       | KEYLIE    |
| 10th Mt AT Bn.....        | HECOURT | 701st TD Bn.....       | NAVOS     |
| 126th Mt Engr Bn.....     | HEVENS  | 751st Tk Bn.....       | RACCOON   |
| 10th Mt Cav Recon Tr..... | HEVOKS  | NSP (American Board),  | LEGAR     |
| 10th Mt Med Bn.....       | HEFT    | 1st Brazilian Div..... | LEFA      |
| 10th Mt CW Bn.....        | HEO     | 1125th Armd FA Bn..... | WESTHAVEN |
| 710th Mt Ord Co.....      | HEVINE  | 13th Tank Bn.....      | WARRIOR   |
| 110th Mt Signal Co.....   | HEBERT  | 259th Engr Bn.....     | WARRIOR   |
| MP PLATOON.....           | HEHELL  | 1st Armd Div.....      | WARRIOR   |
- 94 2230 Recd Hq II Corps Issu NO. 832, dated 041510B.
- 95 2245 Phone fr Recall 3 to Recount 3: 1.- 1000 Germans are reported N of TRENTO who wish to surrender. 2.- Materie 1 Co of 1st Bn - have then proceed to TRENTO at once. 3.- Disarm Partisans in TRENTO \* contact Germans. 4.- G-2 will contact you as to handling of German forces that surrender. Action: CG, G/S, G-2, Journal.
- 96 2250 Recd 701 TD Bn S-3 Periodic Rpt No. 124p dated 1800B 4 May.
- 97 2300 Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Nothing to report on TF Thomson. Action G/S, Jnl.
- 98 2300 Recall 3 to HQ. Phone fr Lightning Phantom (Maj Allen). At 2100B head of column had reached VILPIANO (A8777) still advancing without interference from German garrison. TF has contacted representatives of 14th PS at MATTARELLO (A7816). Guides are leading column forward. Small recon party is going towards the Brenner Pass. Action: G/S, II Corps.

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| 1   | 0015 | Radio msg fr II Corps, ISUM #33 covering period to 042000B.  |
| 2   | 0030 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 375 submitted.   |
| 3   | 0115 | Fr Capt Livermore: Col BRISAG and party arrived at destination at approximately 2200B. He was cordially received and billets have been provided for all. TF #2 passed through BOLZANO at 2200B. They had no radio contact with anyone. A German Officer met them at entrance to BOLZANO with statement that he was expecting 2 American Bns commanded by Col THOMSON and had billets provided for them. He did not know of any other columns passing through BOLZANO. TF #2, nevertheless, continued toward MERANO. P Co 85th Mt Inf was encountered at 2245B 8 miles S of BOLZANO and directed to Col BRISAG. Three 10th Mt Div radio relay jeeps were encountered one mile SE of MAGO at 050100B. They had radio contact with Division only. They intended to leapfrog forward while still maintaining contact with Division and stated radio reception very poor. |
| 4   | 0130 | Urgent TXI to 15th Army Group: Col BRISAG and party arrived destination BOLZANO at 2200B. Cordial reception and billets provided for all. Situation quiet along entire route.  |
| 5   | 0135 | Radio to II Corps: Col BRISAG and party arrived BOLZANO 2200B. Cordial reception. Situation quiet along route. TF #2 passed through BOLZANO at 2200B proceeding to MERANO.   |
| 6   | 0300 | To CG II Corps Hourly Report, N T R.   |
| 7   | 0400 | To CG II Corps Hourly Report TF Thomson, N T R.  |
| 8   | 0500 | To CG II Corps Hourly Report TF Thomson, N T R.  |
| 9   | 0600 | To CG II Corps Hourly Report TF Thomson, N T R.  |
| 10  | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No; 228 submitted.   |
| 11  | 0600 | Fr Speedy 3 (Col Calloway) at 0450B: 1. From Legion - 1st and 4th Paratroops are preparing to surrender to Legion. 26 PZ will approach 10th Mt Division under white flag S. of BOLZANO on the morning of the 5th prepared to surrender. 2. From Speedy Rear (confirmed by 5th Army) - Some of our special people and partisans have surrounded 2000 mixed troops, Slavs, Hungels, SS Troops, and Fascists, S of LAVARONI (AS609). This force is known to have 2 Tiger Dcs, 2 Armcd cars, 6 trucks, and an unknown quantity of mortars and grenades. They are killing civilians in and around town and destroying property. This area is in 10th Mt Div Sector and should be locked into. 3. From Recall 3 to Speedy 3 - All available information on TF and BOLZANO reported. Action: C/S, G-3 notified.   |
| 12  | 0630 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 376 submitted.   |
| 13  | 0700 | Report To CG IV Corps, Nothing to Report.  |
| 14  | 0730 | Rec'd. Following message fr CG II Corps: REF NR 4834. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REPORTED BY 88 DIV THE 26 PZ DIV PAREN GERMAN PAREN WILL APPROACH 10 MOUNTAIN   |

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- 14 (Cont'd) DIV MORNING OF 5 MAY UNDER WHITE FLAG SOMEWHERE SOUTH OF BOLLANO TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURRENDER TO 10TH MOUNTAIN DIV.
- 15 0730 Rec'd. Hq II Corps SITREP No. 576, 043000 May 1945.
- 16 0745 Phone fr Col Harold to C/S (Col Irwin): What is status of your TF? Reply: Information fr Journal msg No. 3 read to Col Harold. ACTION: Journal.
- 17 0800 Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: N.T.R. on TF Thomson.
- 18 0820 Phone fr Rebata 3: F/85 arrived in BOLLANO at 042000 without incident. We in touch with Col Briese of 15th Army Group. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 19 0850 Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebata 3: Move your 2 Cos in RIVA back to regimental assembly area with least practicable delay. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 20 0850 Rec'd. Hq 701 TD Bn, 2-2 Periodic Report of 043000 May 1945; following msg fr 5 Army: REF NR 6449. INFORMATION AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA FOR SURRENDERED ENEMY FORCES WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO GERMANS PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS. INFORM ALL CONCERNED IMMEDIATELY.
- 21 0905 Phone fr Recall 3 to Lightning 3 (to relay to Gen Carlton): A Co of the 85th Regt arrived in BOLLANO at 042000 without incident; they are guarding the Hq and encampment of Gen von VIRDINGHOFF; Co Comdr is in contact with Col Briese of 15th Army Group. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 22 0905 Rec'd. Hq II Corps SITREP NO. 575, 043000 May 1945.
- 23 0905 Rec'd. fr Sanray Mine: (via radio) We have reached border. In touch with German forces here. Further details as soon as possible. ACTION: II Corps, C/S, Journal.
- 24 0900 Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Hourly message. Journal message No. 23 cont.
- 25 0955 Phone fr Capt Landroth (Lightning 3): The following radio message received fr Phantom. TF reached CURON (V3607) at 043000 without incident. Jeep patrol has gone forward to HANDBERG (V3416). (Fr Col Thomson to Recall 6): We have reached border - are in touch with German forces - further information via in C. ACTION: C/S, C/S, Journal.
- 26 1000 Rec'd. following msg fr II Corps: REF NR 6056 HQ 5 ARMY DATED 3 MAY. EFFECTIVE 051400 MAY, 431 FA BN DETACHED TO 10TH DIV ATTACHED 430 FA GROUP. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT WITHOUT DELAY TO 5 ARMY ANTI OFFICER FOR INVESTIGATIONS. UNIT REMAINS IN PRESENT POSITION. Rec'd. Hq 5 Army G-2 Report No. 608, 043000 May '45; Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 249, 043000 May '45; Hq 85 Inf Div G-2 Report No. 213, 4 May 1945; Hq IV Corps Operations Instructions No. 92.
- 27 1020 Rec'd. following msg fr CG II Corps: (INFO) REF NR 4937. MUTUALLY ARRANGED REGRUPEING OF ADVANCE (FORCES WITHIN BOUNDARIES) PRESCRIBED BY CI NUMBER 55, THIS HQ, WHICH WAS TELEPHONED IN PART 042400.

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31 (Cont'd) order, to find a way around the blow in the road east of NAGO. We started out in three Jeeps over a trail that Major Sweger had found, and which was also shown on the map. However, this trail had to be abandoned eventually and we returned to the main road. By this time, it was approaching daylight. We abandoned the Jeeps at the blow in the road and proceeded on foot to MORI. We arrived at MORI about 0700B, and here we contacted a Colonel of a Czech labor battalion and procured an automobile. Leaving the rest of the party behind, I proceeded to ROVERETO, accompanied by Major Sweger and Mr. Steinige. Along the highway, we met a few straggling German soldiers who did not know the war was over.

3. We drove through ROVERETO and eventually found a German Officer. I requested that he find the Commandant in the town, or of the region in the town, and bring him to me. This, he did, and I was informed by this German Major that the German General who I was looking for had passed through our lines at a different point the night before. I then returned to MORI. Upon my arrival at MORI, I learned that Colonel Froeth and Lt Hays had followed me to ROVERETO, and had by-passed me. I immediately sent a car to find them and bring them back. Upon the return of this car from ROVERETO, I was informed that when last seen, they were heading North out of ROVERETO. I then sent everyone back to Division Headquarters, except Major Sweger and the Lieutenant Colonel of the Air Corps, Fifth Army.

4. We remained there for about two hours; that is until 1230B. Then we proceeded back toward TOSBOLZ. At the break in the road east of NAGO, we met Lt Warner who had seen General Hays and he informed me that the information received at ROVERETO was incorrect and that I was to return to ROVERETO and meet General von Vietinghoff, or his representative, or remain there until I received further instructions. Returning to MORI, I requisitioned an automobile and with Lt Warner proceeded to ROVERETO. At ROVERETO, I picked up a German Officer who could speak English and a German armed guard, and then proceeded North to the headquarters of General Steinmetz. General Steinmetz gave me a guide and an officer to take me to the headquarters of General von Senger. He also informed me that Colonel Froeth and Lt Hays were with General von Senger in the vicinity of BOLZANO, and that they were remaining with General von Senger to the headquarters of the 14th Panzer Corps. (General von Senger's headquarters).

5. Lt Warner and I, accompanied by the German Officer, then drove to the headquarters of General von Senger where we met Colonel Froeth, Lt Hays, and General von Senger and party. We left the headquarters of the 14th Panzer Corps at 1730B, and we arrived at the headquarters of the 10th Mountain Division at approximately 2200B, where I turned over General von Senger and his party to the Division Commander. Signed: David L. Ruffner, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Commanding. (Hq 10th Mt Div Arty).

Ltr, subj: Mission to Meet German Embassy, 5 May 1945 fr Hq, 179th Medium Regiment RA to CG, 10th Mountain Division.

1. General Ruffner left me at MORI at about 0630 hours on 5 May 1945 when he departed for ROVERETO in an Italian car. Judging I should be with the General, I took a horse and trap and followed after him with Lieutenant Hays. After about three quarters of a mile, we stopped at Italian car driven by a Partisan and took it on to ROVERETO. There we were surrounded by German soldiers but I explained my mission in German and asked for an Officer. The

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- 28 1020 Phone fr Speedy 55 to Col Irwin: There's a meeting at Corps Hq at 1600. Gen Keys would like to have Gen Keys or representative be there. The purpose of this meeting is the assembly, processing, etc, of German troops in preparation of the final assembly area. Corps CP is in the vicinity of (M315). You can fly down from the 88th Div sub strip at BABBANO (2488). I'll have transportation for you. Col Irwin: Gen Ruffner and I will fly down, have transportation at 1500. ACTION: Journal.
- 29 1125 Radio fr Asst CG: TF A reached objective at 0530. Orders being carried out. 051E 55B. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal, CG, II Corps, 85,86,87 Mt Inf, SITREP.
- 30 1130 Read Hq 1st Armd Div G-2 report dated 011600Z May 1945.
- 31 1130 Read Hq IV Corps sitrep no. 245, dated 031200Z May 1945.
- 32 1130 Read Hq II Corps isum no. 832, dated 041600Z May 1945.
- 33 1200 Recall 3 to CG II Corps (hourly report): TF "A" reached objective NAIDERS (3415) at 0530. Orders being carried out. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 34 1210 Rec'd. following msg fr 5 Army: GEN KNEHALE. REFERENCE JOHN WIG HEMINWAY, 20269460, Co G, 85th Mt Inf. Fr 5 Army action to 10th Mt Div, info to KTOUSA. Assign subject soldier to non hazardous duty without delay pending further instructions. Radio report of action taken direct to KTOUSA with information copy to this Headquarters. In radio reply cite F 69313 dated 2 May, this year.
- 35 1200 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 229 and SITREP No. 377, submitted.
- 36 1205 Phone fr Remount 3: B Co left for TRENTO (A772) at 050000Z - En comdr has gone forward to contact and check on company. ACTION: C/S, Sitrep, Journal.
- 37 1230 Rec'd. Hq II Corps, Operations Instructions No. 55,
- 38 1300 Recall 3 to CG II Corps: M.T.R.
- 39 1400 Recall 2 to TF Thomson: Emphasize sealing of border to prevent all movement of civilians across border. (radio).
- 40 1400 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 331; Hq 88th Inf Division G-2 Report No. 268; Hq 73d Tk Bn S-3 Report No. 123.
- 41 1415 For Journal (1tr subj): Resume of Mission to Meet German Embassy, 5 May to CG, 10th Mt Div): 1. About 10:00 PM (2200Z), the 2nd of May, 1945, I received instructions from the Division Commander to proceed to ROVERETO to meet General von Vietinghoff or his representative. My party consisted of Colonel Froth, R.A., 176th Medium Artillery (British); Lt Warner, my aide; Major Senger, 10th Mountain Division Artillery; Lt Nays, the aide to the Division Commander; a Mr Chaigne, news correspondent; a Major, Aide to General Truscott; and a Lieutenant Colonel of the Air Corps, Fifth Army Headquarters. The party finally assembled at TORBOLE at 0900, 3rd of May.  
2. Major Senger had made a preliminary reconnaissance, by my



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- 41 (Cont'd) Officer appeared and took us in the car to the headquarters of the local Commandant. From there we were driven in a captured Jeep to General Steinmetz in another headquarters outside the town.
2. Upon arrival at General Steinmetz's headquarters, I explained to him that I had lost General Ruffner but was to help him find a German General and conduct him through the 10th Mountain Division front to negotiate. He said I should have to go to 14th Army Corps Headquarters at BISHOP, and after telephoning he sent me there in his car with an officer escort. There we met Colonel GLEBA, who I understood to be General von Senger's Chief of Staff. He gave us breakfast while he arranged on the telephone for me to go to BOLLANO where General von Senger was speaking to General von Voetinghoff.
3. At about 1130 hours we were taken to BOLLANO in a staff car meeting General von Senger's ADC on the way. He contacted us straight to the German GHQ where I met General von Senger who said he would be ready to go back with us in half an hour after we had had some lunch. I asked him if he could speak with General von Voetinghoff's authority. He replied that he could and had just arranged everything with him.
4. After being given an excellent lunch, we left with General von Senger and his staff in three cars for his headquarters at BISHOP. He had to stop there to collect his kit. We had just sat down to have a cup of tea when a German Officer reported that General Ruffner was 300 yards away. I asked to speak to him on the telephone; reported that General von Senger was there and invited him to come and have tea. I then remained with General Ruffner until we reached headquarters of the 10th Mountain Division at about 2100 hours. Signal: R.S. FREETH, Lt Col, R.A.
- 42 1410 Fr Lt C (TF Tamson): CP, 3rd Bn 86th Inf reinforced at NEMIA (V3409) opened at 0530. CP, 3rd Bn, 87th Inf at BLUDERGO (A3891). German outpost was contacted inside the Austria border just S of NEMERS. They are awaiting orders 6th Army Group before surrendering. High German official coming into our lines this afternoon to negotiate. Action: CG, II Corps, C/S, msg, sitrep.
- 43 1400 Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps.....sent above (msg no.42) message.
- 44 1430 From Air G: Air Support Party, 3d Tas Sq, has received orders 5th Army to return to that Hq w/c delay. They are leaving this afternoon. Action: C/S.
- 45 1400 Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Following message rcd from Lt Off with motorized column - CP, 3rd Bn, 86th Mt Inf reinforced at NEMIA (V3409) opened at 0530. CP, 3rd Bn, 87th Mt Inf, reinforced at BLUDERGO (A3891). German outpost was contacted inside the Austria border just S of NEMERS. They are awaiting orders 6th Army Group before surrendering. High German official coming into our lines this afternoon to negotiate. Action: C/S, Signal.
- 46 1500 Need Confidential message fr 5th Army to All Corps and NIV Centre; Ref Nr. 6771 - Request that 1/4 ton (jeep) be held available at your Substrip during all daylight hours for the transportation of representatives of this Hq to your command post.

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47 1500 Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Nothing to report on fwd elements. Action: C/S.

48 1500 Read Message fr II Corps: (Lt GOSTARHTA)...051355Z May:  
1.- Div areas of responsibility correspond to scene of action in AI #55 extended to Corps rear boundary.

2.- Main effort of II Corps directed toward assembly and disarmament of enemy elements within vicinity zone in accordance with Administrative Directive #12, Hq Fifth Army. Retention of arms is permitted as follows:

- a. Officers retain pistols.
- b. 50 rifles each division.
- c. 100 rifles Corps troops.
- d. MP's as follows to retain their arms:
  - (1) Inf Div.....35
  - (2) PG Div.....35
  - (3) Corps Hq.....65
  - (4) Army Hq.....450

Small groups will not be disarmed until protection from Partisans can be assured.

3.- U. S. Divisions will assemble enemy units surrendered to them or German major units in such a manner as to facilitate supply and continuation of disarmament in accordance with Para 3a and b Eds Directive #12 Hq Fifth Army, 3 May 1945.

4.- No further evacuation enemy troops to BARGANO until further orders.

5.- Security of enemy elements will aim at control of the major units rather than individuals.

Corps rear boundary (as pertains to us) from F376573 along highway #11 to VICENZA, highway #11 ~~inclusive~~ to Corps.

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Extent of Div boundary on R: From (A9715) to (F7379) to (F6556).  
Action: CG, C/S, Journal, map, In C (89, 86, 87th Inf).

49 1540 Read Field Message from ZWH: Have retained truck Co - do not need engineers at present position but will need them if we cross border any distance. ABILLWAY (LAC WB).

50 1500 Fr Ln C II Corps, Capt Turish: Pos of II Corps troops as of 050900Z:  
8th Div: 1/339 vicinity BREKNER PASS astride Route 12. 2/339 on Route 49 East of Austrian border vicinity BILLIAN. 2/337 - via 5538 square.  
88th Div: 1/349 Rem elements made contact with VI Corps, 7th Army at OALOSIB. 2/349 at BRESANONE via (2165). 3/349 on route 49 at SAN GIORGIO via (4305).  
Rgt CP at BRESANONE.  
91st Div: Are being relieved from command of II Corps, 5th Army and will be attached to 8th Army. Action: Journal, C/S, C-3.

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- 51 1600 Fr Two Corps (051300H) to 5th Army CP for action and info to 5th Army Fed, 10th Mt and 91 Divs; Ref Mr. 1846; XI Corps 1A, L 5 landing strip NW located at K045153. Action: Journal, G/S, G-3, Box
- 52 1600 Fr Recall 3 to CG, XI Corps: Nothing further to report on fed elements; Action: Journal, G/S.
- 53 1620 Fr Recall 3; Reference to journal msg #46, (this date), G-4 had handled it. Action: Journal, G/S.
- 54 1620 Fr Capt Remberg (calling fr Remount Red): Called from HAGO (47156). Have contacted General Immlen, 14th Army, - last night at 2230H. He is prepared to group his command, minus 1st Para Corps, by 7th and 8th May and move them to any final assembly area. B Co, 85th Mt Inf, is in TRENTO. Gen Immlen has about 10,000 troops. 26th Pz Div is just S of BOLKANG. All of Pz Corps is at TRENTO. (DIVS of 14th Army 8th Mt, 65th Inf Div, 309th Inf Div, and 94th and 51st Mt Corps at SAM LOCHENZO). 51st Mt Corps consists of 90th Pz Div, 114th Div, 148th Div and 232 Div. Suggest radio communications on following bands, frequencies: 1700 Kc NFM 14th Army, FVS our Mt. Alternate frequency: 2062 Kc, 14th Army call WBS ..our call 2 ST. There is plenty of food here; do not need medical attention. Need gas for transportation. Action: G-2.
- 55 1700 Fr Recall 3 to CG, XI Corps: Nothing further to report on fed elements. Action: Journal, G/S.
- 56 1730 Fr XI Corps read Issue No. 835, covering period 090700H to 051300H, May.
- 57 1800 Fr Recall 3 to CG, XI Corps: Nothing further to report on fed elements. Action: Journal, G/S.
- 58 1830 Fr CG, 10th Mt Div to G-3 (Major Humphrey): I have personally contacted General van Vlietingshoff and Col Briscoe and my company of Infantry is in Balsano. Everything is very satisfactory. Action: Message delivered verbatim to aide of lightning 6. Journal.
- 59 1830 Fr Recall 3 to COMEX via Radio: Request information of late developments. Action: Journal, G/S, G-3.
- 60 1835 Hq 10th Mt Div ISUR 230 submitted.
- 61 1630 Phone fr Remount 3: Disposition of troops: Regt CP at RIVA (5504)... 1st Bn CP and Co. "A" at HAGO (5803) Co. "G" at ROVERETO (7004) Co "B" at TRENTO (7722). Action: Journal, map, G/S.

62 1950 Phone fr Hayes: Tk Status: Notes:

	A	B	G	K	R
M 10	33	1	2	0	0
M 8	5	0	0	0	0
M 20	18	0	0	0	0
T 2	3	0	0	0	0

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		M AA3 (75mm)	11	0	0	0	0
		M AA3 (105mm)	1	0	0	0	0
		T 2	1	0	0	0	0
		M 5	13	3	1	0	0

Action: Journal, G/S, G-3.

63 1950 Read Hq 5th Army message; Ref Nr RM 6796: No Villas, clubs, hotels, or similar recreational facilities within the entire 5th Army sector will be requisitioned without the prior approval of the Hq. (requisitioning of real estate will be limited to that required for purely military purposes. Action: G/S, Jral, G-1, 3.

64 1955 Fr Recall 3 to Retread 3: 87th Flased on 6 hr alert. Action: G/S, G-3, Jral.

65 2000 Phone fr Rebate 3: Co's I and L closed into PORTO DI BERNIZIO (A92899) at 051740B. 3rd Bn CP at 492899. Action: Journal, map, G/S.

66 2005 Phone fr Remount 3: Co B in TRINIO -everything very quiet. Events under control and all assembled under own officers. Civilians and partisans quiet and cooperative. Action: Journal, G/S, G-3.

67 2025 Phone fr Haves 3: Request permission to move 12 M 10's, 1 T 2, 10 to 12 other vehicles at 060700B from MALCESINE to BERNIZIO. Action: Journal, G/S, G-2, G-3, Provost Marshal..permission granted.

68 2000 Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Nothing further to report on fwd elements. Action: G/S

69 2041 Phone fr Haves 3: 1st plnt Co A (86th) at GURON (V3707); 2 plnt Co C (87) at SLUDERNO (A9992); 1st plnt Ren Co at GURON. Ren plnt engaged in road patrols from (V3707) S to (A9992); 3/86 CP at (V3412); 3/87 CP at (A9997) BERNIZIO. Co C 751 at (V3510). Co D 751 at (A9991). One btry 1125 at (V3907). Action: Journal, G/S, G-3,

70 2045 Fr 88 Div In Off: G-3 Sitrep 5 May 1945: L.- 88 Div: at 041051 May 1945, elements of the 88th U.S. Inf Div, met a patrol from the 103rd U.S. Inf Div in the Brenner Pass, thus joining the Fifth Army in Italy to the 7th Army in Germany. A few hours later, the most formidable Corps in the German armies, composed of the 26 Panzer, and 1st & 4th Paratroop Divisions, made arrangements with the 351st Inf Regt to surrender unconditionally the troops who had defeated GASSINO ERMINE, the Gothic Line and had stopped the 88th Div North of MONTI GRAPPA. 2.- Adjutant writes: the U. S. II Army Corps completed the defeat of the German Armies in Italy on May 4, 1945. The 10th Mt Div, on the left, moved north from Lake GARDA towards TRINIO. The 85th U.S. Inf Div, on the right, made a spectacular advance on the BRENNER Pass, where the 1st Bn, 339th Inf Regt reinforced the 88th Div elements already there. 3.- Intentions: To create a world without war. 4.- G-2 Inm for period 041800B - 050400B May 1945: 349th Inf Reports reading objectives. Blanking of 1st Para Corps in Process.

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- 70 2045 cont'd sent fr 80th Div...LA Off; 340 Inf Ad v CP. COLLE INARO (0518) at 041000Z May, CP at MESSANNE (0097) 1st Bn - COLLE INARO (0518)...2nd Bn - MESSANNE (0097) 3rd Bn - 4204 (ARE MOVING NOW). 350 Inf - Regt (-) via INVIDO 915170. 2nd Bn. - via 041000Z - 041000.
- 71 2045 Fr 80th LA Off; Recd copy of Warning Order--80th Div 041000Z May. Summary follows...2nd Par..Boundaries: A. Between 80 Div and 10th Mt Div on left; MERY (V770) to A-96125 to point on ANIEN RIVER at A-96125 thence along river to A94540 thence to point on Bay at A-95720 thence (incl to 10th Mt Div) Bay 30 to MERRANO (A-8400) to point on Austrian border at V-7700. Boundary rights to 10th Mt Div on Bay 18 from CRA (A-7354) to MERRANO (A-7700). B.- Between 80 Div and 85 on right; B-390175 to B-100100 thence to boundary to Austrian border.
- 72 2100 Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Nothing further to report on 2nd elements. Action: Journal, 0/8.
- 73 2045 Fr LA O, G-2, 80th Div..Copy of Item 050440Z to 051000Z, May, addressed to G-2 II Corps.
- 74 2130 Phone fr Reg 6; Div Air Strip will not move NYVA (A0004) until div is displaced there. Action: II Corps, Journal, 0/8, G-3.
- 75 2140 Recd 701 TD Bn G-3 Paradise Report No. 125, dated 1800Z 5 May.
- 76 2215 Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Location of abated line of 1st Inf Bn point on Austrian border; 1st Plat Co A 701 TD Bn at CUNO (V3707); 2nd Plat Co B, 701 TD Bn at SIKERHO (A3992); 1st Plat Bn Co at CUNO (V3707); Bn plat engaged in road patrols from (V3707) south to (A3992); Co B 701 TD Bn at (V3510); Co D 701 at (A3991). One Btry 1125th TA Bn (V3907). Action: Journal, 0/8.
- 77 2230 Phone fr Capt Hoptagal, Lightning Sq Service; 5th Army has only 2 bands; one is 5th Army band; the other abated to Post Center in Florence; 15 would take approval of G-3 to obtain one of them. Action: Journal, 0/8, G-3.
- 78 2240 Phone fr Speedy 3; Seal off Italian frontier within zone; permit no one to cross in either direction w/o approval CG, 5th Army. Action, 0/8, CG, G-3.
- 79 2240 Phone fr Speedy 3; Two Czech Officers commanding a Czech Regt will report to this HQHQ at sometime tonight. Make arrangements with them as they are in our zone. Action: Journal, 0/8, CG, G-3.
- 80 2240 Phone fr Speedy 3; How right May for 10th Mt Div gives us May 12 - Speedy 3 will phone back later on this. Action: Journal, 0/8, G-3.

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- 81 2245 **FR Recall 3 to Speedy 3:** Gen Hays has just returned from HELLAS FIRM. Col Thomson's force ran into the rear of the 19th Ger Army at the Austrian border; these Germans were being pushed back south by elements of 7th Army, 6th Army Group, and would not allow us to cross the border without opposition. No negotiations for surrender were still going on with General Bruck. Col Thomson contacted the German General and it was agreed each unit would post sentries at the border. There are 3000 Germans in rear of Col Thomson's force, which are being evacuated in case of trouble with the 19th Army. Action: II Corps, 5/5, Fifth Army, Journal.
- 82 2305 **Recd fr Hq, Fifth Army: 1a.** To clarify status of units when 10th M Div was attached II Corps, the following units were detached 10th M Div and attached II Corps effective 011000 May: 1185 Armd FA Battalion, 84th Medical Center Battalion, 235 Eng Combat Battalion, 57 Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, 7th TB Battalion (Less B Company), and companies C and D 751 Tank Battalion. 1b. Company B, 7th TB and 751 Tank Battalion (less companies C and D) remain attached Fourth Corps. 1c. 3. Our number 444 dated 2nd May is rescinded. Effective 011000 May, 7th D, 630444 Battalion (Less second platoon attached Fourth Corps.); 011000 5/5, 4-3

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|            | 0100 | Two Czech Officers arrived this C.P. and were quartered here.   |
| 2          | 0130 | Mag fr Col Thomson: Attached overlays show positions of the 2 Div. Recon-<br>struction of Germans in BRESA completed at the present time. Destruction of Germans<br>in GURON VEROSTA (3407) should be completed by 0200. Destruction of Germans in<br>S. VALENTINO will be completed tonight. Engineers not needed at present time<br>and can be returned if you need them. ACTION: G/S, G-3.   |
| 3          | 0140 | Billeted a returning PW from German hands, picked up on road N of BELLANO.<br>He says he is from 10th Indian Division, 29th Bde, 31 Regt. ACTION: G-3, G/S  |
| 4          | 0140 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Tommy: Have 2 Engr Cos return to their battalions if not<br>needed. ACTION: G/S, G-3.  |
| 5          | 0150 | Mag fr Col Thomson: To: CG 10th Mt Div, Att: G-3: One 1/2 ton AXA will be<br>supplied for 1st man (bearer of this message) by Division. ACTION: G/S.  |
| 6          | 0530 | Rec'd fr LICorps: 10th Mt Div; 3rd Bn 84th Mt Inf reached VILLANO, (4077)<br>at 2100 and continued advance without interference. 3 Bn 87th Mt Inf<br>entered BOLANO (4972) at 2200 and continued advance toward SERRA (4040).<br>Elements of 85th Mt Inf arrived BOLANO at 2200 to guard the SW of German<br>CN command. Elements 84th Mt Inf maintaining order in NOVARE (4744).<br>Units no change. 91 Div; no change. 80th Div: 11th Inf Bde I and 2 Bns<br>reached objective on Hwy one, two and four via BRINER PASS at 2100. 3rd Bn<br>still moving. ACTION: G/S, G-3.  |
| 7          | 0530 | Rec'd fr II Corps: To confirm telephonic instructions, seek the Italian front<br>ier with one. Permit no one to cross in either. ACTION: G/S.   |
| 8          | 0530 | Rec'd fr II Corps: German outpost was contacted by our elements inside<br>Austrian border just S of SAUDEL. Sector 1117. German state awaiting orders<br>from 6 US Army Group before surrendering. General Lankow, CG 11th Army G<br>prepared to move his command minus gear by 7-8 May to any assembly area<br>designated, requires gasoline and transportation. 10,000 troops under his<br>command. Col Haeckel, G/SE para corps, Disbandment of all units, preparations<br>are concentrating at BORO BRESL, LEVICO (4017). ACTION: G/S, G-3.   |
| 9          | 0545 | Rec'd fr II Corps: 361 Inf enroute to 8th Army area via GORITIA. Corps troops<br>no change. Roman 2. Intentions, no report, no change. Roman 3. 340 Inf,<br>BRINERARCHE (2893). 351 Inf CRISTOFORO (6420). Roman 4. Tank Status, no report,<br>no change. Sitrep No. 578, 052400Z May. Roman 1: Operations: 89th Div, no<br>report, no info available. 9 Bn 334th closing in on 212 from BRINER PASS.<br>Other elements, NTR. 89th Div: 149 Inf; one Bn COLLE BARRIO 0512. 2nd Bn 100<br>1 Bn ALORONZO 3900, 40 enroute at RIO BOVPOSTERIA (2120). Three five one Inf;<br>1 Bn LEVICO (9117), 2nd Bn CRISTOFORO (6420), 3rd Bn ROMA (612). 350 Inf; 212<br>C (2719). 10th Mt Div: At FAUDELIS PASS (7213) contacted German 17 Army and<br>orders concerning surrender of enemy units are being carried out. Otherwise<br>NTR. |
| 10         | 0700 | Rec'd: Overlay position areas, 5 May 45, fr Hq 3d Bn, 87th Mt Inf.  |
| 11         | 0700 | Rec'd: Overlay position 3d Bn, 84th Mt Inf, 5 May 45.   |
| 12         | 0806 | Phone fr Speedy 3: Sent to us by Russian Officer a list showing;  |

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| 12      |      | (Continued) MajernGerman units with which you are negotiating at the present time. Sub units of major units showing organization and name, strength and number of men in each unit. Status - armed or disarmed. Location. ACTION: G/S, G-2, Journal.   |
| 13      | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Item No. 251 submitted.   |
| 14      | 0630 | Hq 10th Mt Div Item No. 379 submitted.   |
| 15      | 0600 | To CG: The Germans (750) who were contacted from the town of MANTA, GORNI, and S. VALKENING are all taken care of in MANTA. There wasn't ample space in MANTA to quarter said troops. They are disarmed. Col Brian knows the complete story. Capt Bourke. ACTION: CG, G/S, Journal.  |
| 16      | 0645 | Fr Recall 2: 3000 Czech labor troops along the ANITA River from ANTO (POLSK) to MICHANS (19252) contacted and are prepared for evacuation to rear areas. ACTION: G/S, Item, Journal.   |
| 17      | 0910 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Lightning Sp Services: Mr. Turnbull at New 37 is in charge of bands. Says he will have to wait until his Col returns in a day or two. He requested a band to be attached to this Division. ACTION: Journal G/S, G-3.  |
| 18      | 0945 | Phone fr Recall 3: Information requested by II Corps in Mag (Journal Entry No. 12) obtained fr G-2 and forwarded to Corps by Capt Terich (in C). Action: G/S, Journal.   |
| 19      | 0950 | Phone fr Speedy 3: There is a possibility that Speedy 4 will visit your CP today. Has your CP or your sub strip moved? Answer: No. ACTION: G/S, Journal, G-4 (Checked forward transportation at Sub Strip.)  |
| 20      | 0950 | Rec'd: Mag fr II Corps, 060130H May 45, Paren Ref No. 1461: Confirming telephonic instructions this date: Para 1. Arrangements; Division areas of responsibility correspond to areas of action - Item number fifty-five extended to Corps rear boundary. Para 2. The main effort of Human 2 Corps will be directed toward assembly and dismountment of enemy elements within our zone in accordance with administrative directive No. 12, Hq, Fifth Army. Retention of arms is permitted as follows: Sub Para A - Officers retain pistols. Sub Para B - 50 rifles each division. Sub Para C - 100 rifles Corps troops. Sub Para D - Military Police as follows to retain their arms; Sub Para 1 - Infantry Division - 35. Sub Para 2 - Panzer Grenadier Div - 35. Sub Para 3 - Corps Headquarters - 45. Sub Para 4 - Army Headquarters - 450. Sub Para 5: Small groups will not be disarmed until protection from Partisans can be afforded. Para 3. U.S. Divisions will assemble enemy units surrendered to them on German Major Units in such a manner as to facilitate supply and continuation of dismountment in accordance with Para 3, Sub Para A and 3 Sub Para B Administrative directive number 12, Hq Fifth Army, 3 May. No further evasiveness of enemy troops to HARRISS until further orders. Para 5. Security of enemy elements will aim at the control of the Major unit rather than individuals. Para 4. 45 - 20 kilometers of boundary - 3 - 243177 VELINE - to BARRASS to G-149700. 45 - 10 Km extension of boundary - |



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| 20      |      | (Continued) A-970155 to F-730790 to F-650140. Para Seven. Corps Rear boundary - F-376573 along Highway 11 (Paron mail) to VERONA, along Highway 53 (Snel) to BRENTAFRIERE, along Highway 53 (Inal) to TREVISO (Inal).<br>ACTION: C/S, Map, G-2, Journal.   |
| 21      | 0950 | Fr Recall 3- The movement or displacement of Czechoslovakian troops within the zone of this division will be executed only upon orders from this headquarters. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 22      | 1030 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Col Thomas, Tank Force: Instructions received fr II Corps - Seal the Italian Frontier within zone. Permit no one to cross in either zone. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 23      | 1030 | Fr Recall 3 to Recall 6: Notes taken at II Corps Commanders conference at 051600. Notes on treatment of surrendered German elements appear in a II Corps message previously journalized. Partisans are to retain their arms until we establish public safety. It is not our policy to disarm Partisans hurriedly. One week after our troops occupy an area is about right. Every effort will be made to recognize the Partisans' assistance to the Allied effort. A ceremony should be held for disarming the Partisans, with the Commander making an address, the Partisans parading. As the partisan hands over his weapon he is to get an ANG certificate that he is a legitimate Partisan and that his work is appreciated. ANG will assist good Partisans in getting government jobs and in other favors. ACTION: CG, Pam, G-2 for dissemination. |
| 24      | 1045 | Fr Recall 2: Two Czech officers arrived at CP. Were questioned concerning location and disposition of Troops. There are about 10 Bns totaling 3,000 men disposed along the ADER River from AVIO to MONTANO. They have no weapons and no transportation. All Troops are ready to move at any time. Request was made by Czech Col for an order from this Headquarters to prevent indiscriminate movement of his troops by other Allied troops. Capt Nightingale is to be in with this Hq (10th Div). Corps was called and request was made for an assembly area for Czech troops. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 25      | 1055 | Phone fr Speedy 3: Units detached from 10th Mt Div per msg, Fifth Army (Ref #6804 - Journal #03, 5 May) are reattached by II Corps. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 26      | 1055 | Phone fr Speedy 3: 10th Mt Div Right boundary: Highway 12 fr Highway 11 (exclusive of VERONA) to MIRANO to Hill 3449 (V7506) on Austrian border; ROVERETO (A764), TREVISO (A783), and MIRANO (A999) are included in this boundary; BOLZANO (A977) is excluded. ACTION: Map, All units, C/S, Journal.   |
| 27      | 1055 | Phone fr Col Irwin to Speedy 55: Would like to move our CP in vicinity of RIVA, and would like to know if this would be in accord with your plans. Answer: Gen TRUSCOTT will be here this a.m. and all that will be discussed no doubt. I'll call you later and let you know. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 28      | 1100 | Phone fr Recall 2 to Speedy 1: Request assembly areas for 620th Troop.   |

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- 28 (Continued) Answer: We will contact you immediately for assignment of an area. A PW cage is open at VERONA. ACTION: G/S, Journal, Hq, G-3, J-3.
- 29 1100 Rec'd: 751st Tank Battalion Report No. 124, 4 May 45.
- 30 1100 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 247, 041000Z May 45, fr IV Corps.  
" " 248, 042100Z May 45, " "
- 31 1100 Rec'd: Daily Intelligence Summary No. 281, 3 May 45, fr XIII US Air Command.
- 32 1100 Rec'd: G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 426, 4 May 45, fr 24 Inf Div.
- 33 1100 Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 607, 5 May 45, fr Hq Fifth Army.
- 34 1135 Rec'd: Issn #37 covering period 032200Z to 040000Z fr IX Corps.
- 35 1155 Rec'd. Following msg fr CG II Corps No. 874, 060700Z May 45: REF HQ 403-05 DIV: 399 INF DISPERSED ALONG HQT 49 WITHIN 1000. 20 DIV: 248 INF DISPERSED SCATTERED WITHIN DIV ZONE. NO SHADOWS OF POSITIONS. 10TH MT DIV: 20000Z ZONE WITH 3RD BN 27 INF VID MERRADO AND 3RD BN 64 INF S. OF MERRADO PASS.  
ACTION: Map.
- 85x88  
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- 36 1200 Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: H.T.R. on 3/86 (reinforced) and 3/87 (reinforced)  
ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.
- 37 1200 Hq 10th Mt Div Issn No. 238 submitted.
- 38 1200 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 380 submitted.
- 39 1236 Msg fr G/S: All Liaison officers from subordinate units at present with Division Hq can be released to return to their units. An exception is made in the case of Lt. Hickey from 21 Bn - he will remain. ACTION: Lt. Shogard, Lt McCookin, Lt Scherck, Lt Manning, Journal.
- 40 1300 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: H.T.R. on 3/86 (brief) and 3/87 (brief).  
ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.
- 41 1400 Phone fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Sum msg as above.
- 42 1400 Phone fr lightning 1 to Recall 6: Four officers and four or five men are leaving here this afternoon with instructions to check into your GP for proper authority and proceed to MERRADO for the purpose of rearing a German radio station and records. Please give them whatever assistance is necessary. They should arrive early this afternoon. ACTION: G-3 to detail 1 platoon, 29th Mt Inf, 2 Armored Cars, 701st TD Bn, Capt David, G-2, and interpreter to accompany. Journal, G-2.
- 42 1420 Phone fr Col Thomson to Com Hqs: Quiet night. Completed evacuation of Germans in S. VALNTERRA. Continuing evacuation of remainder of Germans in area. ACTION: Com Hqs, G-3, G/S, Journal.

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| 43      | 1430 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: Alert 1 Rifle Platoon to move on orders this Hq tomorrow morning (7 May). Men to take Bedding Rolls and 3-3/4 days' rations - Unit to be motorized.<br>To Havee 3: Alert 2 MCO's with crew to move on orders this Hq tomorrow morning (7 May). Men will take Bedding Rolls and 3-1/2 days' rations.<br>ACTION: C/S, Journal. |
| 44      | 1430 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 214, 5 May 45, fr 85th Inf Div.   |
| 45      | 1500 | Fr Recall 3: Hourly report to II Corps: 3/86 (rain) and 3/87 (rain) spent quiet night. Completed evacuation of Germans in S. VALMIRIO. Continuing evacuation of remainder of Germans in area.<br>Action: II Corps, Journal.   |
| 46      | 1500 | Recd fr Hq 84th Div, copy of their G-2 Item 1f 051800Z May, addressed to II Corps....dated, as recd fr msg center, 061800Z, May 1945.   |
| 47      | 1515 | Recd fr Hq II Corps, message, dated 061215Z May; Ref No. 4853; Confirming telephonic instructions this date extension of Div areas of responsibility to Corps rear boundary will be arranged with 5th Corps by 061800Z.   |
| 48      | 1530 | Phone fr Col Thomson to C/S: Send personal equipment and 1:30,000 map of this area up to me with my driver. Action: C/S, equipment and map forwarded with driver.   |
| 49      | 1530 | Phone fr Lightning 2: All Czech personnel is to be segregated from German soldiers and assembled in an area near 10th Mt Div rear boundary, as designated by G-3. Action: C/S, G-3, G-2, Journal.   |
| 50      | 1620 | Recd Hq II Corps G-2 Report No. 624, dated 052000Z May...also recd G-3 Periodic Report No. 381, dated 5 May.  |
| 51      | 1745 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount 5: Have your unit in TRENTO contact 11th German Army group at FAI (47436) - tell them to send cooks, KP's, waiters mess and cooking equipment to take care of their group mess at 5th Army Mt. Nations will be furnished by 5th Army. Action: Journal, C/S, G-2.   |
| 52      | 1640 | Recd Hq IV Corps Sitrep No. 249 and 250, both dated 5 May.  |
| 53      | 1640 | Recd Hq IV Corps Outgoing Message of 5 May 1945..Addition to O.I. No. 92, Par No. 1. To prevent the withdrawal of any enemy forces from Italy, strong combat patrols will be conducted on routes out of Italy to the international border where road blocks will be established to close and guard the Italian frontier.                                    |
| 54      | 1651 | Recd Hq II Corps Sitrep No. 679, dated 061330Z May.   |
| 55      | 1701 | Recd Message-Col Thomson: Advise coordinates of our left boundary from TORBOLE (A5782) to Austrian border. Send one to 30,000 maps of area. Capt Gimble located two miles south of this CP (Rec'd - V3409).<br>Action: Jnl, C/S, G-2, maps - coordinates will be sent.  |

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| 56         | 1730              | Recd Hq II Corps Exam No. 538, covering period 040000 to 061000, May.  |
| 57         | 1745              | Phone fr Col Butcher (Speedy): Corps is agreeable to movement of Div CP to RIVA when communications to Corps Hq are in solid. Action: C/S, Journal.  |
| 58         | 1750              | Phone fr Maj P: Bridge between TURBOLLE AND RIVA over SAVA River in st 17100. Action: Journal, C/S.  |
| 59         | 1730              | Recd Hq II Corps Operations Instruction No. 53, dated 4 May 1945.  |
| 60         | 1822              | Recd Hq II Corps message to 5th Army CP to pass to 10th Mt Div. Ref No. 1000. Your CP will remain in present position until direct wire line is installed at RIVA (A5305). You will be notified when line is installed. Action: C/S, Journal, C-3, Sig notified.   |
| 61         | 1830              | Recd Hq II Corps C-3 Periodic Rpt No. 580, dtd 4 May.  |
| 62         | 1600              | Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Nothing further to report on fuel elements. Action: C/S, Journal.   |
| 63         | 1700              | Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Nothing further to report on fuel elements. Action: C/S, Journal.   |
| 64         | 1800              | Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Nothing to report on fuel elements. Action: C/S.  |
| 65         | 1920              | Fr C-4: Shower BNS unit set up (522012). Showers will be available according to following schedule: 86th Inf - 071200Z May; 87th Mt Inf - 08 May, entire day; 88th Mt Inf 09 May, entire day. Div Art and Eng (120th), 10 May, entire day. Remainder of Div units - 11 May, entire day. Showers will accommodate 250 men per hour. Units have been notified by C-4. Action: C/S. |
| 66         | 1930              | From Ln C - 86th DIV: 350th Inf CP at SAVALLEN (044112) 390th Inf, 1st Bn, BALZANO 2nd Bn, PENNAZZO (154495); 3rd Bn, SAVALLEN. 349 Inf CP at VIZFANO (042152). Div CP - BOLLANO (970716). Action: C/S, map, Journal.  |
| 67         | 1934              | Fr Ex Off, 10th CM Bn: 10th CM Bn closed in new location, vicinity 511000 at 061700Z May. Action: C/S, Journal, map.   |
| 68         | 1934              | Fr C/S: 10th Mt CP leaves present location, head of column moving at 071500Z May; destination RIVA (A5304). Action: Journal.   |
| 69         | 1944              | From Recall Asst 6: Engr Co's B and C released to Bn. Will leave NESTIA and MALLIS at 070900Z. Action: Journal, C/S, Map.  |
| 70         | 1900 <sup>5</sup> | Fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Report on 3/06 (rain) and 3/07 (rain): Have learned from German officer at border that surrender negotiations are such that they lay down their arms at 062100Z. Troops will assemble in present area under own command and remain until further orders. They are not to cross the border. No confirmation from Army CP has come.                   |

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- 71 1905 Fr Col Thomson: Radio message: We have just learned from German officer at Border that surrender negotiations are such that they lay down arms at 062400B. Troops will assemble in present area under own command and remain until further orders. They are not to cross the Border. We have no confirmation of this from the Army CP. Will keep you advised. Action: G/S, G-1.
- 72 2000 Phone fr Recall 2: Field message No. 21 is changed as follows: 5th Mt Inf sector to be taken over by 86th Mt Inf and vice v versa. Action: G/S, 85 & 86th.
- 73 2035 Fr G-3: Following msg sent by radio; CG, 14th Army (Ger). Send necessary books, waiters, messattendants and helpers with cooking equipment to take care of your group now at 5th Army. Send group to 5th Army. 5th Army will furnish rations. Action: journal, G/S.
- 74 2045 Phone fr Havoc 3: Tank Status Report: A B C Co. D and C 751
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| M 10           | 33  | 1 | 2 |                 |        |
| M 8            | 5   | 0 | 0 | Co M 751 (75mm) | 2 1 0  |
| M 20           | 18  | 0 | 0 | M 443 (76mm)    | 11 0 0 |
| M 2            | 3   | 0 | 0 | M 443 (105mm)   | 1 0 0  |
| other vehicles | 985 | 1 | 5 | T 2             | 1 0 0  |
|                |     |   |   | G/S Co 751's    | 13 3 1 |
- Action: journal, G/S.
- 75 2045 Phone fr Speedy 3: Blackout regulations for German Troops and vehicles are suspended until further notice. Action: G/S, Journal, G-2, 85, 86, 87th.
- 76 2100 Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Nothing further to report on fwd elements. G/S.
- 77 2106 Phone fr Speedy 4: No blackout restrictions on our troops or vehicles. Action: journal, G/S, 85, 86, 87th Mt Inf's.
- 78 2120 From Recall Ass 6: Have made contact with King Co. 324 Inf 44 Div, 7th Army at Border at 2000. Germans have left frontier. Action: CG, G/S, G-2.
- 79 2135 Read III Corps Opns Instruction No. 56, dated 6 May 1945. Also read Annex No. 2 to CI No. 56, dated 6 May 1945.
- 80 2130 Fr Recall 2 to Regts, AT: Units of the 14th German Army are located as follows: Hq 26 PZ Div - A9669 51 Mt Corps - A6025  
14 Pz Corps A7731 90 PG Div - A5420  
8 Mt Div - A7620 148 Inf Div - A5712  
65 Div - A7514 232 " " - A5617  
305 Div - A8016 114 Jg Div - A5919  
94 Div - A7609
- This is for your information when you move into these areas.
- 81 2145 From Capt Ramberg (In C w/14 German Army) to Col Inack, G/S, journal, Corps. 1.- We now have CW radio contact with Germans at FAI on frequencies previously agreed on. 2.- If movement of 14th Army is to be made without shuttle, trucks must be provided as well as fuel. 3.- 14th Army has about 1000 horses to move. 4.- 14th Army has about 20,000 men. 5.- Hqmt to area designated by 5th Army can begin on 8 May.

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- 82 2200 Usual hourly message (phonetic) CG II Corps; Have made contact with King Co, 32d Inf 44 Div, 7th Army at Border at 2000. Germans have left Zambler.
- 83 2210 Rec'd Hq 701 TD Bn, S-3 Periodic Report dated 6 May (No. 126).
- 84 2300 Fr Recall 3 to II Corps: We now have CW radio contact with Germans at PAI on frequencies previously agreed on. 14th Army has about 1000 horses to move and about 20,000 men. Movement to area designated by 5th Army can begin on 8th May. Action: II Corps, Journal.
- 85 2310 Rec'd radio msg fr II Corps: Ref No. 4892: Blackout regulations for German troops and vehicles are suspended until further notice. Action: G/S, Journal, G-2, 85, 86, and 87th Regts.
- 86 2315 Rec'd CG II Corps Issue No. 639 covering period 041000Z to 042000Z.
- 87 2345 *Locations Surrendered Enemy UNITS*  
Msg sent to 85th, 86th and 87th Inf: Known locations of surrendered enemy units are as follows: Cpt's: 10th Army at CORTINA (8977). 14th Army at PAI (A7434). 51st Mt Corps at SAN LORENZO (A4125). 73rd Corps at FIERA (87441). 76th Panzer Corps at PERON (85532). 1st Para Corps at SAN GIUSEPPE (A448). 14th Panzer Corps at MATTARELLO (A7716). 1st Para Division at LERANA (A4117). ACTION: 85th, 86th, and 87th notified.
- 88 2400 *Thompson*  
Msg fr Col Thomson: Have established dialy rail train MILES to POLSANO utilizing to evacuating Germans. ACTION: G/S, G-2
- 89 2400 *Thompson*  
Msg fr Col Thomson: Have completed evacuation all Germans in area except those necessary for collecting stores and admin scattered patrol continually arriving and will evacuate on arrival. ACTION: G/S, G-2
- 99 2400 Msg fr Col Thomson: Change in release of B Company 126th Engineers. This Company will not be released until 060000Z. Necessary use tomorrow open lateral roads. ACTION: G-3, G/S.
- 100 2400 *Thompson*  
Msg fr Col Thomson: Germans being kept in area for admin purposes can be evacuated in 3 hours on own transportation. ACTION: G/S, G-2.
- 101 2400 Rec'd fr II Corps, SITREP NC, 680.

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|     | 1   | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Issue No. 234 submitted.  |
|     | 2   | 0630 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 382 submitted.   |
|     | 3   | 0800 | Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Have completed evacuation all Germans in area except those necessary for collecting stores and obtain southeast patrol continuously arriving and will evacuate on arrival. 2.- Change in release of B Co, 120th Ingra. This Co will not be released until 060900B. Necessary use tomorrow open lateral roads. 3.- Germans being kept in area for admin purposes can be evacuated in 3 hrs on own transportation. Action: Jral.   |
|     | 4   | 0815 | Phone fr Rebots 3: K Composts to be relieved by 5th Army WP's at GERMANO by 070900B. Action: journal, C/S.   |
|     | 5   | 0900 | Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Nothing to report. Action: Journal.  |
|     | 6   | 1000 | Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Nothing to report. Action: Journal.  |
|     | 7   | 1030 | Recd Hq 85th Mt Inf Field Message dated 062200B May.   |
|     | 8   | 1110 | Phone fr Mex 5: Mex CP closed F510896; opened RIVA (A5504) at 071100B May. Action: Sitrep, C/S, Journal.   |
|     | 9   | 1120 | Recd Hq IV Corps Sitrep H. 252, 062400B May 1945.  |
|     | 10  | 1200 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 383, submitted.  |
|     | 11  | 1200 | Hq 10th Mt Div Issue No. 235 submitted.  |
|     | 12  | 1300 | Fr In G II Corps, Capt Turish: 85th Div - 2/339 E of BRUNICO (W4404); 1/339 MORGHEIRO (B5599); 2/339 on Austrian Border on Route 49 East (B7696). 2/337 Vic (B5539) - 3/337- assembly area vicinity (B5432) - 1/337 vic (B4924); Regt I of SCOPAROLO (B5432)--2/338 - VERORA; 1 & 3/338 assembly area FELTNE (B3816). Regt I CP - FELTNE. 88th Div. CP at Bolzano. 1/349 Vic BRENNER PASS on Route 12 (B0925) - 2/349 - BRUNICO (B2294) on route #12 - 3/349 S. LORANZO (B3902) on Route 49. 350th Regt SE of Oran in assembly area (B9355). 1/351 - LEVICO (A9117) - 2/351 & CRISTOFORO (A8621). 3/351 PERGINE (A8723) Regt I CP at LEVICO. Action: Journal, C/S. |
|     | 13  | 1317 | Recd message from II Corps: Any captured enemy ammunition that is questionable as to safety may be destroyed in place. Action: C-4, Ord Off, 85, 86, 87, 10 AT, Engr, Arty, C/S, Journal.  |
|     | 14  | 1400 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Speedy 3: Notification that Czech forces are now moving from MATTARELO (A7716) to vicinity FORMAGS (F520637). Action: C/S, Journal.   |
|     | 15  | 1445 | Recd Hq II Corps letter, Subject: Initial Assembly and Disarmament of German Troops in the II Corps Zone dated 6 May 1945  |
|     | 16  | 1100 | Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps, Nothing to report on Fed Elements.   |
|     | 17  | 1450 | Fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps, Nothing to report on Fed Elements.   |

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- 18 1445 Recd Det 12th S&A II Corps, CP, Weather forecast dated 7 May.
- 19 1445 Recd Hq 751st Tn En S-3 Reports No. 125 and 126, dated 5 and 6 May respectively.
- 20 1445 Recd Hq IV Corps Sitrep NO 251, dated 6 May.
- 21 1445 Recd CG II Corps Isum #640, dated 062030Z to 070830Z.
- 22 1500 Hourly message fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps, for 1300, 1400, and 1500Z: Nothing to report.
- 23 1500 Msg fr Recall Assn 6: Remains of U. S. Plane B-25 on right side of road 500 yds South REGIA. Names on fuselage Lt L. S. Newman - Tail Gunner, S/Sgt L. J. Clark. Turret Gunner S/Sgt Paul K. Kilar. Rudder Markings 34066 Large white G Nickname of Plane "Bubble". Cockpit section of fuselage type OOI361. Plane completely demolished. Apparently hit by S/A. No information on crew. 071308.
- 24 1500 Fr Recall 3: Movement of CP will be delayed 24 hrs. ACTION: Journal.
- 25 1600 Hourly Message fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Movement Hq CP delayed 24 hrs. Ground forces being assembled vicinity FCHMSE (75206377). ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 26 1600 Rec'd: Mag Ref No 4897 fr II Corps: 85 Div: No change. Unaccounted report from 85 Div that Company B, 339 Inf Regt discovered 94 million dollars in gold bullion belonging to the Bank of Italy. 68 Div: 349 Inf subunit border within Division zone. Hq 10 Ht Div: CP moves to RIVA at 071308.
- 27 1615 Rec'd: Mag Ref No. 4902 fr II Corps: Amendment No. 1 to GI No. 5 - Except on official business, German troops quartered out of cities and towns will not be permitted entry therein. Circulation of troops quartered in cities or towns is permissible insofar as it does not interfere or obstruct traffic and conduct of official business.
- 28 1600 Phone fr Recall 3 to Speedy 3: Via Radio - May we relieve the 2 reinforced Reg at REGIA Pass of their attached Engrs, Arty and Amtrc? They have been found to be unnecessary. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 29 1635 Phone fr Recall 6 to Speedy 5: Have you decided where 10th Ht will be assembled? Does it move E or W Hill II Corps CP move soon? Answer: Keep your Division in southern part of your zone. Our CP will move in a few days. ACTION: Journal.
- 30 1700 Hourly Reg fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps; E.T.R. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
- 31 1730 Phone fr Rebate: The 3/85 Inf have located approx 250 Germans, who are members of the 163d AA Bn. They are being rounded up and taken to TIGHE (4731) which is to be a concentration point. The 3rd Bn will stay in TIGHE overnight. TIGHE is well organized by the partisans. ACTION: G-5, 86th.
- 32 1800 Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Approx 250 Germans of 163d AA Bn are being assembled TIGHE (4731). ACTION: G/S, Journal.



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| 33      | 1800 | Msg fr C/S to G-2: A Jap diplomat is reported to be in HERANO. ACTION: G-2 notified.   |
| 34      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div Item No. 236 submitted.   |
| 35      | 1900 | Hourly Message fr Recall 3 to CG, II Corps: Jap diplomat is reported to be in HERANO. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 36      | 1930 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 625, 6 May 45, fr II Corps.<br>G-3 Periodic Report No. 382, 6 May 45, fr II Corps.   |
| 37      | 1930 | Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Ref No. 490: Para 1. (Fraternization has been noted between German and American Soldiers. This is prohibited. Para 2. More frequent American Patrols must be operated between units within zones of responsibility where German soldiers are known to be concentrating. Para 3. Submit to this Hq by 071400H estimated time of completion of assembly and disarmament of enemy troops.   |
| 38      | 1930 | Rec'd: Msg fr 202 CIG Det, II Corps, Ref No. 4908: Headquarters Counter Intelligence Corps, II Corps now located in FALERE, coordinates (0380160).   |
| 39      | 2000 | Hourly Msg fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps, H.F.R. ACTION: Journal, C/S.  |
| 40      | 2035 | Phone fr Speedy 3: If Germans in RESIA Pass have surrendered and those in your zone up there evacuated, you can detach armor, arty, and Engrs fr Task Forces. RECALL 3: We estimate that by 120000H May - we will have completed assembling and disarming enemy troops within our zone. (Ref msg #49-0, II Corps). ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.  |
| 41      | 2055 | Phone fr Engr C: Co C, 126th Engr Bn closed at RIVA at 1600H. ACTION: Journal, Rep, Sitrep, C/S.   |
| 42      | 2555 | Msg Via Radio fr Recall 3 to Col Thomson: Following orders fr II Corps received: 1. Fraternization between German and American soldiers prohibited. 2. More frequent patrols must be operated between units within our zones of responsibility where German soldiers are known to be concentrating. 3. All General Officers of Allied Forces and their parties will be permitted to pass frontier either way without authority Hq Fifth Army. Units concerned will expedite necessary communications to establish the granting or refusal of such authority in order to reduce delay to a minimum. 4. Fifth Army reports Signal Dump in SLODZANO seize and guard property immediately. ACTION: C/S, Journal. |
| 43      | 2100 | Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Ref No 49-09: Concentrate chemical Bn in assembly area in S of zone. Prepare for detachment from II Corps on Army order through this Hq. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.  |
| 44      | 2100 | Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Ref No. 4911: Para 1. The order to seal the Italian frontier within Div sector is supplemented as follows; a. All General officers of the allied forces and their parties will be permitted  |

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(Continued) to pass the frontier in either direction if their identity can be established by the frontier guards. b. No other person or party will be passed through the frontier in either direction except by authority Hq Fifth Army. c. Persons attempting to pass the frontier in either direction without authority Hq Fifth Army will be denied passage until this authority can be obtained and communicated to the frontier guards. Units concerned will expedite necessary communications to establish the granting or refusal of such authority in order to reduce to a minimum the delay of such persons at the frontier. ACTION: Col Thomson (via radio), G/S, Journal.

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CONNECTION ON MESSAGE NO. 42 ON PAGE 3: Para 3 should read: All General Officers of Allied Forces and their parties will be permitted to pass frontier either way if their identity can be established. No other person or party will be passed through frontier in either direction without authority Hq 5 Army. Units concerned will expedite necessary communications to establish the granting or refusal of such authority in order to reduce delay to a minimum.

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Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Ref No. 4914: 15 Army Group reports Signal dump in town of SLANDERS (A-3992) unguarded. Seize and guard property immediately. ACTION: Col Thomson (Via Radio), G/S, Journal.

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Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Ref No 4915: LHM No. 841 - N.Y.K.

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Phone fr Havoc 3: TALK STATUS

	A	B	C
M10	34	0	2
M8	5	0	0
M20	18	0	0
T2	3	0	0
M4 (75mm)	2	1	0
M43	11	0	0
- (105)	1	0	0
T2	1	0	0
M5	13	3	1
Other	96%	1%	

ACTION: Sitrep, Journal.

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2100

Hourly Message fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: Estimate assembly and dis-  
*Copy* armament of enemy troops within our zone by 120000 May. ACTION: G/S, Journal.

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Msg fr 25th Div In C: 3d Bn 349th Inf at (350029). Div CP at FELTUS. ACTION: Lcp, Journal.

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Phone fr Fifth Army to Col Luck: 5th Army disapproves plan to seize certain personnel in MARSD area. ACTION: Journal.

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Rec'd: Annex No. 3 to OI 856, 6 May 45, fr II Corps.

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Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 126, 6 May 45, fr IV Corps.

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54	2145	Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 334, 6 May 45, fr IV Corps.
55	2145	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 252, 062400Z May 45, fr IV Corps.
56	2200	Hourly Message fr Recall 3 to CG II Corps: H.T.R. Action: O/S, Journal.
57	2215	Msg fr C/S: Organization Commanders will at once police up troop bivouac areas, instituting strict sanitary measures for disposal of human waste, trash, and garbage. No cans, bottles or other waste will be thrown in Lake Garda, and such articles now at edge of the lake will be removed and buried. Ammunition, except that necessary for sentries, patrols, and troops in combat exercises, will be taken from individuals at once and stored in battalion dumps. The practice of hand grenading the lake and unauthorized firing of small arms will cease. All high explosives within regimental sectors will be placed in dumps under guard. ACTION: Journal, all units notified.
58	2215	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 127, 7 May 45, fr 701 TO HQ.
59	2230	Via Radio RRRRA fr Recall 3 to Col Thomson: One platoon of G/85 is all that is in MERRING for the present. More will be sent if needed. F/85 will not move to MERRING, but will return from present location in BULLING TO Lake Garda. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
60	2300	Hourly msg fr Recall 3 to II Corps: E.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
61	2225	Fr Col Thomson: Confirm movement of F/85th to MERRING 061200. Reply immediately. ACTION: C/S, 85th, Journal.
62	2315	Phone fr Speedy: 15 Army Gp reports signal dump in town of SLEDMARK (43912) unguarded. Seize and guard property immediately. ACTION: C/S, Journal. Identical message received by teletype at same time.
63	2340	Phone fr Lightning 3: (1) Army will probably accept detachment of 24 Cal in A.M. (2) Czechs may be considered cleared for movement to area requested. (3) Tanks etc, with forces at border were ordered by Army directive. Speedy 3 will try to get permission for detachment from force there in the morning. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
64	2400	Recall 3 to II Corps: H.T.R. HQ 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 334, submitted.

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Sec	Time	Text
1	0100	Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
2	0200	Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
3	0300	Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
4	0400	Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
5	0500	Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
6	0545	Rec'd. Hq II Corps SITREP NO. 682, 072400B May 1945.
7	0600	Fr II Corps action to 10 Mt Div: REF NO. 4916 THE FOLLOWING UNITS HAVING BEEN ATTACHED II CORPS 031600B ARE FURTHER ATTACHED 10th MT DIV IN PLACE SAME TIME AND DATE: A. 1125 AMBUSH FA BN. B. 94 888 SIGNAL BN. C. 235 ENGR C BK. d. 37 INF SCOUT BCO PLAT. E. 701 TD SQ (LSS) COMPANY B. F. 600 C AND D, 751 TK BN.
8	0600	Rec'd. following msg fr II Corps: REF NR 4917, EFFECTIVE 041000B, 91 DIV IS DETACHED II CORPS AND REVERTS TO FIFTH ARMY CONTROL. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO CG FIFTH ARMY FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
9	0630	Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP NO. 385, submitted.
10	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div ISMR NO. 237, submitted.
11	0700	Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
12	0710	Msg fr II Corps: 1. Orders to accomplish initial assembly and primary disarmament of headquarters and Headquarters troops, 10th Army, will be issued directly to the Army thru chief liaison officer, Fifth Army, (Brig Gen Rurtz) to CG 10th German Army. 2. Necessary orders to accomplish the initial assembly and primary disarmament of Headquarters and Headquarters troops, 14th Army, will be issued directly to the Army through Chief Liaison Officer, Fifth Army, (Brig Gen Bradshaw) to CG, 14th German Army. 3. Necessary orders to accomplish initial assembly and primary disarmament of Headquarters and Headquarters troops, C in C, 9th will be accomplished by sending orders to CG, Fifth Army, requesting that these orders be issued by 15th Army Group to C in C, 9th. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
13	0710	Msg fr II Corps: Two copies of all <sup>orders or</sup> instructions issued to elements of the German Army under your control will be forwarded to this Headquarters as soon as practicable, and two copies of such messages or orders will be sent here in the future as soon as issued. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
14	0725	Rec'd fr Ln Detach; Hq 15th Army Group, Bolzano: Subject: Movement of German Troops. Dated 6 May 1945.
15	0800	Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
16	0900	G-2 left CP for MORGANO. Will return tomorrow.

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
Hq, 10th Mt Div, AF 345, U.S. Army, for the period 0600 to 2400, 8 May, 1945.

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| 17  | 0900 | Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal   |
| 18  | 0910 | Rec'd fr II Corps: 339 Inf, B Co moved to FORTENA (W1703) to guard gold bullion. Otherwise no change. (Ref No. 4922) 88 Div, WTR. 10th Mt Div, WTR.   |
| 19  | 0915 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Col Thomson: (Correction: Via radio); Request copy of all instructions issued to elements of German army under your control and in future copy of instructions when issued. ACTION: G-2, C/S.  |
| 20  | 0930 | Rec'd fr G Co 85th Mt Inf: Will send no troops to MERRAC from this force until further orders received. Is platoon from G Co 85th attached to this task force.  |
| 21  | 0930 | Correction on msg no 20, (see above) Should read Rec'd fr Col Thomson;  |
| 22  | 1000 | Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 23  | 1055 | Recall 3 to Col Thomson: Platoon G Co, 85th Mt Inf is not attached your force. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 24  | 1100 | Rec'd fr Hq, 85th Mt Inf: S-2 Report No. 22.  |
| 25  | 1800 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Speedy 3: Has 5th Army given permission to detach armor from tank forces? Answer: Not yet. ACTION: C/S.  |
| 26  | 1120 | Rec'd Road Condition overlay from 126th Ingrs: ACTION: CG, C/S.   |
| 27  | 1100 | Recall 3 to II Corps: N.T.R. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 28  | 1120 | Phone fr Col Greeley (Speedy 2) Clarification of Int Annex to CI 56, Mt II Corps. After consultation with Gen Howard, it has been decided that 93 units would not be evacuated immediately, but to time of evacuation they would be treated as PW's and separated from other troops. (thru Capt Warren of lightning 2). ACTION: G-2, C/S. |
| 29  | 1120 | Rec'd fr IV Corps: Intrep No. 254.  |
| 30  | 1120 | Fr Col Thomson Via Radio: 1. Request relaxed censorship information to apply present situation/ 2. Renew request for map coverage this area 1:4500 35 3 and 4 1:50,000. 35 3 and 4 sent yesterday returned wrong coverage. Request one RM 89 repeater be send by Lt Hays today. ACTION: Sig O, C/S, Engr O.                               |
| 31  | 1145 | Phone fr Rebate 2: 1st Bn, Rebate, has contacted Co of the 3rd Flak Brig composed of 1000 men. Brig CP is at MELLIANO (5051). They have wire communication with subordinate units. ACTION: Corps, C/S, ISUM.  |
| 32  | 1245 | Rec'd fr 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf overlay of positions.   |
| 33  | 1300 | Rec'd fr I <sup>st</sup> Corps: TRUK No. 842.   |
| 34  | 1350 | Msg fr Capt Ramberg Ass't G-2: Be on the lookout for the ex-prisoner of WARSA, HASCHID ALI by name. He and a party of 21 people may be trying to get to SWITZERLAND. He left his country a year and a half ago and went to BERLIN. He should be detained and lightning 2 notified. ACTION: G-2, C/S.<br>Msg originally from Speedy 2.     |

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- 47 1650 Read addendum to Form No. 842 Fr II Corps.
- 48 1715 Phone fr Speedy 2 to Recall 2; Germans are selling food, clothing and ammunition to civilians in MEXMAG (A8391). Action: C of S, G-3.
- 49 1825 Read HQ II Corps. Allied Military Government, memo dated 8 May, City of Rome and... to: CACOM, 10th Mt Div; 1.- I am advised that your Div HQ is now at Riva, in the Province of Trento. The Province of Trento reports that they have large quantities of wheat, sugar and other food products stored at Riva. They have been unable to get there and take control of it. You will please investigate immediately and if found, hold them for the province as it is short on food. 2.- One of you, will go to Merano at once as there are a number of large food stores there being plundered by the local Partisans and civilians. Also take the necessary steps to control the disorderly Partisan Group in that area. 3.- If possible I would like for you to contact me sometime tomorrow either by telephone or personal visit. You can reach me by telephone through Legion, AMO 50.  
Signed, Francis P. Gray, Lt Col., USA, MGAC, MG, II Corps.
- 50 1835 Read HQ 88th Inf Div Directive No. 46, dated 071300Z May 1945.
- 51 1835 HQ 10th Mt Div Litrep No. 347 submitted.
- 52 1870 Phone fr II Corps to 85 & 88 and 10th Mt Divs. Ref No. 4930. All mobile enemy anti-aircraft material will be assembled within each Divisional zone. Location of assembly points. Antiaircraft locations of all fixed enemy antiaircraft ft
- 53 1730 Phone fr ME to Recall 3. 1 class 12.9.14ley Bridge opened for traffic across the SASSA River at 2200 (1590Z) as of 081200Z. ACTION: C/S, Journal, 081200Z Litrep.
- 54 1845  Phone fr 85th Mt Inf opened Cards (PA27706) as of 081300Z. ACTION: C/S, G-3, 082400Z Litrep.
- 55 1800 Phone fr II Corps; Effective 090001Z May, 235 Amer C Bn is detached II Corps and attached IV Corps. Move unit to area designated by IV Corps. Coordinate movement with Fifth Army Transportation section. ACTION: Notified 124 24grv.
- 56 1715 Message fr Recall 6; Signal Camp in SLOBERGO has been under guard since arrival.
- 57 1745 Message fr Recall 6; Hospital at SOLDA 2975 has been evacuated. Hospital at ARBIA to be evacuated tomorrow.
- 58 1730 Message fr Recall 6; A Truck Co with 3rd Bn 86th released to Div 081300Z.
- 59 1815 Phone fr Chief of Staff to G-2; Major Searcast, AMO, RIVA, reports that there are 32 Fascists held under no charge in the RIVA jail. Associations are no good. Investigate, refer to proper authorities and report. ACTION: CAC, 10th Div reports that 2/3 of the Fascists are true Fascists and will be evacuated through PR channels. The rest will be released as soon as they are cleared.

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| 47  | 1650 | Recd Addendum to Isum No: 842 fr II Corps.  |
| 48  | 1715 | Phone fr Speedy 2 to Recall 2: Germans are selling food, clothing and ammunition to civilians in MERRANO (AS991). Action: C of S, G-3.  |
| 49  | 1825 | Recd Hq II Corps..Allied Military Government, memo dated 8 May, City of Bolz ano...to : CAO's, 10th Mt Div: 1.- I am advised that your Div Hq is now at Riva, in the province of Trento. The Province of Trento reports that they have large quantities of wheat, sugar and other food products stored at Riva. They have been unable to get there and take control of it. You will please investigate immediately and if found, hold them for the Province as it is short on food. 2.- One of you, will go to Lomas at once as there are a number of large food stores there being plundered by the local Partisans and civilians. Also take the necessary steps to control the disorderly Partisan Group in that area. 3.- If possible I would like for you to contact me sometime tomorrow either by telephone or personal visit. You can reach me by telephone through Legion, AMS 20, signed, Francis M. Gray, Lt Col., CMP/, SCAG, AWB, II Corps. |
| 50  | 1845 | Recd Hq 88th Inf Div Directive No. 46, dated 071200H May 1945.  |
| 51  | 1830 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep no. 367 submitted.  |
| 52  | 1840 | Recd fr II Corps to 85 & 88 and 10th Mt Divs. Ref Nr. 4930. All mobile enemy anti-aircraft material will be assembled within each Divisional zone. Location of assembly point and exact locations of all fixed enemy antiaircraft.  |
| 53  | 1730 | Phone fr ADM to Recall 3: A class 12 Bailey Bridge opened for traffic across the SARCA River at ARCO (AS906) as of 081200H. ACTION: C/S, Journal, 081830H Sitrep.   |
| 54  | 1845 | CP of 85th Mt Inf opened Garda (FA27706) as of 081800H. ACTION: C/S, G-3, 082400H Sitrep.   |
| 55  | 1650 | Phone fr II Corps: Effective 090001H May, 235 Engr C Bn is detached II Corps and attached IV Corps. Move unit to area designated by IV Corps. Coordinate movement with Fifth Army Transportation section. ACTION: Notified 126 Engrs.   |
| 56  | 1715 | Message fr Recall 6: Signal Dump in SLUDERRO has been under guard since arrival.  |
| 57  | 1745 | Message fr Recall 6: hospital at SOLDA 2975 has been evacuated. Hospital at ARCO to be evacuated tomorrow.  |
| 58  | 1730 | Message fr Recall 6: 42 Truck Co with 3rd Bn 66th released to Div 081500H.  |
| 59  | 1815 | Phone fr Chief of Staff to G-2: Major Conserret, AMS, RIVA, reports that there are 32 Fascists held under no charge in the RIVA jail. Associations are no good. Investigate, refer to proper authorities and report. ACTION: CIC, 10th Div reports that 2/3 of the fascists are true Fascists and will be evacuated through PR channels. The rest will be released as soon as they are cleared.   |

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60	1935	Phone fr Haroc 3: Tank Status:	701st Tk Bn -	1	2	1
			M 10's	31	0	2
			M 8	5	0	0
			M 20	18	0	0
			T 2	3	0	0
			Other Vehicles	95	55	15

751 Tk Bn

	C Co - M A (75mm)	2	1	0
	M A 3 (76mm)	12	0	0
	M A 3 (105mm)	1	0	0
	T 2	1	0	0
	C Co - M 3's	15	3	1

ACTION: Journal, C/S.

61 1955 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 683 from II Corps - 081200Z - Ref No. 4926.

62 1955 Rec'd Message fr II Corps: Two German Officers reported that there are 39,000 Cossacks with their families enroute from LIEKH(040100) to SILLAB (7777) and that the Cossacks want food and lodging. Reference to Item No. 382 from II Corps to Fifth Army for G-2. German officers have lost control of this body.

63 1958 Rec'd: Arrest Reports fr 10th GIN Detachment.

64 1935 Message fr Recall 3 to Capt Amberg: CG 10th Wt Div issues the following commands to CG 14th German Army: 1. CG 14th German Army is responsible to ensure that absolutely no German Govt property in or around Mirano is sold or disposed of by German troops. 2. That German troops in and around Mirano are controlled and assembled in readiness for evacuation. 3. That areas occupied by German troops under him are policed and cleaned prior to, and at the time of, their evacuation. ACTION: C/S, Journal. Authorized to be sent in clear - Maj Humphrey.

65 2020 <sup>85</sup> Phone fr Rebato 3: Co F 85th, after being relieved at BOHLENG by elements of 88 Div. Classed in 2 Bn 85th area as of 081300Z. ACTION: C/S, G-2, 3.

66 2040 Read fr Hq II Corps message to 10th Wt, 88 & 85 Divs for action and info to 5th Army: Ref No. 4931: 88 units designated in Annex Three of 16, dated 6 May, will be evacuated as PW's when mass evacuation of Germans takes place. No evacuation of 88 units will be made prior to mass evacuation. Miscellaneous 88 individuals apprehended will be evacuated immediately as PW's. Action: G-2, Journal.

67 2100 Read copy of G-2 Item 080400Z to 081300Z May (804th Div) to G-2 II Corps. att'n: Journal, G-2.

68 2100 Read from IPW (Capt L. Bean) to G-2: Civilian informant gives following location of dumps: Clothing and ration dump at NALLAN 8477; Gasoline and ammo dump at TERLANO 8775; Clothing and ration dump of 88 at LIMA DI 50770 8282. Action: Journal.



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69    2130    Fr 88 Div in Co.    Cdr AND officer gave me the following report this afternoon. In the town of CALDERO (8762) the population is 3/4 German and one quarter Italian; there are between 500-600 krauts in the town and no Americans. The krauts are distributing goods from the supply dumps to the Italians.    Action: Identified Col Luck.

70    2240    Rec'd Hq. 5th Army Litrep No. 253, dated 7 May.

71    2250    Fr G-2 to 85, 86, 89th St Inf, and 10th AT Bns: Members of 85 units to be separated from other German troops assembled and evacuated to collecting points of organization commanders' own choice and guarded. G-2. Action: to all regts and 10th AT Bn, Journal, 3/6.

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72    2130    Fr CG, 10th AT Div... Asst G-4: Movement of Czechoslovakian troops from vicinity of BARTERHEIM, SALZBURG to area of S AMBERG is authorized. By command of Maj Gen Hays. Signed, Sade K Watson, Maj CGS, Asst G-4. Action: O/S, II Corps, Journal.

73    2300    Rec'd: S-3 Feriadic Report No. 126, 8 May 1945, fr 701 TR Bn.

74    2300    Photo fr Recall 3 to CG, IV Thomsen: Send 1 rifle company to BERGO, commencing 090700H. Send a field officer to be Gen Hays representative to report to Gen Ruffner for instructions at 091000H at plat, Co U, 85th AT Inf Co in S part of BERANG. Co's mission is the garrisoning of BERANG. Hays, Cndg. NORTH Confirmation of Lt Col Luck's verbal order through Capt. Rosberg. ACTION: Journal.

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75    2350    Rec'd: Reg fr II Corps, Ref No. 4932: Partisans report Germans are selling and trading arms, clothes and food with the civilians via S MAGNINO (V808), S LEONARDO (V8906), MARGO (V8108). Admiral Lowriach, commanding naval and marine forces via BOVE LAVANTA (811388) refuses to burn in gun, stating that his troops come under different category than that provided in surrender terms. (Item 844 covering period 081300H to 082000H). AF reports no evidence of preparation by the Cossacks in the LIEHI (10606) area to fight. South African apprehended at Austrian Border Report abandoned German PW camp at SPITAL KAMN (13202) containing 35000 allied PWs, 500 allied wounded, 400 allied civilians. Co of three German Flak Brigades composed of 1000 men, with CP at FRIEDLIZARO (45051), was contacted. Lt G reports Also Para Corps under 14 Army, 26 PZ Div under 14 Army.

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76    2300    Rec'd: Reg No 2 fr 10th AT Bns: Patrols this date disclosed the following: Tunnel at (653785) prepared for demolition. 10 AT mines removed from road, returned for evacuation. Partisan's report approx. 25 fascists via BORIKI (651711) which Partisans desire to handle. 1 75mm AT gun and 200 rds same in position via S MARONCHIYA (687944). Breach block had been removed. 1 German Corporal fr 1st Para Corps at CHIENGSOUVA (446763) and 1 German private fr the 1003d Ass Bn at MURZED (644766). Both enemy in hands of Partisans who intend to bring them to VERONA.

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77    2300    Rec'd Reg fr Capt Rosberg to Major Hamfrey: 1. A German in Off will be dis-

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(Continued) patched to reach you by 091000Z. I do not know what his rank will be, but he will be a 2 or 3 man. He will bring his bedding and vehicles and will be prepared to stay until the movement of German Troops from our sector is complete. Suggest he be provided an orderly, since that courtesy has been extended to us here. This Off may not speak English.

2. The 276th Inf Regt of 94th Inf Div, is at NOVOSTRA. German G-3 agrees to move it north of there tomorrow morning. 3. Figures on vehicles, and animals, fuel, food, weapons and further information on disposition of Jerry's in our sector will be provided by this office tonight, and I will send some down with German Lt Off tomorrow morning. 4. 1st and 8 Mt are ready to move now, if gas, vehicles, cooking facilities, some clothing, etc. can be provided. 14th Army will probably make this decision tomorrow, and you can needle Corps to get these matters made up. Present estimates of Army Ln Section are that the Germans cannot begin moving until 14 May. 5. Figures to be taken to Army by General Bradshaw tomorrow should be basis for the orders from Corps which you are awaiting so you at Div will know what to do about evacuation. I will provide you some figures as soon as ready here. 6. Please ask Col Lamb to get my position clarified, and advise me what to do. 7. German wire team is now at ARGO laying direct telephone connection between Riv and this Hq. Suggest Signal send party to meet these men, and help them hook into our switchboard. They will be working along road to RIVA at 090000, and will be using existing civilian phone lines. Party will need gasoline from time to time, and rations if they must maintain line longer than THURSDAY. Line goes to TRAPTO and connects with Jerry wires to this Hq through ITALIAN exchange there. ACTION: Signal Off, C/S, G-2, G-3, II Corps, Journal.

- 78 2350 Phone fr Rebate 3: 1/85 CF opened at 061800Z at (F434696). ACTION: Sitrep, C/S, Journal.
- 79 2400 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 388 submitted.
- 80 2400 Hq 10th Mt Div Issu No. 240 submitted.

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 COMMAND POST opened at RIVA (5504) at 1115.

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- 1 0045 Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Ref No. 4933: U.S. Division Commanders through German Command Channels in their respective sector will alert German Engineer Unit. For Engineer Reconnaissance and condition work on inclosures. German Engineer troops and equipment will be assembled in appropriate areas and held in readiness for such employment.
- 2 0100 Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, - Move Co's C and D, 751 Tk Bn to assembly area vicinity MILLING (H2573). Upon arrival in assembly area Co's C and D are detached - 10th Mt Div and II Corps and revert to parent unit. 1. Representative of units report to CG, IV Corps immediately for instructions. 2. Notify CG, IV Corps approximate time and date of arrival of units in IV Corps area. 4. Clear routes and timings through TGG, II Corps.
- 3 0100 Rec'd: Correction to Isam No. 844 - "Change - Camp at SPITAL (L-4224) containing 35,000 Allied PWS" to read "Camp at SPITAL (L-4222) containing 3500 Allied PWS."
- 4 0100 Rec'd: Msg fr Fifth Army - Ref No 680 signed Truscott: Fitting ceremonies of Thanksgiving as suggested in Para 4, AFM, letter 17 Apr 1945. A Ceremony of Thanksgiving for the personnel of this headquarters will be conducted at this Command Post at 1-308 hours tomorrow. Inform all units your command. The following message received from AFM repeated for your information and guidance: "Wednesday 9 May 1945 is declared an Allied Forces Holiday. Attention is invited to AFM letter dated 17 Apr 1945, Subject: Celebration of the end of hostilities with Germany." It is my desire that your program include throughout your command.
- 5 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Isam No. submitted - 240.
- 6 0630 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 389 submitted.
- 7 0730 Rec'd. Hq 751 Tk Bn, S-3 Report No. 127, 071200Z May 1945.
- 8 0940 Fr G-3 to Co: 85, 86, 87, 10th AT, 126 Engrs, 10th Ssg, Hq Sp Troops, 10th M, 10th Medics, Div Army via radio. The Army Commander directs that today 9 May 1945 will be observed as an allied national holiday. Everything except necessary fatigue and guard details will be dispensed with. ACTION: Journal.
- 9 0950 Recall 3 to CG, II Corps (via teletype): New landing strip at (554053) - SPEED 6 will be met at above coordinates by transportation. ACTION: J.
- 10 0950 Rec'd fr CG II Corps: Msg Ref No 4937: Will arrive your sub strip via 4664 at 0930. Have transportation available. Acknowledge. ACTION: C/S, (Immediate answers requested in clear.).
- 10 1115 From Recall 3 (Pw). Div CP closed VILLE BANDE (F51197) at 1115 and opened RIVA (A5504) at same time. ACTION: SITREP, Journal.
- 20 1145 From C/S: General Keyes, Corps Commander, arrived CP at 1145. Action: C/S, J-3.

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| 13         | 1200 | To CG, 14th German Army via Radio (Urgent) fr CG 10th Mt Div: Assemble your Engr Trs and equipment in appropriate areas and hold in readiness for employment. Assemble all mobile AA material and report exact locations of all fixed AA defenses to me. Action: G/S, G-3, G-2.  |
| 14         | 1215 | Fr Lightning 2 Maj Mans: Relay from Capt Ramberg - Line is now in from 14 German Army to Lightning. Recall can reach 14th German Army by calling Lightning Switch, then 264. Action: G/S, G-3, G-2.  |
| 15         | 1230 | Phone fr Retread 6: 87th Mt Inf is located in FOLGARIA-SERRADA area (7903) (8107) at an elevation of about 4000 feet. Facilities for varied mountain training, rock climbing, mountain route run, and possibly snow work, are available within 12 hours. The area is clean, undoubtedly healthful, and much preferable to the towns along the ADIGE. Unless urgent military necessity for closer concentration of the Division exists or arises, I strongly recommend leaving the 87th in present location. Every effort will be made by us to establish and maintain communication with Division. Action: G/S, G-3. |
| 16         | 1330 | Phone fr Capt Cassoni, AMG - Capt McKay ordered to MEXRANO by Col _____, II Corps, boss of AMG. Capt Cassoni has taken over here in town and we have communication with him. Action: G/S, G-3, G-2.  |
| 17         | 1330 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Ramble: All troops not in vicinity CASSONE will be moved there immediately. Action: G/S, G-3.   |
| 18         | 1330 | Lt Officer and 2 EM from 14th German Army are now at this Hq. Will live in vicinity tennis court. Lt. LUDWIG is the name. Interpreter will be available through Lt Col Nichols.  |
| 19         | 1500 | Msg fr S-2, 87th Mt Inf: Negative Report on area of responsibility. No German troops found to that date. ACTION: G-3, G/S.   |
| 20         | 1315 | Radio fr G-3 to Capt Ramberg: Urgent. We are sending some gas and oil to you; expect the load at about 100900; have English speaking guides meet our trucks to take them to German Trucks; allow each German vehicle to put in only gal of fuel. Totals requested: 2263 Officers. 37502 Enlisted Men. ACTION: G/S.   |
| 21         | 1720 | Phone fr Speedy 1; Engr School: Class #19 on Mine warfare and demolitions begin 15 May to 26 May. Our quota is 6 Officers and 14 EM which has been accepted. Further details later. ACTION: G/S, G-3.  |
| 22         | 1810 | Phone fr Havoc 3: Cos C and D, 751st Tk Bn to move at 100900 May in 2 serials of 20 vehicles each. Have total of 16 med, 14 light and 10 other vehicles. Arrangements have been made thru lightning. ACTION: G/S, G-3, G-4.  |
| 23         | 1920 | Rec'd fr II Corps ISUM No. 844.  |
| 24         | 1900 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army the following msg: The following order has been given to the C in C Southwest. Quote order of the commanding General 15th Army Group. No officer official NCO or EM of the German Wehrmacht SS or any person in uniform or civilian clothes within the area of the 15th Army Group will in the future use the Nazi Salute or Nazi greeting. The normal military courtesies will continue   |

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- 35 2043 Phone fr Rebate 3: 1/85th CP at 432701. 2/85th CP at MALOK SINE. 3/85th CP at 502734. Regt CP at 432786. ACTION: C/S, G-3, G-2.
- 36 2047 Phone fr Recall 3 to Remount 3: Reference message from Remount 3 concerning 6/84 at Rovereto - 6/84th will remain in ROVERETO until further notice. ACTION: C/S, G-3, G-2.
- 37 2050 Rec'd fr LNO 88th Div (Lt Brass): Div CP BOLZANO 49672. 349th Inf CP VITTIENO 40515. 1st Bn COL E ISCARO 40620. 2nd Bn SERRANONE 42295. 390 Inf CP CAVALONE BOLZANO. 1st Bn BOLZANO 49670. 2nd Bn CAVALESE BOLZANO. 3rd Bn FRENDAZZO 42449. 351st Inf CP S CRISTOFORO 48620. 1st Bn LEXICO 49117. 2nd Bn GENTO 48613. 3rd Bn TRENTO (via) 47924. Div Lt CP BELLANO 49674. 137 VITTIENO 40615. 138 LAVIN 49663. 913 ROUCCHINO 49921. Air Strip 2 miles south of BOLLANO.
- 38 2015 Phone fr Remount 3: C/86th leaving Rovereto at 104400Z. Have been guarding 3 warehouses which the Italians will loot if not guarded. Also have keys to German arsenals. The Krauts have been given authority by 18th Army G-3 to draw, as specified in the papers, from the warehouses. ACTION: Told Tamms leave a platoon and 1 officer there until relieved by us. C/S, G-3, G-2.
- 39 2030 Rec'd fr IV Corps, SITREP NO. 256.
- 40 2030 Rec'd fr II Corps Sitrep No. 684.
- 41 1900 Rec'd fr Lt Col Michie, Fifth Army AMG Officers: Visited CP at 091200Z. Lt Col Michie reports that the RIVA jail is clear, and the situations reported by Gen Hays to Gen Corliss at 082200Z. ACTION: CG.
- 42 2000 Phone fr Gen Ruffner to Recall 3: 1. There are approximately 5,000 wounded Germans in MERANO (8390). They can be moved at once, but some ambulances will be required. The German command has 500 wounded with their own transportation, but they require gasoline. There are, in addition to the wounded 118 Officers, 500 NCOs and 250000 in MERANO. They can be moved at once. 2. The recent proclamation, signed by Lt Col WRAY, senior civil affairs officer, II Corps, forbidding fraternization of civilians and German military personnel has had the effect of seriously limiting hospital operation. Some clarification is needed. 3. At SAN LEONARDO (9006) there are 262 valuable paintings and assorted art treasures. They have been inventoried by the International Red Cross. A guard of one officer and eight 87th Mt Inf is replacing the German guard. Inasmuch as this is in 88th Div sector request that they take over guard. 4. Major Lang, AMG, 88th Inf Div reports 90 Germans at MUGO (8308). 5. Partisans at MERANO have been disarmed with appropriate ceremony. Civil police and carabinieri retain arms. 6. Capt W.H. Davis, HQ, 10th Mt Div, has been recognized by Germans as officer in charge of MERANO area. Capt Davis is at ALBERGO RAFFAL in MERANO. 7. Capt Davis, and 10th Mt Div troops in MERANO area have been placed under Colonel Thomson, HQ, 18th Mt Div. ACTION: Phoned to Maj Hays, II Corps, G-3 at 092130Z.
- 43 2040 Rec'd fr II Corps the following staff msg: Submit as soon as possible list and location of all 53 troops your sector by radio. ACTION: C/S, G-2.
- 44 2055 Rec'd fr II Corps the following msg: Prisoners of war will not be employed in removing mines pending decisions by higher headquarters. Disarmed German units who have not been made prisoners of war may be used in this work provided the

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- to be given and the salute used in the Wehrmacht before 1933 will be substituted for the Nazi Salute or Nazi greeting. Persons under German Military control not normally giving military salutes (Civilian employees, etc) will give such greetings as were customary in Germany before 1933. This order will be made known by the C in C southwest to all personnel under this command. ACTION: Capt Ramberg states that 14th German Army is now using the American salute. C/S, G-3.
- 25 1937 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 127. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 26 1735 Phone fr G-3 II Corps: Reports - Sitreps 0600, 0930, 1500 - Most important. Spot reports should be called in when importance demands. The status as of 1500B. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 27 1943 Mag fr Rebate 3: Rew CP 3/85th opened 1500B at CAPRINO (7502734). Action: C/S, G-3.
- 28 1900 Phone fr Recall to Capt Ramberg LHO 14th Ger Army: Capt needs, British II C with Partisans at ROVERETO reports Germans robbing civilians in the town and in surrounding villages - they are taking food and clothing from stores and burning what they don't use. Villages concerned - Villa La Garina - Pomerale - Mondalocce - Volano. Have German Hq investigated immediately and report any action taken. Capt Ramberg-l. There will be an increase of such incidents if Germans aren't moved soon. At present there are 2385 Officers and 48,740 MM assembled and it is estimated that force will grow to 70,000. 2. I have secured special articles and will be at CP around 1200B tomorrow.
- 29 1930 Phone fr Capt Ramberg: I. Unofficial info from Capt Green, II Corps Liaison Officer to Capt Ramberg, "Corps will not issue orders moving any of the German Troops within the Div Zone until monday!" II. German Divisions in vicinity of TRENTO now ready to move. 65th Inf RMV., 305th Inf Div., 74th Inf Div., 6th Mt Div. III. 10th Mt Division does not have a liaison officer with 14th German Army. His unit has troops in our sector and Capt Ramberg cannot give them orders. Recommends that a Liaison Officer be appointed immediately. Location of 10th German Army Hqs: MARLENGO 81-89. Commanding General: General Jordan. Above info from Capt Ramberg received by Maj R. F. Lane at 091500B. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3, Journal.
- 30 1930 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, Item No. 845. ACTION: C/S, G-3, G-2.
- 31 2005 Phone fr Haves 3: Tank Status: M-10 - A-34, G-2; M-8 - A-5; M-20p - A-18; T-3 - A-3. Other vehicles 98EA, M-4 - A-3; M-4A3 (76MM) - A-11; M-4A3 (105MM), A-1, T-2, A-1; M-5, A-13, B-3, G-1. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 32 2005 Phone fr Recall 3 to Haves 3: Instructed to give us tank status by 1400B daily for 1500B SITREP. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 33 2130 Rec'd fr Det, 12th Waa Sqd, II Corps, CP, dtd 9 May 1945.
- 34 2123 Phone fr Rebate 2: Representative of 2/87th contacted 3/87th who are taking care of evacuation to assembly areas the Krauts in vis Austrian border. The 3/88th and 3/87th apparently are working with a Major Campbell a 5 Army representation in BOLZANO. ACTION: C/S, G-2.

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Continued: necessary orders were included in surrender terms and provided that such personnel are trained and supplied with necessary equipment. ACTION: G-2, G/S.

- 45 2150 Rec'd fr II Corps staff Hq: Move 235th Engr C Bn to area designated by CG IV Corps. Upon arrival unit is detached 10th Mt Div and II Corps is attached IV corps. 2. Send representative from 235 Engr C Bn to CG IV corps for instructions immediately. 3. Clear routes and timings through TCG II corps. ACTION: G/S, 235th Engr.
- 46 2155 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 128.
- 47 2155 Rec'd fr II Corps, Item No. 845.
- 48 2155 Rec'd fr Hq, 85th Inf Div: G-2 Report No. 217.
- 49 2155 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, Item No. 846.
- 50 2155 Rec'd fr II Corps, Sitrep No. 684.
- 51 2155 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, G-2 periodic Report No. 336.
- 52 2310 66 Phone fr Element 2: Contacted Tyrol Army Hq at CALDARO at 1600H. Have assembled at 6 different concentration points and are dispersed ready to be evacuated; total strength of army 75918. Total troops in 84th Inf Regt same approx 8000. Troop strength increasing all the time. Assembly points in 84th Mt Inf Regt's zone located at MERANO and MERDOLA. Action: G/S, Corps, G-3, G-2.
- 53 2330 Read message fr II Corps, dated 092300Z, May: Confidential; All types of enemy ammunition and explosives, with the exception of small arms ammunition will no longer be picked up but all amounts of 25 or more rounds will be reported to Corps by Coordinators (II Corps to CG, 85 Inf Div, 86 Inf Div, 10th Mt Div, ~~88th Div~~ for action and info to 5th Army for Ordnance officer). Small arms ammunition will be collected as previously prescribed in the Corps Administrative order. Action: G/S, G-3, Journal.
- 54 2315 Phone fr Element 2: There is one Co of 85 troops at Campo, estimated strength of 150 men and one Co of unknown strength in Norana; also sprinkled throughout the Tyrolian Army at Caldaro. Action: G/S, Corps, G-3, Journal.
- 55 2400 Hq, 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 391 submitted.
- 56 2355 Phone fr Speedy 3: At Glas, A7664, there are 30,000,000 lire in the house of the Parish Priest. Request you send your CIG out there to safeguard it. Action: G/S, SIG (who will call II Corps for more detailed instruction); G-2,
- 57 2355 Phone fr Speedy 3: The 88th Div (Legion) has 400 of the 305th Div--400 of the 904th Div--260, 65th Div in their sector and this Hq has ordered the 88th Div to evacuate these people to their unit assembly areas in the 10th Mt Div Sector; 1,500 of the 65th Div are just Ref TRENTO within walking distance. The 88th Div will issue orders to these German Divisions through the 10th Mt Div Hq. Have your G-3 get in touch with G-3, 88th Div to coordinate and arrange for this move first thing this morning. Action: G/S, G-3, Journal. Note to Maj. McPhay.

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1. 0230 Recd Message from CG II Corps, to 85, 88, 10th Mt Divs for action; 5th Army GP for info. REF no. 4964; 1.- Submit by one-four- 141200B, the following: a. A study of the use of LAA (love Able Able) in a ground role. b. Report on Air-Ground cooperation with particular emphasis on aids to Air-Ground control station: (Rover Joe) by Hearsay and Speedball and with comments as to effectiveness of system utilized for Air-Ground cooperation. c. Report on lessons learned. d. Report on Infantry-Bank team with emphasis on communication. Action: C/S, Air Off, G-3, Journal.
2. 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div. Isum No. 243 submitted.
3. 0630 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 392 submitted.
4. 0910 Recd Hq 701 TD Bn G-3 Periodic Report no. 129, dated 091800B May 1945.
5. 0910 Recd Hq Fifth Army G-2 Periodic Report no. 611, dated 091200B May 1945.
6. 0910 Recd Hq Fifth Army operational message ref np. 2670, dated 5 May 1945.
7. 0910 Recd Hq II Corps letter subject: Station List, dated 5 May 1945.
8. 0910 Rec'd: Training Schedule, 10th Mt Med Bn, 10 May 45.
9. 0910 Rec'd: Weather Forecast for Northern Italy, 0600B 10 May to 0600B 11 May.
10. 0910 Rec'd: Mag fr II Corps, Ref No 4967: Report made at 100015B on large Bavarian and Austrian force in Northern sector 10th Mt Div unconfirmed and believed erroneous. (Isum 847 covering period 091930B to 100730B). Estimated Co of 28 personnel at MERANO (A-8590) and some 25 troops in GARDABO (A-8942).
11. 0905 Phone fr Legion 3: In our zone are the following German troops of the units indicated: 305 Div - 400 Off and men; 90 Div - 600 Off and men; 65 Div - 260 Off and men, 1500 Off and men (E of TRINTO). They have been given orders to move to their Div assembly areas within your zone. Advance parties have been sent to each Div to notify them of the movement of these troops. ACTION: Lt Ludwig (in O 14th German Army), C/S, G-2, Journal.
12. 0915 Phone fr Speedy 3: Film "Two Down and One to Go" is available at 1800B today at Fifth Army Hq, VERONA. ACTION: I & S Section to pick up film and secure information as to theaters available, projectors, etc. and report to G-3. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
13. 0915 Phone fr Redoubt 2: Patrols this date disclosed the following: 4 90/51mm AA guns at M BELLIN PARTE (7625592) approx 400 rds ammunition. All guns partially destroyed. Much S/A and ammunition at MONTE TESORO (7634718). 1 A/HQ evacuated. 33 Hungarian slave laborers, average age 15 years at FCSSE (7605772). They are being taken to VERONA by Partisans for disposal. 6 88mm AA guns and fire control instruments including Radar at S MARIA NEGRAN (7605413). 091920B. ACTION: C/S, Isum, Corps, Journal.



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| 14  | 1000 |      | Phone fr Recall 2 to AMG: Armed bands with Partisan insignia are looting and robbing houses along road TIONE - FINEOLA - MAD. DI CAMPIGNO. Carrying papers signed by a fictitious S-3 of 95th Inf Regt. Must be stopped at once. ACTION: AMG, G/S, Journal, G-2.   |
| 15  | 1000 |      | Phone fr Maj Semerret, AMG, RIYA to Recall 2: Ref your memo on Partisan bands looting and robbing houses along road TIONE - FINEOLA - MAD. DI CAMPIGNO. This is about 70 kilometers from here and outside local Partisan control; I suggest you send some dispatch to "Trinco's Office", AMG, TRENTO Province." ACTION: Same message referred to, sent to MG, TRENTO, Journal.   |
| 16  | 1000 |      | Msg fr Recall 3 to In O, 14th German Army: Following troops from units indicated are moving into assembly areas within zone of 10th Inf Div - advance parties from these groups have contacted the German Division Hq to which they are reporting. 400 Officers and 20 50th Div; 600 Soldiers and 200 Officers and 200 (Fr 2 section) of 5th Div; and 1000 Soldiers and 200 (Fr 2 of TRENTO) 6th Div. Notify your Hq of this movement. 10 Truck loads of fuel is being delivered your Hq this morning - if there is a delay in movement of your troops this fuel will be placed pending - no more will be available. Direct telephone communication with your Hq has been arranged for you. Teletype message to TRENTO Army G-2 concerning Nazi salute road and explained to Lt Labing. ACTION: G/S, G-2, Journal. |
| 17  | 1000 |      | Rec'd: Ltr, 4 May 45, Report of Action During Period 11 Apr to Date, fr AMF Board, MUSA.   |
| 18a | 1000 |      | Rec'd: Ltr, 9 May 45, Disposition of Italian Civilians, fr 10th Inf Div, Internment of Italian Civilians<br>Arrest Report<br>Monthly Information Report  |
| 19  | 1125 |      | Rec'd Hq 751 Th Bn S-3 Periodic Report no. 129, dated 091200Z May 1945.  |
| 20  | 1100 |      | Fr Recall 3 (Capt Livermore): Ref message to MG re armed partisan bands in TIONE - FINEOLA - MAD DI CAMPIGNO I notified a Sgt of patrol from 65th Inf platoon at CAMPIGNO last night (090000Z) to be on the watch for further such occurrences and to notify the CO of the Co fr 65th Inf at TIONE.  |
| 21  | 1135 |      | Phone fr 10th Recon Troop: Recon Troop SF opened (311514) at 091700Z.  |
| 22  | 1135 |      | Fr Rebate 2, Recount 3: Tr Locations: 1/85 - 24 KM, 1 Off at MADONA DI CAMPIGNO (5542). 24 KM, 1 Off at BIRARO (9951). 1/85 - TIONE (4780) 40 KM 6 Off. 2/86 - TRENTO. ACTION: G/S, Map, Journal.  |
| 23  | 1200 |      | Fr Recall 3 (Capt Livermore): Notified Lt Semerret of false partisan activity in TIONE - CAMPIGNO area. Rebate patrols in that area are now cognizant of the situation. ACTION: G/S, Journal.  |
| 24  | 1200 |      | Phone fr 5 Army: Unit censorship discontinued. Instructions to follow. ACTION: Journal.  |

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25 1335 Read SOI dated 9 May 1945, Hq 10 Mt Div.

26 1400 Read fr Havoc 3 tank and rd status:

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M-10	34	0	2	0	0
M-8	5	0	0	0	0
M-20	18	0	0	0	0
M-2	3	0	0	0	0
OTHERS	96%				
M-4(75mm)	3	0	0	0	0
M-4A3(76mm)	12	0	0	0	0
M-4A3(105mm)	2	0	0	0	0
T-2	1	0	0	0	0
M-5	14	2	0	0	0

27 1410 Read Hq IV Corps sitrep dated 091000H May 1945, and sitrep dated 061200H, May 1945.

28 1430 Recall 3 to Remount 6: (1) Apparently deliberate attempts to disrupt communications of this division are being made by the pulling and snapping of wire and cable lines. (2) You will establish without delay a 24 hour patrol consisting of 2 jeeps of wire and cable lines along main road between point (590045) at NIVA to 200000 to point (590710) at MALINDANG. (3) Any unauthorized person or persons found tampering with wire or cable lines will be seized and turned over to the Div Provost Marshall for disposition. ACTION: O/S, Provost Marshall, Sig O, G-3, Journal.

29 1445 Phone fr Regent 3; Request permission to send following trs. wire indicators to assembly areas in our zone. 100 from 9th Mt., 10 from 11th Lt., 10 from 334th I.B., 10 from 146th I.B., 10 from 252 I.B. ACTION: Permission granted. O/S, G-2, G-3, Journal.

30 1430 Recall 3 to Retread 3; (1) Apparently deliberate attempts to disrupt communications of this Division are being made by pulling and snapping wire and cable lines. (2) You will establish without delay a 24 hour patrol consisting of 2 jeeps of wire and cable lines along main road between OP 87th Mt Inf- Novareto- and 200000 (590710). (3) Any unauthorized person or persons found tampering with wire and cable lines will be seized and turned over to Provost Marshall for disposition. ACTION: O/S, Provost Marshall, Sig O, G-3, Journal.

31 1435 Phone fr Speedy 55; Corps Cmdr to arrive at NIVA Sub strip at 1500H. Transportation will be available. ACTION: O/S, G-3, Journal.

32 1445 From Col Thomson to SO: (1) "I" Co, 87th Inf is now in MERRANO and have taken immediate control of the town. I have left at about 1400H and will be there tomorrow to check all arrangements. Major Miller of the 1/87 will remain in charge and will do a good job, I am sure. (2) The last hospital in the immediate area evacuated at 0800H this morning, the only persons left are those engaged in guarding their status in the vicinity of MALINDANG. ACTION: O/S, Journal. (The patient status and location)

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| 33         | 1445 | Fr Spedy 3: My ord-ns issued by Recall to Gorman with such hope 2 copies sent to Corps and a third to Fifth Army on 9 at 1445 Army HQ. ACTION: G/S, Journal.   |
| 34         | 1420 | Rec'd. HQ II Corps SIXSER NO. 685, 1010000 May 1945.   |
| 35         | 1430 | Rec'd. following msg fr II Corps: REF 34748. URGENT: RECALL: ALL BLACKOUT RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED.   |
| 36         | 1430 | Rec'd. two copies of training schedule HQ 3rd Inf, 54th Arv unit (9-15 May)  |
| 37         | 1515 | Phone fr Belmont 3: Wire patrol on cable between HVA and HAWAIIAN is in operation. Desires representative from Signal to show where wire is. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Signal, Journal.  |
| 38         | 1100 | Phone fr Roberts 2 to Recall 2 (not previously entered): 213 HQ and 1 HQ FRANKLIN: REF 35 REF (Historical) 7 34748 (VETERAN HQ) III HQ 11 HQ 11 at BELMONT (3307). ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.  |
| 39         | 1530 | Rec'd. HQ HONOLULU Circular No. 70, 7 May 1945 re Military Government Regulations; also ltr, subject: VE-Day Talk by General HANCOCK dated 7 May 45  |
| 40         | 1600 | Rec'd. HQ IV Corps SIXSER NO. 297, 1010000 May '45.  |
| 41         | 1545 | Fr Capt Ransburg (1st Gorman Army In): 3 HQ are needed to work with Gorman wire maintenance crew between HVA and HAWAIIAN. They should report to Gorman in C at Hira (with interpreter) for instructions on work. ACTION: Capt Ransburg to contact G Co, 24th Inf - they will furnish a list to work when necessary fr HAWAIIAN to HQ. 14 Ltr (in 2 AFHQ Army) to notify this HQ when necessary to go with Gorman crew fr HQ to HAWAIIAN - they will be furnished by Sig Co or 24th Inf. G/S, 24th Inf, Journal. |
| 42         | 1545 | Fr Capt Davis to Col Laska: Capt Ray and Maj Miller are now in control of HAWAIIAN. I can continue to be of assistance to them and to Lt Col Parker (British) for another two days and will then return to HVA. My airplane  |
| 43         | 1550 | General Egan, G4, II Corps, arrived at 1400 HQ SF to confer with General Hays. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 44         | 1555 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Belmont 3: My sector divided laterally by straight line fr HOWARD (4877) to HT VINE (4848). Area above that line and in Div Zone belongs to TF Thomson. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.  |
| 45         | 1645 | Phone fr Recall 3 to TF Thomson in C: Given overall situation and responsibility of TF Thomson, 24th Inf, 54th Inf. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.   |
| 46         | 1745 | Phone fr Hayes 3: HQ SF (740000). HQ traces (740000) 4/740000 (-) (740000) G/740000 (-) (740000), HQ Co (-) (740000). ACTION: G/S, Journal, Rep.   |
| 47         | 1720 | Rec'd. HQ II Corps SIXSER NO. 848.   |
| 48         | 1730 | Rec'd fr HQ, Fifth Army the following message: Notice use of gasoline - all in the dry area in the last few days has reached alarming proportions  |

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- All commanders will take immediate steps on receipt of this message to freeze in motor parks all transportation not vital to the supply and administration of the unit. Further instructions will follow by letter. ACTION: C/S, S/S.
- 49 1735 Rec'd fr TF Simpson: Request 88th Div to relieve 10th Mt Div guard on art treasures at SALERONDO. 106610R. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 50 1745 Radio to CG II Corps, Attn G-2: 113 EM and 1 Cof from Hillside Drg Co Inf (motorized) P. Staffel (Waffen SS) III Rn 11 Co at SILLARNO (5187). Action: C/S. (The above msg was sent by Col Lusk, G-2).
- 51 1815 Phone fr Basecom 3: 12 Light tanks checked at F487851 at 102000. Locations not yet in. ACTION: G-3, C/S, Journal.
- 52 1800 Phone fr Speedy 3: WARNING ORDER -- 10th Mt Div will assemble vicinity LAKE GARDA and E of Highway 11 prepared to move S on order. Necessary contacts will be made with 88th Div who will take over area presently occupied by 10th Mt Div. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 53 1830 Phone fr Speedy 3: Relief by 88th Div of our elements at SALERONDO will be delayed due to snow conditions. Expect relief to take place tomorrow by elements of the 349th Inf Regt. ACTION: Notified TF Simpson by radio. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ C/S, Journal.
- 54 2030 Phone fr Speedy In Cf: Strength of units holding Austrian border is left to discretion of unit commander. ACTION: Notified G-3, C/S, Journal.
- 55 2030 Rec'd. Hq II Corps ISUM NO. 849.
- 56 2050 Rec'd. following msg: FIVE ALLEGED REPRESENTATIVES INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REQUEST PERMISSION TO CROSS BORDER AT BRESIA NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS: DOCTOR W. VAN OWELLS DOCTOR E. PIATTI MISS LUCY QUINN MR. BURNER SAMUEL MR. EMIL BROWN THEIR MISSION IS RELIEF WORK IN BOLEZNO HAVE REFUSED PERMISSION PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DIV OR HIGHER H.Q. REQUEST APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF REQUEST TO CROSS BORDER. Sgnd BROWN MR 10/20248 (10).
- 57 2100 Phone fr Havoc: 6 tks of G Co, 751 are in assembly area ASSECA at 2030R. Rest of tks are on road. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 58 2130 Phone fr Redoubt 3: CP opened 0930R at BARDOLINO (442676). ACTION: C/S, Map.
- 59 2240 Phone fr Speedy 2 (Col Green): The 88th Div informs us that the Germans have ordered the partisans to turn in their weapons by tomorrow morning in the LA FRANCOIA area (8663). This is in your area will you check on it? ACTION: C/S 86th Mt Inf: (Saj Allen will send someone out tonight to check this and report on it in the morning.).
- 60 2300 Rec'd fr Hq 701st TD Bn: 3-3 Periodic Report No. 130.
- 61 2355 Phone fr Col Galloway, Speedy 3: Investigate and report on Germans in BRENDA and ordering partisans to turn in arms by daylight 11 May. ACTION: C/S, G-3.

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- 1 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 395 submitted.
- 2 0600 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 246 submitted.
- 3 0945 Recd Message fr II Corps to CG 5th Army, IV and 5th Corps, dated 110000H. Restricted; Baron Von Kraemy, former Minister of Hungary) and his brother-in-law, Baron Fuchs, an international businessman with a steady reputation, apprehended at MERRAO (A8590)..Item 850, covering period 1100H to 110000H. Thirty Japanese and five Manchukuan diplomatic personnel executed. Reported that 100 German Diplomatic Personnel are scattered about in MERRAO area..CG, II Corps.
- 4 0945 Phone fr Recall 3 to Regiment 3: 1.- Relieve G Co, 84th Mt Inf at MERRAO. 2.- Determine by recon and liaison, number of men necessary to perform guard mission in MERRAO. And relieve G Co, 84th Mt Inf with unit of same size to perform mission. 3.- There are two warehouses located there which must be guarded. Action; Regiment 3, G/S, Journal.
- 5 1032 Radio message to VP Thomson-MERRAO; Passage for alleged five Red Cross to cross border - disapproved. Hubma is allowed to cross the border.
- 6 0930 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 396 submitted.
- 7 1100 Recd 5th Army Weather report...forecast for Northern Italy; Eastern; and European Areas-0600H 11 May to 0600H, 12 May 1945.
- 8 1100 Recd Hq MTOUSA Redeployment Circular Number 16, dated 8 May, 1945.
- 9 1100 Recd Hq II Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 181, dated 8 May, 1945.
- 10 1100 Recd Hq II Corps G-2 Report No. 628, dated 092000H, May 1945.
- 11 1100 Recd Hq II Corps G-2 Report No. 427, dated 082000H, May 1945.
- 12 1100 Recd Hq MTOUSA Redeployment Circular Number 7, dated 8 May, 1945.
- 13 1110 Fr Col Fowler to G/S phone-We received word of the excellent training area now occupied by Col Marks. Would like to recommend that we plan to get our troops closer up there and push it along. Reply: We have a working order, and all troops will be withdrawn from that area; to be relieved by 84th Div. Plans for using that area for training are out. Action; Journal.
- 14 1145 Recd Hq IV Corps G-3 Periodic Rpts No. 129, dated 9 May, 1945.
- 15 1145 Recd Hq 751st Tn Bn 8-3 Report No. 130, dated 10 May, 1945.
- 16 1145 Recd Hq II Corps, Eng Memorandum, No. 7, dated 11 May, 1945/

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- 17 1145 Rec'd Hq 5th Army G-2 Rpt No. 612, dated 10 May 1945.
- 18 1145 Rec'd Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 137 dated 090000 May 1945.
- 19 1200 Plans fr G-3, 80th Div: A German Air Force, fully armed, is assembling around TRENTO. The 80th has given instructions to their troops to destroy them.  
Action: G-2, Journal.
- 20 1210 Plans fr Legion 2: We have 60 Krauts from the 90 PG Div - Can we send them to CAMPO where the 90 PG is assembling. OL. Action: G-2, 4/7, Journal.
- 21 1215 Plans Fr Speedy (Ln. Off- Capt Stitt) 1.- 80th Div to withdraw 1000 yds by 1200, 13 May. 2.- You should have the answer by tomorrow night as to the date to which the 10th Div is moving. 3.- 100th Hq Div will have under 5th Army control when movement begins. Action: G/S, Col Thomson, G-2, G-3.
- 22 1250 Plans Fr Recall 3 to Col Thomson (W): 80th Div will withdraw from Camp prior to 131200, May. Liaison will contact you. WAGNER by phone. Action: G/S.
- 23 1350 Rec'd Hq 10th Hq Div (Task Force Col W Thomson) copy dated 10 May 1945, RE: MEETINGS WITH GERMAN GENERAL HOFFMANN AND HIS STAFF, CHIEF OF THE GERMAN HEAD-QUARTERS IN MERRANO (Gen Staff is German Military Commander of Merano).  
1.- Col Thomson introduced Major McKay, Lt Col St, 87th Hq Bn, as Military Commander of Merano for the 10th Hq Div.  
2.- Capt Ray, AMO of 10th Hq Div introduced as officer in charge of civil affairs in Merano working under Maj. McKay. Capt Davis, G-2 Liaison, introduced as assistant to Maj McKay.  
3.- Col Thomson outlined on the map sector of the 10th Hq Div.  
4.- Col Thomson issued the following orders to apply to German in Merano and to be issued through German channels:  
a. German soldiers to be kept off the streets of Merano with the exception of 5% who would be allowed in town. Orders for this to be issued to German headquarters.  
b. An English-speaking German officer is to be sent to Maj McKay's Hq as liaison. (Later decided that this officer should reside at the German Hq but be at the disposal of Major McKay).  
5.- Maj McKay brought the following matters to the attention of the present command:  
a. Curfew is not being observed. The curfew is 2100 and at that time all German soldiers and officers are to be off the streets. Suspension of this violation must be made at once.  
b. After 2100 there are to be no German patrols roving the town, only stationary sentries in front of the various German buildings and offices.

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- American patrols will be moving through the streets and any Germans found on the streets after curfew will be turned over to the nearest German sentry and disciplinary action to be taken by German Gp.
- c. Moving German patrols will operate during daylight hours.
  - d. Germans will not eat in restaurants. German command advised that such orders had already been issued but requested that our officers instruct civilian establishments that they are forbidden to serve German soldiers. This we will do.
  - e. The matter of German soldiers sabotaging German equipment was brought to the attention of Gen Souffert, such as shoes being cut up and sold to resale shops. Specific instances of this given to Capt Kay. Also, the German command was cautioned against the distribution of supplies, pointing out that every soldier in town was wearing a new pair of shoes. Correct at once or it will be necessary for us to take over the control of all supplies and handle issuance.
  - f. Jay-riding was brought to their attention for correction.
  - g. Nurses on guard at the various hospitals (German guards) are to be dismissed immediately. This in line with Geneva Convention; also, our own nurses on guard at the same installation do not carry weapons. No one wearing the Red Cross arm band will carry any, German soldiers included.
  - h. Maj McKay asked if it were true that the Germans had a guard on the civilian jail. Gen Souffert did not know of it and stated he was quite sure they did not. In any event, if so it would be removed.
6. Capt Kay (ANG) presented a list of 28 personnel who are to be rounded up and turned over to the allies immediately. The German command knew of some of them but stated they would make an effort to locate them. Capt Kay stated that some of the wanted personnel had been seen in town.
  7. Request was made for the relief of the following 28 Troops guarding the dump west of Novano: 10 CCF, 24 MCO's, 4 ML.
  8. Orders for evacuation to be issued by Maj McKay.
  9. German officer in charge of all hospitals made request for American medical 1 Lt CCF. This passed on to 3rd Bn, 87th for action. Estimate of troops which could be evacuated in 48 hrs. (same as given to General Ruffner, 9 May, 1945): 5,000 patients from hospitals; 110 CCF; 900 MCO's; 2000 soldiers.
  10. Capt Kay made request for Germans to furnish 10 trucks in good condition to be used to haul supplies for the city. These to be under his control, and will be used in addition to all civilian transportation available.
  11. Gen Souffert stated every effort would be made to comply with all orders as soon as possible, but requested that we be patient. Communications have been disrupted, units mixed up and quite a confusion of troops involved to bring his command under strict observance of our instructions and 10 hrs.

(signed,) Wally J. Thomas, 2nd Lt  
Asst Dir Controlling

Midrow Garrison,  
1st Lt ADG

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24 1500 Memorandum...Warning Order...to GO's, 84th, 86th, 87th Mt Inf, and Col TF Thomas: 1.-88th Inf Div will relieve elements of 10th Mt Div presently engaged in guard and patrol missions prior to KILBON Day.  
2/- Elements to be relieved:- TF Thomas' 3rd Bn, 88th Inf reinforced- 3rd Bn 87th Inf reinforced) - vicinity NERIA PASS and MURANO.  
84th Mt Inf: 5th Bn INFANTRY (7024)  
86th Mt Inf: 5th Bn INFANTRY (7105)  
87th Mt Inf: 5th Bn INFANTRY (7105)

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3. Upon relief units will return to organizational assembly areas

25 1500 Notes fr Major Humphrey to Col Thomas at 182500 and Maj Kelly at 110900  
1. Have General Souffert or General Hartman any connection with 24th Army or Tyrolian Army? If not, what unit does each command?  
2. Information from Souffert or Hartman?  
a. Units (Army, Corps, Div, Separate Bn).  
b. Strength and location of each unit (Gns, MGs, etc).  
c. Number of animals in each unit.  
d. Number of vehicles (Trucks, Tractors, Trailers) in each unit that can be used to evacuate troops.  
1. Average capacity per vehicle.  
2. Number of vehicles that will require gas (Note: Maj Kelly thinks there is plenty of fuel in MURANO. He will check).  
3. Number of vehicles that will require diesel oil.  
e. Date each unit will be ready to be evacuated (Maj Kelly says the troops in MURANO will be ready to move on 16 hour notice; he will tell Gen Hartman to do the same for the other units).

26 1500 Rec'd: Passwords for Fifth Army during Period 17 May to 25 May inclusive.

27 1500 Rec'd: The following list of 25 units was received from Fifth Army. Elements of these units may appear in the 21 Corps Sector:  
1. 600 25 troops via (PA99) - reported located on 1 May 1945.  
2. 25 Unit NEMERAK (MULLY) - reported located on 25 April 1945.  
3. 1 Italian 25 Div (FAMA) - reported located on 27 Apr 45.  
4. 419 Propaganda Co and 699 Pz Propaganda Co.  
5. 500 25 Military Geographical Co.  
6. Elements of Regt BRANDEBURG (FRENCH Alpine front) used as Infantry Regt - last reported in CUREN on 20 February 1945.  
7. 25 Police Regt, TUCIN - reported located on 4 March 1945 by GNS.  
8. 19 25 Police Regt at SCHILL. 25 Troops moved from MURANO to MURANO (1800) reported located 5 March by GNS.  
9. 59 25 Motorized Regt  
10. 24 25 Div.  
11. C-46 last reported on 13 March.  
12. Elements of 24 25 Div BUCOWA (9122) - located 26 March by GNS.



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- 27 (Continued) 13. 28 Police Regt BOHEM - BOLLAND.  
14. 28 Police Regt ALPHEVILLAND via TRIVISO.  
15. 25 28 Police Regt via TRIESTE.  
16. 319 Police Bn via TRIESTE.  
17. 20 28 Police Regt - NW ITALY.
- 28 1500 Rec'd: Atrop No. 686, 1110000 May 15, fr 80, II Corps.
- 29 1500 Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 629, 10 May 15, fr II Corps.
- 30 1500 Rec'd: Mag fr I & S Officer, II Corps: Ref No. 2178 - Film "The News and One To Go" is scheduled for your unit on 21 and 22 May. Film to be picked up this Mq at 200000 May and to be returned 200000 May, acknowledgment.
- 31 1500 Rec'd: 147, Battle Participation Awards, 10 May 1945, fr 547th Army.
- 32 1545 Radio Mag to W Thomson (RUSIA): Five alleged representatives International Red Cross are to be taken to the AMG in BOLLAND. ACTION: Pending.
- 33 1545 Mag fr II Corps: TUL, II CORPS NEW MR 4961 TERN BARRI CANTIERE RIFORMAZIONE REMOVAL OF MINES BY PW IS PROCEEDING. FURTHER INVESTIGATION PENDING. ACTION: G/S, G-2, G-3, Journal.
- 34 1600 Received fr II Corps: NEW MR 4963, BURN 501 period 1110000 to 1113000 May 15.
- 35 1900 Rec'd: Mag fr II Corps, Ref No. 4905: Prisoners of war, as distinguished from members of surrendered units, will not be employed for removal of mines or decontaminating until further orders.
- 36 2015 Phone fr Speedy 3: Lightning has more mines and horses for 10th Mt Div. Wants to know whether we need more. ACTION: Told Speedy we did not need more than we have now, unless our future mission will cause a greater need. Stated that I could not give definite answer and would refer it to G-3. Livermore. ACTION: Journal, G/S, G-3.
- 37 2030 Phone fr Haves: We have not received passwords for several days. ACTION: Check with Sgt Johnson. Haverwill came for a copy.
- 38 1900 Phone fr Haves 3: Requested Recall 3 to relay request to Lightning Transportation for approval of movement of 20 vehicles of B 751st at 1110000 and 26 vehicles of C 751st at 112000 to BERGAMO (N4207). ACTION: Phoned Lightning 3 for approval, Journal, G/S. 1119358 - permission granted Serial 580352.
- 39 2100 Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 131, 11 May 15, fr 701 2D Bu.
- 40 2115 Phone fr Speedy 3: Asked whether 80th Div had cleared 20 elements into ROVERETO area. This move was apparently effected without going through proper channels. Move a 221200. ACTION: Journal, G/S, 87th.

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- 41 2115 Phone fr Speedy (Col Stark): Gen Mays is invited to Fifth Army CP tomorrow at 1400H to meet Mr. Patterson. This is not an official luncheon invitation, but anyone arriving early is welcome for lunch. ACTION: Journal, C/S, CG.
- 42 2130 Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, Msg No. 4967, Lcom No. 852 covering period 111900H to 111900H - Disarmament of undetermined number of AA and Airforce personnel in vicinity of VERETO reported by German sources to be 1,000 now taking place. Private coin collection of King Victor Emmanuel consisting of eight boxes of coins located in BOLLANO.
- 43 2215 Phone fr Speedy 3 (Col Galloway): Asked what area near ROVERETO might be used for possible concentration of Luftwaffe elements of unknown strength. I suggested at Capt Hamberg's advice, the town on secondary road NW of ROVERETO across the ADIGE River. Livermore. ACTION: Journal, C/S, 87th.
- 44 2230 Rec'd: S-2 Report No. 24, 11 May 45, fr 85th Mt Inf.
- 45 2230 Rec'd: Documents found near Mussolini's palace - Guard books of Mussolini's guard, fr 85th Mt Inf.

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| 1       | 0028 | Phone fr Retread 3 (Lt McGucken): Preparations have been made for relief of C Co, 86th Mt Inf in ROVERETO. Relief will be made at 120000Z by D Co 87th Mt Inf. It is apparently planned by some other Hq to move 100 German AA troops into ROVERETO at noon tomorrow. This information comes fr German officers and SO of C Co, 86th now occupying ROVERETO. No word has been received from 88th Division. Other AA units are planning to turn over small arms and other weapons in via di ROVERETO at noon tomorrow. SO, 87th Mt Inf requests definite instructions as to disposition of surrendered troops and equipment. ACTION: G-2, G-3, G/S, Journal.   |
| 2       | 0030 | Phone fr Retread 2: Local officials in LAVARNO (AS204) reported presence of 2 long-time Polish escaped soldiers to this Hq. These men have been living in LAVARNO as civilians. They have been brought by us to this Hq and are under guard and will be delivered to the SSB in the morning. ACTION: G-2, G/S, Journal, PID.  |
| 3       | 0035 | Phone fr Retread 3: Following msg received at 120000Z. "Direct concentration of possible arriving Luftwaffe troops NW of ROVERETO across the river if you have not made other arrangements." Previous contact made with German commander of AA units, two in number, and totaling 1000 men approx, reveals that American Air Corps personnel have issued separate orders for movement of these surrendered troops. CO, 87 requests clarification. ACTION: G-2, G-3, G/S, Journal.   |
| 4       | 0140 | Rec'd, following msg fr 5 Army: YOU WILL ESTABLISH REVIEWING ACTIVITIES TO CONSIST OF SELECTED MATURE OFFICERS AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH ONE, A, SEVEN D, (1), LETTER HQ MTOUSA, SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS 1-1 DATED SEVEN MAY CURRENT YEAR, FILE AS 378.02/418.   |
| 5       | 0605 | Phone fr Recall 2 to 87th Mt Inf: With reference to concentration area for approx 1000 LUFTWAFFE AA personnel, suggested that they use teams along roads on W bank of ADIGE RIVER just above ROVERETO (A7104). ACTION: G/S, J.  |
| 6       | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 396 and ISUM No. 249, submitted.  |
| 7       | 0815 | Phone fr Capt Tummins: Would you please ask Col Inack To call me?   |
| 8       | 0820 | Phone from D/87th Mt Inf: At A749093 the Luftwaffe are turning in 90 AA guns (cal 20, 37, and 40) today to D/87. ACTION: Ord, G/S, G-2-3.<br>Capt Burke   |
| 9       | 0845 | Phone fr Cgpt Weaver: /Call Bent and ask for Capt Weaver.   |
| 10      | 0850 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 397 submitted.  |
| 11      | 1100 | Rec'd fr in O 88th Div: Copy of warning order issued by the 88th Div last night to our regiments. 1. a. 88th Div as part of II corps relieves elements 10th Mt Div in new zone completing relief not later than 110000Z May. b. Continues present missions in increased zone. 2. Missions. Relieves elements 10th Mt Div within respective zones with minimum direct necessary to perform assigned missions, completion of relief prior to 110000Z May. 3. Maintain one Inf Bn authorized as mobile force prepared for commitment at short notice. 4. present attachments remain in effect. 5. a. Minimum necessary for all units. direct arrangements are with elements 10th Mt Div being relieved. b. Other: continue present missions. |

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Rec'd fr Capt Munsterma: 1. 88th Div has issued relief order (See copy in Base has). 2. Relief is commencing immediately and personal contact between relieving units and units to be relieved has been ordered to begin immediately. 3. Attached is an overlay showing boundaries by Regt of the 88th Div as they will effect the relief. (No troops South of 20 Northing). 4. 3rd Bn, 349th will conduct relief in 349th zone. 3rd Bn 351st will conduct relief in 349th zone. 5. Recon parties are now out to contact our units in case of 349th this has already been done. If any other information or any difficulties arise, I will contact you immediately. Coordinates of CPs concerned 3rd Bn 349th (W3502) GLEUMS. 2nd Bn 350 (W3547) CAVALERS. 3rd Bn 351 (A8620) SILLERSTOPFER.

13 0915

Phone fr Reg 2: Request 10 copies of each 1/1,000 map sheet of Italy N of FLORENCE. ACTION: Request referred to Return 2, who will call base.

14 0915

Phone fr Recall 2: Issued passes for (A) Jerry line-men who will maintain line between RIVA and TRENTO. The are being requested by our patrols. Have informed MPs, 85th.

15 1145

Phone fr Recall 3: The 3rd Bn 87th will move to ROVERETO upon relief by elements of 88th Div. If you are going to do any firing make sure you send us an overlay, etc. ACTION: C/S.

16 1225

Head Hq II Corps Sitrep No. 687, dated 121000, May 1945.

17 1240

Phone from Col Avera to C/S: Would JEM like to have the 25 EM now on MP duty returned at once. Reply: Will take care of it immediately. Action: Provost Marshal instructed to return these men to Arty. Eight men on duty with forward elements will be also returned to Arty. Upon their return JM will explain this to Arty. Journal.

18 1300

Rec'd fr Hq, 88th Inf Div Isum dated 101800.

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Rec'd fr Hq, 88th Inf Div Isum fr 111200 to 111800 May 1945.

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Rec'd fr 3rd Bn 87th Mt Inf overlay showing German supply dumps under guard in area of 3rd Bn 87th. ACTION: C/S, G-2.

21 1420

Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 613.

22 1420

Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 237. Also G-3 Report No. 130.

23 1420

Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps SITREP NO. 258.

24 1420

Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 613.

25 1420

Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army west of station, Weather forecast Ref No. 4990.

26 1400

Rec'd: Sitrep No. 259 from IV Corps.

27 1400

Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 630 from II Corps dated 112000 May.

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28 1400

Phone fr Speer 3: Move without delay the following German units of 11th German Army located within your area to VERONA, coordinate movements with II Corps TOC. Move German units with own transportation, complete equipment and spare parts. FIFTH ARMY Ordnance section will receive units at VERONA, arrange necessary ~~reconnaissance~~ reconnaissance and billeting details.

513 Motor Transport Co  
214 Motor Transport Maintenance Co  
223 Motor Transport Maintenance Co  
927 Heavy Maintenance Co.  
12th Spare parts section.  
114th Tire section.  
124th Tire section (2)  
927 Tank Maintenance Co.  
674 Army equipment parts  
42nd Watchmaker section.  
6180 Watch repair platoon.

Contact Lt. Powell FIFTH ARMY Liaison Officer to 11th German Army. ACTION: C/S, C-3; Capt Rasberg sent to 11th Army to make necessary arrangements.

29 1530

Rec'd: Operations Instructions No. 57 dated 11 May 1945 from II Corps.

30 1530

Rec'd: Intelligence Memo No. 16 from HQ 10th Mt Div on Concessions Regulations.

31 1500

HQ 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 400 submitted.

32 1745

Frankelcall 3 to Col Thomson (Via Radio): Please let us know immediately if and when the guides started for Riva. Action: C/S, Journal. Sent in the clear...very urgent.

33 1825

Head Secret Message Ref No. A991, dated 120815Z, May 1945, fr CG, II Corps, to 85, 88, 10th Mt Div for action; 5th Army, General Bradshaw Five Army in C to 11th German Army for info; Five Army Passcopy to Gen Bradshaw Five Army in C; Off to 11th German Army: CONFIRMING TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS, 10 MAY: 1.- 85 Div: A. EXTEND PRESENT BOUNDARY TO ISOLATE AREA BOUNDED BY HIGHWAY 19 ON THE S, TABLAMENT R ON THE E, AND HIGHWAY 52 ON THE N. ASSUME CONTROL OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ENEMY PERSONNEL IN NEW ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS. (1) DO NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY CHECKS (OTHER THAN ENEMY DUMPS OR INSTALLATIONS), FOR PATROLLING THE BORDER, OR FOR SUPERVISION OF CIVIL OR MILITARY DISTURBANCES IN NEW ZONE. B. COORDINATE DIRECTLY WITH FIVE CORPS LOCATED AT KLINGENFURT (D-2482). C. RELIEVE 88 DIV IN AREA FROM BY EXTENDING PRESENT LEFT BOUNDARY FROM (BAGRO) TO RIO DI FUSTERIA (WZ96A) thence S to AUSTRIAN BORDER BY MUTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE 88 DIV NOT LATER THAN 131000Z. ASSUME COMMAND AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCESSING ALL GERMAN UNITS, OTHER THAN THOSE IN 1A GERMAN ARMY, IN NEW ZONE.

2.- 88 DIV: A. RELIEVE 10TH MT DIV IN ZONE COMPLETING RELIEF NOT LATER THAN 131000Z.

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- 33 1825 (Cont'd) B. PASS COMMAND OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCESSING ENEMY UNITS OTHER THAN THOSE IN 14th GERMAN ARMY, IN AREA FORMED BY EXTENDING PRESENT RIGHT BOUNDARY FROM 2400G TO RIO DE PESTERIA (WAGON) THEN NORTH TO XXXXX AUSTRIAN BORDER TO CG, 85 DIV BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.
3. 104MT DIV:  
A. PASS COMMAND OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCESSING ENEMY UNITS IN PRESENT ZONE TO CG, 88 DIV.  
B. ASSEMBLE VICINITY LAKE GARDIA, N OF HIGHWAY 11 WITHIN ZONE.  
C. PREPARE TO MOVE SOUTH TO PO RIVER.
4. GENERAL:  
A. COMMAND OF NEW ZONES AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCESSING ENEMY ASSEMBLED THEREIN WILL PASS TO RELIEVING UNITS ON CORPS ORDER AT TIMES AGREED TO AND RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITS CONCERNED.  
B. 85-88 DIV:  
(1) CONTINUE CONCENTRATION AND DISARMMENT OF ALL GERMAN UNITS WITHIN NEW ZONE AND, ON CORPS ORDER, COORDINATE MOVEMENT OF THESE UNITS TO FINAL ASSEMBLY AREA.  
(2) SEAL ITALIAN-AUSTRIAN WITHIN ZONE.  
(3) MAINTAIN EQUIVALENT OF 1 INF REGT (MOTORIZED) AS MOBILE RESERVE.
- 34 1929 Radio message recd from Col Thomson (in reply to ours of 121745H); Guides started for RIVA at one four one zero (1410); signed Thomson. Action: Journal...guides arrived at Div CP.
- 35 1930 From Capt Rumberg...10th German Army: Movement of Germans starts at 131622H; will return after Liaison 88th Div. Action: Journal, G/3, G-3, G-2.
- 36 2000 Recd HQ 10th Mt Div Memorandum No. 65, dated 12 May 1945, hearing of the Uniform.
- 37 2000 Recd "Guide to the Identification of German Units in rear areas...booklet...-Technical Int. Summary"-Technical Int North Africa and Central Med...letter, dated 1 May, re enemy equipment required for Tech Research in USIA .... also Int Notes...No. 106, dated 1 May 1945...fr G-2 II Corps.
- 38 2000 Recd fr Leaflet Section, PWB, 15th Army Group, APO512, a number of leaflets for G-2.
- 39 2055 Recd message date: 121154H, ref. No. 1710: Effective 131200H May, 11297A Bn (Arm'd) Detached II Corps in position and attached to 428 FA Group. Representative report immediately to 428 FA Group at Isola (76536) for instructions. Action...Journal, G-3, Rex notice at 120920H.
- 40 2116 Recd CG II Corps Ism W. 855, dated 121900H May 1945.
- 41 2100 Rec'd: Mag No. A 784 fr II Corps, ref No 4999 - Effective 131200H 1125 Arm'd FA Bn detached 10 Mt Div and II Corps in position and attached 428 FA Group. Representative Report immediately to 428 FA Group at Isola (76536) for instructions.
- Rec'd: Mag No A 785 fr Fifth Army, ref No 170 - Effective 131200H May 1125

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| 1       | 0050 | Rec'd: Msg No. A 785, fr Fifth Army, Ref No 1710: Effective 131300B May 1125 Arm'd Fz Bn detached II Corps in position and attached to 428 FA Group. Representative Report immediately to 428 Fz Group at ISOLA (7-6536) for instructions.  |
| 2       | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Ism No. 251 submitted.   |
| 3       | 0630 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 401 submitted.  |
| 4       | 0920 | Rec'd, Hq 701 TD Bn, S-3 Periodic Report No. 132; Hq NTUSA Cir No. 78, 8 May 1945; Hq Fifth Army Cir No. 39, 11 May 1945.   |
| 5       | 0840 | Rec'd. Hq II Corps ISM 056, period 121900B to 130800B.  |
| 6       | 0900 | Rec'd. following msg fr 5 Army: THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SEVERENCE NUMBER 046AS FROM AFM IS RELATED TO YOU. BEGINS: 'TO COMPLY WITH PRESIDENTIAL ORDER ALL FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT HALF-STAFF IN RESPECT TO LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THROUGH 14TH MAY NEXT LONGITUDE DATE REGARDLESS OF WAR DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS DESIGNATING THROUGH 14TH MAY.'   |
| 7       | 0910 | Phone fr Speedy 3: Send a minimum of 100 men from a Co of 701 TD Bn to the 3142 Signal Service Group, located on My 12 between VERONA and Army CP; they will carry equipment for administration, feeding, and guard duty; they will leave the greatest portion of their equipment behind; a representative will report to the 3142 Signal Service Group immediately. ACTION: 701 TD Bn, C/S, Journal.   |
| 8       | 0930 | Phone fr Speedy 3: Move 10 Mt Div with attachments to via GRENZ, SE of BRESCIA at once. Bivouac in GRENZ airport area. On arrival revert to 5 Army control. Clear present zone by 151200B. Prepare to receive German surrendered units in new area. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 9       | 0940 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Col Thomson: Time of relief has not been delayed. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 10      | 1045 | Rec'd. Hq 3rd Bn, 85th Mt Inf, Trng Schedule for 3rd Bn week of 14-19 May 1945.   |
| 11      | 1050 | Fr Lt Col RL..Comd 178 Med Regt RA (W H Freeth) to CG 10th Mt Div (through 10th Mt Div Adv) dated 11 May 1945: The Commanding Officer and all ranks of 178 (Lowland) Med Regt RA wish to record their admiration for the skill and bravery of the troops of 10 U. S. Mt Div, which they had the honour of supporting during the final operations of the Italian Campaign from 14 April - 2 May 45. Never before have they seen troops take such quick advantage of artillery fire, nor had greater pleasure in assisting them to attain their objectives. They would also like to thank all ranks of the Division for the warm welcome they were given. |
| 12      | 1115 | Phone fr Speedy 1 (Capt Wheelock): We have a quota of 2 officers and 10 EN for Class #20 "Mine Warfare and Demolitions" beginning on 21 May -11 June. Will you take the quota? Yes we would like it. Will you please send us full details. WILCO. ACTION: C/S, 126th Engrs, Journal.  |

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| 13      | 1130 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Return 3: We have a quota for 2 Officers and 10 EN to attend Class #20 "Mine Warfare and Demolitions" School beginning on 11 May - 11 June. Will you send me the names of the officers and men as soon as possible. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 14      | 1130 | Rec'd. msg fr Co I, 87th Mt Inf: WERE IS OUT TO RETREAD BLUE WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ELEVEN TRUCKS HAVE ARRIVED CAN SEE TWO MORE TRUCKS EXPECT RELIEF 1100 AWAITING REPLY SIGNED CAPT RIANSON   |
| 15      | 1150 | Recall 3 to Co I, Retreads (via radio) No more trucks available. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 16      | 1150 | Mag fr II Corps received. (Same msg received by phone - entry No. 7, 13 May).  |
| 17      | 1300 | Phone fr Lightning 2; Maj Kenyon of Army Eng will contact Maj Walker at GHEDI airport this afternoon in relation to handling of German personnel. ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-3/   |
| 18      | 1300 | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps: 1. Confirming telephone instructions at 0940, move 10th Mt Div with attachments to Ghedi (70952), SE of HRESGIA, at once, bypassing in Ghedi airport area. Clear present zone by 151200Z. 2. On arrival 10th Mt Div with attachments reverts to Fifth Army control. 3. Prepare to receive German surrendered units in new area. ACTION: C/S, G-3-3. |
| 19      | 1310 | Rec'd. Collection of Enemy Propaganda fr Hq 5 Army; ltr orders, Hq 3rd ASF PI Det, 12 May 1945 on PI Det this Hq.  |
| 20      | 1310 | Fr Col Thomson to CG, 10th Mt Div: Capt Allen needs forty additional trucks to complete movement of supplies at SILANERO. Request they be sent at once. ACTION: G-3, G-4, C/S, Journal.  |
| 21      | 1310 | Phone fr Return 3: Army says Rv 12 S from TRENTO can only be used through VERONA as there is no crossing West above VERONA. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 22      | 1330 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rex: Start moving in morning - hit IP (tunnel between BVV VOLLE) at 140700Z. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 23      |      | 'cials Wanted List fr II Corps.  |

**NOTE: GERMAN UNITS MAY RETAIN SUFFICIENT RADIO AND SIGNAL EQUIP- TO MAINTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS.**

Thomson: Truck situation critical. Overload what you have if try to send about 5 more. Signed Lt Col Irvin.

Messages fr Col Thomson: No. 1 Due to use of trucks 3 Bn, 87 Bn will need 42 trucks at MALLIS as soon as possible to 131215. No. 2. Two serials 3 Bn, 86 left HRESIA at 131030. left HRESIA at 131130. 1 Co remaining until relief com- 3. 88 Div has not arrived to effect relief in area W of information that they are on the way. 131200Z.



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- 26 (Cont'd) No. 4. Capt Allen needs 40 additional trucks to complete movement of supplies at SILLABRO. Request they be sent at once. 131125Z. No. 5. Relief of Company in MERANO completed at 131100. 131230Z.
- 27 1500 Rec'd. Det. 12th HAA S-3, II Corps CP, Weather Forecast for Northern Italy 0600Z 13 May to 0600Z 14 May, 1945; ACTION: C/S, G-2
- 28 1500 Rec'd fr Hq, 848th II Corps Issue No. 856. ACTION: C/S, G-2.
- 29 1500 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 338. ACTION: C/S, G-2
- 30 1500 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, Sigrep No. 259. ACTION: C/S, G-3
- 31 1500 Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 614 (2 copies 1 w/overlay). ACTION: G-2
- 32 1525 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, LSUM NO. 857. ACTION: C/S, G-2.
- 33 1545 Phone fr Speedy 3 (Col Mainborough): Check with 86th and see if CGA outside are on the road. Action; C/S, G-3.
- 34 1550 Phone fr Recall 3 to Legion 3 (86th Div): Capt Mansterman, Gms: Have you moved the German Ord units to VERONA? as requested by 5th Army? Ans: Yes, our representative takes over from Capt Hasberg, your representative and we are prepared to move these units to VERONA. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 35 1625 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, G-2 Report No. 631. ACTION: C/S, G-2.
- 36 1740 Phone fr Recall 3 to Col Thompson: Urgent, in clear, 42 trucks enroute to RALLER for 3rd Bn 87th. Capt Litchfield in charge. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 37 1815 Phone fr 86th LNO: 86th will not be able to show W.D. Film tomorrow because of movement order. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 38 1830 Phone fr Col Thompson: Relief completed by 86th Div at 1900Z ACTION: C/S, Speedy 3, G-2-3.
- 39 1945 Phone fr Col Thompson: Request 53 trucks for 3rd Bn 87th. 15 Trucks for baggage and equipment ammunition of task force. ACTION: C/S, G-4.
- 40 1751 Phone fr Col Gahl (Box 2): Gen Ruffner wishes an IP and a time for RMA movement to new area - (Duty C contact G-3 or C/S and call later). Action; C/S.
- 41 1901 Phone fr LEO 86th M Inf: Has all of 3rd Bn 86th been relieved? Yes, at 13150Z according to msg received from Col Thompson. ACTION: G-3, C/S.
- 42 1905 Phone fr G-4 to Col Thompson: All available transportation has been dispatched to your units. ACTION: C/S, G-3.
- 43 1945 Phone fr Recall Asst 3 to Recall 3: All units checked in except Redoubt, Brestard, Ordnance. Areas OK. Our location F1915-55. ACTION: C/S, Ordnance, Redoubt.

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Phone fr Col Cordas: advance party has been to new area. May be crowded slightly for room. Will move one company tomorrow morning and balance of Bn in the afternoon. Have called C/S on matter of Italian personnel in our area. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 45 2024

Phone fr Recall 3 to Maj Walker: Redoubt quartering party has been in your area. Col Cordas will move one Co in morning and balance in afternoon. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 46 2100

Msg'd fr Fifth Army the following msg: ASSEMBLE AND MOVE COMMENCING 13 MAY 10TH MT DIV, 701 TD BN (LESS B AND C COS), 84TH CML BN, 37 SCOUT DOG PLAT TO GHEDI AIRPORT (70952) FOR PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING AND GUARDING SURRENDERED GERMAN PERSONNEL. EFFECTIVE UPON ARRIVAL 10TH MTN DIV IS DETACHED TWO CORPS AND REVERTS TO FIFTH ARMY CONTROL AND 84TH CML BN, 701ST TD BN (LESS B AND C COS) 37 SCOUT DOG PLAT ARE DETACHED TWO CORPS AND ATTACHED 10TH MTN DIV. COORDINATE MOVEMENTS WITH FIFTH ARMY TRANSPORTATION SECTION. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 47 2205

Message fr FIFTH ARMY, II Corps - Ref No. 1044. Move C Co 701 TD Bn to area designated by 3142 Signal Service Group effective upon arrival. Unit is detached II Corps and reverts to parent unit control and is placed under operational control 3142 Signal Service Group. Unit must arrive with minimum of 100 personnel and adequate self sustaining housekeeping equipment. ACTION: Journal, C/S, 701 TD Bn, G-3. 701 TD says unit will move at 140000Z May.

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| 1       | 0600 | No 10th Mountain Division Sitrep No. 404 and Issn No. 253 submitted.   |
| 2       | 0800 | Rec'd: Issn No 858 covering period 131400Z to 131900Z fr II Corps. Evacuation of 84 troops in progress, otherwise nothing to report.   |
| 3       | 0800 | Rec'd: Mag fr II Corps; Confirming telephonic instructions with G-3, 68th Div: 1. 85 Div; Assume command of and responsibility for processing all German units, other than those in 14th German Army, in area formed by extending present left boundary from (B4080) to RIO DI MUSTERIA (W2304) Thence North to Austrian Border 131200Z.<br>2. 88th Div; a. Continue processing enemy units of 14 German Army in entire zone to include area formed b; extending present right boundary from (B4080) to RIO DI MUSTERIA (W-2304) Thence N to Austrian Border.<br>b. Assume command of and responsibility for processing enemy units in 10th Mt Div Zone effective 131200Z. |
| 4       | 0800 | Rec'd: Weather Forecast for Northern Italy, 14 May to 15 May fr Fifth Army.  |
| 5       | 0915 | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 133, 13 May 45, fr TOL TO Bn.   |
| 6       | 0915 | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 508, 12 May 45, fr II Corps.  |
| 7       | 0850 | Mag fr G-2: All serviceable maps not covering the area of GROSSI Airport (P0952) and vicinity will be turned in to 126 Engr Bn without delay. ACTION: G/S, 85, 86, 87, AT, Div Arty, Special Troops, 10th Med Bn, 126 Engr Bn.   |
| 8       | 0900 | Phone fr Col Irvin to Col Burge; II Corps will get you some transportation for the move. Told him we could use 20 or more trucks. Contact Col Holsinger and make arrangements. The 84th Chem Bn is still attached to us, I'll see if we can get some vehicles from them. ACTION; Col Burge to comply.  |
| 9       | 0910 | Radio Mag fr Email 3 to Maj Walker at Recall Advanced CP: Radio immediately details of plans as related to you by Maj Kenyon of Army. ACTION: G/S, Journal, Send in the clear, Urgent.   |
| 10      | 0915 | Rec'd: Radio Mag No 901 Maj Walker - Do you want Mason at once. Will be without transportation when he leaves. 140952Z   |
| 11      | 0930 | Rec'd: Mag fr AT Bn LN G1: B Co moved out at 140000Z to go to new area. Balance of Bn leaves this afternoon. ACTION: Journal, G-3, G/S.  |
| 12      | 0930 | Outgoing Mag to Maj Walker: Keep Mason as long as you need him.  |
| 13      | 0945 | Phone fr Col Burge to Col Irvin: (Speaks to Col Holsinger, we'll have 30 trucks by 1400Z, and 15 a little later on. We can clear everything up in this area (RTVA) with that many. ACTION: Journal.  |

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| 14      | 1030 | Fr Maj Center: Radio contact with Task Force broken off at 1030 - ACTION: Journal, G/S, G-2, G-3.  |
| 15      | 1128 | Fr Major Walker to Recall 3: Kumon has not appeared as yet. Can you get in touch with him? ACTION: G/S, Lightning 3, G-3, Journal.   |
| 16      | 1130 | Recall 3 to Lightning 11: We are sending 20 X officers and 11 N.M. to Mine and Demolition Course #19, will leave this area at 1130. ACTION: G/S, Journal.  |
| 17      | 1200 | Recd Hq IV Corps Sitrep no. 260 dated 131000Z May 1945.  |
| 18      | 1200 | Recd Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report dated 131000Z May 1945.   |
| 19      | 1200 | Recd Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report dated 131000Z May 1945.  |
| 20      | 1200 | Recd Hq XI Corps pamphlet subject: G-2's estimate of Japanese HQ and Police Commander..  |
| 21      | 1129 | Recall 3 to Lightning : Major Kumon has not appeared at GARDI. Will he report to Major Walker? Ans. Major Kumon has left for GARDI this morning. Any information on details may be secured through Lightning 1. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Major Walker, Journal. |
| 22      | 1201 | Recall 3 to Major Walker, via radio, : Major Kumon left for GARDI this morning. ACTION: G/S, Journal.  |
| 23      | 1220 | Recd Office of Public Relations, 10th Mt Div, memo, subject: Request for info necessary in the compilation of data to accompany recommendation for Presidential Citation for 10th Mountain Division.   |
| 24      | 1205 | Fr Redoubt 6: Redoubt CP will open at 1205 at (241975). ACTION: G/S, Journal.  |
| 25      | 1255 | Fr Major Walker: Can you arrange for the mobile bath unit here. Request also needs them now. ACTION: G/S, G-3, G-4, Journal.   |
| 26      | 1300 | Recall 3 to all Units: There will be a Division Review at GARDI AIRPORT at 161000Z May. Details later. ACTION: G/S, All units, Journal.  |
| 27      | 1300 | Recall 3 to Major Walker via Radio: Get more mobile bath unit within two days but not immediately. Notify all units you are in contact with that there will be a Division Review on GARDI AIRPORT at 161000Z May. Details later. ACTION: G/S, Journal.   |
| 28      | 1230 | Phone fr Box 3; Box G.F. closing NIVA and opening new location at 1230. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.   |
| 29      | 1400 | Recall 3 to Major Walker: Report coordinates of all G.F.'s you are aware of. Also units that have already closed in area. ACTION: G/S, Journal.  |
| 30      | 1420 | Recd Hq 10th SIG Det. letter subject: Japanese and Mountain Submarine to Italy.  |

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| 31  | 1450 | Phone fr Remount 3: 2/86 closed at 1412308 at (V129575). 3/86 closed at 1404008 at (V129575). ACTION: O/S, Sitrep, Journal.   |
| 32  | 1530 | Rec'd Hq Fifth Army ltr, subject: Excessive Consumption of Gasoline, dated 11 May 1945; Hq II Corps ISUM 899, received; Hq II Corps SITREP NO. 607, 1410000 May, 1945; Field Journal and Report of Operations of 84th Chemical Mortar Battalion for month of April 1945.  |
| 33  | 1645 | Msg fr Major Walker, Asst G-3 to Recall 3: CP 3/86 - (133572), 18 Med Bn - (211569), 87th Inf (154538), 126 Eng (266515), Bns at (111510) - (124490) - (115484) AG GHEXI ELMS ALL UNITS ARE IN 3 86 IN COMPLETELY SVC I and C COMPANIES 87 INF ALSO, MORE LATER.  |
| 34  | 1735 | Recall 3 to Maj Walker, Asst G-3, Advanced CP: Move Lt Col Wagner of Rebate at air strip N of GHEXI at (098567) at 1509008 to report to Gen Raffner. Lt Col Wagner will assist General Raffner in the camp administration of surrendered troops. ACTION: O/S, Journal.  |
| 35  | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM 255, submitted.   |
| 36  | 1830 | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps the following msg: To clarify status of enemy personnel, any enemy taken into our custody since 2 May as a member of a surrendered unit is subject to the surrender terms as outlined in "Instrument and orders for local surrender" (Revised appendix to SI No. 615 Army group) and by "Administrative directive no one 25 army". SS Troops and recruits will be regarded as PW's and therefore, subject to the rules of the Geneva convention. ACTION: O/S, G-3, G-2. |
| 37  | 1845 | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps G-2 Report No. 632.   |
| 38  | 1845 | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, G-3 Periodic Report No. 589.   |
| 39  | 2013 | Following msg fr 5 Army: Certain German signal troops are being operationally employed providing communications under orders of allied authorities. These units will be allowed freedom of movement. Their personnel and transport will not be taken for other purposes without prior reference to this headquarters. ACTION: G-3, G-2, O/S, Journal.   |
| 40  | 2030 | Msg fr Maj Walker, Asst G-3 to Recall 3: 2/85 minus N and part of G at (106587). D Co 85 at (110592), 2/86 closed at (130578). 126 Reg Bn Hq and D Co have closed clearing sta opened in vicinity 10 Med GP. Box GP at approx (2958). Div GP at (2959) or May 11 at Rd SW of DESENHANO. When are you moving. ACTION: O/S, G-3, Sitrep, Journal.   |
| 41  | 2130 | Phone fr Maj Childs (701 TD): The 701 TD Bn is detached fr 10th Mt Div and attached to 5 Army effective 1421158. ACTION: O/S, G-3, Sitrep, Journal.   |
| 42  | 2330 | Phone fr Maj Walker: 84th Chem Bn needs 18 trucks prior to 1508008. Trucks to report to DESENHANO on Highway 11. ACTION: O/S, Capt Smith (G-4).   |
| 43  | 2400 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army the following msg: Move without delay the following 14th German Army units to GHEXI AIRFIELD (70957) reporting to the CG, 10th Mt Div on arrival. Coordinate movement with 5th Army transportation section. Move German units with own transportation, complete equipment and spare parts;  |

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| 1       | 0600 | Hq 10th Mountain Division Sitrep No. 108 submitted.   |
| 2       | 1235 | Fr Recall 3 to 5th Army: Div CP closed BIVA (A3504) and opened DREHLIARO (F2959) at 151235B. Action: C/S, Fifth Army. |

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DREHLIARO (F2959)

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| 1       | 1255 | Div CP opened DREHLIARO (F2959) at 151235B, May 1945.   |
| 2       | 1330 | Phone fr Retread 3: 47th Mt Inf closed 140547 at 150930B, May, 1945. Action: Map, Journal, Sitrep.  |
| 3       | 1400 | Phone fr Rebate 3: Rebate closed into assembly area at 151345B. Regtl CP at (F092616) - 1st Bn at (F109999) - 2nd Bn at (F104604) 3rd Bn at (F106998). Action: C/S, Sitrep, Map.  |
| 4       | 1420 | Phone fr Return 3: 106th Engr...CP at 2B (F246516) . Action: C/S, Journal, Map, Sitrep.   |
| 5       | 1500 | Phone fr Recall 3: Meetings of S-3s on details of Review to be held at 1900H in red poppy field on E side of road at (F145566). 85th Inf, 86th Inf, 87th Inf, 10th MT Bn, and 10th Div Arty notified. Action: C/S, C-3.                             |
| 6       | 1545 | From C/S to Rebate 3: CG 85th Inf will designate and move 1 Bn to east side of road in field at (F094560), closing by 152100H. Bn then will report to Gen Ruffner or his representative at Operations Hdq at airport at 160000 May 45. Action: C/S. |
| 7       | 1615 | Phone fr Recall 3: Parade postponed indefinitely. ACTION: Units notified, 85th Inf, 86th Inf, Major Humphrey to notify Div Arty and 10th MT Bn - C/S, Journal.  |
| 8       | 1640 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 616, 14 May 1945, fr Fifth Army.  |
| 9       | 1640 | Rec'd: Intelligence Questionnaire, 12 May 1945, fr AFK.   |
| 10      | 1645 | Phone fr Lightning 4 to Recall 5: Administrative Directive changed to read: Troops will be shaken down to same extent by Corps. Will cut down to essential. (Surrendered Troops) 151600H. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 11      | 1645 | Msg to C/S: Arty desires permission to wait till tomorrow afternoon after   |

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- 11 (Continued) the parade to move 604 and 605 back to vicinity of SHEL.  
ACTION: No. Move without delay, S/S
- 12 1655 Phone fr Recall 3: Sitrep will be submitted to Fifth Army at 2000 each day. Issues will be submitted to Fifth Army at 0800, 1900 and 2000.  
ACTION: G-2, G-3.
- 13 1720 Phone fr Retread 3: Would like to show film "Too damn and one to go" all day tomorrow. ACTION: Pick up film in G-3 office, Div Hq at 0700 16 May. I and E Section, G/S, Journal.
- 14 1830 Mag fr Gen Ruffner: I want wire into my GP at SHEL airport prior to 0800 in the morning. Also make arrangements to feed by administrative personnel and officers at the airport. ACTION: Signal Officer reports that several crews are working on line to airport and it will be in by morning. Retread 3 was notified of mess problem. 2nd Bn will provide officers' mess beginning at dinner tomorrow night. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.
- 15 1930 Rec'd: Weather Forecast for Northern Italy, 15 May 45, fr II Corps.
- 16 1930 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 261, 14 May 1945, fr IV Corps.
- 17 2000 Phone fr Rebate 3: 2d Bn 85th closed in new area at 1950. G.F. located at (096540). ACTION: G/S, G-3, Sitrep, Journal.
- 18 2000 Hq 10th Mt Div Issue No. 258 submitted.
- 19 2030 Phone fr Maj Martin (Signal G): The line to the air-strip is in but there isn't a soul out there. So when someone gets there give us a call and we will go out and tie on a phone for them. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.

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- 1 0810 Hq, 10th Mt Div G-2 Issn no. 259, dated 140000Z May 1945, submitted.
- 2 0830 *Rel* Phone fr Rex 3: Rex Hq at F270572. 604th FA Hq at F118325, 604th FA Hq at F118524. 616th FA Hq at F119327. Times of closing later. ACTION: G/S, G-3
- 3 0825 Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army the following msg: Move 16th May to US concentration area ONEDI billeting party consisting of one officer each battalion and higher headquarters for first increment of 10,000 and similar billeting parties each day thereafter. ACTION: G/S, G-3.
- 4 0845 Rec'd fr 126th Engr Bn, ltr subject "Map Distribution" dated 16 May 1945.
- 5 0930 Phone fr Recall 3: 1. Billeting Officers report to Div Hq at 161100Z, w/billeting roll, 2 days rations. 2. Jeeps and trailer from 87th, 87th, G-3. 3. Jeep from 86th, Arty, Spec trps. 4. Bring extra gas. ACTION: all units, G/S, G-3.
- 6 0940 *Rel* Phone fr Recall 3: To 87th, Engrs: HUT 67 is hereby alerted to be prepared to move out early morning of 17 May; this date is not definite as yet. ACTION: G/S.
- 7 0955 Phone fr Lightning 1 to Recall 3: He got tps from IV Corps area and 126th Engr, less certain class. He will send a list of the Tps also. ACTION: G/S.
- 8 095E Rec'd the following msg fr Hq, Fifth Army: 1. Move 16 May to US concentration area ONEDI. A. German specialist- 60 roofing men, quartermaster; 100 clothing issue issue man; 100 gas and all men; 300 common labor. B. German units- 4 bakery companies, two truck companies, 1 SF company. 2. Move 16 May billeting party consisting of one officer each battalion and higher headquarters for first increment of 10000 and similar billeting parties each day thereafter. *Typd* ACTION: G/S, G-3-3.
- 9 0958 Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army: For 71 AAA Brigade: 1. Move Hq and Hq Btry, 71 AAA Brig to ONEDI airfield (F0937) so as to close by dark 16 May. Commanding general 71 Brig will relieve commanding general 10th Mountain Division of responsibility for us concentration area. Advise time of relief. From Fifth Army station to IV corps. (See msg Ref No 6078) ACTION: G/S, G-3-3.
- 10 0930 Phone fr Lightning 5 to Recall 3: 5th Army is sending a Hq to take over from Gen Raffner. AA2nd Inf will close by sundown in the area. Gen Bradshaw will come to CP and there proceed to area. 6 processing teams will also come. Finance and J.I. personnel are on their way. 1st CP of 10th Mt Div will probably move in early morning of 17th. ACTION: G/S, G-3, 87th Mt Inf.
- 11 1000 *Rel* Phone fr Rex 3: The following are closing times for arty units: arty Hq closed 140900Z. 604 closed 152100Z. 616 153000Z. ACTION: G/S, STAFF.
- 12 1000 Rec'd fr Hq, 126th Engr Bn: ltr subject, "Officers and EN to attend NINE school".



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| 13  | 1200     | Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 241.  |
| 14  | 1200     | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, G-2 Report No. 417.  |
| 15  | 1200     | Rgs'd fr Hq 86th Mt Inf Training Schedule dated 11 May.   |
| 16  | 1230     | <p>Phone fr Recall 3 to Retread 3: Warning Order - Movement of 27. Composition - 57th Mt Inf; 616th FA Bn; Co G, 126th Engr Bn; Co G, 126th Engr Bn. Transcriptions of G-2 plus vehicles to be secured by G-4. Time of movement - 17 May - time to be given later upon receipt of orders. IF - 27 at 003570. Administrative details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. maximum 25 vehicles per march unit.</li> <li>2. all columns halt 15 mins to be every 2 hrs for rest period 10 minutes - stops to be made away from towns.</li> <li>3. Each vehicle to be in cmd of officer of responsible REG.</li> <li>4. Current uniform regulations and strict discipline will be rigidly adhered to throughout movement.</li> <li>5. MW will cruise columns for control and discipline.</li> <li>6. Other details SGP.</li> </ol> <p>ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.</p> |
| 17  | 1330     | <p>Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army the following msg: 1. Ref No. 261. 1. So much as pertains to 701 TD Bn (less B and C Cos) is recalled. 2. 701 TD Bn (less Co B) is detached II Corps and reverts to Fifth Army control in present position effective 150000B May. 3. Company G remains under operational control IIIA signal service group. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.</p>  |
| 18  | 1330     | <p>Rec'd fr Fifth Army: For 71st Brigade: Move Hq and Hq Det, 71 AAA Brigade to GHEOI "airfield 70957 so as to close by dark one air AAD. Commanding General 71 Brigade will relieve commanding General 10th Mt Div of responsibility for U.S. concentration area. Advise time of relief. Return all personnel presently on U.S. at MONTESATINI deployment training center to parent units. For IV Corps: Confirming verbal orders, move 112 Inf Regt (including Regts and Band) to GHEOI airfield so as to close by dark 16 May. On arrival unit is detached IV corps and attached seven one AAA Bnig. For 71 AAA Brigades and IV corps: coordinate all moves with fifth Army trans sect. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.</p>  |
| 19  | 1400     | <p>Rec'd fr Hq, 10th Mt Div D-4 ltr subject "Counter Intelligence Situation from 151130B to 161130B May 1945. ACTION: C/S, G-2.</p>   |
| 20  | 1430     | Rec'd fr Hq, 701 TD Bn G-2 Periodic Report No. 134.   |
| 21  | 1430     | <p>Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army: Allotment to Army Education School, course No. 4 commencing 20 May 1945. Cots, Blankets and mess equipment will be provided. MIA Field equipment is not required. Students will bring rations for 3 days. Units will provide officers with 5 copies of orders. Students will assemble at Villa Franca main airfield (733AA) reporting to central tower by 1830B, 20 May for travel by air on flight number 8764. Units are responsible for students transportation to and from assembly point. Students will return to Villa Franca Airfield 27 May at approximately 1230B. (For full details and message see ltr Fifth Army Ref No 1866) ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.</p>  |
| 22  | 1430     | Rec'd fr Hq IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 340.  |

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- 23 1430 Phone fr Recall 3; Reg'l CP - 127508....let Bn - 127545....2nd Bn - 128042.... 3rd Bn - 127574. Action: Map, Journal, C/S.
- 24 1500 Phone fr Processing Center (in Rhein): Number of German troops that are supposed to have arrived from the 5th Mt Div: 15 Off, 2500M. Will check physically to see what has arrived. Action: Journal, C/S.
- 25 1500 Hq 10th Mt Div Item No. 260 submitted.
- 26 1520 Fr Recall 3 to Lightning 3: Our Processing center reports arrival of 15 officers and 250 MM from 5th German Mt Div. C/S, Journal.
- 27 1530 Recd 4th Corps Sitrep No. 242, 151000H May, 1945
- 28 1600 Fr Capt Litchfield: 10th Mt Cav Bn Tr Hq personnel, arrived in area (180553) at 1300H today. Remainder of troop will arrive just S of BUNDELING tonight, complete trip tomorrow. Action: Journal, C/S, map.
- 29 1710 Col McDonald, 5th Army, G-2 section delivered a top secret document received by Capt A. N. Kestner for the Asst G/S G-2, 10th Mt Div. Our division FI team has been recalled and will report to 10th Mt Div by the night of 17th May. Maps will be drawn from II Corps for the area we will operate in, they are not yet available but will be made so by 5th Army. Action: C/S, G-2.
- 30 1750 Recall 3 to Lightning 3: Gen Buffler desires surrendered troops to arrive at GHEBDI airport at the rate of 1000 per hour commencing 170000. II Corps to send troops from 170000 to 171500H. II Corps surrendered troops to start at the rate of 1000 per hour commencing at 171500H. Action: Lightning 3, 30.
- 31 1815 Phone fr Lightning 3 to Recall 3: Present indications are that only a hospital unit will enter the GHEBDI area on 17th. Gen Bradshaw will relieve Gen Buffler. ACTION: 30.
- 32 1820 Phone fr Lightning 3 to Recall 3; Surrendered Troops: 14th IF Corps 10,000. II Corps - 10,000. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
- 33 1820 Rec'd; Progress Report, 15 May 45, fr 57th Inf Band Reg Flatoon.
- 34 1850 Recd Confidential message fr Fifth Army to II Corps for action--for information One S Lt Sec., GI S Southwest, U. S., Lt Sec, 14th German Army, 10th Mt Div and 5th Army Transportation--1.- Move 15 May to 20. Concentration near GHEBDI.  
A. German specialist - 40 soldiers men, Quartermaster;  
100 clothing issue men, 100 Gas and oil men; 30 MM German labor.  
B. German units - 4 Bakery Companies, two truck Co's, one MP Co.  
2.- Move 15 May billeting party consisting of one off. each Bn and higher Hq for 1st regt of 1000. A similar billeting parties each day thereafter.

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- 35    2020    Major Walker contacted Major Humphrey and his party on road at 2020, 20 miles SW of HINH, and notified Major Humphrey of the situation at 2045. Major Humphrey and his party are now enroute back to this CP.    ACTION: 2/5, Jnl.
- 36    2100    Rec'dt: Msg fr Fifth Army, Ref No 4334 - Command Post Fifth Army will open vicinity GARDONE (1376) at 171200Z and close in present location at same time. L4 and L5 landing strip vicinity (2172).
- 37    2100    Phone fr Col Wagner: Units now here: From 10th AB Div: 1 BCT with HQ and C.O. of 100th AB Inf and 100 HQ. 1st Para Corps - 2 BCT with HQ and 200 men - and adjutant of 1st Para Corps.    6/5, 10th Army and advanced party for headquarters - 140 in all.    Advanced party from 14, Panzer.    At this point Col Wagner had an urgent question and was referred directly to Gen Ruffner.    ACTION: 6/5, 6-2, 6-3, Journal.

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- 1 0700 Rec'd. Hq 5 Army IFUM 944 to include 141500H May 1945.
  - 2 0800 Hq 10th Mt Div IFUM No. 262, submitted.
  - 3 0840 Recall 3 to Retreat 3, Tent 6, Return Amtr 3, Box 3; ST 87 is on a 2 hour alert status. ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-4.
  - 4 0900 Recall 3 to All Units. All units in Division are on a 48 hour alert status. A representative (officer) from each unit will be at conference Div Hq at 0930H each morning until further notice. ACTION: C/S, Journal, All units.  
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  - 5 0915 Phone fr Lt Col Wagner, Processing Center; Quartermaster parties have arrived from all units 14th Army, 75th Corps, and Tyrol Army. To expect to be relieved by 442 Regt and Hq and Hq Det, 1st AB Div by 1800 tomorrow. 442 Regt arrived last night. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
  - 6 1015 Phone fr Lightning 3; Speedy is sending 405 Ballons to your Processing Center -- they will probably arrive tonight and should not stay long. ACTION: Processing Center, Journal.
  - 7 1000 Hq 10th Mt Div, SITREP No. 410, submitted.
  - 8 1030 Rec'd. Hq IV Corps SITREP No. 243, 141200H May, 1945; Hq IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 348, 151200H May 1945.
  - 9 1030 Phone fr Maj White, G-3, 5 Army; Group of Bakery Co., Station and Clothing issue men etc. is reported by XI Corps to have started moving at 170000H, estimated they will close by 171200H. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3, Journal.
  - 10 1030 Read Hq Fifth Army G-2 Periodic Report dated 141200H May 1945.
  - 11 1130 Phone fr Lightning 3; No change in alert status. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
  - 12 1135 Read Hq 10th CIS Det letter subject: CIS Situation from 141100H to 171100H May 1945.
  - 13 1135 Read Hq 10th CIS Det expense account dated 16 May 1945.
  - 14 1300 Phone fr Recall 3 to G-2, 10th Mt Det (M); ST 87 is released from 3 hr alert and reverts to Div 48 hr alert status. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
  - 15 1255 Recall 3 to ST 87, 87th Inf, 124 Reg, 10 Med, Div Army; ST 87 is released fr 3 hr alert and reverts to Div 48 hr alert status. ACTION: C/S, G-4, J.
  - 16 1410 Read Hq Fifth Army Passwords for period 24 May to 30 May inclusive.
  - 17 1430 Read Hq 88th Inf Div Directive no. 48 dated 141500H May 1945.
  - 18 1600 Phone fr Maj Whelbes; Will follow Monday's training schedule tomorrow thereafter will use the one as shown on weekly schedule. ACTION: C/S, G-3.

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19	1620	Rec'd fr CIG 1st dtd 17 May 45, subject: 104th CIG Detachment Operations, Spring 1945. ACTION: C/S, G-3.																					
20	1620	Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army 1st dtd 15 May 45, subject: Border Control. ACTION: C/S, G-3, G-2.																					
21	1900	Phone fr Speedy 3: The administrative personnel of 1st Army (part of 14th German Army) has been sent back to 80th Div from our processing center. These personnel are being returned and we are to keep them. ACTION: C/S, G-3, G-2. Nt Trappelans at processing center.																					
22	1915	Phone fr Major Steinkrotte, Property Allocation Officer at Lightning Base 95. Desires to know if we are going to use the SHEDDING BPTT. Will let him know early in morning 18 May. Action: C/S, G-3.																					
23	2000	Phone fr Col Coleman (Lightning 3): No movement before 19th; probably on 20th - referring to movement E. ACTION: C/S, G-3.																					
24	2120	Phone fr Recall 3: To: 8P troops 1204th Engrs, 104th AV, 104th Med, 104th M, Arty, 86th, 87th, 88th Mt Inf Regts. No movement before 18 May, but probably on 20th May; referring to movement E. Between now and then, 3 days swimming authorized for each Mt; particulars in morning of 18 May. ACTION: C/S, G-3.																					
25	2137	Phone fr Capt Bourke to Lightning 86: Will return to this 8P tomorrow AM can be reached at above number. ACTION: C/S, G-3.																					
26	2330	From Processing Center, CHIEDI Airport: The following advance parties, (prisoner internees) and troops have arrived as of 17, 18000: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>14th Army Hq Staff:</td> <td>15th Pioneer Corps:</td> <td>1st Para Coy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 Off's; 113EM</td> <td>77 O's - 36 EM</td> <td>202 O's - 27EM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51st Mt Corps</td> <td>Construction Engr Bn 789</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 O's - 45 EM</td> <td>6 Off's - 34EM</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Construction Engr Bn 736</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 Off's - 360 EM</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Total - 287 O's - 949EM</td> </tr> </table>	14th Army Hq Staff:	15th Pioneer Corps:	1st Para Coy	12 Off's; 113EM	77 O's - 36 EM	202 O's - 27EM	51st Mt Corps	Construction Engr Bn 789		14 O's - 45 EM	6 Off's - 34EM		Construction Engr Bn 736			6 Off's - 360 EM					Total - 287 O's - 949EM
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- 1 0250H Hqd Hq 5th Army Sitrep No. 173, dated 171711Z.
- 2 0550 Rec'd Secret message no. 9053, dated 180000Z, fr 5th Army: Personal equipment such as blankets, mess gear, personal papers, other personal items etc., is to be retained by surrendered troops when evacuate to final concentration areas. Only such papers as desired by G-2 will be taken from individuals prior to movement to final concentration areas. ACTION: C/S, mailed to Processing Center, Journal.
- 3 0800 Hq 10th Mt Div Isom No. 265 submitted.
- 4 0840 Msg fr Lt McClintin Lt C 87th: Will report to CP in one or 2-3 hours. Had jeep trouble on road this morning - had to wait for mechanics. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3.
- 5 0930 Rec'd: Weather Forecast for Northern Italy, 17 May 45, fr II Corps.
- 6 0930 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 343, 16 May 45, fr II Corps.
- 7 0930 Rec'd: Msg fr Fifth Army, Ref No 9056: Effective 180000Z May, St Chemical Mortar Bn and 37 Inf Scout Dog Plt are detached to 10th Mt Div in position. St Chemical Mortar Bn reverts to Fifth Army control and 37 Inf Scout Dog Plt attached to 1st AAA Brigade. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3, 1st Chem and 37 Inf Scout Dog Plt notified.
- 8 0945 Rec'd: Bronze Star Award Request fr 37th Inf Scout Dog Plt, 18 May 45.
- 9 0945 Capt Robert F Patton and 1st Lt Aaron Cohen arrived at CP with orders for attachment to 10th Mt Div. Orders fr 34 Lt Photo Intelligence Det.
- 10 1130 Rec'd Hq 10th Mt Div S.O.I. (3 copies) dated 17 May 1945.
- 11 1205 Phone fr Processing Centre: Only units of 10th Mt Div left at Processing Center are 30 interpreters and 2/85. The interpreters will clear the area as soon as they are relieved by Army interpreters; 2/85 will begin to clear at 181300Z. ACTION: Army, C/S, Journal.
- 12 1210 Phone fr Gen Staffer to Col Thomson: I've been relieved as of 1200Z of my duties and am taking command of Div Arty. ACTION: Journal.
- 13 1000 Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. All submitted.
- 14 1255 Rec'd: Isom No. 945 to include 171500Z May, fr Fifth Army, General: Additional enemy personnel taken into custody, ANTONIO COURT, Quinsapa Garrado, General, Divisione Bocina of South Flottilla was arrested at TRINTE (00482), 15 May and committed to VERONA prisoner stockade. General Victor Euse member of Hitler Chancellery for 18 years appointed at SAN ANTONIO (F8309) in civilian clothes now commanding general transportation corps Spear, Ludwig Luchs, Austrian Minister before the war, taken into custody in BOLEANO area wearing German enlisted uniform. Yugoslav army Bn located at CALDANO (48662) and only combat troops under command are 114,

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14		(Continued) 148, 232 and 134 Divisions. 88 national socialist chief of art interest in Italy located at SAMPORINO (2114) being evacuated as prisoner. Andrea Lampo reported as director of organization for purchasing clothing and other items for Germans in Italy located at BRUNISO (2482). Bulgarian military attacks of MARITIMIA in custody of GIB. Rinaldo De Corlikova, Carlo Sorvini and Teodoro Sobell, prisoners of sabotage school at FAX (A7434) apprehended. FERRETTI (2099); FERRARI reported killing seven civilians and wounding three via LAMARCA (2114). 10th M Div; Sheet of BERNHARD (V2099) shows all important political suspects taken to BRUNISO (2090) for processing and held by committee of liberation. Two men in civilian clothes going north stopped at Partisan road block at PESCHIERA (V435) and identified as German deserters by GIB. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
15	1330	Phone fr G-1 Sect Fifth Army: G-1 Section of Fifth Army wants to know the number of German officers and EM that have cleared in the concentration area as of 181000. They will call for results by phone at 190900. ACTION: We were advised by the 42nd Inf Regt at 181000. G/S, G-3, Journal.
16	1330	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 244, 171000 May 45, fr IV Corps.
17	1405	Rec'd: Training Schedule for period 21 - 26 May, fr 29th M Inf.
18	1500	Rec'd: Lect Military Intel Service Cremona, 6 May 45, fr AFHQ.
19	1500	Rec'd: List of Enemy Agents, 17 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
20	1500	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 619, 17 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
21	1500	Rec'd: Tactical GI Interrogation of GIB officials, 17 May 45, fr Fifth Army. Rec'd: GIB Staff Bulletin No. 7, 17 May 1945, fr Fifth Army.
22	1550	Rec'd. Hq IV Corps Sitrep No. 245, 181000 May 1945.
23	1600	Phone fr Rebozo 3: 2/85 new CP opened at (21167) at 1645. ACTION: Journal, G/S, G-3, Map.
24	1800	Phone fr Speedy 2: Someone fr Recall has picked up maps requested by Recall 2. ACTION: G-2, G-3, Journal.
25	1945	Rec'd. Weather Forecast 18 - 19 May; IV Corps G-4 Report No. 244; IV Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 131, 17 May; attached to paper on ARNHEM I (S) TRUFF 152 (German Intelligence Service in Italy).
26	2010	Phone fr Gen Keys to Col Irvin: You will start your advance party up tonight, and they will report to 8th Army. Trucks will move at 0600 in the morning. 2nd Corps is also moving and Army talks as Corps is to

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| 26      | 2010 | (Cont'd.) furnish us with transportation. How about you can do with Corps on this transportation, but begin to move with them as early anyway. Put a liaison officer with 6th Army until 2nd Corps takes over. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 27      | 2015 | Phone fr C/S to Speedy J: Deliver the following message to Col Wallace (who is in conference) and ask him to call us back as soon as possible. He would like to have 3 truck Cos to start our movement tomorrow. The 10th Mt Div is under 2nd Corps for movement in vicinity of 6th Army area in UDMR, and we will be under 6th Army until such time as we leave. Then we will come under 2nd Corps. ACTION: Journal. |
| 28      | 2100 | Phone fr Recall J to 86, 87, 84, 808, 18 AF, 18 Med; Send a representative to a meeting at 182300 at G-3 Office. ACTION: G/A, G-3, Journal.   |
| 29      | 2130 | Phone fr C/S to Speedy J: We are moving tomorrow morning and we are in need of 150 trucks or 3 truck Sec. Can you get them for us. Army has referred me to you. Reply: I will contact Army and ask them for the necessary trucks. Will call you back. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 30      | 1800 | Phone fr Col Hall (Lighting) to G/S: Commence your move to via UDMR at once. Action: G-3, 88, Journal.  |
| 31      | 2230 | Hq 10th Mt Div Issues No. 246 and 247 for 18000 and 20000, submitted. (Not previously entered)  |
| 32      | 2235 | Capt M Easton notified the following units to pick up their map issues of the area we will operate in, at 20000 19 May at 10th Mt Div CP -- 86, 85, Arty, Med, CH, MGR, Sp Troops. ACTION: All units called by phone - C/S - Journal.   |
| 33      | 2230 | Phone fr Recall J: Will 6th Army assist us in area, and if so where? Will an Army guide meet our billboarding party? We suggest 2nd of 2nd AF PCHIO (G35147) for rendezvous 190000. ACTION: Lt Col Hall, Lighting 153, will call.   |
| 34      | 2235 | Phone fr Lighting J: 6th Army send 6th Army a radio msg asking that guide meet 10th Mt Div party at (G35147). In answer you. If guide is not there, 10th Mt Div party will proceed to (H77200) 6th May 07. Army is working on tex problem and will call. ACTION: G-3, C/S.  |
| 35      | 2315 | Phone fr Lt Holmquist (in OFF W/Army): 10th Mt Div goes under II Corps central at 183000. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 36      | 2335 | Phone fr Speedy J: 10th Mt Div attached in place to II Corps. Move to UDMR area 1 MVT per day beginning 19 May and clearing to RV. 2nd party report to Col Sterba, Deputy G/A, II Corps, at 6th Army main at 190300. Clear movement with 2nd II Corps. ACTION: G/A, G-3.  |



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Phone fr Recall 3 to Speedy 3: Are we limited to 1 MPH per day in movement to new area. Answer: N, you can move if transportation is available.  
ACTION: G/S, G-3.

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*ORDER of Movement*

Phone fr Recall 3 to Units concerned: Movement order for 19 May. Serial #1: 87th Mt Inf; G Co, 10th Med Bn; G Co, 126th Engr Bn - IP at 0600 - tail clear at 0900. Serial #2: 616th FA Bn - IP at 0815 - tail clear 1015. Serial #3: AT Bn - IP at 1030 - tail clear at 1100. Serial #4: 66th En Bn (-1 Bn); E Co, 10th Med Bn - IP at 1215 - tail clear 1315. IP - 5 at 101588. Orders - 87th Mt Inf to furnish for serials #1, 2 and 3; 66th En Bn to furnish for serials #4 and 5. Head and tail of each serial to be worked 50 yd interval between vehicles. Movement order for 19 May the maximum speed will be 25 MPH - 35 MPH to catch up. Strict March Discipline to be observed - Mt cadres to cruise column. ACTION: G-4, G/S, Journal.

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0100

Phone fr Recall 2: A soldier from 3d Bn, 87th Inf behind at Airpark border has returned. ACTION: Called regt, and found that soldier is in Service Co. He will sleep here tonight, and regt will pick him up in the morning on their way through to UDINE (04120).

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0100

Phone fr Recall 2: Question: Has Lt Benedict returned? Answer: NO.  
ACTION: G/S, Told AAK

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0200

Phone fr Maj Allan, 8-3 86th Mt Inf: Is there any road on the new terrain? ACTION: Gave him all info available. He will call in the morning to get details from Major Walker. G/S.

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0400

Phone fr Recall 2: 15 trks of 94th FA will be held E edge of BUSHKINGO until 190000. ACTION: G-3-1, G/S.

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0445

Fr Recall 2: 31 trks fr 178 FA and 402nd Engrs are enroute to 86th area. Lt Harrington of 86th is with them. Will pick up trks of 94 FA en route, 2 more trks to follow. Guide is requested at E edge of town to direct them.  
ACTION: G/S, G-3-4.

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0515

Fr Recall 2: 178 FA and 402nd Engrs have provided 34 trks, instead of 31 as previously reported. Also, 25 trks from 173 FA have joined enroute. Amount now has enough trks for move. ACTION: G-3-4, G/S. Asked Capt Smith to check on rations for drivers. They have enough for only one day.  
ACTION: Will check.

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0540

Fr Recall 2: 10th AT picked up maps. ACTION: AAK, Journal, G/S.

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0555

Fr G-4: 15 trks just arrived, and G/A takes from 86th give army a total of 19, which is all they will get. ACTION: G-3, G/S, Journal.

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0555

Recd fr Bq, II Corps: 1. Pursuant to vlog Fifth Army 10th Mt Div attaches to II Corps in place. 2. Move to UDINE area 100 MPH per day beginning 19 May and -tains (?) 21 May. 3. Reconnaissance para report to Colonel Clarke, Deputy Chief of Staff, tactical at 8th Army in 1945308. All movements will be cleared through TSG II Corps. Contact G-4 II Corps for transportation if required. ACTION: G/S, G-3.

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- Sgt  
 12 0800 Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 260 submitted.
- 13 0800 Sgt Hall of the 10th Med Bn picked up their map issue of the new area at 0800B. Action: C/S, Capt Kastner, Journal.
- 14 0810 Corp Benny of the 5p Troop picked up their map issue of the new area at 0805B. Action: C/S, Capt Kastner, Journal.

15 0930 Plan of Movement for 20 May:

SERIAL	UNIT
1	3rd Bn and 1/2 Hq Co, 84th Mt Inf 1 Plat, CM Bn
2	Div Hq (Fwd), Hq Co & Hq Spec Troop, Signal Bn, Ordnance Co, MP Plat, OIU.
3.	Hq, Div Arty
4	126th Engr Bn (-2 Cos) , 10 Med Bn (-3 Cos)
5	87th Mt Inf Co A, 126th Engr Bn, Co A, 10 Med Bn
6	60A FA Bn

Plan of Movement for 21 May:

SERIAL	UNIT
1	Div Hq (rear)
2	10 CM Bn (minus 1 plat)
3	10 Non Troop

- 16 0815 Lt Schaefer of 87th Mt Inf picked up the map issue of the new area at 0815B. Action: C/S, AAK, Journal.
- 17 0645 Fr Capt Litchfield. 87th Mt Inf crossed the IF on time at 0600g. Action: Journal C/S G-3
- 18 0830 Red Top Secret Msg fr 5th Army dated 182359Z, Ref No 1144
- 19 0835 Sgt Greff of the 126th Engrs picked up their map issue of the new area at 0835B. Action: C/S, AAK, Journal.
- 20 0850 Lt Deumer picked up maps for Div Arty. , Sgt Lampson picked up maps for 84th Mt Inf. Maj Nordhaus received maps of new area for 10 CM Arty. Action: C/S AAK Journal.

21 0900 MAP Distribution to the 10th Mt Div for the new area consisting of the following sheets:

1/100,000 - 26 - 40 - 40-A - 40-B - 53-A - 53-B.  
 1/50,000 - 40A - All quads - I, II, III, IV.  
 45B - " " " " " "  
 53A - " " " " " "  
 53B - " " " " " "  
 53C - Quad IV only.

No of sets issued to units: 87th Mt Inf - 100 sets  
 84th " " - 100 "  
 87th " " - 100 "  
 Div Arty - 100 "  
 AT Bn - 50 "  
 Med Bn - 50 "

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HQ. Time  
21 cont. 0900

CM Bn - 30 sets  
Engr Bn - 30 sets  
Hq Sp Trs - 50 sets  
Div Hq - 30 sets  
150 sets

Action: C/S, Journal.

- 22 1000 TO CG, 10TH MT DIV. FROM FORWARD RADIO (WITH THE 5TH REGIMENT)  
NO 1. WE LEFT VERONA AT 0735H. - 190835H.
- NO 2. WE ARE IN VIENNA. - 190845H
- 23 1037 Fr TF 87: Left VEDELAC at 0930H. Read via radio. Action: C/S  
G-3 Journal.
- 24 1040 Fr Capt Litchfield; AT Bn has crossed the IF. Action: C/S Journal
- 25 1050 Red Hq 5th Army Issue No 946, Ref No 1966.
- 26 1115 Recall 2 to Speedy 2. Calling in regards to map sheets 10-24-25  
which is the area we will initially be in. They were not in this  
issue. Answer: They are not available and we are to pick them up  
from the 8th Army. These sheets then will be issued to you at your  
new area. Also in scale of 1:25,000. Action: C/S Journal.
- 27 1125 <sup>g6</sup> Hq Fr Capt Litchfield; 86th Mt Inf crossed IF at 1115H. Action:  
C/S, Journal.
- 28 1312 <sup>1312</sup> Fr Task Force. 191312H. To: CG, 10th Mt Div Attn G-3. We are  
in ZONFIGLIA. Action: C/S Journal
- 29 1345 <sup>1345</sup> Plans fr Lightning 3: Bailey Bridge School - Course #19. Div Quote -  
2 Off and 8 KM - report to CG, Engineer School Det, Replacement and  
training Command, MTONA, CROBIGNOLA, Italy, afternoon of 21 May.  
Officers and EM report to VILLA FRANGA Airport at 0900, 22 May.  
Each student to carry 6 copies orders placing him on 88 with Hq 2 & 3  
Cnd for duty as student with Engr School Det (1. Each may need to  
G-3 training, Hq 5 Army). Mail can be taken care of Engr School Det,  
APO 49. Each student will bring with him full field equipment, food  
weapons, authorized clothing, 3 blankets or bedding roll, raincoat,  
mosquito bar, mess kit, steel helmet, canteen shoes and socks, 2 sets  
fatigue, compass, protractor, 3 days' rations. ACTION: 1st Engr Bn,  
AG, C/S, Journal.
- 30 1415 Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 620, 18 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
- 31 1415 Rec'd: G1s Staff Bulletin No. 8, 9, 18 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
- 32 1415 Rec'd: Sitrep No 174, 18 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
- 33 1415 Rec'd: G-3 Report No. 132, 18 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
- 34 1415 Rec'd: Directive Nos. 47, 48, 49 fr 86th Inf Div.

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- 35 1700 Read Hq II Corps G-2 issue no. 282 375 dated 191300Z May 1945.
- 36 1710 Read Hq II Corps G-3 airtel no. 175 dated 191343Z May 1945/
- 37 1710 Read Hq 15 Army Group message from Supreme Allied Comd on territory around Trieste.
- 38 1710 Read Hq IV Corps airtel dated 191000Z May 1945.
- 39 1415 Fr Capt Litchfield via radio to CG: CT BY now in TRICESTO, a spot 3 miles N of UDINE. ACTION: G/S, G-3, Journal.
- 40 1500 Fr C/S to Col Thomson: Will it be alright to move the CP at 0700 tomorrow morning? In regard to Division history I am sending Capt Livermore and one clerk and one draftsman over to Corps to complete this work in connection with citation. The final draft will be shown to General Mays for approval. REPLY: Go ahead and plan to move CP tomorrow morning. ACTION: Journal.
- 41 1445 Fr Capt Litchfield: 605 P A crossed IF on time at 1415. ACTION: G/S, G-3, J.
- 42 1800 Fr G-3 to all units concerned: Check all sections and special units in Section #2 to see that breakfast schedule 0415-0500 is understood and necessary for meeting schedule as outlined in March order understood. ACTION: G-3, G-2, G-3, G-4, Surg, Ord, Hq Co, Hq Sp Tr, Sig Co, Ord Co, MP Pl, CIG, FI, IFA.
- 43 2028 Read 2 Top Secret documents; read by Capt Davis for G-2.
- 44 2035 Read Hq Fifth Army issue no. 47, dated 191500Z May 1945.
- 45 2035 Rec'd: Issue No. 876, 19 May 45, fr II Corps.
- 46 2035 Rec'd: Msg fr II Corps, 19 May 45, Ref No. 1664: 1. The following units are attached to II Corps effective 190001Z May: (Ref No. 11) 10 Mt Div, 701 TD Bn, 884 TD Bn. 2. Representatives of each of the above units report immediately to CG, II Corps.
- 47 2045 Photo fr Recall 6 to Recall 5: Our CP is at FRALAGO (3932). 87th Mt Inf is in bivouac about 2 miles N of that point. We will take over (screen) a sector along Highway 54 from CIVIDALE to 66 Northing. We relieve a British unit. Partisans, women and children are bearing arms in that area. We are to disarm them by peaceful means. I have assigned areas from N to S in the order 85, 87, 86. 85th Mt Inf takes area N of FLEZIO. ACTION: Journal, G-3.

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- | Ser No. | Time |  |
|---------|------|--|
| 1       | 1900 | Div CP closed DESHENGANO (P2959) at 1730B.   |
| 2       | 1900 | Div CP opened ZIRACCO (C4925) at 1730B. ACTION: Map, Journal, G/S.   |
| 3       | 2130 | Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 413 submitted.   |
| 4       | 2155 | Rec'd: Ism No. 877, covering period 191930B to 200630B fr II Corps: Evacuation of troops continues. 10929 German troops evacuated yesterday by left Div with 14793 expected to be evacuated today. Another SS General was apprehended; details will follow. ACTION: Journal.   |
| 5       | 2155 | Rec'd: Ism No 878 covering period 200630B to 202400B from II Corps: Evacuation continues. Preliminary investigation of General Jordan, Commander of Tyrolian Army, shows his papers in order. suspected as his name appeared on local war criminal lists. SS Troops in hospitals at MERANO reported as healthy Germans. Riccardo Casbel, either SS or GESTAPO, notorious for his activity between VIDZIANO (W-0515) and FELTRE (D-3617) reported in FELTRE. ACTION: Journal. |
| 6       | 2315 | Phone fr Rebase 3: 3/85 closed into CIVIDALE (C551222) at 2300B. Map, Journal, G/S.  |
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| 1       | 0055 | Phone fr Col Storke - 55 - II Corps: Have Maj Humphrey make a full report to me in the morning as to any trouble moving the Jewish Brigade. Action: G/S, Noted for G-3.  |
| 2       | 0215 | Capt Munsterman reported back from CP 86th. Mission accomplished. Action: To see G-3 in morning.   |
| 3       | 0215 | Radio from II Corps: CP II Corps closed at present location (RIVA) (5504) and opens vicinity BUTTRIO in MONTE (C4314) at 210900B. Nearest L-4, L-5 strip at north edge of BUTTRIO in MONTE. Action: G/S, G-3.  |
| 4       | 0215 | Code msg PRX NR 4, dated 201735B received and referred to Maj Walker.  |
| 5       | 0800 | Message fr Capt Munsterman: Contacted CO 86th Inf 202330B. Delivered instructions relative to treatment of partisans, "attempt to learn their strength and dispositions; necessity of not offending them; the no-firing order; CO 86th Inf requested 1 Platoon Tanks or 1 Platoon TD's to be attached his unit. In Officer has already been dispatched to Div CP. CP 86th (67-59), 1st Bn (6249), 2nd Bn (67-60), 3rd Bn (68-54). ACTION: Journal, G-3, G/S, Map.            |

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<u>Ser</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	
6	1115	Rec'd: Ism No. 877 from II Corps covering period 201400B to 201930B. Evacuation completed in East Div sector. Gina Pearl of S. GUISTINO (BA923), secretary to General Shimizu, Military attache to Japanese embassy apprehended vicinity DARTINA D APOB AMPEZZO, evacuated as PW. Large amount of documents recovered in HANOVERIAN legation in GORTINA D APOB AMPEZZO.
7	1155	Rec'd fr 86th Inf Regt In C: 10th Div now has running rights on Hwy #13 as far east as TRIVISIO (06866). Action: 85, 87, Hq Sp Trs. Note: "Running Rights" means any amt of casual traffic, but clearance through TOC at Corps for convoys.
8	1200	G-2 Ism No. 267, submitted.
9	0930	Sitrep No. 414 submitted.
10	1240	Phone fr Remount 2: Italian civilian at FREDIL (06758) reports that partisans have been directed to assemble at FIEZZO (06866) today, for what reason he did not know. ACTION: G-3, G-2, C/S, Journal, Corps, 87th.
11	1310	Message fr Capt Litchfield: 85th Mt Inf: 1st Bn Hqs and Co C, Regt'l Hqs and Service Co still at old location. 1/85 (4134) 2/85 (4134)..... Adjutant 3/85 CIVIDALE Regt'l CP at TARGENTO (4036)  Action: Journal, C/S, G-3.
12	1330	Outgoing Message - To All Troop Commanders. 1. There will be a troop commander meeting at 221000B at 10th Mt Div CP ZIRAGO (04925). All organization commanders or representatives will attend.
13	1330	Recall 2: Maps are available at Corps at 211400B for bulk issue to division. ACTION: Called ADE; Journal, C/S.
14	1335	Recall 2: Typist (Do not know who yet) will be sent to GHD for 10-day job starting 221500B. Will mess and sleep there. ACTION: Sgt Lance, Col Inack, Journal.
15	1345	Recall 3 to Speedy 3: Coordinates of following: 85th CP's: 1/85 at (CA12345), 2/85 at (CA17344). ACTION: Journal, C/S; G-3. <i>Coyne</i>
16	1340	Recall 2 to Regts, Div Arty, AF, Bn, Sp Tps. - Report as obtained any information on location, strength, nationality and political leanings of Partisan groups.
17	1430	Message fr Classification (Capt Longfellow): Information on number of Slavic speaking personnel in 10th Mt Div by organizations, will be made available to G-2 by 230800B. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.

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No. Time
- 18 1440 Recall 2: Lt Dryden and 4-man detachment CM, Liaison Regt CM (Phantom) attached to 10th Mt Div by Eighth Army. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 19 1440 Rec'd: Operations Instruction Number 59 from Hq II Corps dated 21 May 1945.
- 20 1440 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 1, 211200Z May from II Corps.
- 21 1545 Phone fr Speedy 3: 701 TD Bn to be athd 10th Mt Div upon arrival in area - expected date of arrival 23-24 May. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3.
- 22 1530 From Recall 3: Upon arrival of 701 TD the following attachments are made: Co A and 1st Bn plt to 85th C.T., Co B and 2nd Bn plt to 86th C.T., Co C and 3rd Bn plt to 87 C.T. Action: Notified 85, 86, and 87; Journal.
- 23 1607 From Capt Berland: All units desiring maps may draw them at the 10th Mt Div Bn at 18300. Map trailer located at (04823), S of the town of SALT. Representatives coming for maps to have an order listing the number of maps requested. The following maps are ready for issue: (1) Road maps: 1/200,000 scale sheets 3, 6, 8, 9. (2) 1/100,000 scale; sections 1A, 1AA, 1AB, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D. (3) 1/50,000 scale; all quadrants of 1A, 1AA, 1AB, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D. Distribution will be made to 85, 86, 87 Mt Inf Regts, 604, 605, 6107, Div arty, 10th M, 10th Med, 10th AT, G-2 (Div Hq), Sp Tro, 10th Bn, 1st Bn, 701 TD Bn Hq. Action: All units advised, Journal, C/S, G-3, G-6.
- 24 1710 Fr Lt Anderson (Mount In O): 86th CP at (0440571), 1/86 CP at (0492570), 2/86 CP at (0440572), 3/86 CP at (0492574), 605 FA Bn at (0440561), Co B 10th Med at (0492570). All Fr units within Regt area relieved as of 211500Z. Regt to patrol and keep contact with 1st Fal Regt at bridge on Hwy 54 E of 66 Northing. No info available of 178 Fr Bde. Action: C/S, G-3, Corps, Journal.
- 25 1815 Rec'd. msg fr 5th Army marked "personal Reyes from Clark".
- 26 1836 Phone fr Lt Costarella (Speedy 3): 85th Army is sending a Fr air Support party to us sometime tomorrow - any air support desired, work with them. Action: Journal, C/S, G-3.
- 27 1840 Rec'd. Hq MTOUSA: Redeployment Circular No. 1, 18 May 1945; Hq 5th Army ltr subject: Fraternization with Prisoners of War and Surrendered Enemy Forces; Hq 5 Army G-2 Report No. 621, 191200Z May 1945; Hq 5 Army G-2 Periodic Report No. 622, 201800Z May 1945; Top Secret document fr 5th Army (given to Col Lueck); Hq 85th Mt Inf S-2 Report No. 25, 191600Z May 1945; Monthly Information-Education Report fr 126 Engrs for 15 Apr to 15 May 1945; Hq IV Corps G-2 Report No. 347; Hq IV Corps Sitrep No. 267, 201000Z May 1945.
- 28 1840 Msg fr Capt Clark (5 Army): Students at Mine War-Fare and Demolition Courses #19 will arrive VILLA FRANC airport by truck 211700Z May 45. Parent organization responsible for transportation from that point.

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- | Sec No. | Time |   |
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| 29      | 1830 | Fr Major Walker, Asst G-3: 86th Inf completed relief of some British Army within its zone by 1500H today. Contact has been made with Gd, Jewish Brigade in TARVISIO (6768). A Lt O has been sent to that Hq by 86th Inf. All units of 86 C.T. are in position with exception of B Co, 1st Bn in which is moving into area this afternoon. 87th Inf relieved British zone within its zone by 0900H this morning. CP closed into GARFONTO (6777) at 1800H. Neither 86th or 87th Regts report any difficulties with partisans or Yugoslavs. Administering zones will not require full time and some training can be accomplished. Action: II Corps, G-3, C/S, Journal. |
| 30      | 1830 | Fr Major Walker, Asst G-3: There is a bridge out on secondary road between Lake at (6658) and Hwy 13 to N. A bypass may be possible. Action: G-3, G-3, C/S, Hq O, Journal.  |
| 31      | 1850 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Speedy 3: Request 450 Btry, 71st Field Regt, 14th (Br) Div vacate their bldgs in CIVIDALE by 230000H as our Rear Ech desires them. ACTION: Will expedite and advise, Journal, C/S, G-3.  |
| 32      | 1855 | From Capt Berland: Return all following maps to G-3, 126th Regt located just S of SALT (64322), who turn them over to 8th Army. 1/50,000 - 1/100,000, 53A all quads, 53B all quads, 53C quad IV only. Return used maps but not those mutilated. Action: All units, C/S, G-3, Journal.   |
| 33      | 1920 | From Ord Officer: 710 Ord Co closed into area (991252) at 1600H. Action: Map, C/S, Journal.   |
| 34      | 1950 | Phone fr II Corps AMO (Col Wray): I am sending an AMO officer, Capt Wough, to you in the morning. I will accompany him and will arrive about the middle of the morning. Action: Journal, C/S.   |
| 35      | 2030 | Rec'd msg fr 87th as follows: "Closed Regt area - 87 Mt Inf at 211800H May 1945". Overlay of areas inclosed.  |
| 36      | 2030 | Rec'd. Weather forecast 0600H 20 May to 0600H 21 May 1945.  |
| 37      | 2025 | Fr Lt O, 701 TD Patch: Bn CP to be at BOTTANIGO (65322). Bn Co CP and Bn trains to be at MOIMACCO (65122). Action: Journal, C/S, G-3.   |
| 38      | 1800 | Hq 10th Mt Div 125W 270, submitted.   |
| 39      | 2025 | Rec'd. Hq 91st Inf Div FO 52, 200000H May 1945 (copy No. 79); Hq 91st Inf Div G-3 Periodic Report No. 266, 21 May 1945. Action: Journal, C/S, G-3.  |
| 40      | 2025 | Fr Capt Munsterman, Lt O, 91st Div: Intentions - See FO 52, 20 May, 1945, Chg No. 1, FO 52, Annex 2 to FO 52, G-3 Rpt 21 May 1945. Contact Points: 1st Pl., 91st Div Ech Type w/p to CP, 87th Mt Inf in forenoon of 22 May. Pl. Lwr will make arrangements as to time of contact point at TOLMISO (6663). Elements of 368th Inf w/p to CR at SPERSA (66170), arriving 221000H May; purpose to contact elements 87th Mt Inf and arrange time of future contact   |



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Ser No.	Time	Description
40	(Cont'd)	Bdry between 19th Mt and 91st Div as per conversation between C/S, II Corps and G-3, 91st Div - East end of Bdry is at (8019) (TOLINO inclusive to 10th Mt Div) then straight line to SP233A (369170) from there line continues parallel to Northing, West to point where it intersects Army rear Bdry at (440175). Action: G/S, G-3, G-3.
41	2145	Rec'd, Hq II Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 595, 19 May '45; Hq II Corps G-3 Periodic Report No. 596; Hq II Corps G-3 Report No. 699, 200000 May 45; Hq II Corps G-3 Report 638, 192000 May 45; Hq 3 Army passwords period 24 May to 30 May inclusive.
42	2200	Rec'd following msg fr Maj Valsec (Romeo 2): 49 Slav partisans armed but friendly at CAVE DEL FREDIL (6761) want only to return to work. 11 Slav parties at BRITTO DI SCOTTO (6937) under arms. 5 Slav partisans at BRITTO DI SCOTTO (7158) also armed. Believe partisan Hq at PLEZZO (6590). Several Slav partisans at FREDIL (6758) have been told to report to PLEZZO but refused to leave their homes and request our protection. Will start checking area thoroughly tomorrow. Action: G-2, G-3, C/S, Journal.
43	2235	Col Sneider from AFM Board, reported to CP at 212358. Lt Col Nichols is arranging for billet. Action: Journal, C/S, G-3, CG.

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- | Ser No. | Time |   |
|---------|------|---|
| 1       | 0230 | Phone fr Retread 5: Received Document from 87th that was picked up vicinity CP CAFORETTO (6739). It is a notice of draft of this Italian it was given to the Italian turned it into Co "I", 87th and then took off into the hills. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Send document by special messenger to Corps. Had clerk make copy of same which Col Luck now has.   |
| 2       | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Isam No. 471 submitted,  |
| 3       | 0800 | Msg from Capt Langfellow (19): Information on Slavic-speaking soldiers available in 10th Mt Div will not be ready until 240000B. Action: C/S, Journal, G-2.   |
| 4       | 0800 | Msg from 5 Army Ref No 4281: New SAE Instructions on material in hands of troops reports now being distributed to all units. Report will be submitted as of 25 May and will reflect status of equipment as shown by actual physical showdown inspection and inventory. Action: C/S.   |
| 5       | 0800 | Lt Anderson, Account Liaison Officer: Regt CP is moving to CAVE del PEDIL today - 672612. Action: C/S, G-3.   |
| 6       | 0905 | Recd: Administrative Memo to accompany Field Message No. 23 from G-4.   |
| 7       | 0935 | Phone fr Speedy 2: From the Reborid District Command of National Defense. "I invite you to inform Comrade _____ that he is to report to District Command of National Defense within 24 hours in order to be mobilized. His food will be provided for. He is to try to redress his transgressions by joining the right cause. Death to Fascism. Freedom to the people. Signed by the District Commander. Translation of Juge Document.   |
| 8       | 0935 | G-3 SITREP No. 415 submitted at 0930B.  |
| 9       | 1150 | Phone fr Speedy 3: We are authorized to deal directly with V Corps (Br) in regard to buildings we need in CIVIDALE, buildings presently occupied by British Troops (see Msg P31 2118509). Action: C/S, G-3.   |
| 10      | 1440 | G-2 ISAM No. 274 submitted.   |
| 11      | 1800 | Fr Capt Masterson, in C to 91st Div: See G-2 Intelligence Summary, 21 May annex to FC 51, 91st Div and accompanying overlay. Overlay submitted re 91st and Fr 56th Div, additional information - Arty - 204030B, AN8mm guns and 1-37mm gun with trunks and personnel observed moving from CORNELIA (8252) to (053763). 1-120mm gun observed set up in Farm house yard at (0767067). Ford across ISONO River via (0658041) is suitable for 24 ton trucks and possibly jeeps. Movement of Partisans in general SE of CORNOME was noted to be generally SE at 202130B, 1000 armed men marched E at (0715064) with 8 wagons. Group bivouaced at (0747016) and (0735007) and commenced stringing wire towards CORNELIA. At SANBASSO (8066) troops were observed drilling in the streets, possibly road block. Group of 450 armed men moving S along road at CANOLE (7112) with 14 wagons and other troop. 200 armed Slav troops and 10 wagons observed via CORNELIA (7424) at 201000B. Action: C/S, G-3-4. |

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- 12 1145 Phone fr Recall 3 to Debate 3: (ans: Did you make contact with 3d and 1100? ans: No report yet but doubt it. ans: Could you make it at 1700 today and make your own arrangements for times thereafter. Send at least a platoon to contact point (SPERSA) and notify me. Wilson - ACTION: Journal, C/S, 91st Div.
- 13 1110 Bare 3: Lt Off from 362 Inf (unit on our R (S) flank) has contacted 1/85 and made arrangements as to when and where contact to be made. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3, 85th.
- 14 1300 Message from Recall 2 to S 2's 85, 86, 87th: Dir G-2 Periodic report as of 1300H will be published daily at 1300H - All units will have their S-2 reports in to Div daily at 1000H. These reports will contain all information relative to all Tugueyay Partisans and civilians in their areas as to their number, location, intentions, activities, attitude etc. ACTION: C/S, 85th, 86th (Radio), 87th (Radio).
- 15 1300 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 640 dated 21 May and G-3 Periodic Report No. 597 dated 21 May.
- 16 1300 Rec'd: G-2 Intelligence Summary (Annex No. 2 to FO No. 52) dated 21 May from 91st Inf Div.
- 17 1305 Phone fr C/S to Speedy 3: What is our action in civil disturbances? What part will we play with respect to the mobilization order that has recently come out in some areas? REPLY: Will check into both matters, and call you back. ACTION: Journal.
- 18 1340 From Col Starks: We will not interfere in any local disturbances. We have no mission of protecting local elements. Overlook Tugueyay ordinances. 8th Army wants evidence of disturbances, contradictory Tugueyay ordinances. Action: CG, Tps, Journal.
- 19 1415 Msg fr S-2 87th to G-3: When will men of 1d Bn 87th be able to use shower unit? How many see some? Action: G-3.
- 20 1415 From Gen Hollaben (15th Army Group) at 1350: (To C/S) - A Lt of your Div here for interview; 1st Sgt and 3 other men. Check with units if other men have been recommended for higher citations. If there are, let us know of results by radio. Negative reports required. These men are not going to U. S., but will be considered for next quot. Action: S-1 (Capt Hard will go personally to 86th and 87th. 85th checked by phone).
- 21 1450 Phone fr Capt Kunsterman, Lt C to 91st Div: The operation of 91st division progressing satisfactorily. No opposition reported. 1st Bn 361st arrived in new assembly area vicinity RAUNIEZA (7620) at 1145H. A Bn of 343 arrived vicinity SAN BASCO (7904) at 1134H. Another Bn vicinity of PREYARINA (7000) at 1134H. Cf 362 Inf at LUCINICO (6605). Action: G-3, Map.

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22	1540	87th Inf has requested that road be repaired at 593464. Map reveals that there are two blows at this point each 80 feet across, that will require 170' of Bailey Bridging (2 Bridges) - No bypass is possible. In view of the critical nature of Bailey bridging, is it desired that these two bridges be constructed? ACTION: We want bridges put in as road will be valuable. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
23	1545	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 2, 221200H May from II Corps - Ref No. 143.
24	1545	Rec'd Phone call from Speedy 2: From 8th Army: The Yugoslav Government agrees to the establishment of Allied Military Government under the authority of the Allied Supreme Command in the Mediterranean in the Slovak littoral area on the base of the demarcation line proposed by Field Marshal Alexander subject to certain minor modifications to be suggested later by the Yugoslav government. At the same time, the Yugoslav government, in accepting in principle such a solution, considers these considerations indispensable. (1) The representatives of the Yugoslav Army should be included in the military administration of this area. (2) That units of the Yugoslav Army should remain in that area (being, of course, under the command of the Supreme Allied Command in the Mediterranean). (3) That as it has been already stated in the proposals of Field Marshal Alexander, the Allied Military Administration should act through the several authorities which are already set up in that area. The Yugoslav Government proposed that the governments of the U.S.A. and of Great Britain start immediate negotiations with the Yugoslav Government in order to settle all considerations in this connection.
25	1615	Message fr CG, 10th Mt Div to CG, 46th Div (HR) thru 8th Army - Attention G-3. Request that 450 Btry, 71st Field Regiment vacate blgds in CIVIDALE (05522) prior to 230900H as urgently needed by this organization.
26	1620	Phone fr Retread 2: 87th and 361st Regt, 91 Div, will make patrol contact each day at 1200H, 1400H and 1900H at DONLARI (07525): 1st contact will be at 221900H.
27	1620	Message fr CIC: This morning, 300-500 Yugoslav troops left CIVIDALE (05522) in the direction of GORITIA (07407). ACTION: C/S, G-2, Icom, Journal.
28	1700	Rec'd: G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 15 dated 221400H May from 91st Inf Div.
29	1700	Rec'd: G-3 Report No. 267 dated 221100H May from 91st Inf Div.
30	1738	Phone fr Rebate 5: 85th Mt Inf closed into area at 1730H. ACTION: C/S.
31	1815	Rec'd fr 87th: Overlay of Road blocks and patrol route of 87th combat team. ACTION: G-2-3, C/S.
32	1823	Phone fr Speedy 3: We will not OK the construction of bridges at 593464 as requested. Road is not considered important enough and there is a shortage of bridging equipment. ACTION: Mgr O, Return 3, G-3, C/S, Journal.
33	1900	Phone fr Lt Scheurle (Rebate 2): Col Barlow has returned to his regiment and resumed command.

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34	1900	Rec'd: Ltr fr Hq 15th Army Group - Subject: Field Post Numbers. (3 copies)
35	1900	Rec'd: Staff List - G in C Sq. from G-2 II Corps.
36	1800	Hq, 10th Mt Div Isum No. 273 submitted.
37	1950	Phone fr Reveks 6: Ben Tp bivouacing tonight in vicinity of junction Hwy 11 and road along eastern shore Lake Garda. Trucks will arrive sometime tomorrow to move troop to area 87th Inf. ACTION: Map, C/S, Journal.
38	1950	Message fr Phantoms: 91 US Div: 361 Inf and 362 Inf will occupy tactical positions within present zones east of ISCHIO river to SO Easting. 362 Inf will remain west of river within present area and maintain highway B. New w/s 757 Tank Bn in area 520115 and 694 TD Bn area 497093. No incident during night and relief of 2/361 Inf 1/362 completed without incident in general area 69098. 2/361 now concentrated area 6906.
39	2025	Phone fr Speedy 3: Alert all units to be extremely careful on guard and security duty during hours of darkness and during period of low visibility. 91st Div occupied all objectives with no incidents reported. ACTION: 85, 86, 87 Inf Regts, Map, C/S, Journal.
40	2030	Phone fr Capt Watson, Real Estate Co: 450th Btry, 71st Field Regt (Br) will vacate building now occupied in CIVIDALE by 2312008. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
41	2120	Phone fr Rebate 3: GAMBALDI Partisans in TREGISINO report 2 bands of 40 men each in mountains above TANGENTO moving S toward CIVIDALE. Their leader is said to be a person named SPOLPRO. Partisans in FARDIS (4929) report vehicles are being fired on between towns of BIMIN (A334) and FARDIS (4929). ACTION: G-2, Isum, C/S, Journal.
42	2015	It Anderson, Rescued Liaison Officer: At CAVE del FREDIL (672613) there are 50 armed Yugoslav partisans. Between CAVE del FREDIL and TARVISIO there are 160 armed partisans, also possibly a labor Bn of 45 Yugoslavs. All Yugoslav partisans in this area are under command of Yugoslav (name not known) who lives in CAVE del FREDIL. 12 Yugoslav partisans in BRETTO di SOPRA (691549) and 3 Yugoslav partisans in BRETTO di SOPRA. Map for these partisans is in FLESCO (6549). At CHINSAFORTE, there are about 50 Italian partisans unarmcd. also a few British Corps troops in this town. Sending unarmcd patrol via TARVISIO and BENTESSA to check western part of sector. Will submit report upon return. Reg't is in close touch with Major Walsh (British) AMG officer at TARVISIO - Disposition of 2/86: Bn GP in CAVE de FREDIL with George Co, Easy Co in northern part of sector, Fox and Howe companies at 643572. ACTION: G-2, Isum, Map, Journal.

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1	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Issu No. 274 submitted.
2.	0800	Rec'd: Weather Forecast, 23 May to 24 May 0600B.
3	0900	Rec'd: Msg No A122, fr II Corps, Ref No. 166 - Alert all units to be extremely careful on guard and security duty during hours of darkness and periods of low visibility.
4	0930	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 416 submitted.
5	0930	Phone fr Recall 2 to 85th Mt Inf - 86th Mt Inf - 87th Mt Inf, AF Sq, Engr, Arty; All S-2 reports, messages or any information concerning the Partisans, Yugoslavs and civilians in any way is to be classified no lower than SECRET. Your attention is called to Intelligence Memo No. 16, May 11, 45 on censorship. Those are the rules that apply now. No one outside of this Hq is allowed or authorized to issue passes to civilians, partisans or anyone not under our command. ACTION: C/S, 85th by phone - Arty by phone - AF by phone, 87th by phone - 86th by phone - Engr by phone.
6	1030	Rec'd: CI Situation from 221000B to 231000B May 45, Security Survey of CIVIDALE, Ltr: Fascist Partisan Band "SPOLERO".
7	1030	Rec'd: S-2 Report No. 26, 22 May fr 85th Mt Inf.
8	1040	Phone fr Speedy 3: We are issuing the following orders today to 91st Div: Move 1 Co 757 Tk Bn without delay to area designated by 10th Mt Div. Upon arrival, the Co Tank Bn 757 is detached from operational control 91st Div and attached to 10th Mt Div. In 0 will report to 10th Mt Div at once for instructions. It is also planned to send 1 Co from 894th TD Bn to your sector to remain until 701st TD Bn moved in - this will probably be done tomorrow - 24 May. ACTION: C-3, C/S, Journal (See subsequent msgs).
9	1100	Phone fr Recall 3 to Dars 3 (91st Div): The following disposition will be made of the Co from 757th Tk Bn which is being detached from you: 1 plst - 86th BGT - GAVE DE FREDIL (670611) 1 plst - 87th BGT - GAPONETTO (6739) 1 plst - 85th BGT - TARGENTO (3936) Co Hq - Area vicinity FARDIS (4929). Notify the Tk Co Cndr of these dispositions. ACTION: 85th, 86th, 87th Regts by phone, C/S, Journal.
10	1115	Rec'd: Redeployment Movements Annex B (First Revision), 20 Apr 45. Ltr, 2 May 45, fr AGO, Washington, D.C.
11	1115	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 349, 21 May 45, fr IV Corps.
12	1115	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 623, 21 May 45, fr Fifth Army.
13	1115	Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 348, 20 May 45, fr IV Corps.
14	1115	Rec'd: Weekly Intel Summary No. 19 and C.S. Papers, fr AFHQ.

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15	1138	Phone fr Rebate 3: Request permission to move Lt Bn to area just north of TARGENTO at (800975) - 1/2 of Bn will be quartered in Factory Building there. ACTION: Permission granted, G/S, Journal.
16	1145	Phone fr Redoubt 2: Partisan leader reports 22 Fascists in GIAP (51235) They are armed and have been known to fire on vehicles, however, believed they are afraid to do so now. There are approx. 200 Italians in area between BERGONA (55541) and along road to point at (512405). There is a Partisan outpost of 10 men at SUBIT (49355). ACTION: G-2, Icom, G/S, Journal.
17	1200	Hq 10th Mt Div Icom No. 275 submitted.
18	1300	Rec'd: Map Distribution Chart, fr 136 Mt Ingre.
19	1330	Rec'd: Administrative Order No. 41, 22 May 45, fr II Corps.
20	1330	Rec'd: Call fr Speedy 3: 4th Ord Bn would like to use 3 B/3 barracks buildings on W side of CIVIDALE. ACTION: Permission granted., Div Real Estate C, G/S, Journal.
21	1425	Phone fr Speedy 2: We have a request from Fifth Army to return any IFF people that can be spared - can you spare any. ACTION: Referred to Col Luck for answer. ACTION: G/S, Journal.
22	1430	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 21, 231200Z May 45, fr II Corps.
23	1500	Phone fr Rebate Mine 2: Our contact patrol made contact with the 91st Div at LAOS at SPRESSA. The 91st Div reports everything very quiet throughout their sector. ACTION: G/S, J-3, Journal.
24	1530	Phone fr Speedy 3: We have the 38 Scout Dog Platoon, would you like it? Ans. Yes. A representative will be over this afternoon. ACTION: G/S, Jour.
25	1615	Phone fr Speedy 3: Wanted to get the locations of our Bns because their situation map was confused. Action: Locations given.
26	1615	Rec'd: Hq 91st Div G-2 Intelligence Summary, dated 23 May 1945.
27	1615	Rec'd: Hq 91st Div G-3 Report No. 268, 23 May 1945.
28	1650	Phone fr 87th Mt Inf G-2: IFF Plat contacted 91st Division. N.Y.N.
29	1700	Phone fr Capt Bouras: Lt Hulp of the 38 Scout Dog Plat reported in. He has 17 men and himself in the platoon. The men will be in tomorrow night. He is now looking at a bivouac area immediate vicinity of CP and will check back. Action: G/S, G-3.
30	1700	Fr Lt Anderson Account in C: The political commissar in SAVK DEL FREUIL is a Yugoslav, Capt Cayril. British AMG have ordered Cayril and 50 soldiers in SAVK DEL FREUIL to return to Yugoslavia. Cayril informed AMG he could not

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- leave until he had orders to do so from his commander at GENKIL. At BERTO DI SOTTO (6956) there are 10 Yugoslav police armed. They have acted as such during war and now have small arsenal at BERTO DI SOTTO. Receive orders from police chief, Knez Danilo, in PLEILO. With running daily motorized patrols; one to PORTIS (3451) via CHRISAPORT (4607) and TIRANON (4406) and another to CHRISAPORT via TARVISIO and FORTENA (4440); will submit report 10000 each day for previous day's patrol. SF 404 YA has moved to SAFE DEL FREDIL plus one btry of 10; hws. Action: G-2, G-3, H/R.
- 31 1735 From C/S. 38th Scout Dog platoon to be attached to 87th Mt Inf Regt. Action: Called 87th Inf.
- 32 1830 Maj Humphrey: Let Gen Ruffner know that Gen Hays is using one of his planes to go to Corps with. Action: C/S, Rex by phone.
- 33 1835 From Rex 2: A soldier from the 616 FA Bn was told by group of civilians near CAPRETO (8739) that all men of fighting age and all horses in this vicinity are being called to report to a certain place. The name of this place was not known. Action: C/S, G-2, J, Corps.
- 34 1845 Read: Hq 88th Inf Div, G-2 Periodic Report No. 271.
- 35 1845 Read: AFM: Yugoslav Army Personalities dated 16 May 1945.
- 36 1845 Hq 10th Mt Div ISM No. 276 submitted at 1800.
- 37 1900 Read: CT 85th, Field Message No. 1 dated 22 May with overlay.
- 38 1900 Phone fr Speedy 2: Request further information on report that British AMG had ordered Capt Gayril and his soldiers to move out of SAFE del FREDIL. Action: Called Remount to check on report and give further details. C/S.
- 39 1915 Request to have our G-2 Periodic Reports in to Speedy 2 by 1800 because they need the information for their Periodic Report. Action: C/S, G-2.
- 40 2020 Phone fr Remount 2: British AMG officer, located in TARVISIO, said he was going to order the political commissar in SAFE del FREDIL to move out; nothing was said or done to Yugoslav Army Officer and his men. Remount does not know whether the AMG officer has given this order or not. Action: Informed Speedy 2, C/S.
- 41 2030 Msg fr 46 Div: Q347 restd. 71 FB Regt not at present under command this form. Suggest you contact main S Army direct about accommodation in CIVITAVECCHIA.
- 42 2100 Phone fr Retread 2: IAN Flat contacted 91 Inf Div at 1900. Negative Rpt. Action: C/S.
- 43 2100 Read: Hq 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 270 dated 21 May.
- 44 2225 Phone fr Speedy 3: Air support radio (Br) which was attached here yesterday 22 May is to open at 0530 hrs 24 May. It is important that they do open at that time. Action: Informed his officer (radio), C/S.
- 45 2300 Phone fr Rebate and Retread: 1 platoon of B Co 157 Mt Bn reported to 87th Regt



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45 Cont'd at 231815. 1 Platoon of B Co 757 Tn Bn reported to 65th Regt at 231705.  
ACTION: C/S, Journal.

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- 1 0600 Hq, 10th Mountain Division Issue No. 277 submitted.
- 2 0600 Rec'd: S-2 report dated 23100B from 85th Mt Inf - Report No. 27
- 3 0600 Rec'd: Ltr dated 16 May from Allied Force Headquarters - Subject: Intelligence Publications - Disposal.
- 4 0600 Rec'd fr Hq Jewish Inf Bde Gp ltr subject: Comds and staff list. ACTION: G-3-3.
- 5 0825 Phone fr C/A to Speedy 3: What I have previously given you was quite old, having covered yesterday afternoon. There is nothing to report on activities during the night. Everything was apparently very quiet. ACTION: G-3.
- 6 0825 Phone fr Remount 3: Platoon of tics from 757th Tk Bn have not arrived. ACTION: Tk Ld G, C/S, Journal.
- 7 0855 Rec'd fr 14th Waa Station II Corps: Weather forecast fr 0600B 24 May to 0600B 25 May 1945. ACTION: G-3.
- 8 0945 Rec'd fr G-3 the following list of equipment to be requisitioned fr G-4: Fiten hammers, 250; Fiten, assorted, angle, vertical, horizontal 3) 1/3 S, 2500; Snap links, 1000; Reeps 400 (120' lengths, Italian hemp). ACTION: notified 86th, 85th, 87th, 128th Engr, 10 Med Bn, 10 Res Twp, and Div Arty.
- 10 0945 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps the following msg: Effective upon arrival in 10th Mt sector the 755th Tank Battalion is attached 10th Mt Div. Liaison Officer of 755th Tank Bn report immediately to 10th Mt Div for instructions. ACTION: C/S, G-3-3.
- 11 0950 Phone fr Rebate 3: 1/85 closed in area to 231900B. GP located at (2400975). ACTION: 14P, C/t, SITREP.
- 12 1005 Rec'd fr Hq, 85th Mt Inf S-2 Report No. 28. ACTION: G-2, C/S.
- 13 1010 Rec'd fr Hq 10th Mt Div, Citrep No. 417. dtd 240930B May 1945.
- 14 0950 Phone fr Speedy 3: SITREPs will be phoned to II Corps at 1130B daily from now on. This is the only SITREP required. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 15 1030 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps Annex No 2 to OI Sg. 59. dtd 23 May 1945.
- 16 1030 Rec'd fr CIG (Mg Farniss): Counter Intelligence Situation from 231000B to 24-1000B May 1945. Also ltr, subject: Fascist Partisan band Spallero. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 17 1030 Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army ltr Subject: Instot Control items.
- 18 1030 Rec'd fr Hq Mediterranean Theater of Operations ltr subject: War Department Plan for Readjustment of Military personnel.

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| 19      | 1035 | Rec'd fr Hq Fifth Army, 7th Information and Historical Service, Public Relations Section, Letter subject: News Releases on Awards.  |
| 20      | 1036 | Rec'd fr 91st Div Lt C (Capt Munsterman): S-2 Report.   |
| 21      | 1035 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps G-2 Report No. 350.   |
| 22      | 1035 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps: alt r to G-3 concerning Unit Citation. dtd 23 May 1945.  |
| 23      | 1035 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 625.   |
| 24      | 1035 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps Citrep No. 268.   |
| 25      | 1035 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps the following msg: Remainder of Div CI moved from BIRLA (J-3722) to RACCONIGI (O-0196). Road blocks maintained and patrolling continued. Evacuation of POW completed except for 17 Officers and 1005 EN who remain to guard equipment and animals. 755th Tk Bn: Cleared LEGANARO (K-0479) for VERONA at 211215H. 1 Armd Div: New road blocks established at G-4601, G-4913, G-5111, G-5510, G-7910, D-2111, J-1786, D-0724, D-1416. All road blocks maintained and patrolling in area continued. B Co, 701 TD Bn cleared VERELLI (J-6252) for BRESCIONE (F-5087) at 220730H. Approximately 2200 Germans remain in the initial concentration area via (J-2763) guarding horses and equipment. 6 SA Armd Div: display of force in MILANO executed on 21 May without incident. 13 BDE continued in control at TORINO. 2 Patrol tenZELO (K-4258) to investigate reported partisan disturbances, found all quiet. 1 NY Div, 89F, 92 Inf Div, 91 Cav Bn Sq, 150THAO Cpl: No change. II Intentions: No change. III. CP's: No change. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3. |
| 26      | 1035 | Phone fr Capt Livermore fr IV Corps: Said that the unit citation had to be done completely which would necessitate him remaining there 3 or 4 more days. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.  |
| 27      | 1040 | Phone fr Remount 2: S-2 Report. 1000 GSCFO partisans at CHERISO FORTE (467576) under 5th partisan Div with Hqs at PRINEXZO (245575). At RISSIUTTA (400540) 23 armed GSCFO partisans under command of 5th partisan div. At PARTO DI BRESIA (467539) there are 60 armed GSCFO partisans under 5th partisan div. At MAGGIO VERONA (383582) 74 armed GSCFO partisans under 5th partisan div. At PIAN (390540) are 30 armed GSCFO partisans under control 5th partisan div. At PONTERRA (465685) as far South BOGNA (476642) all GSCFO partisans have been dispersed and returned to their homes. Partisans report that U.S. Air men whose plans crashed in vic are buried at (474527) (467574). ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.   |
| 28      | 1330 | Phone fr Recall 3: C/S departed for 37th Lt Inf. ACTION: G-2-3.   |
| 29      | 1335 | Msg fr Recall 3: Gen Hoyt and Gen Ruffner left for 56th Evac Hosp. ACTION: G-2-3.   |
| 30      | 1413 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army the following msg: Our servicing and maintenance of liaison aircraft the third depot unit. Fifth Army will be located at NY BERGAND air field (N-560890) effective 24th May. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.  |
| 31      | 1415 | Rec'd fr Hq, 37th Lt Inf S-2 report No. number. dtd 231800H.  |
| 32      | 1415 | Rec'd Defense (overprint fr I <sup>st</sup> Corps.  |

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- 33 1430 Phone fr In O 701st Td Bn: He estimate it will be three to four days before the Bn will close in the Udine area. ACTION: O/S, G-2-3;
- 34 1430 Phone fr Lightning 14 (Capt Clark): The students going to class "207-line warfare and Demolitions School" will report to Capt Clark at VILLA FRANCA airport by 120000Z on 29 May. They will go by truck to ROME. All men will bring 2 copies of their orders. Same equipment as all previous students will be taken. The 124th Infrs will furnish their own transportation from here to VILLA FRANCA. ACTION: notified Maj Sayre, Capt Berlin.
- 35 1500 Phone fr Rebato: Contact made with 91st Div by patrol from 3rd Bn 85th. ACTION: O/S, G-3.
- 36 1515 Phone fr Retread 2: Our I and R Platoon contacted the 91st Div at 143000, everything is OK. ACTION: O/S, G-2-3.
- 37 1630 Rec'd: G-3 Report No. 269, 24 May 45, fr 91st Inf Div.  
G-2 Intelligence Summary no. 15, 24 May 45, fr 91st Div.
- 38 1630 Acc'd: Training Schedule, 24 May 45 fr 10th Mt Med Bn.
- 39 1800 Hq 10th Mt Div Issue No. 279 submitted.
- 40 1740 Phone fr Co B CD, 757th Tk Bn: Hq B Co, 757th Tk Bn opened at (474254) at 153000. ACTION: Map, Journal, O/S.
- 41 1800 Acc'd: Msg No A-244 fr II Corps, Ref No. 183: Effective upon arrival in II Corps sector 35 and 38 Inf Scout Dog Platoons are detached IV Corps and attached 91 and 10 8th Div respectively. Establish liaison immediately with Division concerned.
- 42 1820 Msg fr Lt Anderson, Pasquet In O: One platoon from Easy Co replaced Palestine troops at German ammo dump at (594629) 241100Z. There are 18 buildings full of ammo including all types from small arms to artillery and naval ammo. One Platoon from 757 Tank Bn arrived CAVE DEL FREDIL at 241100Z. Billeted in town. ACTION: O/S, G-3, G-2, Journal.
- 43 1830 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 4, 241200Z May, fr II Corps.
- 44 1830 Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 272, 231300Z May 45, fr 86th Inf Div.
- 45 1830 Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 642, 23 May 45, fr II Corps.  
Ltr: Relations with the Austrian Population, 13 May 45, fr AFH.  
Change #16 to S.A.A. Instructions, 20 May 45, fr Fifth Army.  
Ltr: Policies and Procedures Governing the Redeployment of the Army upon the Cessation of Hostilities in Europe, fr AGO.  
Roster of Staff Officers and Principal Commanders, 6th Army, fr II Corps.
- 46 1845 Rec'd: Locations, 23 May 45, fr Hq Jewish Inf Bde Gp
- 47 1855 Phone fr Retread 3: I & R Platoon contacted 91 Div at 190000. ACTION: O/S, Journal.

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Msg fr Capt Rumberg, Lt Col Notes from British V Corps: (1) Jugoslavs, according to latest information, have 1 LMG/6 men, and 1 MP/4 men. One of Tito's purposes in entering Austria was to get weapons, and he got all the S/A he wanted, since these were trophies of war.

(2) In a recent speech to German PW's, one of Tito's lieutenants offered special consideration to any A-T gunners, Tt gunners, drivers and radio operators who would serve in his army. Jags are very short of these personnel.

(3) Of the 300,000 (PST) German PW's in the V Corps area, many are not Germans, but other nationals who either volunteered or who were impressed into service in the German army. Examples: Cossacks, Hungarians.

(4) To G-3: 6th Br Arm'd Div would like to get our periodic report, and are sending us theirs.

(5) Jags in AUSTRIA left without force, as a result of display of British power and diplomatic handling of situation by small unit (he) and higher comd, who within general limits were allowed to deal directly w/Jags. British were on ground before Jags in AUSTRIA, and used that as principal argument against being occupied. Example of display of British power: eight heavy arty pieces placed on "display" in public square in KLAMBERG, facing JUC HQ. British claim JUC army well disciplined, obedient to command, but guilty of some organized looting until they withdrew. They had little supply and lived off the land.

(6) JUCs are assisting in evacuation of Greats who came into AUSTRIA as the JUCs advanced in pursuit of Germans through Jugoslavia.

(7) British now chiefly engaged in administration, supply and evacuation of Germans in their sectors.

ACTION: G-2, G-3.

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Fr Col Irvin to Duty Officer Remount: Col Cook requested information in regard to sending soldiers on one (1) day tours to Austria. It has been approved, but more than 10% of command on any one (1) day.

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| 1      | 0130 | Rec'd: Hq 85th Mt Inf S-1 Report dated 211300H May 25, No. 29.  |
| 2      | 0130 | Training Schedules received for week 28 May - 2 June from Medical Department, 2d Bn 85th Mt Inf, 3d Bn 85th Mt Inf, 1st Bn 85th Mt Inf.   |
| 3      | 0130 | Rec'd: Hq 85th Mt Inf (CY 25) overlay showing locations of all attached and assigned units now situated in Toronteo Area.   |
| 4      | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div IGDM No. 280 submitted.  |
| 5      | 0600 | Rec'd: Report No. 624 (G-2) dated 221200H fr Hq FIFTH ARMY.   |
| 6      | 0700 | Rec'd: Weather Forecast; 0600H 25 May to 0800H 26 May - Ref No. 187.  |
| 7      | 0700 | Phone fr Regiment 2: S-2 report for today. - At CAVE all FREUIL we now have 16 Garibaldi partisans. Their headquarters are at TAVIENO and consists of 1 officer and a company of men. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.  |
| 8      | 0900 | Rec'd: Message fr II Corps dated 21 May - 1. To prevent being surprised by Yugoslav Partisans and demonstrate a state of preparedness the following will be enforced by all commanders:<br>a. Individuals will carry arms when outside immediate area of camps, billets or barracks.<br>b. Inconspicuous local armed protection will be provided for all recreational assemblies of troops.<br>c. Drivers of individual vehicles will be accompanied by an armed assistant driver or guard.<br>d. Armed escort will be sufficient for convoys.<br>e. Labor parties will post local security.<br>f. Arms will be loaded only on orders of commanders on the spot.<br>(This message was received at 242300H and through error was not entered in yesterday's Journal record). |
| 9      | 0955 | Message fr Capt Hurstman - LO to 91st Div: In area occupied by 362nd Inf, numerous instance of discharging of S/A, MG and flares reported. Representative of Tito's forces said firing marked celebration of Tito's birthday and that celebration would continue through 25 May. Situation in 161 area tense but quiet. No changes in troop dispositions.   |
| 10     | 0955 | Rec'd: Ltr fr Hq 1st Bn 86th Inf - Subj: Request for transfer. - Kurt M. Harberg, 33169437 - Ltr dated 16 May.  |
| 11     | 0930 | Hq 10th Mt Division Sitrep No. 416 submitted.   |
| 12     | 0940 | Phone fr Speedy 3 to Recall 3: 1 (one) Men Tp of 91st Recon Squadron attached to 10th Mt Div on arrival. Mission: To assist in patrolling and protection of rear areas. Limit reconnaissance of this troop to area west of Zanna River in zone. Troop may be expected to arrive late this afternoon. Expect an advance detail. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-4, 85th Inf.   |

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| 13   | 1000 | Rec'd: Counter Intelligence Corps ltr dated 25 May 1945. - Subject: Counter Intelligence situation from 241000Z to 251000Z May 1945.   |
| 14   | 1000 | Phone fr Messal 3 to Rebata 3: 1 Hon Tr of 91st Hon Squad will be attached 85 RET on arrival in Div area. Expected to arrive late afternoon of 25 May. MESSAGES: To patrol road net within zone of 85 RET and to assist in protection of that zone. ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-4. |
| 15   | 1000 | Rec'd: Ltr from Hq, 15th Army Group dated 17 May 1945. Subject: Intermix of German and Japanese Nationals.   |
| 16   | 1000 | Rec'd: Ltr fr Hq, FIFTH Army dated 21 May. Subject: Change #17 to P.O.M. Instructions.   |
| 17   | 1030 | Rec'd: Training Schedule for week 28 May to 3 June from 126th Engr Bn.   |
| 18   | 1100 | Rec'd: Ltr from Hq 3d AF Photo Intelligence Detachment (SP) - Subject: Detached Service. Ltr dated 17 May.   |
| 19   | 1100 | Rec'd: G-2 Report dated 211000Z May from Hq FIFTH Army. Report No. 626.  |
| 20   | 1100 | Rec'd: G-2 Report date 211800Z May from IV Corps. Report No. 391.  |
| 21   | 1115 | Phone fr Retread 3: Hon Tr closed area 680390 at 211900Z.  |
| 22   | 1115 | Message fr 155 Lt Col Stray (British): 800 German PW's and vehicles are being brought into the area of BALT (444). The CP is at BUCHEIS (4426). This by orders from 8th Army. In case of trouble contact Maj. Pascoe at the CP. ACTION: C/S, Journal, 85th Inf, 126th Engr Bn. |
| 23   | 1115 | Phone fr Retread 3: Re west band for parade 3d Bn. Band to report to BUCHEIS (6039) at 1900Z. ACTION: Band will be secured if available. C/S, J.   |
| 24   | 1215 | Phone fr C/S to IG: The CG directs that an investigation be made by Col Vickers in the death of Capt Sankwitz, 10th Mt Bn. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 25   | 1215 | Rec'd message fr II Corps: Ref No. 191 - dated 251005Z. - 1. Hon troop of 91st Hon Bn attached to each division, on arrival to assist in patrolling and protection of rear areas. 2. Limit Hon to area west of Isanne River in zone.   |
| 26   | 1215 | Rec'd message fr II Corps: Ref No. 190 - dated 251006Z. - 1. Attach one Hon Troop to 91st Div and one Hon troop to 10th Mt Div. 2. Assemble 91st Hon Bn (less 4 Hon Troops) vicinity CTRABONS (85908) for training and maintenance.  |
| 27   | 1230 | Hq 10th Mt Div Item No. 281 submitted.   |
| 28   | 1215 | Rec'd: And Ind dated 24 May fr 10th Mt Quartermaster Bn with letter enclosed from Hq Fifth Army dated 17 April - Subject: Clearances Denied. Ltr answers original request of PFC Hans E. Nagelister to visit Austria.  |

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- 29 1415 Rec'd: Report fr Hq 85th Mt Inf dated 250700Z - Report No. 30.
- 30 1300 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report dated 24 May fr 87th Mt Inf.
- 31 1300 Rec'd: Training Schedules for week 28 May to 2 June fr 1st Bn 87th Mt Inf. Also training Schedules for 3rd Bn.
- 32 1300 Rec'd: Training Schedules from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns of 86th Mt Inf for period of 28 May to and incl 2 June.
- 33 1300 Rec'd: Copy of letter sent to Platoon Leaders of the 87th Mt Inf by Hq's of 87th Mt Inf relative to combat experiences.
- 34 1400 Rec'd: Table of sunrise, sunset, moonrise, moonset and civil twilight from II Corps.
- 35 1400 Rec'd: Book on roads in North East Italy received from II Corps.
- 36 1500 Rec'd: Arrest report of Mr. Braly dated 25 May 1945.
- 37 1500 Rec'd: Training Memorandum No. 3 from Hq FIFTH ARMY dated 21 May 1945.
- 38 1500 Phone fr Retread: Our men made contact with 91st at 1400Z. RTM. ACTION: G/S, G-2-3.
- 39 1500 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps SITREP No. 5.
- 40 1630 Rec'd fr General Staff Intelligence, Main Headquarters, Night Army, 2 Route reports, one covering K-rda S-LA-SNA to LJUBLJANA (via LONGATICO-VERGGIJO) the other route covering SITREP VED (SITREP WHP) (D.458733) to ERANJ (D.2738).
- 41 1630 Rec'd fr Hq, 91st Inf Div G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 16.
- 42 1630 Rec'd fr Hq, 91st Inf Div G-2 Report No. 270.
- 43 1635 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps G-2 Report No. 643.
- 44 1800 Hq, 10th Mt Div FORM NO. 282 submitted.  
and
- 45 1850 Phone fr Recall 9: Gen Hays ~~is~~ Col Irwin left C.P. for U.S.C. show in UDINE.  
ACTION: G-3.
- 46 1800 Rec'd fr Fifth Army the following msg: Desire recommendations for next five months course naval war college commencing 1st July 1945. Officers recommended must not have reached the following ages as of first of July: Major 35 years, Lt Colonel 45 years, and have following qualifications: Graduate of command and general staff school, superior general efficiency rating or excellent rating with demonstrated superior capacity not yet reflected in general efficiency report, physically qualified for overseas service. Recommendation will give following information: Name, rank, serial No, branch, component, date of birth, general efficiency rating, last annual rating, whether graduated of command and general staff school, length of overseas service, brief statement of experience



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- in joint operations or other duties which would indicate potentialities for command or staff duties which would in joint operations. Officers selected will be assigned to naval war college. Recommendations reaching this Hq. after 2400 hours 27th of May will not be considered. Negative reports are not required. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3. (Has been sent to G-1).
- 47 1630 Phone fr Rebate Blue: Our Patrol contacted 91st Inf at SPYRIA at 1400H today. ACTION: C/S, G-3-2.
- 48 1841 Phone fr Lt Ficks (Lt C 755th Tk): Lt Ficks left for his unit (755th Tk) which is at GARDA to fully inform them of situation. Will be back probably at 242200H. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.
- 49 1900 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps letter subject: Roster of Staff Officers, Headquarters, II Corps.
- 50 1900 Rec'd fr Hq, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Circular No. 76. Also: Circular No. 73: Awards and Decorations.
- 51 1915 Rec'd fr Hq, 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 273.
- 52 1915 Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, G-3 Periodic Report No. 600.
- 53 1915 Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 352.
- 54 1915 Rec'd fr Hq, 87th Mt Inf Training schedule fr 28 May to 2 June 1945. G-3.
- 55 1949 Phone to Remount 1: 87th will be there to pick upband at 0730H tomorrow. (Correction: this was radioed). ACTION: C/S, G-2-3/
- 56 2040 Tlx fr II Corps; Ref No. 195: Tlx this Hq no. 191 time dated 251000H May 1945 is hereby rescinded. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3.
- 57 2045 Tlx fr II Corps, ref no. 196: Hq Troop of 91 Res Sq attached to each Division on arrival to assist in patrolling and protection of rear areas. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3/

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1	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 283 submitted.
2	0600	Recd: Hq 10th AT Bn, Report from Volunteer Corps of Liberty, 3d Div Caspese Friuli, Informational Service.
3	0815	Recd: Weather Forecast for Northern Italy: 0600B 26 May to 0600B 27 May.
4	0950	Recd: 2 sheets 21 I SW, 2 sets 4 overlays each from 126th Mt Hqr Bn.
5	0955	Recd: Pamphlet on administration and supply of the field army, including field units of the Waffen SS.
6	1000	Recd: Hq GIB 10th Div, Counter Intelligence Situation from 251000B to 261000B May 1945.
7	1100	Recd: Hq 85th Mt Inf, S-2 Report No. 32 dated 260700B May 45.
8	1100	Recd: Hq 15th Army Group GIB Staff Bulletin No. 13 dated 22 May 45
9	1100	Recd: Hq 15th Army Group List of Enemy Agents.
10	1100	Recd: Hq II Corps Route Reports.
11	1122	Phone fr Rebate 2 (Capt Reid) Last night at 2015B, one of our jeeps was fired on at (469399). S/A and AW. SPOLERO Band (?). Men in jeep returned fire. No casualties. More information will follow. An Italian was in jeep. No persons were seen. Action: C/S, G-3, G-2, Corps.
12	1215	Phone fr Retread 2: Our patrol made contact with the 91st Div at TOLMING at 1130B. MTR and everything quiet. Action: C/S, G-3.
13	1215	Phone fr Maj Sayer (Return 3): Equipment to be taken to mine school - Full field equipment, Steel helmet, 3 days' rations, No weapons, 2 Blankets, Mosquito Bar, Compass, Protractor, 1 extra set of fatigues, Bayonet. Action: G-3, C/S.
14	1215	Phone fr Retread 3, Maj McKay; at 1132B: Lt Marker leading Recon patrol from Caporetto to Doblari reports that he was stopped at bridge at TOLMING by guards of Tito's forces and was refused permission to use bridge at 261100B, into TOLMING. He has been crossing bridge to contact commander of Tito's troops in TOLMING. A commissar said that an order had come from higher Hq that American troops would not be allowed to cross ISONZO River. The patrol proceeded along river without incident. Action: C/S, G-2, G-3.
15	1245	Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3: Class #20, "Mine Warfare and Demolition School" your quota 2 officers and 10 EN. Report to Capt Clark, Allied Air Terminal Villa Franca Airport, prior to 1000B, 29 May. Equipment as given. Transportation to airport to be furnished by 85th Hqr. Report name, rank, ASN of those to attend. Action: C/S.
16	1306	Phone fr Rebate 3: C Tr, 91 Recon Sq closed into area 412342 at 261040B May. Action, Map, C/S.

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| 17  | 1305 | From Capt Hunsteman, Lt C to 91st Div: No change in our troop dispositions. Word received from KILL Corps at 2015B that between 600 and 800 Yngelave moving from M SHING 7999 towards GORLIE. Men appeared ragged in appearance and armed. Recommend we investigate as this is against agreement made between Yngelave and our CG in previous meeting.  |
| 18  | 1530 | Phone fr 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf: Routine patrol by 3rd Bn 85th Mt Inf (L Co) made contact with 91st Division. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3, Journal.  |
| 19  | 1530 | Rec'd: Training Schedule fr 10th Mt Med Bn. - 28 May to 2 June incl.  |
| 20  | 1600 | Phone fr 701st TD: "Charlie Co" started moving ORGOS by transport. Three B-10's are on the move 1100 hrs. Speed of move will depend on availability of transports.  |
| 21  | 1615 | Rec'd: "Administration and Supply in The Field Army" fr FIFTH Army.   |
| 22  | 1615 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 627 dated 25 May from HQ FIFTH Army.  |
| 23  | M.C. | Phone fr Retread 2: I & R platoon made contact with 91st Div at 1400 at DOBLER (75-3). Also contacted 91st Hon Sqdn who state they were relieving 91st (Div) Hon Troop. ACTION: G-2-3, C/S, Journal.  |
| 24  | 1530 | Phone fr Speedy 2: Request some more details on incident of jeep being fired upon last night. ACTION: Obtained information from Rebate 2 - C/S, Journal.  |
| 25  | 1630 | Rec'd: G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 17 dated 26 May fr 91st Inf Div.  |
| 26  | 1630 | Phone fr Rebate 2: Jeep was fired upon and turned around. Five came from NE and SE from estimated 15 weapons. Strong gun flashes were seen, but not those firing weapons. Among them were a few machine-pistols, no MG's. Estimated 40-50 rounds were fired from about 200-300 yards range. Lt Cummings, Motor Officer of 2nd Bn, who was in vehicle gave an Oseppa partisan a ride. The man had been of help previously and was going to TAIPIANA (4940). Partisan believed firing was done by Spolere Fascist partisans. ACTION: Speedy 2 (phone), G-2-3, C/S, Journal. |
| 27  | 1740 | Phone fr C/S to Retread 5 (Sgt Anderson): What is story on patrol that was refused permission to cross Isonzo River? MAPLE: The patrol went down to regular meeting place without incident, however, one of our officers was refused permission to enter TOMINO. ACTION: Deliver this message to Retread 3 - 87th patrols will not cross Isonzo River in vicinity of TOMINO until further orders. ACTION: Journal.  |
| 28  | 1800 | HQ, 10th Mt Div Isam No. 285 submitted. - NTR.  |
| 29  | 1830 | Lt Finks, 755 In C returned to this CP at 1730B and reported to G-3. ACTION: C/S, Journal.  |
| 30  | 1830 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 33 dated 26 May from 85th Mt Inf.   |
| 31  | 1830 | Rec'd: Isam 241800B from Main 6 Brit Army Div G.  |

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- 32 1830 Rec'd: Periodic Report No. 601 from II Corps dated 25 May.
- 33 1830 Rec'd: Message fr II Corps: In order to comply with provisions of agreements with Yugoslav forces rigid control will be exercised over the circulation of all casual vehicles and movement of troops in connection with training. Until further orders Garps troops will stay west of the line: .6099, .6020, CIVIDALE (5623), exsl .5670 except when specifically authorized by this Hq.
- 34 1830 Rec'd: Station List from Hq II Corps dated 25 May.
- 35 1835 Rec'd: Ltr fr Hq II Corps dated 26 May - Subj: Conference between Corps Commander and Commander 13 Yugoslav Division, 25 May 1945.
- 36 1840 Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 644 dated 25 May from II Corps.
- 37 1840 Rec'd: Passwords for period 31 May to 6 June fr Fifth Army.
- 38 1845 Message fr II Corps - Ref No. 201. The presence of Yugoslav troops and partisans in the Corps area will make wire communications unreliable and insecure. Corps and lower units will be prepared to operate with radio being the sole means of communication.
- 39 1850 Rec'd: Message fr GO 86th Mt Inf: Order to disarm partisans between PONTERRA (466685) and DOGNA (470622) given by a major McPherson English to partisan Hq at PONTERRA on 8 May 45. At SCOGIA (596693) there are twenty Garibaldi partisans, at MAGGIO UDINESE (382578) there are ten armed Garibaldi partisans, at TOLMEGO (245575) there are seventy armed Garibaldi partisans.
- 40 1855 Rec'd: Sitrep No. 6, 261200Z May from II Corps - Ref No. 200.
- 41 1855 Message fr Lt Anderson (Remount In O): At CAVE del FREDIL the political commissar-Capt Cayoll received orders from higher Yugoslav authority to move back into Yugoslavia on 27 May 45. He and one Yugoslav Capt and 50 soldiers are expected to do so on that date. Between PONTERRA (4668) and DOGNA the Osoppo partisans were given orders to disarm on 8 May by Major McPherson (British). At UHORIZZA (596693) 20 armed Garibaldi partisans. At MAGGIO UDINESE (382578) 10 armed Garibaldi partisans. At TOLMEGO (245575) 70 armed Garibaldi partisans. The number at Osoppo partisans in west of sector remain same but are very active and well organized. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
- 42 1910 Rec'd: S-2 Periodic Report fr 87th Mt Inf dated 25 May 1945.
- 43 1920 Phone fr Rebata 3: Received list of names of officers and EM to go to mine field school. ACTION: G-3, AG, C/S, Journal.
- 44 1920 Rec'd: SCI Instructions dated 24 May - Effective 27 May 1945.
- 45 1830 Message fr Lt Bioko (In O 755 Tk Bn): Subject: 755 Tank Movement from Garda to 10th Mt Div sector. 1. Contacted GO of 755 Tk Bn for decision as to movement of battalion to this sector. FIFTH Army Ordinance has set May 31st as date to move 2 of the battalion and June 3rd, for the remainder.

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- 45 Cont'd 2. 701 TD Bn will move prior to 755 Tk Bn and their tanks were observed by undersigned moving on transports to this sector today. Signed - Lt Dishes.
- 46 1940 Phone fr Retread 3: I & R platoon made contact with 91 Bn at DOBLAR (7525) at 1900B. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3.
- 47 2150 Phone fr Retread - Lt Earle: 176 horses bivouaced in SIFORETTO with 45 Yugoslavs. Are headed for "Trust" (Yugoslav pronunciation) - town cannot be pinpointed on map, because spelling is not known. They have come down from north. Men are armed; horses carrying only personal effects of the men. ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3, Journal.

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1	0035	Phone fr Retread: 701 TD - 2 tanks in Hqs Group closed north of BADA (C6046). ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.
2	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 286 submitted.
3	0900	Rec'd: Weather Forecast for Northeast Italy and the Alps, 27 May 45.
4	0900	Rec'd: C/C Situation from 261000B to 271000B May 45, fr 10th CGS Det.
5	1035	Phone fr Speedy: Gen Livesey is leaving Speedy at 1040B to visit the 10th Mt Div CP. ACTION: Journal.
6	1100	Rec'd: Route Reports, 17 May 45, fr II Corps.
7	1130	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 420 submitted.
8	1130	Rec'd: S-2 Report, 26 May 45, fr 87th Mt Inf
9	1130	Phone fr Retread: 87th Made contact with 91st Div at 1000B. ACTION: C/S, G-3, G-2.
10	1120	Maj Gen Livesey arrived CP, 1120B. Departed 1145B
11	1130	Phone fr Speedy 3: How do you plants use the 755 Tank? We are planning on giving each MCT one Co and 1 platoon of Ben. Can you give me the definite assignment? Yes: A Co to 85th and 1st Ben B Co to 86th and 2d Ben C Co to 87th and 3d Ben They will report to the CP's of these MCT's. A representative will be over to see you today or tomorrow. Vins. ACTION: C/S, G-3, 85th, 86th, 87th.
12	1135	Brig Gen Willens, C/S, II Corps, visited CP at 1135B. Departed 1245B.
13	1200	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 287 submitted.
14	1320	Phone fr Rebate 2: 2 Osapps En's reported by IS 9 are moving in etc clean up "Spelare" band tonight. Will report what happened as soon as we know the details. ACTION: C/S, G-2, CID, Journal.
15	1400	Rec'd: Sitrep No. 7, 271200B May 45, fr II Corps.
16	1410	Phone fr Speedy 2: Request locations of OP's in your area if any are established. If none are established it is not necessary to set any up. Col Ineck: Believe OP's are not necessary. Area is better covered by patrols and road blocks. Do you want locations of likely or proposed OP's? Capt Carpentiere: Your solution of patrols is more practical. No, we don't want locations of proposed OP's. ACTION: Journal, C/S, G-3.

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| 17      | 1340 | Msg fr Recall 3: Col Eutbers, II Corps, G-3, stopped by and left here at 1450H enroute to 87th CP. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.   |
| 18      | 1355 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 628, 26 May 45, fr Fifth Army<br>G-2 Periodic Report No. 353, 25 May 45, fr IV Corps.   |
| 19      | 1530 | Phone fr Capt Wheeler, Speedy 1: Men to attend mine warfare school course #20 will assemble at Villafranca main airfield at control tower for travel by air on flight 705M on 291000 May 45. Capt Clark of Army G-3 will meet them there. Action: C/S, 85th Mt Inf.   |
| 20      | 1530 | Phone fr Rebata 3: 2/85 closed in new area via TRIGESIMO (392303). CP open 1800H. Action: C/S, G-3, Map.  |
| 21      | 1550 | Recd: HQ 91st Inf Div G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 18, 27 May 45.   |
| 22      | 1550 | Phone fr Rebata blue: Contact with 91st Div was established at 1340 hours. Action: G-2-3, C/S.  |
| 23      | 1550 | Recd: HQ 91st Inf Div, G-3 Report No. 272, 271100H May 45.  |
| 24      | 1640 | Phone fr Col Starke, II Corps Deputy C/S: There will be a "Fly-past of the Desert Air Force tomorrow at 1800 hours at Casperomido airport (03515). To that and to the reception at 1930 hours, the Div Cdr and C/S are invited. Guests are to arrive not later than 1740 hours at CASPEROMIDO Airfield. If arriving by air, guests are required to land at RIVOLTO (02506) before 1700 hours. Transportation from RIVOLTO to CASPEROMIDO Airfield will be furnished. A memorandum will follow inviting other officers to attend the "Fly-past" only. Action: CG, C/S. |
| 25      | 1740 | Recd from 78th Inf Div (Br): Order of Battle, Open Mags, Open Journal, Breakdown on PWs, Surrendered and displaced Personnel in 78th Inf Div Sector, and Mitreps.   |
| 26      | 1800 | HQ 10th Mt Div LHM No. 288 submitted.   |
| 27      | 1800 | Recd: HQ II Corps G-4 Rpt No. 645, G-3 Rpt No. 602, dated 26 May 45.  |
| 28      | 1800 | Recd: HQ 88th Inf Div L-2 Rpt No. 475, 26 May 1945.   |
| 29      | 1800 | Phone fr Retread 2: IAR Flat made contact with 91st Men at 1920 hrs at 2 miles S of DEBLAK (7525). Action: C/S, G-3.  |
| 30      | 1800 | Phone fr Remount 2: A truckload of about 20 partisans (Jugs) led by a captain on a motorcycle were stopped by road block. They had obviously been drinking and were shooting off weapons into the air and said they were going to PLEZZO to clean out some Italians. Action: Called Retread 2 to notify Retread Red to get more information by stopping vehicle. C/S, G-2-3.  |
| 31      | 1800 | Lt C 701 TD Mts 10 Tn D's of C Co have arrived in area. The other 2 expected this evening. Two of the ten will need maintenance and cannot be used. CP of C Co is in barracks near PLEZZO. Bn CP at BOTRENICO. Trains will be located at MORMAGGO. - 2 -  |

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- 31 550 In G 701 TD Bat C Co H's plus two M'LO's are closed in at PLEZO (C6590).  
One more M'LO is on its way up to PLEZO now from CAMONITO. ACTION: G/S  
5-3. (Not previously entered).
- 33 1715 Phone fr Col Chadwick: 710 Ord Co opened at (560230) at 1430B today - closed  
(590530) at 1430B. ACTION: Journal, G/S, Map. (Not previously entered).



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| 1       | 0600 | Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM No. 289 submitted.   |
| 2       | 0745 | Rec'd fr Hq, 85th Mt Inf, G-2 Report No. 34.  |
| 3       | 0800 | Rec'd fr II Corps Weather forecast fr 0600H to 0600H 29 May.  |
| 4       | 0920 | Phone fr AMG Officer at Civedale: A commissar of the Coopee Brigade in Cividale reports that their units have been attacked by Yugo-slav patriots early this AM at PODRECCA (6622), East of Civedale, and that fighting is still proceeding. ACTION: C/S, 87th by Phone, 87th by phone, units are to check this area and make a report. Also phoned to Corps.   |
| 5       | 1025 | Phone fr Remount 2: The Jugoslav captain in Cavedall Predil informed me today that they are moving South to Tolmino, all that will be left behind are 4 men to guard equipment left behind until trucks come up for it. This clears up the Jugoslav troops in our area. ACTION: C/S, G-2, ISUM.   |
| 6       | 1045 | Rec'd fr Hq, 605th FA Bn: Certification of film "Two Down and One to Go".   |
| 7       | 1045 | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 639.   |
| 8       | 1045 | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 354.  |
| 9       | 1045 | Rec'd fr Hq, 88th Inf Div G-2 Report No. 276.   |
| 10      | 1045 | Phone fr Retread: Made contact w/91st Inf Div at DOBLAR (67425) at 280940H. NTR. ACTION: C/S.   |
| 11      | 1110 | Phone fr Gen Willem to Col I'vin: Anything new on the fighting? Nothing new. Hq's are checking on it. I'll send an officer down to get some additional info. ACTION: G-2-3.   |
| 12      | 1300 | Hq, 10th Mt Div ISUM NO. 290 submitted.   |
| 13      | 1230 | Phone fr Capt Duke (II Corps): Guard of 916th FA Bn fired on by 3 partisans, returned fire but no hits - guard hit in ankle. 4th Jug Army: 70,000 strong. 150 to 200 Arty all types. 80 tanks - bulk Russian. Air: 20 Hurricanes, 30 Spit, also some Kraut and Russian planes. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3/  |
| 14      | 1300 | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps the following message: Effective immediately corps GI Detachment (411FSS) will assume GI control of area in corps sector incl between corps rear boundary and the line: (OGS 91 Inf, 10 Mtn Div for G-2; Co 411 FSS and II Corps CIC from G-2 II Corps)(G-473575), (G-448463), S along Rd to TARGENTO (G-4036), NEMIS (G-4334), FOKOLETTO (G-4425), PERRARINCO (G-5319 all incl to corps S along V MATISONE to G-529020). ACTION: C/S, G-2-3. |
| 15      | 1300 | Rec'd fr Fifth Army the following msg: War Department desires information as to promotion of 1st Lt Edward Berton Hathaway, 1-25366, Infantry to Captain. Request date of promotion, date of rank, and authority for promotion be forwarded to this headquarters by most expeditious means. ACTION: C/S, G-2.   |
| 16      | 1300 | Rec'd fr Hq, 87th Mt Inf: G-2 Report No. (none) dated 27 May 1945.  |

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| 17      | 1300 | Rec'd fr 710th Mt Cgd Maintenance Co. Weekly status of Training Report. Period fr 230001B to 262400B.   |
| 18      | 1300 | Rec'd fr HQ, 10th Mt Cav Men Tr: Weekly status of Training Report. Period 21 May to 26 May 1945.  |
| 19      | 1330 | Phone fr 701st TB Bn: Co Hqs of A Co arrived in ARTSONI this morning. 1 platoon of Recon Co, and 1 TD also arrived. ACTION: G/S, G-2-3.   |
| 20      | 1330 | Rec'd fr Main C Brit and Div HQ: Issues to 261200B. ACTION: G-2, G/S.   |
| 21      | 1330 | Rec'd fr Main Hq 78th Div: Outline Order of Battle N. 2. ACTION: G/S, G-2.  |
| 22      | 1330 | Report fr Air observer over the area of Badessa (66622): In the town of PORESCA (66622) there was no activity other than normal routine, the people were working in the fields and there was no confusion. But observed a truck with about 15 partisans armed, traveling NE on a road out of PORESCA. Preceded by a motorcycle which appeared to be acting as a point. About every 1,000 yards or so the motorcycle would be halted by a guard, the truck would then also stop and seek cover off the road. This went on until they reached a pt on road 574-30 where they were met by a sentry and led into a courtyard where they dismounted and disappeared into a house. On a secondary road at 6823 QUIBIZ and 61 on road to BORDEN quite a few armed people were observed patrolling the road. No actual positions or deployment of troops were observed. ACTION: G/S, G-2, Phoned to Corps at 1323H. |
| 23      | 1410 | Msg fr Capt Hamberg: Col Sheeler 3/85 went into PORESCA (6622) in an armored car. He noticed no activity in PORESCA. Civilians reported that the shooting took place to the NE at the town of BORDEN (686241). At 271700H an undetermined number of Jugoslavs fired on bligs and personnel in BORDEN from the hill across the stream at (695293). During the night there was no firing but commenced again at 280500H and since then, no firing, everything quiet. It is estimated that about 15 men did the shooting. No one was hit or hurt. At the present time there are about 50 Czecho partisans in Borden with about 50 more coming in. They are standing by to repel any further Jugoslav activity. ACTION: G/S, Corps, G-2-3/.   |
| 24      | 1450 | Phone fr Lt Coonan, Rebate 3: Made contact with 91 Div at 1400B via SCREBA (565170). ACTION: Journal, G/S.  |
| 25      | 1500 | Rec'd: Directive: Establishment of Allied Military Government, 28 May 45, fr II Corps.  |
| 26      | 1500 | Rec'd: Lost Military Intelligence Service Credentials, 6 May 45, fr AFHQ. Dissemination of CI Information, 5 May 45, fr 15th Army Group. Combined Weekly Intelligence Summary, No. 20, May 22, 45, fr AFHQ.   |
| 27      | 1500 | Rec'd: Map: Rdy II Corps and Div C.I. Responsibility - Corps and Div Area boundaries.   |
| 28      | 1530 | Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report - Period 20 May to 27 May, 45 fr 10th Mt Med Bn.  |
| 29      | 1530 | Rec'd: Sitrep, No. 8, 281200B May 45, fr IX Corps.  |

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- 30 1620 Phone fr Speedy 2 to Recall 2: Make an effort to build up a store of political intelligence for your sector: What parties are in power, the flavor of politics in specific towns, and the political picture in general. Work through CID. ACTION: C/S, G-2, CIU, Journal.
- 31 1630 Rec'd: G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 19, 28 May 45, fr 91st Inf Div. Weekly status of training report period 21 May to 26 May fr 10 CI Bn G-3 Report No. 273, 28 May 45, fr 91st Inf Div Weekly Intelligence Summary, 28 May 45, fr 91st Inf Div.
- 32 1630 Msg fr Recall 2: ANTONIO SALAMANT, one of the two principals involved in the Partisan- Jug skirmish at SALAMANT today, has been taken by a patrol of the 85th Regt and will be questioned for details on skirmish. ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-2, Corps.
- 33 1645 Rec'd: Report of Partisan Skirmish, fr 3d Bn, 85th Mt Inf.
- 34 1800 H: 10th Mt Div Issu No. 291 submitted.
- 35 1300 CORRECTED ENTRY: (Entry No. 14) - To CGs 91 Inf, 10 Mtn Div for G-2; See All FAS and II Corps CID from G-2 II Corps - Rec'd fr Hq II Corps: Effective immediately corps CI Detachment (All/FAS) will assume CI control of area in Corps sector incl between Corps rear boundary and the line: (C-473575), (C-448463), S along Rd to TARCHETO (C-4036), MINIS (C-4334), POKOLETTO (C-4425), PREMARIAGO (C-3319) all incl to Corps S along F NAVIGIONE to (C-523020). ACTION: C/S, G-2, G-3.
- 36 1830 Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report (Period 22 May to 26 May) fr 86th Mt Inf  
Weekly Status of Training Report (Period 21 May to 26 May) 10 CID Det  
Weekly Status of Training Report (Period 21 May to 26 May) 126 Mt Regt
- 37 1830 Rec'd: Overlay - Bn sectors of Responsibility, 28 May 45, fr 86th Mt Inf.
- 38 1930 Rec'd: Redeployment Circular No. 14, 24 May 45, fr MTGUSA.  
Control of Italian Military Personnel, 27 May 45, fr II Corps.  
Issu to 251800H May 45, fr Main 6 Brit Arm'd Div "G"  
Training Memorandum No. 8, 27 May 45, fr II Corps.
- 39 1930 Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report (Period 21 May to 27 May)  
fr 87th Mt Inf - and overlays of firing ranges.
- 730 Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report (Period 19 May to 26 May) 616 FA Bn  
Phone fr Retread 2: I & K Platoon made contact with 91st Reg Troop at 1900H at DOBLAR (C7625). Along Highway 55 between DOBLAR and GAPONETTO (C6729) they met a total of 150 women walking toward CORIZIA. They were unarmed and they were on the way back to their homes. ACTION: C/S, G-3, G-2, Issu, et.

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- 42 2135 Phone fr Speedy 2: Civilians in GORNONS (G5908) report Tito has left men behind in civilian clothes and with arms; they may try to take over the government and civilian administration of towns by force or by peaceful means, by casing themselves into office. This may be just talk, but the possibility should not be discounted. ACTION: C/S, 85th, 86th, 87th, Div Arty, Journal.
- 43 2200 Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report (Period 21st May to 26 May) 85th Mt Inf
- 44 2300 Rec'd: Hq, 86th Mt Inf Overlay of Proposed Firing Ranges dated 28 May.

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| 1       | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div IDU No. 294 submitted.   |
| 2       | 0730 | Phone fr Base 31 Upon arrival of 755 Tn Bn in 10th Mt Area, B Co 757 Tn Bn is to assemble vicinity 051611L. ACTION: 757 Tn Bn, 85, 86, 87, C/S, J.  |
| 3       | 0735 | Phone fr Capt Munsterman, In C with 91st Div: 91st Div had a quiet night, only a few scattered shots; source unknown; no one injured. ACTION: C/S, J.   |
| 4       | 0845 | Phone fr Sebato 21: Last night in town of TARENTO, Garibaldi partisans guarding a warehouse of German supplies, fired on 2 Italian civilians who were trying to get into warehouse. One civilian was killed and the other wounded. Further investigation is being made. ACTION: Journal, C/S.     |
| 5       | 0900 | Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report - Period 21 May to 26 May fr 10th Mt Inf 27 Bn.   |
| 6       | 0900 | Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report - Period 21 May to 26 May fr 110th Mt Signal Co.  |
| 7       | 0900 | Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report - Period 20 May to 26 May fr MP Platoon.  |
| 8       | 0900 | Rec'd: Weekly Status of Training Report - Period 21 May to 26 May fr Hq, Hq Co, Hq Sq Tps, 10th Mt Div.   |
| 9       | 0930 | Phone fr 0-2 86th Mt Inf - 1000 0-2 Report: 21 armed Garibaldi Partisans at UMMI (334540). 25 armed OSWPO Partisans and 6 armed Garibaldi at AMARO (490540). Yugoslavian Partisans at C VE DEL FERRIL (6761): left yesterday for TOLIANO (7932) leaving behind 6 to 8 Yugoslavs who live in town. |
| 10      | 1000 | Rec'd: Ltr fr 85th Mt Inf dated 28 May - Subj: Requisition for Field Manuals.   |
| 11      | 1000 | Rec'd: Ltr fr Hq 10th Mt Div dated 28 May - Subj: Training Ammunition Allowances - This letter attached Training Memorandum No. 4 fr Hq FIFTH Army dated 23 May 1945.   |
| 12      | 1000 | Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 603 dated 27 May from II Corps.  |
| 13      | 1000 | Rec'd: G-1 Periodic Report No. 646 dated 27 May from II Corps.  |
| 14      | 1030 | Phone fr 701st TD Bn: All of a Co - 1 Gun (now in CIVIDALE) is in assembly area. 1st and 2nd platoons are with respective Bns of 85th. ACTION: C/S, G-3, Journal.   |
| 15      | 1030 | Rec'd: G-2 Periodic Report No. 355 fr IV Corps dated 27 May.  |
| 16      | 1030 | Rec'd: G-2 Report No. 277 dated 28 May from Hq 88th Inf Div.  |
| 17      | 1045 | Rec'd: Training Schedule fr Hq 757th Tnk Bn for period 28 May to 2 June.  |
| 18      | 1045 | Rec'd: Notes on Order of Battle Yugoslav Army - 27 May 1945   |
| 19      | 1045 | Rec'd: 13 Corps Periodical Intelligence Summary No. 1 dated 23 May 1945.  |

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| 20         | 1040        | Phone fr Speedy II; Col Mass, 424 Pz Group, located in FERRARISSO (55119) reports that yesterday Ceoppo partisans requested that they be allowed to erect a cross in town square in honor of 13 men who were killed a year ago today - 29 May - by Germans. The request was granted and this morning the cross was erected. Many wreaths have been placed at the base of the cross by Ceoppo and Garibaldi partisans. This morning many more armed Ceoppo and Garibaldi partisans have been observed in town than heretofore. Ceoppo has been observed giving orders to small armed groups which later departed to S. Comments: The reason for this increase of personnel in town may be: 1. To honor 13 dead, or - 2. To use this as an excuse for assembly for other purposes. Col Mass has no one who can speak the language and as this is in our sector, Corps would like us to check into the situation. ACTION: G-2, C/S, Journal, CIC will check. |
| 21         | 1110        | Phone fr Retrand 2: I & R made contact with 91st Bn Tr of 91st Div at 1200H at BOBLAN (7635). Negative report. ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-3.   |
| 22         | 1145        | Phone fr Rebite 26: at 11300 Z in the town of TARENTO, Garibaldi partisans guarding warehouse fired on two Italian youths who were looting around the warehouse. One youth, age 15 was killed and the other, age 13 was wounded. The partisan chief, claims that the guard was only trying to frighten the youths away and that the shooting was accidental. It looks like another case of trigger-happy partisans. Further investigation is being made. ACTION: Journal, C/S, Corps, MG.   |
| 23         | 1045        | Phone fr Recall 6 to CG's RTY 85, 86, 87: 1. Inform AMG representatives in your I that letter, II Corps, 23 May 1945, Subject: "Establishment of allied military government", will be imperative until further directions by this HQ. 2. Civilians requesting protection from violence or draft by Jugoslav elements or partisans will be placed under armed protective custody, and will be evacuated from the I through AMG facilities. Org Comdr will not furnish protection without evaluation of the person protected. 3. 85th Mt Inf: Plan parade for 1 June. 86th Mt Inf: Plan parade for 3 June. 87th Mt Inf: Plan parade for 2 June. ACTION: C/S, Journal.   |
| 24         | 1130        | HQ, 10th Mt Div 31st, No. 422 submitted to II Corps.  |
| 25         | 1200        | HQ, 10th Mt Div Isam No. 293 submitted to II Corps.   |
| 26         | 1200        | Phone fr Capt Hamsterann, LG to 91st Div: No changes in troop dispositions. 300 armed Jugoslav soldiers escorted 900 prisoners (nationality unknown) to 2000 10 (7000) - 28 May. Jugoslav soldiers vicinity TIGNOVA (6008), are of 1st Brigade, 10th Div. 300 Garibaldi partisans and Jugoslav soldiers via 2000 10 (5811). Jugoslavs left soldiers dressed in civilian clothes and armed in CORNINI (5957) with probable purpose of influencing populace and local government. A number of shots were fired 2000 10 (610019). No casualties. Due to fact that civilians of committee were being impressed by Jugoslavs into army and asked protection, 91st Div is establishing AMG posts and garrisoning following towns: Carricon 91st Bn Squad BOLENA (5915); VILLANOVA (6409), UINCA (6713) BORDON (2468) BOBLANI (7523). ACTION: Journal G-2, C/S.  |

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| 27  | 1230 |      | Rec'd: Intelligence Memo No. 4 fr Hq 126th Lt Eng dated 28 May.  |
| 28  | 1335 |      | Phone fr Speedy 3: since no more armor E of the following demarcation line: H6899-0000-C5623-C5670. There is to be no further build-up of troops E of that line. ACTION: 26, 27, C/S, Journal.   |
| 29  | 1335 |      | Rec'd: Maps fr G-2 126 Engr.   |
| 30  | 1340 |      | Phone fr CIG: with reference to affair at FARMACIACO (05319), have checked and have situation in hand. Will get Corps clearance, since this town now falls within their zone of responsibility. ACTION: C/S, Journal, G-2.   |
| 31  | 1350 |      | G-2 Report fr Hq 87th Lt Inf dated 28 May.   |
| 32  | 1400 |      | Rec'd: Sitrep Ac. 9 dated 29 May - Ref No. 228 - II Corps.   |
| 33  | 1500 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps Training Memorandum No. 9.   |
| 34  | 1500 |      | Rec'd Hq, 10th Army Daily Bulletin no. 65.   |
| 35  | 1500 |      | Rec'd Hq, 10th Mt Div Staff Memorandum dtd 29 May 1945.  |
| 36  | 1500 |      | Rec'd fr 10th Mt LT Bn ltr pertaining to Special signal Training Classes.  |
| 38  | 1500 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, ltr subject: Enemy paybooks, dtd 27 May 1945.   |
| 38  | 1500 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, Fifth Army, ltr subject: Order Compt.   |
| 39  | 1445 |      | Phone fr Recall 3: Weekly training schedules are due in at Div Hq hereafter on the preceding Wed at 1400. There is an exception in the case of next week's schedules: They are due at Div Hq by Thurs, 311000. Submit schedules in triplicate. ACTION: Div Arty, AT, 86th, 87th, 85th, Engrs, San Exp, 10th Mt, 10th M, 710 Ord.                             |
| 40  | 1610 |      | Phone fr Recall 3 to Have 6: 1. Leave your A Co temporarily with 85 RCT. 2. Assemble Bn minus A Co and 2 rifle C Co in assembly area vicinity 534225. 3. Attach 1 plt G Co to 86 RCT and 1 plt G Co to 87th RCT. 4. Report exact location when located - men are to be bivouaced in open. ACTION: C/S, G-3.  |
| 41  | 1610 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, 91st Inf Div G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 20.   |
| 42  | 1610 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, 91st Inf Div G-3 Report no. 274.  |
| 43  | 1745 |      | Rec'd fr main Eighth Army 29 5: Following escaped 373 rd Camp 25/26 May. Villiani Vincenzo, Paglia Charles, Angelini Luigi, Fiorentini Galiano, La Selva Tommaso, Nardin Isidoro, Masca Ubaldo, Betti Emilio, Morelli Erigo, Turrial Benito, Adaro Libero, Lucchesi Fausto, arrest Bevacqua to 373 with statement circumstances capture. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3. |
| 44  | 1720 |      | Phone fr Rebate Blue: Contact made with elms of 91 Div at BORDONI at 1600. Elms of 91 Div did not meet our contact patrol at SPANZA as prearranged for 1400. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.   |

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| 45      | 1830 |      | Phone fr Rebata 3; 2d platoons of 701 TD (Co A) closed in at 1730H at (392304) with 2/05. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.   |
| 46      | 1835 |      | Phone fr Spreddy 3: The 755 TK Bn will not be with you. The 752 TK Bn will take their place. Liaison officer will be over to your CP tomorrow. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.  |
| 47      | 1930 |      | Phone fr CIG: Mr Gordon obtained following info - news will follow in his report: Renato Dante Ingiballe, commandant of George Partisans knows where an ammo dump which is held by Garibaldi partisans is, in Premarino. Another one is in Rocca Berarda. Saccavino Antonio (another George) overheard Emano Livio (as Garibaldi partisans) says: "The Russians did not come. The stupid Anglo-Americans came instead and on the 7th of June we will have to turn in our arms - but we still will have a lot of arms after that". ACTION: C/S, G-2-3. |
| 48      | 1940 |      | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebata, Belmont, Retreat, Div Arty; 3 Copies of weekly status of training report will be submitted this Mq prior to 1800H monday following week of instruction. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.  |
| 49      | 1950 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 356.   |
| 50      | 1950 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, II Corps, G-2 Report No. 647.  |
| 51      | 1950 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, and H, Btry certificate for film "Two Down and One to Go". (Div Arty). ACTION: C/S, G-3.   |
| 52      | 1950 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, and Hq Btry, Div Arty; Weekly Status of Training Report from 21 to 27 May 1945. ACTION: C/S, G-3.  |
| 53      | 1950 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, IICorps G-3 Periodic Report No. 604.   |
| 54      | 1950 |      | Rec'd fr Main 5 Corps Ltr Subject: Captured German Documents. 28 May 1945.  |
| 55      | 2110 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, 85th Mt Inf 8-2 Report No. 36.   |
| 56      | 2110 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, 604th FA Bn; Weekly Status of Training Report from 21 May to 27 May 1945. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3.  |
| 57      | 2130 |      | Phone fr 87th Mt Inf: Contact patrol from 87th MCT contacted at 2020H, 800 unarmad men on highway 2 miles SW of TOLMINO (W of ISQUEZO R). They were accompanied by 40 unarmad Yugo soldiers. Leader of group who had 1 strip and three stars informed patrol that he had orders to take them to TOLMINO. The group was composed of ITALIENSIS and BALMATICENS and had been marching for 60 days. Men wore white pants with black stripes, sandals or were shoeless and caps. ACTION: C/S, G-2-3. II Corps.  |
| 58      | 2135 |      | Phone fr Lt Russelwhite AF Pitt: On 29 May 1945 John Cussigh, interpreter for Maj Manuel ANGOT stated that some of TITO's men had been in BIACCO (4736) early this morning and had told the men there to assemble at FAELIS (4939) or they would come after them. He added that the men were afraid and some were going to FRES where they would move into the hills with TITO's men. The above info was given to Cussigh by an Italian policeman at RAVICCA (4689) named TULLIO. ACTION: 85 REG for investigation, II Corps, C/S, G-2-3.             |
| 58      | 2115 |      | Rec'd fr Hq, 701st TD Bn 8-3 Report No. 148.  |



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Phone Col Thomson; To Report 3: 1. Detail a specially selected platoon to act as guard of honor at Field Marshal Alexanders house at GALLEPON Camp (C402431). 2. Platoon to report at 1500H tomorrow, 30 May. 3. Officer to report to Capt Yates at above place at 0900H tomorrow for full instructions. 4. Platoon not to have an of load on permanent detail but a selected HQ platoon to be inspected daily by an officer. 5. Uniform: Combat jacket, combat boots, liners, BT's, or 1903's while on post. ACTION: O/S, G-2-3.

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2300

Phone fr Retread 2: Late this evening, on a hill 1 mile east of SAGA (G6046) Jugoslavs report seeing 5 or 6 German patrols of a half a dozen men each. They think the Germans are trying to close in on SAGA and are going to try to capture or kill them. The Jugoslavs are in contact with B Company and will keep us informed. ACTION: O/S, G-2, G-3, JRM, Journal.

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2330

Rec'd: B-2 Report, 29 May 45 fr 67th Mt Inf with overlay of jeep patrol.

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Phone fr Retread 2: Slavs offered Krautz a chance to surrender but Krautz refused - Will keep you informed. ACTION: O/S, G-3, G-2, Journal.

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| 1       | 0010 | Msg fr CO (Maj Fowler) 755 Tk Bn: We are staying here. 752 will take our place there. Two of our tanks are on the road. Turn them around to own area. Send Recon Party back. You will stay there and contact 752 Liaison Officer. ACTION: Liaison officer complied with above instructions. Notified 755 In C.  |
| 2       | 0600 | Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 295 submitted.  |
| 3       | 0715 | Phone fr Retread 2: At 0630B, 150 of Tito's men well equipped, all in uniform and armed with A/W moved into TOLMINO (9932). Which direction did they move from? I don't know that. Did you find anything more on the 5 or 6 Kraut patrols which were reported last night? No, our 1st Bn is checking on it and will let us know as soon as they find out. Action: C/S, G-2.   |
| 4       | 0755 | Phone fr Retread 3: In reference to 150 Slavs: The Lt in charge wouldn't tell upon questioning where they were coming from. However, he did say they were going to TOLMINO. We are going to set up an CP down near TOLMINO to see just what's going on. Action: C/S, G-2.   |
| 5       | 0900 | Recd: Hq Fifth Army G-2 Report No. 630 dated 28 May 45.   |
| 6       | 0900 | Recd: Weather forecast for Italy and the Alps.  |
| 7       | 0900 | Msg Fr Main 8th Army: Following escaped 373 PW camp 25/26 May: VILLANI VINCENZO, PAGLIA CHARLES, ANGELINI LUIGI, FIORENTINI GALLIANO, LA SELVA TOMMASO, NARDIN ISIDORO, RESCA ULTIMO, BETTI EMILIO, MORELLI ERIGO, TURRINI BENITO, ADARO LIBERO, LUCCHESI FAUSTO. Arrest, reevacuate to 373 with statement circumstances capture.   |
| 9       | 0900 | (Delayed journal entry) Recall 6 to Retread 5, 201300B May - Zone of CT 87 extends along Hwy 54 from 51 Northing to Div Bd on S. Be prepared to send patrols on Hwy 55 SE to TOLMINO (8032). Be prepared to occupy Hwy 55. Direct partisan or Yugoslav cmdrs in your Z to disarm under his own officers, store his arms under his own guard. Only such personnel will retain arms as CO CT 87 issues permits. Notify this Hq when it has been accomplished; do not give the Yugoslavs or partisans a date to do it by. Inform this Hq what forces refuse to comply. Prevent westward movt of Yugoslavs if it can be done peacefully. Our tps will not open fire on Yugoslavs or partisans except as a result of their direct attack or firing first. If Yugoslavs or partisans open fire only sufficient force will be used to disarm and arrest personnel who have fired. Establish liaison with Yugoslav or partisan forces contacted. Establish MP control of your zone. Report numbers, strength, location, intentions of any armed forces in your area to this Hq. U.S. forces will not fraternize with Yugoslavs or partisans. Speedy 55 (Col Storke) to Recall 6 (through Recall 3) 201800B. Due to the ticklish situation that exists, 8th Army Cdr does not wish us to disarm any partisans or Yugoslavs at this time. He believes that if we entered upon such a program, trouble would ensue from the partisans and/or Yugoslavs on our right and left flanks. 8th Army Cdr does not wish such a program instituted until all units of the 8th Army are ready to pursue the same policy. He has just such a program in mind, details on which will be published at a later date. - 1 - |

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| 10  | 1030 |   |
|     |      | Recd: H. 13 Corps, Notes on CB of Yugoslav Army.  |
| 11  | 1045 | Recd: Ltr CIC, 10th Mt Div, Subj: Counter Intelligence Situation from 291000H to 301000H May 45. Action: Corps.   |
| 12  | 1100 | Recd: Main Hq 8th Army, Security Instruction No. 87, Amendment No. 2; GCS Staff Bulletin No. 14, No. 15, No. 16.  |
| 13  | 1100 | Recd: H. 5th Army G-2 Report No. 631, dated 29 May 45.  |
| 14  | 1100 | Recd: Memo, Hq 92d Inf Div, sub: Downgrading of Certain Classified Documents; and attached pencilled note from Lt Col Dawson.   |
| 15  | 1100 | Recd: H. 5th Army; Reg No. 9385 re allotment to Army Education School Course No. 6 commencing 3 June.   |
| 16  | 1145 | Recd: Lists of MM speaking various foreign languages - submitted by 10th Mt Med Bn, 85th Mt Inf, 86th Mt Inf, Hq Spl Trs, 604th FA Bn, 605th FA Bn, 616th FA Bn, 10th Mt M Bn, 10th Mt AT Bn, and 126th Mt Engr Bn. |
| 17  | 1145 | Phone fr Speedy 1: Air-Ground School is under consideration by 5th Army. Will notify you when quota becomes available. Action: C/S, C-3, Air C.   |
| 18  | 1200 | Hq 10th Mt Div ISOR No. 296 submitted.  |
| 19  | 1200 | Hq 10th Mt Div SITREP No. 423 submitted at 1130H.   |
| 20  | 1300 | Hq 85th Mt Inf S-2 Report No. 36 as of 290000H May received.  |
| 21  | 1300 | Recd: Hq 85th Mt Inf Training Memorandum No. 1, 25 May 45.  |
| 22  | 1300 | Phone fr Rex Hq 83rd: In connection with Memorial Day services, will fire three volleys in air at 1330H.  |
| 23  | 1400 | Recd: Hq II Corps AIRREP No. 10.  |
| 24  | 1420 | Recd: 20 copies "Lessons from fighting in ATHENS area."   |
| 25  | 1420 | Recd: 1 copy "United Nations War Crimes Commission Lists" fr Hq Mediterranean Theater of Operations.  |
| 26  | 1420 | Phone fr Recall 3 to Rebate 3 at 1350H: Elms 701 TD Bn (3 Co) in your area at present time will revert to unit control and move to 701 TD Bn assembly area at once. Action: Mavoc 6, C/S.                           |
| 27  | 1430 | Phone fr Rebate Blue: Contact made with 91st Div at SPENSA (5617) at 1400. MTR. Action: C/S.  |
| 28  | 1515 | From Recall 3: Lt Switt, Ln C, 752 Tr Bn, reported to CP. Expects Bn to begin arrive evening 31 May. Action: C/S, Journal.  |

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| 29         | 1530        | Recd G-3 Report of 91st Inf Div, dated 30 May.  |
| 30         | 1625        | Phone fr Retread 2: Moving CP reports that at 1530, three heavy arty pieces of 140 mm or 155mm truck drawn came from direction of GORIZIA and moved into S. LUCIA (C8C29). 12-14 EM w/ea gun. The ammo dump of 4000-5000 lbs of shells for above type guns previously reported is being moved into S. Lucia by ex curts. Action: J, G/S, G-2, Corps.  |
| 31         | 1609        | Recd secret message no. 226 - dated 301115-B: From II Corps to 10th Mt, 752 Tk Bn, 755 Tk Bn ( for action) 8th Army and 5th Army (for info):<br>1.- 755 Tk Bn is detached II Corps and reverts to 5th Army control in present locat. on Garda (FA470) effective 300001B May.<br>2.- 752 Tk Bn is attached 10th Mt Div Effective on arrival in area. Send representative to 10th Mt Div immediately.<br>3. Return elms of 755 Tk Bn to Garda area. Tanks will not be returned but will be exchanged between Bns concerned in shipping tickets. |
| 32         | 1630        | From Gen Duff to Col Fowler: The Div Commander is going to take Col Schwaelyer from you and give him to the 85th. Orders will be published today. Action: Jnl.  |
| 33         | 1650        | From Ln Off, 755 Tk Bn: Lt Pickle has acquainted Lt Sutt (752 Tk Bn Ln O) with the procedure of this Hq, of ration drawing, of communication means and is taking off after chow tonight. Action: Journal, G/S, G-3.   |
| 34         | 1700        | Phone fr Speedy 2: Corps desires a copy of the report of investigation by CIG at FERRARI/GO (05319). Action: Journal, G/S, G-2, Corps- Copy to be sent by Reg Center.   |
| 35         | 1705        | Phone fr Speedy 3: EM from 85th Mt Inf who are on guard at CALLEDON Camp have no coats, extra pairs shoes etc. We are to see that they get them. Action: Journal, G/S, G-3, 85th Mt Inf.  |
| 36         | 1725        | Phone fr Retread 3: Request quota few I & E School. Action: Jnl, G/S, G-3, Major Ireland to handle.   |
| 37         | 1800        | Recd Situation Overlay, 87th Mt Inf, dated 301600B May 1945.  |
| 38         | 1840        | Recd Hq, 86th Inf Div, G-2 Report No. 278, dated 291300B May 1945.  |
| 39         | 1830        | Phone fr Speedy to Recall 3: 8th Army wants to use an open area at (3835) as a night stop-over bivouac area for Russians being returned to Russia. Permission should be phoned to Speedy tonight. Action: G-3, Jnl, G/S, 85th Permission granted.   |
| 40         | 1915        | Phone fr Capt Unroe: Co B of 757 Tk Bn closed into their new area at 1830B - no longer under our control. Action: Journal, G/S, G-3.  |
| 41         | 1918        | Phone fr Speedy 2 - from: Br CIG (All F.S. (Br) ); Numbers unknown of Slovacs observed moving North on Rt 19 and dispersing into mts. None carry arms but stacks of arms are known to exist in mts. Action: Journal, G/S, G-3, 85, 86, 87.  |

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| 12         | 2005        | Phone fr CIE: Lt Furnies wishes to move one echelon of his team from Cava del Fredil (C6761) to GAFRETTI (C6739). Would open new location 1 June 1945. Action: Move approved. Told G-2, C/S, Journal.              |
| 13         | 2130        | Recd HQ 701 TD Bn S-3 Report no 149 Dated 30 May.  |
| 14         | 2130        | Recd HQ 701 TD Bn Ing Schedule (1 June to 9 June) dated 30 May.  |
| 15         | 2230        | Phone fr Retread 2: I & R Platoon of Retread on contact patrol reports a German 20mm gun manned by Jugs on highway near GORITIA moving north. Action: Isam, G-2, Corps, C/S, Journal.                              |
| 16         | 2230        | Phone fr Speedy 3: Guard from 85th Mt Inf at CALLEDON Camp to be returned tomorrow as Field Marshal Alexander to be away for a couple of days. Guard to be returned 2 June at 1500B. Action: Jral, C/S, G-3, 85th. |

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Hq, 10th Mt Div, APO 345, U. S. Army, for period 0000H to 2400H, 31 May 1945

Ser No.	Time	
1	0600	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 298 submitted.
2	0600	Rec'd: S-2 Report, 30 May 1945, fr 87th Mt Inf
3	0740	Phone fr Base 3; Nothing happened in 91st Div Sector. Not even a journal entry. ACTION: G-2, G-3, Journal, C/S.
4	0910	Rec'd: Weather Forecast for Operational Area, 310000H May 45.
5	0910	Rec'd: Maps fr 126 Mt Engr.
6	0918	Phone fr Speedy 3: 8th Army lost a plane: Aircraft, type Baltimore, with a crew of two (2) left VILLACRBA Airfield 30 May at 1018H on course GORIZIA-KLAGENFURT. Plane No. F8699. Plane has not yet returned. Request you ask your units to check in their area whether the plane has crashed there. ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S, Journal, 85th, 86th, 87th.
7	0940	Phone fr Rebate 2: There are strong rumors that the partisans are hiding 2 Germans (soldiers). What is the Div policy? Can we apprehend them? Find out for sure whether they are there and try to persuade the partisans to hand them over to us, otherwise go out and get them. (per G-2, Col Isaac). ACTION: G-2, G-3, C/S, Journal.
8	1010	Rec'd: S-2 Report No. 37, 30 May 45, fr 85th Mt Inf. Overlay: Location of Partisan Units in Regt'l Zone.
9	1010	Rec'd: G-3 Periodic Report No. 605, 29 May 45, fr II Corps. G-2 Report No. 648, 29 May 45, fr II Corps
10	1050	Rec'd: 78 Div Location Statement, 29 May 45, fr 78th Div. G-2 Report No. 634, 30 May 45, fr Fifth Army Change No. 18 to S.A.S. Instructions, 28 May 45, fr Fifth Army Isum to 290900H May 45, fr Main 6 Brit Arm'd Div
11	1130	Phone fr Recall 2 to 85, 86, 87: Make an effort to build up a store of political intelligence for your sector: What parties are in power, the flavor of politics in specific towns, and the political picture in general. Work through CID. ACTION: For dissemination to all units.
12	1200	Hq 10th Mt Div Isum No. 299 submitted.
13	1130	Hq 10th Mt Div Sitrep No. 424 submitted.
14	1240	Phone fr Rebate 2: The Fascist leader in area of FARDIS was apprehended at FARDIS by Garibaldi partisans. They are eager to have him eliminated and have contacted AMB in CIVIDALE on the matter. ACTION: C/S, G-2, Journal.
15	1310	Col Irvin left CP at 1310H to visit 87th and 86th Regts. Expects to return by 1800H.
16	1315	Phone fr C/S, II Corps to Gen Duff: Circumstances having changed, the guard now at CALLEDOR Camp will return to own unit leaving camp at

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- 16 (Continued) 310930B. Request guard be returned for similar duty on 2 June complete with necessary tentage and bedding. Guard to report to Capt Yates at GALLIEDON Camp at 021500H. If guard has not departed we may leave it at camp for the two day intervening period. ACTION: Called 87th and gave above notice to Lt. Lang who will take immediate action.
- 17 13:00 Phone fr Rebate 2; 2 German lieutenants (Kagrs) who were hiding in civilian clothes were apprehended at 311000B at TARGENTO (4043) and turned over to British IFW at OSOPPO (312416). ACTION: G-2, G/S, Journal.
- 18 13:30 Msg fr 701st TD Bn: The last elements of the 701st TD Bn completed movement from GARDN and closed in area of 10th Mt Div at 1800B here; 30 May. ACTION: G-2, G/S, Journal, II Corps, G-3.
- 19 1400 Phone conversation - Corps Commander to General Duff, 1945B 31 May 45; a visit to your CP is contemplated by a VIP on 3 June 1945 and will give you a few instructions as a guide for your preparations; A guide in a 1/4 ton, one officer and two men armed with sub-machine guns to be at NJ 456210 at 0900, 3 June 1945, and accompanying guide one M-8 with 37mm to follow at the tail of the column. Guide is to take party to the 10th Mountain Division Command Post to arrive at 0930. Guide at no time is to exceed the speed of 35 MPH. The party will be with you until approximately 1530. The VIP will meet General Hays at your CP, also appropriate staff members and possibly Commanding Officer, 87th Mountain Infantry, also two or three of his staff members. Party will leave CP at 1000 to arrive at TORVISO at 1530. Between CP and TORVISO he wishes to visit the necessary troops, see the Regimental Commanders of the 86th and 87th Mountain Infantry, and also visit other troops along the route in order to make the time element come out even. The lunch will be a picnic lunch provided by Eighth Army for the VIP party, General Hays, and myself. All others will provide their own lunch. The picnic spot must be a scenic one and be previously searched out for possible snipers and an unobtrusive guard placed around the area. The timing schedule must be sent to Eighth Army tonight -- by 2000 if possible, or when completed. Lunch time is desired about 1245 if the time and place can be worked out satisfactorily... ACTION: Journal.
- 20 1400 Phone fr Speedy 2; OSS reports (from British Col in charge of UDINE AND) that in area of S. LEON-RDC and STRECHA (6426) Jug partisans patrols were coming out of hills and terrorizing civilian population, stealing, looting, etc. Request you check with your regiment in that sector. ACTION: G-2, G/S, Journal, 87th.
- 21 14:00 Resd: Sitrep No. 11, 311400H May 45, fr II Corps.
- 22 1400 Msg fr Capt A. Kastner: The 78th Div, 8th Army continues the concentration of surrendered German Army personnel without incident. The total now being 82,000 Germans and 22,000 Russian Cossacks. 1400 Cossacks have already been turned over to the Russian Army at JUDENDORF; the remainder will all eventually be turned over to Russians also. Evacuation of the German PW's

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Cont'd, Hq, 10th Mt Div, APO345, U. S. Army for period 0000 to 2400, 31 May 1945

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22		(Continued) commenced this AM and will continue until all 82,000 are finally concentrated in BRUCK on west border of AUSTRIA. All SS Troops are immediately evacuated through PW channels to UDINE under heavy guard where they are processed by 8th Army. ACTION: C/S, Journal.
23	1400	Rec'd: G-2 Intelligence Summary No. 22, 31 May 45, fr 91st Inf Div. G-3 Report No. 276, 31 May 45, fr 91st Inf Div
24	1400	Rec'd fr Capt Kastner: Sitreps fr 271200B to 301200B fr Main 78th Div
25	1600	Rec'd: Training Schedule, 10th Mt Med Bn, 4 June to 9 June 45
26	1700	Phone fr 91st Div Lt O: 13th Yugoslav Division is planning to have a maneuver, beginning tonight, in which Gorizia is to be occupied. 1 Regt of the 91st Div is already in Gorizia. Action: C/S, G-2, CIG.
27	1700	Phone fr Rebate 2: Patrol to STREGNA (06726) and SAN LEONARDO (06325) report that rumors of partisan looting and terrorizing are false. There are 147 OSSOPPOS in that area. On May 29 a 12-man Yugoslav patrol from CUPRESTO (06739) stole 4 horses in that vicinity, but they were retrieved without real trouble by OSSOPPOS at SAVIGNA (06430) on the same day. Most native Yugoslavs in the area favor Tito. There are vague rumors of big things to happen within the next 5 to 6 days. Action: C/S, G-2, CIG.
28	1745	Phone fr Rebate Blue 3: Our patrol did not make contact with 91 Div this afternoon. The patrol from the 91 wasn't there. Our patrol under Lt Paresman waited from 1355-1420. Action: C/S, G-3-2, Notified 91 Div who will check this and make sure it doesn't happen again.
29	1800	Hq 10th Mt Div G-2 ISUM No. 300 submitted.
30	2000	Phone fr Capt Webster (8th Army): Capt Webster and Major Fower of Phantom, 8th Army, will be at 10th Div CP for lunch, 1 June. Action: G-3.
31	2400	Rec'd: Overlay of Italian and Yugoslav Units from 86th Mt Inf.
32	2045	Fr Lt Anderson Remount Lt O: 30 Yugoslavs classed as civilians but in uniform are in Cave del Fredil. They state their instructions from their gov't are to maintain the closest and most cordial relations with allied troops and Italian partisans. They asked if we, CIG, had any instructions for them as to how they could best occupy themselves. CIG said they'd contact them everyday and give assistance that they may need. Italian partisans are expecting nothing about the orders to move - Yugoslavs in Cave del Fredil know nothing about the recruiting that has been taking place, but fear that Italians of Yugo ancestry might be recruited before the mines can reopen. Action: C/S, G-2
33	2115	Rec'd: Hq 85th Mt Inf, Training Schedules from 4 - 9 June.
33	2215	Rec'd: Hq 126th Mt Inf, Training Schedules from 4 - 9 June.
34	2045	Rec'd: Hq 701 TD Bn S-3 Periodic Report No. 151 dated 31 May.



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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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\* 1 72330A Jan 1945 \*  
\* 1 281530A Jan 1945 \*  
\* Hq TF 45 \*  
\* Dated: 281500A Jan 1945 \*  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1450,000

CLASSIFICATION  
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.
  - a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.
  - a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: The sector continued very quiet throughout the period with no arty fire; and patrols, whose activities were hampered by ice and plus reported no contact with the enemy.
- (2) II Corps Sector: The front was generally quiet with slight arty and mortar fire, mainly in center sector. In the center sector reaction to our patrol was acute and a raiding party encountered very strong enemy resistance. Our arty started a fire in enemy am dump vicinity L-933333. During the morning considerable foot and vehicular activity predominantly east, was observed vicinity L-965441. Normal scattered, small scale enemy activity was observed along the front. Afternoon improved visibility afforded observation of this continued slight scattered activity and on considerably increased activity in MARCONIALE (L-9556). Arty fires were slight and scattered throughout the day and included some SF and Nebelwerfer fire.
- (3) IV Corps Sector: Very slight shelling, 20 rounds on the coastal sector, as patrol contacts also in this sector, comprised the enemy night activity. Hostile arty fire increased during the morning with all sectors reporting harassing rounds, most of which fell on the east flank of the Corps front. Only mortar fire was received in the SANCIO sector, and while no patrols reported contact, some slight enemy activity was observed in both flank sectors. The front remained quiet during the rest of the day with moderate mortar fire in the east sector, and arty fire and scattered small scale enemy activity in the east and west sectors reported. The shelling on the coastal sector was heaviest with 100 rounds falling on PIETRASANTA (U-979) during the afternoon. (Source G-2 Periodic Rpt No. 235 IV Corps)
- (4) Eight Army Fronts: On the I Gdn Corps front the enemy attempted to destroy a Partisan outpost at M-585547 but was repulsed with casualties. Enemy were located on the east bank of the SENIO River at M-378431 and along the dike in the area M-3641. Following up a heavy artillery concentration, the enemy attacked our position at M-357399. Another raid at M-359941 was repulsed. In the V Corps sector contacts were made on the south bank of the SENIO in area L-2433. A patrol clash was reported in XII Corps Sector at M-033272. (Source G-2 Rpt No. 508 5th Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: No arty reported landing in the sector.
- (2) Infantry: Patrols to (462124) proceeded west from this point toward ridge but were prevented from reaching objective by heavy rain that limited visibility and changed snow into slush. Enemy patrol of 11 men, 7 in whites and 4 in green armed with rifles; skis and packs, observed in vicinity NE of CSI EDLEITO at 281100. Also enemy patrol of 7 men observed in CSI EDLEITO (L-288074) at 281120. The recon patrol to QUEROLA (L-381078) further adv halted due to ice. No enemy contact and no enemy observed. One patrol set an ambush at (L-487161). No enemy or sign of recent enemy activity.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Methods:

Concealment of Weapons: Of the two corpses belonging to a G.F. Bri zbv, found in area Q128 on 15 Jan, one was at first thought to have carried no weapons. When searched by our patrol, however, prior to burial, he was found to have strapped to the inside of his left wrist a small Beretta-type pistol, with the butt just above the wrist and the barrel pointing down his arm. No doubt this was intended to turn the tables on any would-be captors; the weapon would escape a preliminary search and at a favorable moment, the pistol could by a swift movement be transferred to the right hand, ready for instant action. (Source: *76 DIV IS 792*).

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L. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 271330A	-	312
PWs captured by TF 45 period 271330A to 281330A	-	0
Total	-	312

ANNEX NO. 1

Overlay of Enemy Defences

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G-P PERIODIC REPORT

From: 281330A Jan 1945  
To: 291230A Jan 1945  
Hq TF 45  
Date: 291530A Jan 1945

NO. 82

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, I.L.V., 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line: no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) IV Sector: quiet prevailed throughout the entire period, with only 7 rounds enemy arty fire reported. Patrols made no enemy contact but small scattered groups were reported as being observed.
- (2) II Corps Sector: arty fires were slight and harassing and included some heavy cal fire which fell on Hwy 65 between the 31 and 32 Northings. Small groups of enemy which exposed themselves at different points along the front were effectively covered by our arty fire. During the night several explosions were heard W of Hill 543 (U-6920). Delayed patrols across the BEMO River reported no contact with the enemy.
- (3) IV Corps Sector: Small groups of enemy observed on all sectors along the front and an increase of arty fire in the coastal sector constituted the bulk of enemy activity during the period. The only contacts with the enemy were made in the coastal division sector where a patrol to L-192042 drew some enemy SA and mort fire shortly after midnight and another patrol U-98962 received some arty fire. Most of the shelling in the coastal sector came down in 5 concentrations totalling 140 rounds on the U-9891, U-9893 and U-9391 squares between 273310 and 272355a. QUERQUETA (U-9894) and PLITTACALMA (U-9703) received their regular share of harassing arty fire during the night. A change from a dribble to a flow of deserters, mostly from the Italian Div and 3 Bn, 5 Marine Regt, was appreciably noted as 23 deserters surrendered to the coastal division in the early part of the period. (Source G-2 Periodic Rpt No. 256 IV Corps)
- (4) Eight Army Front: Enemy patrolling activity continued in the I Odn Corps Sector. The enemy was reported still occupying point M-494513 but he was forced to withdraw from point M-307418. At M-488500 the enemy played dance music and Italian propaganda over a loud-speaker system. Increased harassing fire was reported during the night. A large enemy working party was engaged at M-303317. Enemy were located in strength vicinity M-254268. A fire was reported burning in GUFFALMO (M-2085). An enemy patrol in XIII Corps Sector set off a trip flare at M-306803. Propaganda leaflets were reported on the left flank. (Source G-2 Report No. 509 5th Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 3 rounds estimated 8pm fell at 493144 between 1430 and 1437. 4 rounds arty fell in vicinity of 510150 at 2330. No casualties.
- (2) Infantry: Patrol to 476141 observed 3 enemy on skis with dark uniforms and packs moving south at 464155 at 1425; also heard SA fire in vicinity of 460120 at 1520. Enemy observer located at 460153. A patrol to PARADISO (402097) observed no enemy. Patrol to MULO (3909) saw one enemy entry at 382099, but found no signs of enemy in CONIO (2910). Enemy shelled F6880 (4009) with 8 rounds; HE at 0800a. Patrol to GIOVIGLIOLI (3305) investigated all buildings, observed no enemy. Civilians claim Germans are in vicinity but did not say where. Patrol to MANDRIA (2906) saw six enemy at 29284. Ambush patrol to 493160 made no enemy contact. Partisan patrol saw 20 enemy in ambush position at (508168) at 290230a and 6 enemy at (51170), found no enemy in PRADA (511165).

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Partisan Report:

The guns which were located between LA ROCCA and SANT ANDREA A PELAGO at L-283185, L-294194, and L-291198 were removed several days ago.

FI Comment:

As guns in localities LA ROCCA and SANT ANDREA A PELAGO have been removed,

b. PW Identifications:

92 Div Sector:

- 2 (recent) Deserters 2 Co, 1st Bers Regt, Italia Div taken at U-980955
- 7 " Deserters 5 Co, 1st Bers Regt, Italia Div taken at U-980955
- 1 " Deserter 8 Co, 1st Bers Regt, Italia Div taken at U-980955
- 4 " Deserters 10 Co, 1st Bers Regt, Italia Div taken at U-980955
- 4 " Deserters 13 Co, 1st Bers Regt, Italia Div taken at U-980955
- \* 2 Officers, non-des, Transport Det, Engr Bn, Italia Div taken at P-790194
- \* 7 EA, non-des, Transport Det, Engr Bn, Italia Div; P-790194
- 2 Deserters 15 Co, 5th Marine Regt taken at U-980955
- 2 Deserters 2nd Btry, German AA unit taken at U-980955
- 1 Deserter Republican National Guard taken at U-980955

32 Total.

\* Pws from Transport Det, Engr Bn, Italia Div were captured while rabbit hunting by a Partisan Band. It was not learned whether the hunt was conducted for sport or to replenish an inadequate meat supply.

c. PW Statements.

The 16th Co, 5th Regt, San Marco Div, according to PW from 13th Co, 5th Regt, went to the LA SPEZIA arba. However, Pws believe that this Co will also come into this sector because each of the other Cos in the Bn has one squad attached to the 15th Co's baggage train.

d. Enemy Organization.

SAN MARCO MACHINE Inf Div.

- 5 Regt Org: 3 Bns of 5 Cos each
- Per Bn - 3 rifle Cos, 1 MG Co and 1 Mort Co.
- Wpns: Per rifle Co - 9 LMGs
- Per MG Co - German and Italian Breda MGs
- Per Mort Co - 81mm Mort.
- 3d Bn CO: Maj Bellotto
- 13 Co CO: Capt Manzotti
- Plat Ldrs: 2d Lt Comaccio, 2d Lt Ugere, Sgt Pozzi
- Strength: 102 men on 27 Jan.

(Source, G-2 Periodic Report no. 236, IV Corps)

e. Total PWA:

Pws captured by T<sup>45</sup> prior to 281330A - 312

Pws captured by TF 45 period 281330A to 291330A - 10

Total - 312

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 1330A Jan 1946  
To: 301330A Jan 1945  
Hq TF 45 Campo Tizzoro  
Dated: 301530A Jan 1945

NO. 88

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

A. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: Sector remained quiet during the period with slight arty and mortar fire received. The only patrol contact with the enemy occurred when an enemy patrol was forced to withdraw during fire fight near L-399055.
- (2) II Corps Sector: The first half of the period was very quiet with only slight, scattered harassing arty fire reported. Delayed reports indicate that one of our patrols across the MEMO River last night received fire from L-672230 and a patrol to L-754281 made no contact. The tempo of activity continued about the same for the remainder of the period except for a slight increase of harassing arty fire in the center sector. Isolated small groups of enemy were taken under arty fire at different points along the front. A large explosion was heard in VAREGATO (L-6925). Enemy planes were active over the sector with strafing and flares reported vicinity L-7519 and 1 bomb dropped vicinity LOLAKO (L-8623). (Source G-2 Periodic Report No. 237 IV Corps)
- (3) IV Corps Sector: The enemy appeared most sensitive to our aggressive patrol activity in the coastal division sector where the only 3 patrol contacts along the whole front were made. Small isolated groups of enemy continued to offer themselves as excellent targets of opportunity to our arty. Enemy shelling decreased in all sectors to a total of 150 rounds for the period. Some of the harassing fire reported in the coastal sector fell on PIETRASANTA (U-9792) and VAREGGIO (U-9882) during the night. On the remainder of the front mostly light scattered arty fell on forward elements. A little after midnight an unidentified plane dropped 4 or 5 AP bombs between U-9593 and U-9792. No damage or casualties were reported.
- (4) Eighth Army Front: In the I Cdn Corps Sector an enemy patrol was dispersed vicinity M-506524. The enemy again put on a sound program in this area. A patrol clash occurred at M-488498 and another enemy patrol was repulsed at M-362345. V Corps reported a patrol dispersed vicinity M-378274, and self-propelled and MG gun activity during the night. A patrol was dispersed in XIII Corps sector while approaching M-017288. (Source G-2 Rpt 5 Army)

B. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Enemy arty fire of undetermined cal. fell in L-4205 at 291330A without causing damage.
- (2) Infantry: Patrol saw possible OP position at 403154. Saw 2 men crossing ridge at 403154; men disappeared 300 yards to SW. Saw small cable tramway installation on mountain from bridge at 475120 to 489110. Patrol reports MEMO (396097) clear of enemy. Set up OP at 402096. Two gun positions at 38250890 believed to be for MGs. Twenty rounds mortar fire reported at L-410068 from 391046 to 391710; one man wounded. Enemy patrol reported near L-399055 at 300300; an emergency patrol engaged the enemy in a fire fight causing the enemy to withdraw over ridge to SW into their own lines without inflicting any casualties. Patrol at M-383870 observed no enemy. Patrol to L-408166 & L-488169 made no contact with enemy. Patrol to M-571611 (L-436096) observed possible MG bunker at L-432094 but made no enemy contact. Patrol to investigate house at L-507164 found old tracks but no enemy activity.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. PW Report:

PW: Sgt Edmund knecht, 26 years old.

Preamble: PW deserted from his unit on 23 September 1944 and joined the partisans on that date. He has been fighting the German army with the partisans since then to this date. PW was brought upon his request through the lines by the partisans to the OSS Hq in SAN MARCELLO PISTOIESE. The OSS in turn then turned PW over to the TF 45 PW cage.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 311330A Jan 1945

To: 311330A Jan 1945

Hq TF 45 Campo Tizzoro

Dated: 311530A Jan 1945

NO. 84

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

b. PW Identifications:

San Marco Marine Inf Div

5th Regt

3d Bn - 6 PWs captured at (L293084) at 301542a.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: The situation became more active in the period during which 15 rounds of arty of undetermined cal fell in (L4914) grid square, and several fire fights occurred which resulted in the capture of six PWs and at least one enemy killed, balanced against the loss of nine of our men who are missing.
- (2) II Corps Sector: In the first half of the period small scattered groups of enemy were placed under our arty fire and there was a slight increase of harassing arty fire in the right division sector, 5 rounds of heavy cal art bursts were reported at (L-888234). M. CERETE and M. GRANDE (M0032) received some 81mm and 120mm mort fire. This tempo of hostile activity continued about the same throughout the last half of the period. Between 1000a and 1300a scattered infantry movement was observed between (L-759303) and the bridge at (L-759303). A suspected UP at (L-664229) and small groups of enemy at (L-823310) and (L-735331) were taken under fire. The enemy appeared to be registering his own final defense line from (L-674228), (L-673233), (L-668231) to (L664230). (Source G-2 Periodic Rpt No. 238, IV Corps)
- (3) IV Corps Sector: Slight and scattered harassing arty fire along the front and some scattered patrol contacts in the coastal division and center sector indicated little change from the hostile activity in the previous period. Small isolated groups of enemy continued to offer good targets of opportunity to our arty in all sectors. One of our patrols succeeded in crossing FIUME LA FOCE in the vicinity of (U926954) without incident but drew some enemy MP and rifle fire when they left a house at (U918955) and another rcn patrol received enemy MG fire from (L132036) at 300700a.
- (4) Eighth Army Front: Normal patrol activity took place in the I Cdn Corps and V Corps sectors. Enemy patrols were repulsed at (M488491), (M358399), and (M306308). Patrolling was especially active east of the SENIO River on the left of V Corps Sector. The enemy heavily mortared area (M1521). No contact was reported by XIII Corps patrols to BORGO TOSSIGHANO (M723) and (M088218). Working parties were heard at (M085235). (Source G-2 Rpt no. 511, 5th Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 15 rounds arty of undetermined cal fell at 301500a at (L492140).
- (2) Infantry: Patrol dispatched to point (L38050781) arriving at 300510a. Proceeded to (L380085), remaining in observation from 300730a to 300930a as security for patrol 609, proceeding on right. Enemy opened fire from (L376084) with 2 or 3 automatic weapons (MGs or MP) in prepared position. Fire also received from FLEBBIANO (L383088) at 300930a by undetermined number small arms, and rapid automatic fire. Fire from window of house at about (L381086) silenced. One enemy in house believed killed. Mortar and estimated light arty fire also received. Position untenable; withdrew to La Lina. Road mine reported missing; of these, five believed safe but not in yet. Returned through own lines by 301200a. A patrol to (L293084) attained surprise and brought 75mm HE fire on position at 301230a; 40 rounds. Enemy returned fire with small arms and mortar. Fifty to 75 rounds expended; mortar fire received from positions believed to be on ALPE TRE POTENZE, near (L306087) and (L290075). Six PWs taken at positions (L293084) at 301542a. Twelve unidentified men observed approaching from the S after departure of our patrol. One enemy killed, no casualties. All PWs were Italian. Patrol to (L472133) was taken under fire from 2 MGs and 1 sniper at (L458143) at 301155a and were pinned down for 3 hours; were

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relieved by supporting fire from 751 Tr Bn. Enemy position believed knocked out. Patrol to (L474165) made no enemy contact. Patrol to LA TORRE (L497165) found all buildings evacuated at 302330a and no fresh tracks. Patrol to (L513169) made no enemy contact. One patrol saw 7 enemy in OPs at (L305086) and at (L303089) at 301330a. This patrol received without casualties 15 rounds accurate 81mm mortar fire at 301530a at (L291084); enemy mortar position believed to be in vicinity of (L302087). Patrol to MT CALIGI (L378046) made no enemy contact.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Two enemy dead, 6 Pws.

b. Morale: Troops opposite our left front are willing to surrender but are prevented by the severity of the terrain and weather.

c. Enemy's probable knowledge of our situation:

- (1) attached PW report indicated that the Italian unit on our left front believes it is opposed by alpine troops. However, earlier interrogation indicated that only one PW guessed that he was opposed by Alpini.
- (2) Interrogation of an enemy agent captured by the 92d Div established her mission to be the determination of the identity, type, and number of troops in the mountains around ALPE TRE POTENZE (L3008).

d. IPW Report: See Appendix "A"

e. Partisan Report:

- (1) It is possible to proceed on the main road to MED. DEL ACERO (L460116) with mules. From there to FOSSO DELLA SCAVA (L459105) it is impossible to proceed without breaking the ice along the path for the mules. The mule trail near FOSSO DEL Lupo (L466108) is also impassable without first breaking the ice.
- (2) Seven-man German patrol was dispatched to PLAN CASTAGNOLO (L440116) and from there they proceeded to approximately (L448113) where they dug a MG position.
- (3) A German MG position at approximately (L468169) and from this position the Germans can fire on the path connecting C LANZI (L474160) and C BONUCCI (L456166). Two men were seen in this position. It is 2 meters wide and 2 meters long, and it is camouflaged with a strip of white canvas.
- (4) Approximately 150 Italian soldiers of the San Marco Div arrived near FIUMALBO (L321155) from VERONA (L5666). Fifteen of this group left for POZZE (L309121) the same afternoon, 21 Jan 45.
- (5) All able bodied men between the ages 16-60 have been called up for labor on defense position between M MAIORE (L346129) and PESSO DEL ABETONE (L326117).

f. Enemy Dispositions: See Appendix "B"

g. Photo Intelligence:

- (1) Photo Interpretation Report No. 13: See Appendix "C"

h. Total Pws:

Pws captured by TF 45 prior to 301330a.	313
Pws captured by TF 45 period 301330a to 311330a	16
Total	319

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## APPENDIX "A"

IPW REPORT NO. 4 PWs: Cpl Giuseppe Davoli and 5 other prisoners.

Preamble:

Six prisoners were taken, one of whom was injured by falling down a precipice. This one PW was evacuated through medical channels. PW's were willing to talk although their information was scant.

Unit:

Bn Hq, 3rd Bn, 5th Regt, San Marco Marine Infantry Division. PW's were originally assigned to the 15th Co., then about 2 months ago they were transferred to 3rd Bn Hq, for which no entries had been made yet in their paybooks. At the time of capture PW's were at the position of the 13th Co., where they had brought supplies and were held for a few days to assist building new positions, after which they would have been released again to BN Hq. The wounded and one other PW were from the 13th Co.

Unit Strength and Disposition:

Strength is still unchanged, see IPW report No. 2, 27 Jan 1945, except for 4 PW's taken from 13th Co.

One platoon moved from RIMESSA (291069) to 286075 after the raid on 27 January 1945. The location of the other 2 platoons of the 13th company is unknown. The 13th Co. has a strength of about 100 men.

Locations:

CP 3rd Bn 5th Regt located at appr. 334117 (ABETONE) in the Le Regine Hotel.

CP 13th Co. 5th Regt. moved to Hotel at 303096.

2 x 81 mm mortars at appr. 289082, manned by 6-8 Germans, 232 Fus Bn.

11th Co. 5th Regt. was at DOGANÀ (315142) on 28 January.

12 and 14th Cos in vic of ABETONE (334117) on 28 January.

Personnel:

CO 3rd Bn 5th Regt

Adj. 3rd Bn

Ex O 3rd Bn

German LO

CO Engr plat 3rd Bn Hq

CO 15th Co

15th Co:

Sig plat leader

Mortar plat leaders

Cannon plat leader

Maj Blotto (not Belletto)

1st Lt Sirola

1st Lt Viniazza

1st Lt Berner (?)

2nd Lt Bertucci

Capt Sestito

CWO Tacola

Lt Cotri, Lt Lapomarda

Lt Noe

Organization:

15th Co consists of: 1 Engr plat., 1 Sig plat, 1 mortar plat., 1 gun plat.

The III Bn has 3 rifle Cos

Each Rifle Co has 3 Platoons

Each platoon has 4 squads

All PWs stated that the III Bn was officially attached to a Kraut Division

which they had never seen and the name or number of which they did not know. Several of the PWs named the present combat strength of the 13th Co 5th SAN MARCO Regt as ca 100 men.

Weapons:

Engr plat: 4LMG's, a minimum of 3 sub-machine guns, 8 bazookas, AP and AT mines.

Mortar plat: 6 x 81 mm mortars.

Gun plat: 4 x 37 mm AT guns

Every platoon has a number of bazookas. These are issued by boxes,

4 per box.

In the house at 285080 there are:

14 German K 98 rifles

3 LMG 42

6 Italian machine pistols

90 hand grenades (fragmentation)

4 "PANZER FAUSTE" (heavy anti tank grenades).

Miscellaneous:

a. Road from FAIDELLO (RJ at 318133) to 303094 is not passable for vehicles. The snow on the road is too high for horses or mules. Enemy troops using the road have beaten only a narrow foot trail through the snow.

b. Road from GCOFFI (308119) to FOCE a GIOVO (289089) is an old abandoned road originally built in Napoleonic days. It has not been used by anybody since those times except by a few people who live along there and some tourists (before the war) for foot traffic. Width of road is appr. 1 - 1-1/2 meters.

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- c. On their way into the line PW's saw about 150 German mountain troops wearing the "Edelweiss" insignia at C. COPPI (308119). These troops had come down from FIUMALEC on 27 January.
- d. When these PW's were at FIUMALEC they were sending rations for 55 Germans and 200 Italians to ABETONE, Jan. 26.
- e. PW's were told on 24 January that they were facing American Alpine troops. One answered they were facing "the very, very best."
- f. Morale among the Italian troops is very poor and the majority are waiting merely for a chance to desert.
- g. On 24 January a Sgt was sent from Bn H<sub>2</sub> to contact the 15th Co. to determine when the Co. was coming into this sector. It was reported that the Co was on its way here and when it was contacted by the Sgt it was at a location about 25 km from FIUMALBO.
- h. PW's did not know anything about dispositions in the ABETONE area and the area East of highway #12.

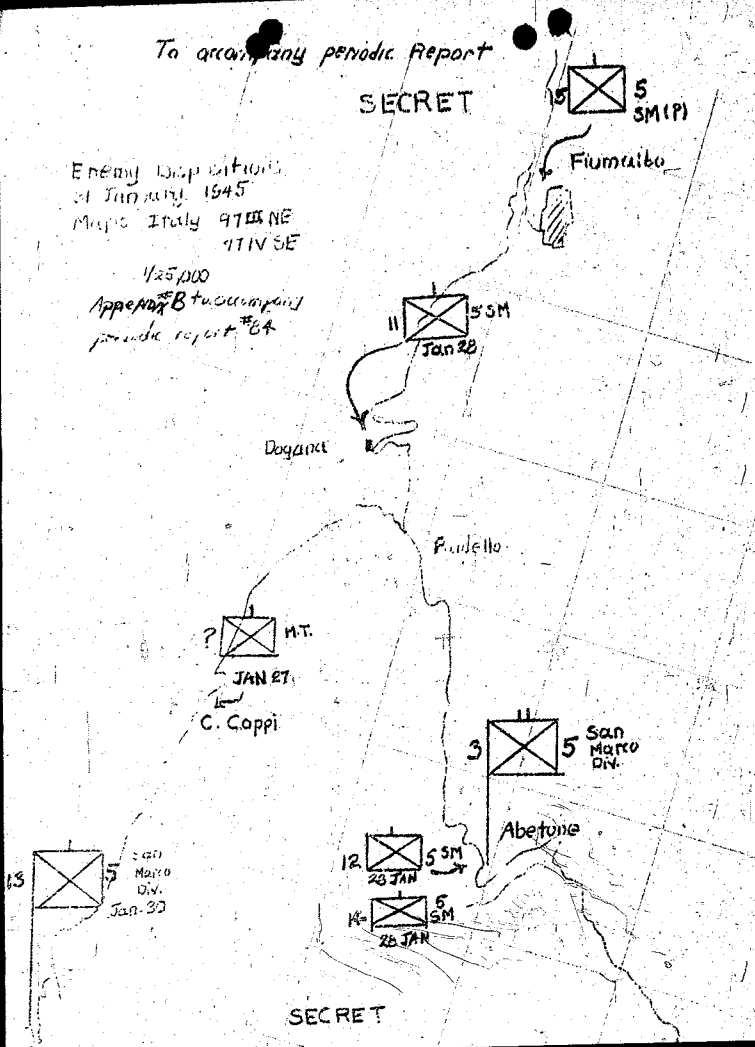
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APPENDIX FOR TD 45 G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 84

Photo-Interpretation Report No. 13

Area Covered:

1. Strip along Highway 12 from Pienepelago to Cutigliano.
2. Block covering area from Forano to Montese.

Sorties:

1. 12 PR 173, 29 January 1945
2. 12 PR 177, 29 January 1945

MINOR DEFENCES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

Item No.	Sheet No.	Endpoint	Type Defence	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1	97-III-NE	L-32771019	Dugout or shelter	12PR177	3126	B728
2	97-II-NW	L-36320780	E. O. Building	"	3153	D156
3	"	L-37740830	Probable O.P.	"	3154	D959
4	97-III-NE	L-34201008	2 M.G. Position w/tranch to dugout in rear	"	3159	B465
5	"	L-38070889	2 Mortars	"	4153	A526
6	"	L-38090881	E.O. House w/fire trench in front	"	4153	A524
7	97-II-NW	L-38280839	E.O. House	"	3153	B340
8	"	L-38320832	E.O. House	"	3153	B443
9	"	L-38070857	Trench w/two fire positions	"	3154	B956
10	"	L-37870878	2 Mortars when 1 prev. reported	"	3154	B248
11	"	L-37880866	E.O. House	"	3154	C049
12	"	L-37910872	Fire Trench	"	3154	B748
13	97-IV-NE	L-35751111	E.O. House	"	3156	B017
14	"	L-35901120	E.O. House	"	3156	A518
15	"	L-35541107	E.O. House	"	4157	A837
16	"	L-35001030	Dugout	"	4157	E144
17	"	L-35081030	"	"	4157	D045
18	"	L-35521052	"	"	4157	D651
19	"	L-34651062	E. O. Building	"	4158	D451
20	97-I-SE	L-54821820	Trench with 2 fire positions	12PR173	3053	B331
21	"	L-55051815	"	"	3053	B539
22	"	L-54562110	3 Dugouts	"	4092	E256
23	"	L-51821842	2 Dugouts	"	3036	D040
24	"	L-51951843	2 Dugouts	"	3036	D244

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NO. 85

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.
- b. FW Identifications:
  - 26th Pz Div
    - Medical Co - 1 PW received at TF 45 PW Cage at 311600A.
  - 90th Pz Gr Div
    - 190th Engr Bn - 1 PW received at TF 45 PW Cage at 311600A.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: Except for various patrols observing small, scattered groups of enemy, the sector experienced a very quiet period during which no arty fell.
- (2) II Corps Sector: During the night a raiding party to Hill 431 (L796280) captured a PW from 8 Co, 295 Regt, 157 Mt Div. All patrols drew enemy fire in all sectors in the first part of the period at which time the arty fire was very slight. The morning continued quiet with only 10 rounds of light mortar fire and no arty reported. Some enemy activity at (L859866) was taken under fire with good effect.
- (3) IV Corps Sector: A few of our patrols have made contact with the enemy in all sectors during the period and an increase in light and medium harassing arty fire was noticed across the front. Small groups of 3 to 4 men were observed by our ground QFs at different points along the front and were taken under our arty fire. One of our patrols drew some enemy AW fire as it attempted to cross the FIUME LA POCE near (U990953). The flow of Italian deserters in the coastal sector continued without respite, most of them from the 1 Bers Regt, Italia Div. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 239, IV Corps)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: In I Cdn Corps sector, an enemy combat patrol was encountered at (M609524). Movement was observed in V Corps sector at (M265274). A strong enemy raid occurred at (M233243). Patrol clashes took place on the left of the Corps sector. In XIII Corps sector, enemy parties were engaged by Partisans near (M076240). Approximately 25 enemy attacked our standing patrol at (M033273). Enemy aircraft bombed and strafed vicinity CASTEL DEL RIO (M0016). (Source, G-2 Rpt No. 512, 5th Ar)

B. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: No enemy artillery fire was reported.
- (2) Infantry: A group of 9 med Corps men bearing Geneva Convention flag and wearing Red Cross helmets and brassards were halted by automatic fire at 311130A on La LIMA PLANSIATICO Road at (L383087). Could not accomplish mission of attempting to locate wounded men from Patrol 608 and were forced to withdraw. A patrol saw 6 men in dark uniforms at (L450124) at 311200A, and 1 man at (L458144). At 310638A, a patrol on MT SPIGOLINO (L4309) observed 2 men in OP at (L432094); at 310830A, 2 men coming from N side of ridge on which OP located and relieved the first two. No enemy noted on ridge E of MT SPIGOLINO (L4309) at 310850A or on MT SPIGOLINO (L4309) itself at 311100A. Another patrol at (L392095) observed PLANSIATICO (L3808) from 310800A until 311530A, but no enemy or enemy activity was seen. Well used tracks were observed leading to house at (L3809880) and houses at (L38280839). A patrol from (L276069) saw 3 men lying prone at (L365084) at 311320A. Another patrol from top of MT MOSCA (L307046) saw 8 unidentified men on pass (L289090) at 311150A. A patrol to (L50516 laid ambush at 310815A; waited 1-3/4 hrs to no avail; moved then to cover (L507166); remained there until 312400A; mission unsuccessful. A patrol reconnoitering area of PLAN DE NOVELLE (L3508) observed no indication of occupation by the enemy since the last snowfall. The patrol observed between 010250A and 01C315A.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. IPW Report: See Appendix "A"

b. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 311330A - 319

PWs captured by TF 45 period 311330A to 011330A - 2

Total = 321

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APPENDIX "A" to COMBAT REPORT NO. 86, TF 46, O113304 Feb 44.  
IFR REPORT NO. 5      Pts: Obergefreiter Johann Schraeber and Pvt John Toussaint

INCIDENT:

PWS deserted from their respective units in October and August, 1944. They have been fighting with the partisans ever since then and were brought to this PW cage by the OSS who received them from the partisans.

UNITS:

Sanitate Co (medical Co) mtz 93, 26 Pz Div  
Bridge Co (Army Engrs) attached at time of desertion to 190th Engr Bn.  
90 Pz Gr Div

PERSONALITIES:

CO medical Co                      Maj Dr Heffe (October, 1944)  
CO Bridge Co                      1st Lt Haupt (August, 1944)

REMARKS:

- a. PWS heard from civilians that the Germany army which was located in the vicinity of FANNING (L4418) had been withdrawn about 8 - 10 days ago.
- b. about 150 Germans are located at OSTOL (L4220) about 2 weeks ago.
- c. Two HMG positions and one 30mm AA gun are supposed to be at approximately (L407161).

NOTE:

PWS had been away from their units for such a long time and had undergone many hardships so that it was impossible to gain any tactical or other valuable information from them.

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APPENDIX "B" to TF 45 G-2 Periodic Report No. 85, 1 Feb 45.

Interrogation Report:

Interrogated:

Four Partisans who are working in connection with our troops were interrogated at CUTIGLIAMO (L4006) at 2200A 1 February 1945. Questioned concerning troops, movements, and guns in ABETONE (3211) area, the leader of the partisan group stated that none of the group had been in the ABETONE area recently; however, he had received a report from one of his agents whom he considers very reliable.

Troops, Strength, Location:

Between ABETONE (3211), DOGANA and FAIDELLO (L327132) is a total of 800 men, of these 800 men, 200 belong to the San Marco Marine Infantry Division. The rest are mostly Germans belonging to various unidentified organizations; many are to be considered service troops. There is a constant fluctuation of men arriving and leaving in small groups. They live in houses along the road and the informant arrived at the total figure by asking the owners and inhabitants of various dwelling how many soldiers live in their houses.

In FIUMALBO (L322156) are 2 crews of German mountain artillery batteries without guns.

Gun locations:

200 meters S of Abetone	3 - 105mm gun howitzers in position
At the Palazzo Municipale in Abetone	3 - 105mm gun howitzers (in position)
Cemetery in Abetone	1 - 100/17 howitzer

Additional locations: RIOLUNATO (L328217) central supply magazine for entire area. Between FALIANO (L4418) and BERTOLA (L426208) is a battery of mobile guns (88?) which change positions frequently along the road.

Negative Information:

Informant had no knowledge of any group of "800 German Alpine Troops with numerous guns."

/s/ Rolf Jacoby  
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1st Lt, Inf  
Interrogator

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\* Hq TF 45 Campo Tizzoro \*  
\* Dated: 021530A Feb 1945 \*  
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NO. 86  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) II Corps Sector: Hindered by very poor visibility, patrols made no enemy contact. The sector continued very quiet with only slight enemy fire reported.
- (2) II Corps Sector: During the first part of the period the sector was reported as quiet with only some scattered enemy activity observed and very light harassing arty fire falling across the front. In the afternoon, some heavy arty fire was included in the harassing arty program. 20 Germans were observed moving near PCIO RIBANO (MO035) and a tank was seen firing 3 rounds near ZMA (L885332). A Pz from 1 Co, 297 Inf Regt, 157 Lt Div was taken at (L859113) by one of our patrols after a fire fight. This is the second regiment identified on our front of this newly arrived div, as just yesterday the 296 Regt was identified by Pz on the 79 Easting.
- (3) IV Corps Sector: An increase of enemy patrol activity and harassing arty fire was noted in the coastal division sector during the period. Small groups of enemy were observed at different points in all three sectors and one patrol contact was reported on the right flank. Arty fire was harassing in nature with QUERCELA (U9594) hardest hit by 64 rounds. A patrol to (U933970) drew MG fire from vicinity of PORTA (U933971) and another patrol to (U927956) drew MG fire when it engaged some enemy in a fire fight. The aggressive fighting spirit, so proudly expected of the ITALIA Div by the Fascist Republic, appears to have disappeared somewhere along the line as another batch of deserters, representing all 3 Bns of 1 Bers Regt, gave themselves up to elements of the coastal division during the period. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 240, IV Corps)
- (4) Right Army Front: An attack in company strength on enemy positions near C. LOLEI (M4950) encountered very heavy defensive fire. An enemy fighting patrol to (M394443) withdrew under fire after partially destroying a house at that point with bazooka fire. Enemy fighting patrols were active near (M365358) and (M336336). A friendly patrol to (M302312) found the enemy occupying a position on the E bank of the river. An enemy patrol which infiltrated to (M223243) withdrew when engaged. Raiding parties also attacked outpost positions at (M095214), (M161219) and (M144224). Friendly patrols to (M070242) and (M057248) drew MG fire from (M069244) and (M063256). A friendly patrol to (M030279) drew MG fire, and an enemy patrol was engaged at (M026279). (Source, G-2 Report No. 513, Fifth Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 19 rounds arty of undetermined cal fell in area (L5014) between CLORCOA and 011000A, and 10 rounds of undetermined cal landed near ONTANI in area (L3706) from 020044A to 020046A; no damage. also 3 rounds arty which contained propaganda leaflets fell in grid square (L3906).
- (2) Infantry: Patrols to MELO (L397097), RIVORETA (L377099), and to (L295056) made no enemy contact. Fresh tracks were seen leading from bridge at (L373098) to FIANINATICO (L382088) made by estimated 6 men. Patrol to (L498141) made no enemy contact. Patrol to SERRASICCIA (L462153) saw emplacement about 30 ft to S not dug out but with telephone wire leading away to N. Patrol to TONCRE (L491169) was unable to see or hear enemy at ROCCA CARNETA (L495172) at 020130A. Patrols to (L508164), (L470100), (L494167), (L298069), (L455033), (L4507034), (L271073), (L480131), and (L478049) made without enemy contact.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Photo Intelligence:

- (1) Photo Interpretation report No. 14: See appendix "A".

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- b. Fertisan Reports:  
Two MG positions are located in the southern outskirts of FFLIJANOLO (L411161).  
FI Comment: 2 MG positions can be seen at (L40901630) - CONFIRMED.  
According to the civilians living in the area, all the German arty pieces which were in position from PIEVEFELAYO (L299188) to FANANO (L440182) have been transferred towards FAVULO (L478325). 27 Jan 45.  
FI Comment: No guns reported in area PIEVEFELAYO (L299188) to FANANO (L440182).  
3 MG positions at COLLE ACCUMAROLA (L410121). There are also about 60 civilian laborers who are building small underground shelters. Number of German soldiers manning these positions is unknown. 27 Jan 45.  
FI Comment: No recent cover this area.
- c. Interrogation:  
FNs were in a dugout at (I52391750) together with 7 other men. They had 1 MG, 42, Italian machine pistols and automatic rifles. Another dugout was at (I52351721) where about 8 men occupied their positions. Both garrisons had received orders to maintain their positions at all cost in case of an allied attack.  
FI Comment: Dugouts cannot be seen at these exact coordinates but MG or fire positions can be seen at (L52191732), (L52211732), and (I52541750).
- d. Total FNs:  
FNs captured by TF 45 prior to 011330A - 321  
FNs captured by TF 45 period 011330A to 021330A - 10  
Total - 321

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Photo-Interpretation Report No. 14

Area Covered:

1. Strip along Highway 12 from Fievepelago to Cutigliano.
2. Block covering area from Fanano to Montese.

Sorties:

1. 12 PR 183, 31 Jan 1945
2. 682 A 158, 31 Jan 1945

I. Defenses Extracted From G.I.R. No. R197:

FIELD ARTILLERY

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	97IIE	L29251949	Suspect 2-gun btry	682A158	3077	C622

II. Additional Defenses Found on These Sorties:

MINOR DEFENSES

Special Note: From study of photos taken during the last 10 days, the ridge of the hill west of C. FLORIO (L5017) is seen to be a very heavily defended strong point on the main defense line between M. BELVEDERE (L5217) and the ridge of PIZZO D. CALPIANO (L4817). The principle defenses consist of MG on infantry fire positions along the ridge line supported by mortar positions and dugouts on the reverse slope, with a belt of wire roughly paralleling the ridge along the forward slope.

1.	97ISW	L42851760	Trench w/MG position	12PR183	3130	C939
2.	97ISW	L40951630	2 MG positions w/c	12PR183	3133	E235
3.	97INE	L55852295	3 emplacements formerly unoccupied now show track activity	12PR183	4062	A661
4.	97IINW	L39921289	MG position	12PR116	3133	F756
5.	97IINW	L40001287	Dugout	12PR116	3133	F658
6.	97ISE	L49401718	MG position	682A158	4107	D455
7.	97ISE	L49611720	MG position	682A158	4107	C750
8.	97ISE	L49801720	MG position	682A158	4107	C346
9.	97ISE	L50001740 to L50401740	9 MG or fire positions along ridge	682A158	4106	D644 to C136
10.	97ISE	L50051747	2 mortars previously rptd at L50281745	682A158	4106	D644
11.	97ISE	L50051747	6 dugouts in this area	682A158	4106	E644
12.	97ISE	L49621750	Possibly 2 mortars near	682A158	4107	U340

ANTI AIRCRAFT

1.	97INE	L55652435	4 square occupied emplacements	12PR83	3111	A749
2.	97INE	L56702352	3 light guns	12PR83	4059	A935

MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	97ISE	L42581970	Stores along sides of rd	12PR83	4073	D949
2.	97ISE	L48451981 to L42282022	Stores along sides of rd	12PR83	4073	D345 to C545

ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

1.	97ISE	L49281822	Road cratered	12PR83	3069	C946
2.	97ISE	L48262026	Road prepared for demolition	12PR83	4073	C343

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**G-2 PERIODIC REPORT**

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\* From: 021330A Feb 1945  
\* To: 031330A Feb 1945  
\* Hq TF 45 Campo Tizzoro  
\* Dated: 031530A Feb 1945  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. A229, ITALY, 1:50,000

**1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.**

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.  
b. IV Identifications:

5th Marine Division (3 Wn taken at (L370060) at 021525A.  
11th and 12th Cos - (1 Wn taken at (L395067) at 021505A.  
4th Para Division  
12th Regiment  
15th Co - 1 PW taken near (L4006) at 021200A.  
590th AT Bn  
1st Co - 1 PW taken near (L4006) at 021200A.

**2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.**

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 contact arty activity picked up slightly during the period. We again received some propaganda shells. Our patrol activity diminished during the very quiet period.  
(2) II Corps Sector: Poor visibility restricted observation during the period. No arty fires were reported in the flank division sectors. Elsewhere art fires were slight and harassing with 30 and 40 round concentrations fall respectively at (L853292) and (L871285). Scattered enemy movement was engaged by our arty and some enemy propaganda leaflets fall in (L8832) and (L8932) squares. PW from 16 Co, 296 Regt captured near (L8328) stated they were attached to 23 Co, 296 Regt which relieved elements of 4 Para D on 24 Jan. Another PW heard that 578 Regt, 305 Div received air Corps replacements beginning Jan who are now getting infantry training near BOLOG.  
(3) IV Corps Sector: A few patrol contacts in the coastal div sector and a slight increase of harassing arty fire indicated little change in hostile activity over the previous period. Small groups of enemy were observed along the front. A PW stated that before elements of the ITALIA Div left for the front they were called out for a parade after which Mussolini made a short speech reminding the troops to fight to the last man for the Fascist idea. If the present rate of Italian desertions continues in the coastal sector it appears as though it will not be long before the last man will be fighting alone as another batch of eager deserters were taken during the period.  
(4) High Army Front: A partisan patrol drew fire at (L522531), and the CREMONA Group reported an enemy patrol at (L505518). Patrols to the SENI in the V Corps sector drew the normal IG fire. In the VIII Corps sector, enemy patrols were engaged and dispersed at (L009299) and (L083222). A further patrol clash occurred at (L064243).

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 8 rounds of enemy arty, each filled with over 100 propaganda leaflets, fell at (L3785096) from 020145A to 020200A. 8 rounds H2 percussion fire fell near (L40068) - (L411068) at 021000A. 26 rounds H2 percussion fire fell on 45th Inf Bn OP at (L4030070A) at 020945A to 02114 rounds small, undetermined cal arty caused no damage when it fell from 020945A to 02130A at (L40310682).  
(2) Infantry: Patrols to (L477061), (L483160), made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L495069) saw 3 unidentified men moving S. Patrol to (L403008). Patrol east of QUERCIA (L512163) mistaken for enemy by IEF patrols and had to withdraw when fired on.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- a. Enemy Artillery: See appendix "a"  
b. Artillery: See appendix "a"  
c. Infantry: See appendix "a"  
d. Enemy Artillery: Partisan report at 020300A from SESTIANA (L395065) states that there are 2 - 89mm guns, 3 - 82mm guns, and 20 other crew-served weapons type and cal unknown, in pass along road at (L349102) to (L343116).

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c IFW Report: See Appendix "D"

f Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 021330A

- 321

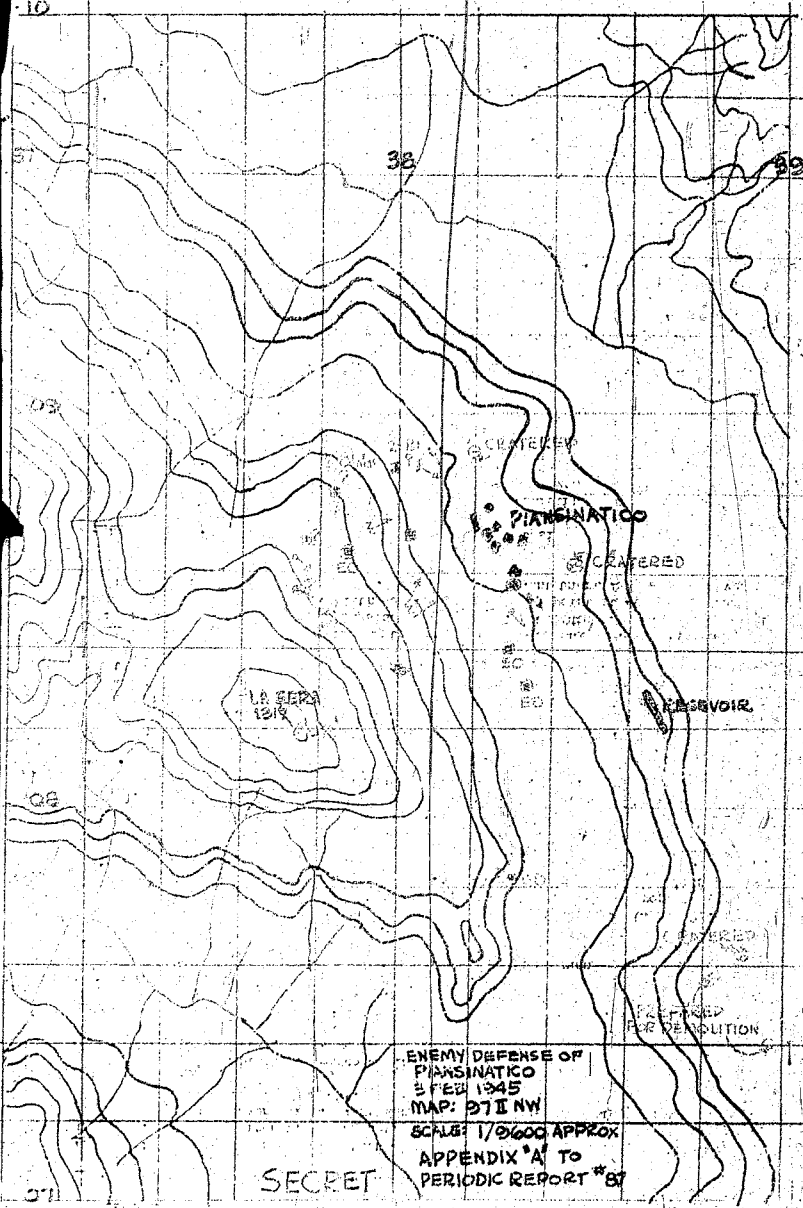
PWs captured by TF 45 period 021330A to 031330A

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Total - 327

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ENEMY DEFENSE OF  
 PIANSINATICO  
 3 FEB 1945  
 MAP: DT II NW

SCALE: 1/25000 APPROX  
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II W REPORT NO. 7

PWs: Lt. Boroni and three other prisoners.

Preamble: Lt. Boroni deserted together with two men who all came through the lines together. Another prisoner, a sergeant, deserted by himself and came into our lines shortly before the other three. This sergeant had most of the information gained in the interrogations of all four PWs.

Units: 11th Co, 5th Regt, San Marco Marine Inf Div  
12th Co, 5th Regt, San Marco Marine Inf Div

Unit's Strength and Disposition: 11th Co is about 70 men strong, with 3 Germans attached. 12th Co is about 80 men strong, of which about 55 - 60 are present for combat, the rest being detached for various reasons.

11th Co is disposed in a semicircular line of bunkers running approximately from (L378085) to (378088) to (381088). There are 9 bunkers in this line, each bunker holding between 4 and 7 men: 4 platoon of Germans consisting of 24 men and 1 officer from 232 Fusilier Bn are still in position at approximately (L383087). They are in a few bunkers and the first three houses on the E side of the road leading into PIANSINATICO from CUGIGLIANO (L493063). The German officer leading this platoon actually commands all the defenses, German and Italian, around PIANSINATICO. He has his Hq in the first of the 3 houses when approaching from the S. There is one telephone in this house which is connected to a switchboard located in a central bunker on the W side of the road, among the Italian part of the defenses.

12th Co is disposed on both sides of highway 12 from approximately (L350101) to (L354097). These troops are all in bunkers. PWs called this the second defense line.

Weapons: 11th Co has 7 LMGs, 1 HMG (Italian Breda) (possibly attached from 14th Co), 5 sub-machine guns, about 3 potato masher type hand grenades per man, 4 bazookas. 12th Co has in the 1st platoon 3 LMGs, 3 sub-machine guns, no hand grenades. PWs knew nothing about the armament of the other platoons. However, it can be assumed that the armament of the three platoons is similar if not alike.

Locations: 1 or possibly two 81mm mortars are located at 38150885. Am for these mortars is in a bunker right alongside the position. CP of the 12th Co is in a small house at Le REGINE (L349101); 11th Co also has a supply point at Le REGINE from where they get their rations and am. On 30 Jan they went there last and received supplies for 10 days.

Personalities: CO 11th Co 1st Lt Dosi  
1st platoon leader 2d Lt Pallatini  
3d platoon leader 2d Lt Follotini  
CO 12th Co \*2d Lt Lorenzoni

\*Although the PW platoon leader was a 1st Lt, the Co CO is a 2d Lt. The Co CO was described as an "eager beaver" while the PW did not much care what he did which is the reason for the junior officer having been made Co commander.

Miscellaneous:

a. PW stated that three days ago 11th Co took 5 American PWs and killed two. This patrol, according to PW walked right into their bunker positions. The Italian observed them when they came near them but did not know whether they were Germans or Americans. So they (Italians) fired over their heads whereupon the Americans hit the ground and returned the fire. During the ensuing fire fight, two Americans were killed and 5 were taken prisoner.

b. On 1 Feb the German officer at PIANSINATICO took a 10 - 12 man patrol out to the ridge running E of LIMA River to locate an American CP. Results of this patrol were not known by PW.

c. PW stated that all patrols sent out by Italian units always contain about 500 Germans.

d. PWs stated that almost all the Italian soldiers want to desert but are afraid of being caught by the Germans.

e. These PWs as well as previous prisoners stated that their machine guns have a strong tendency to freeze up, rendering them useless for any action. They are compelled to keep them in the bunkers and covered to try to prevent this condition.

f. Artillery support has so far been called for by the Germans by means of flares. PWs know of no Italian artillery in the sector, neither did they know where the German artillery is located.

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g. Highway 12 is mined from approximately (L336115) to approximately (317104) Fws claimed this because when they were taken to their positions by the German guides they were not allowed to walk on the road along this stretch but were taken longside the road over a little path.

h. Contrary to previous reports about highway 12 being blocked with felled trees, etc., Fws state that they were able to walk all the way from LA REGINE to FIANSINATICO on this road. There were no obstacles there.

i. Fws were last in ABEUNE when they came into the line on 27 Jan 1945, when they arrived there early in the evening (during darkness) and only stayed there for about ten minutes. They observed no Germans during this time.

j. The American patrol which, Fws state, lost seven M, was fired at from a bunker at (L378085).

k. Fw who walked around the W side of LA SERRA then S between LA SERRA and M CARDOSO and then SE into CUTIGLIANO, observed no defenses or troops between LA SERRA and M. CARDOSO and on the S end of LA SERRA. He passed between LA SERRA and M CARDOSO during darkness, and passed around the S end of LA SERRA during daylight hours. During the night of 1 - 2 February, he stayed at a house near (L377078).

PI COMMENTS:

1. "Semicircular line of bunkers running from (L378085) to (L378088) to (L38108) There are 9 bunkers in this line." CONFIRMED.

Bunkers or MG positions can be seen at the following coordinates in this area:

- |                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Bunker                  | L38000835 |
| 2. MG position             | L37760866 |
| 3. Bunker                  | L38000885 |
| 4. Bunker                  | L38050868 |
| 5. MG position             | L38120889 |
| 6. MG position w/trench    | L38100880 |
| 7. 2 MG positions w/trench | L38050855 |
| 8. Bunker                  | L38300858 |
| 9. MG position             | L38300852 |
| 10. MG position            | L38350858 |
| 11. MG position w/trench   | L37910871 |

2. "12th Co is dispersed on both sides Highway 12 from approximately (L356101) to (L354097)." These troops are all in bunkers. CONFIRMED. List of positions in area north of FIANSINATICO:

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|--|--------------|
| 1. 2 bunkers or dugout w/connecting trench | L35600915    |
| 2. Dugout, probable CP                     | L35400920    |
| 3. 5 MG or fire positions                  | L34860985 to |
|  | L35070988    |
| 4. Dugout                                  | L32781018    |
| 5. CP with trench and 2 fire positions     | L33001016    |
| 6. MG or fire position                     | L33461016    |
| 7. MG or fire position                     | L34041008    |
| 8. Dugout with trench and 2 fire positions | L34251010    |
| 9. Pillbox                                 | L35120988    |
| 10. Trench with 3 fire positions           | L35121008 to |
|  | L35240978    |
| 11. Wire                                   | L35411011 to |
|  | L35360992    |
| 12. MG or fire position                    | L35151015    |
| 13. Bunker                                 | L35201018    |
| 14. Bunker                                 | L35281025    |
| 15. Bunker                                 | L35401030    |
| 16. Bunker                                 | L35001031    |
| 17. Bunker                                 | L35101032    |
| 18. Probable MG or fire position           | L35351046    |
| 19. Bunker                                 | L35521052    |
| 20. Probable bunker                        | L35651052    |
| 21. 4 MG or fire positions                 | L35551047 to |
|  | L35791055    |
| 22. Probable MG or fire positions          | L36001070    |
| 23. MG position w/trench                   | L36211080    |
| 24. Probable bunker                        | L34750850    |
| 25. Probable CP                            | L36501081    |

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3. "One or possibly two 81mm mortars are located at (L38150885). Am for these mortars is in bunker right alongside position." CONFIRMED. mortar positions can be seen at the following coordinates in this area:

- |              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| 1. 2 mortars | L37860878 |
| 2. 2 mortars | L38080888 |

4. "Highway 12 is mined from approximately (L336115) to approximately (L347104). NOT CONFIRMED."

5. "PWs state that they were able to walk all the way from LA REGINE to PIANSINATICO on Highway 12. There were no obstacles there."  
PI Comment: Felled trees can be seen on Highway 12 from (L35210980) to (L35310977). Road blocks can be seen at (L35350977) and (L35400975). The road is cratered at (L35560969), (L36620942), (L36700934), (L37480903), and (L38170888).

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APPENDIX "C" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 87, TF 45, 3 Feb 45.

IPW REPORT NO. 6:

PW's: Ptes Pierre Alf and Ernest Wahler.

Preamble: Both men are of French descent, one coming from LORRAINE, the other from LUXEMBURG. They were inducted into the German Army in the fall of 1943. They deserted from their units in November and September 1944 respectively and have been fighting with the partisans ever since. They came through the lines near CUTIGLIAN around noon 2 Feb 45. They were brought by the partisans to the OSS office in SAN MARCELLO where they were picked up by IPW and brought to TF 45 PW cage.

Unit: 15th Co, 12th Regt, 4th Para Division  
1st Co, 590th AT Bn

Organization: 590th AT Bn consists of 3 Cos.  
each Co has 3 x 88mm AT guns.  
(1st Co lost 2 guns during month of September 1944)

Note: PW from the 1st Bn stated that during the one month that he had been with the Bn they had never actually gone into combat. They had never done any firing except during practice in training. Although they were committed they did not fire and lost the guns through our air fire (1 gun), the other gun they blew up when they could not get it out of position during a withdrawal. Neither PW had any information of value to the present situation since they had been away from their units for quite some time already and never had been in this sector anyway. They deserted, one near RIMINI, the other in the vicinity of BLOGNA.

APPENDIX "D" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 87, TF 45, 3 Feb 45

PW: Gofreiter (ex-Unteroffizier), German, 30 years old. This prisoner was captured by Brazilian Expeditionary Force while he was on patrol near MONTE CALALORO (6612).

Unit: 6th Co, 2d Bn, 1043 Regt.

Unit Disposition: The 6th Co could be placed in the area between SCFRASASSO (L6522) and (L635225), approximately. The 232d Div has 2 Bns in reserve: 1st Bn of 1043 Regt and the 1st Bn of 1045th Regt. This battalion has not been relieved and has been kept in reserve.

Personalities: Lt Bauer, 6th Co's CO was on leave and Lt Roh (?), from Bn Hq, took his place. This officer however had been wounded and 1st Sgt Borke has the command at the present moment.

Miscellaneous: PW had heard that the Brazilian Division was going to be relieved by the 10th Canadian Infantry Division. PW said that they expected an Allied attack, not only in this sector but maybe also on the whole Italian front. About a German attack, PW said it was impossible, because "old men cannot fight."

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**G-2 PERIODIC REPORT**

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\* From: O31330A Feb 1945  
\* To: O41330A Feb 1945  
\* HQ: TF 45 Campo Tizzoro  
\* Dated: O41530A Feb 1945  
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MAFS: C.S.S.S. 4229, ITALY, 1450,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: A raiding party, attacking PIANSINATICO (L3808), engaged the enemy in a fire fight which is still continuing as the period closes. All other parts of the sector remained quiet; no other patrols made enemy contact, and slight arty fire fell at (L377084).
- (2) II Corps Sector: The period was a quiet one as only a few scattered contact and slight harassing arty fire were reported. 25 rounds of propaganda snells landed near VEZZOLA (L40033) and SOPRASASSO (L40032). At O31320A a hv motor movement was heard going S towards ZOLA (L8633). An enemy patrol was taken under fire near (L963324) and 1 enemy was killed from 14 Co, 577 Inf, 305 Inf Div and our raiding party to CAUVETTA (L8732) was forced to withdraw because of hv enemy fire. (Source G-2 Periodic Report No. 242, IV Corps)
- (3) IV Corps Sector: Enemy activity continued slight with the exception of the coastal division sector where the enemy appeared sensitive to our patrol activity and where the bulk of the night harassing arty fire fell on the coastal roads. Elsewhere along the front it was quiet. The continued surrender of deserters from the ITALIA Div to our coastal division elements appears as the most significant event during the period. Approximately 30 deserters from this division entered our Fd stockade today. (Source G-2 Periodic Report No. 242 IV Corps)

- (4) British Army Front: Establishment by friendly patrols of positions in the (L3031) and (L2828) grid squares prompted immediate counterattacks, but a raid on an enemy position at (L254269) met light opposition. The enemy raided an outpost at C. MARTINO (L144219) in company strength. Enemy patrols infiltrated to (L125195) before being driven off. A friendly patrol to (L14299) was engaged in a fire-fight. (Source G-2 Rpt No. 515 5th Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Artillery on LA SIRA (L37706A) received arty fire, cal unknown, at (L4130A).

- (2) Infantry: Patrol to (L478050) had no enemy contact. From O31030A to (L3120A) 7 loud explosions originating in area between ALE TRE (L6782E) (L3120A) and (L2804) were heard. Our shelling explosions have been heard in the area since that effort at that time during the past three days. Patrol to (L3780A) (L271079) found snow 15 to 18 inches deep, ceiling and visibility zero, trail conditions good; contacted no enemy. Patrol to (L2999) found no enemy. Patrol to (L288065) found visibility zero, snow waist deep in gullies from (L310060) to (L298067), trails steep and icy when not covered with deep snow; made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L400085) saw no signs of enemy; at O31315A heard 5 rifle shots in vicinity of PIAN DI VEZZOLA (L354084). All houses along route investigated. Patrol to (L3780A) reports all clear as far as 600 yard observation limit would permit; no signs of enemy. Raiding party on PIANSINATICO (L3808) jumped off at O40120A and at O40806A was held up at (L3805508100) by small arms and mortar fire. Our arty silenced enemy weapons at O40840A. Our troops reached (L38306A) at O41000A. Enemy reported in a draw at (L416105) and undetermined number enemy troops seen digging in, in snow, at (L4210A). Enemy still strongly resisting raiding party by small arms and mortar fire at O41330A. (3) Signals: at O32010A a code-flashing light was seen at approximately (L4050A). Enemy observed in house at (L37940876) at O41000A firing red flares.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS

4. Total 1-31

1st captured by Tr 45 prior to 031330n

= 327

2nd captured by Tr 45 period 031330n to 041330n

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Total = 327

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.  
b. Fw Identifications:

232d Inf Div  
1044th Regt  
7th Co - 2 Fws captured at (L432095) at 050845A.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: Delayed reports state that our raiding party on FIAN SINATICO (L3808) met with strong opposition and was forced to withdraw. A more successful group raided MT SPICGLINO (L437094), took a MG nest, 2 German Fws, and killed 2 more. No other enemy contacts or arty fire was reported during the period.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: Enemy activity continued slight throughout the period. Some scattered patrol contacts were reported in the coastal and right div sectors. Only 190 rounds of harassing arty fell along the front, 44 of these were estimated to be hv cal which fell in the coastal sector. Arty fire was slight on the right flank where FORRETTA (L5812) received 8 rounds. The uninterrupted flow of Italian deserters to our coastal div elements continued to fill up the stockade, most of which were from the 1 Bers Regt, Italia Div. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 243, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: It was a very quiet period with scattered enemy activity reported in the center sector and arty fire considered as slight, scattered and harassing. 30 enemy observed moving W on the road at (L496388) were taken under fire and considerable activity was observed around MERCATALE (L49536). Fw wounded near SALVARO (L7327) was identified as from 5 Co, 267 GR, 94 Inf Div. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 243, IV Corps)
- (4) Eighth Army front: The enemy twice attacked outpost positions of the CREMONA Group without success. The attacks were preceded by hv arty concentrations. In the V Corps sector, 56 br Div patrols prompted a considerable reaction from enemy arty. Enemy MGS were reported unusually active opposite 2nd Div. Patrols of the 5 Bers Div met hv MG fire at C. MARTINI (L4421). In the XIII Corps sector, 50 enemy seen approaching (M015287) were dispersed by arty and MG fire. (Source, G-2 Report No. 516, Fifth Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Enemy digging in at (L36461043) was neutralized with arty at 041442A. Enemy CF at (L36821022) taken under arty fire at 041510A, effect unobserved. 4 enemy digging in at (L36461030) were fired on by arty at 041455A, 3 casualties observed.
- (2) Infantry: Patrol to (L480141) did not contact or observe enemy from 040800A to 041500A. Enemy positions were located at (L37950895), (unoccupied house) at (L38050845), (unoccupied bunker), and at (L384084), (open MG position). Enemy rifle and MW fire first contacted at 040757A from estimated 15 positions on slope west of FIAN SINATICO (L3808), buildings in FIAN SINATICO, and E bank of LA LIMA River. Mort fire, believed to have been 81mm, received at 040815A but fire from our mortars on suspected position at (L381089) silenced it. At 041107A, considerable movement seen near (L3822). Officer reports he was fired on by what he believes to be small cal arty piece with effective bursting radius of 15 yards. A patrol reached (L302073) and from (L306046) observed 5 men near house at (L291083). A patrol reached (L293065) and verified enemy 81mm mort position as being at (L308085) and also located enemy CF at (L305086); noted much movement in gully between houses at (L291083) and (L289089). A raiding party to MT SPICGLINO (L437094) at 050845A captured a MG nest at (L432095); killed 2 Germans, and took 2 German Fws. A patrol to FRADA (L511169) at 050100A found it unoccupied. A patrol to LA TORRE (L496165) at 050210A and FIANELLO (L496169) at 050325A, made no enemy contact. Patrol to MT MALINDRINI (L478049) made no enemy contact.
- (3) Signal: At 040802A, red enemy flares were seen near top of LA SERNA (L3708) followed by mort fire.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Methods.

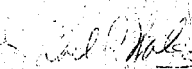
Booby Traps and Booby-Trapped Bodies: In a recent move southeast of MALKEDI through German held areas, it was found that the enemy is extensively booby-trapping everything - trucks, dead bodies, and all equipment and vehicles. The following sample has been examined and found quite effective, easily made, and very deceptive: A standard American aluminum canteen and cover was found attached to the pistol belt of a dead American soldier. The bottom of the canteen was cut with a sharp chisel-like tool and folded inward. About three-quarters of the canteen was packed with a cream colored putty-like plastic explosive, in the center of which was enclosed a booster charge detonator. From this, a 8p and fuze extended out through a hole in the base of the canteen cover. A friction-type igniter, ANZ 39, is used, attached to a five-second delay fuze. The igniter is pugged into the ground by means of a small nail or wooden peg. The weight of the canteen when thus prepared closely resembles that of a full canteen. In the above incident standard equipment has been carefully arranged to trap the unwary. (Seventh Army Information Bulletin No. 46)

Comment: While such occurrences have been few in Italy, consideration must be given to the possibility of similar methods being employed by the enemy on this front in the future. According to Fifth Army engineers and 15th Army Group Technical Intelligence, as well as the Fifth Army Graves Registration Officer, very few clear-cut cases of booby-trapped bodies have been encountered either in Italy or in Africa. It has been suggested that what seemed to be the detonation of a booby-trap may have been, in some instances, the result of the explosion of a hand grenade from which the soldier might have extracted the safety pin prior to his death, the grenade being kept from going off by the position of his body over it. The grenade would then explode upon removal of the body. In many instances, recovering parties have detonated mines in the vicinity of a corpse, thus making it appear that the body was booby-trapped. In France, where the practice has been frequently reported, the evidence seems more conclusive. In any event, caution in dealing with corpses is certainly to be recommended. (Source, G-2 report No. 516, Fifth Army)

b. DW Report: See appendix "A".

c. Total F.W.s:

F.W.s captured by TF 45 prior to 0413304	- 327
F.W.s captured by TF 45 period 0413304 to 0513304	= 2
Total	= 329

  
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APPENDIX "A" to G-2 Periodic report no. 89, TF 45, 5 Feb 45

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Eng: Obergefreiter Otto Schneider and Pvt Paul Jomitz.

Unit: 7th Co, 1044 Regt, 13th Division

Summary: Eng were in a position which was manned by 5 men. When our patrol opened fire on them, they returned the fire; and in this fire fight, the NCO and 2 other men in the position were killed. Thereupon, the remaining two gave up the fight, since the MG had stopped working and they did not see any sense in continuing to shoot. Eng were willing to talk but their information was extremely limited, due to the fact that they had been in this rather isolated position and had never left it.

Unit Strength and Disposition: 7th Co is about 120 men strong. The Co has been spread over a rather wide sector with isolated positions or outposts at the following points:

- 1 squad of 6 men with 1 LMG at SHARASICCA Mt. (L46251535)
- 1 squad on Mt. SIBRAM (L426093) - 6 men with 1 LMG
- 1 squad on BALZONI (L413115) - 7 men with 1 LMG and 1 automatic rifle

The Co has probably another position on TAPPE (L397116) of which I was did not know anything. Pfc Schneider had been sent from the position on SHARASICCA to the position on SIBRAM about two weeks ago.

Locations: CP 7th Co 1044 Regt is at SPITALE (L433135). A supply breakdown point is at SCAPPA (L441115). Nations and supplies are taken to this point by mule and are broken down for the positions on SIBRAM and BALZONI and then carried by men (Germans) up to these positions. These carriers live in two of the five houses at SCAPPA.

Personnel: CO 7th Co is 1st Lt Simon. /  
2d platoon leader is Feldwebel Wittsteiner

Miscellaneous:

- a. The supplies which are broken down at SCAPPA are taken there by mule from SPITALE.
- b. When the unit first went in the line in this sector in December, the Bn CP was in FALCO (L4418). Fw's did not know whether this CP was still there or had moved in the meantime.
- c. Fw's did not know what troops they were opposing. They did not even know whether there were American or British troops in the sector.
- d. One Fw's home is in KILSLAU and when asked whether he knew already that the Germans were there, he said he knew about it and was very demoralized.
- e. Fw's thought they had been attacked by about 40 Americans, a few of whom they had seen some time earlier in the day walking over a hill. But since they had seen American patrols in that area before, they did not pay much attention to them.

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.
- b. PW identifications:  
4th Lt Bn, 2d Co - 1 PW captured at (L391066) at 060630A.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: The period was generally quiet with scattered enemy patrol action and very slight enemy arty fire of undetermined cal reported.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: Hostile activity was noticeably increased as aggressive enemy patrols in the coastal sector probed our lines and contacted our advance elements in that area. On the right flank, the area generally from (L6020) to (L6322) received a hv volume of arty, mort and MG fire about 050200A. At 0330A enemy arty, mort and MG fire were again received and an undetermined number of enemy observed coming from near (L613213) withdrew after being subjected to our defensive fires. Enemy arty increased in the SERCHIO Valley and on the right flank while it was reported as negligible along the coast. One of our ID platoons at (L611150) was counterbattered with about 40 rounds of light cal. The stream of deserters from 1st Bers Regt, Italia Div across our lines in the coastal div sector continued without any respite so approximately 38 more deserters were added to the swelling PW count. It is viewed with great doubt as to whether the rate of incoming Italian replacements can keep up to the rate of outgoing deserters. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 243, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: During the first half of the period enemy activity was slight with only harassing light and hv mort fire received in the right div sector. Scattered groups of enemy observed at different points were dispersed by our arty fire. The enemy smoked the area in the draw at (L986362) and the area at junction of SETTA and RENO Rivers at SASSO BOLOGNESE (L8037). During the afternoon, it was reported that our attacking elements met moderate resistance on the right but considerably stiffer resistance on the left where intense MG fire was received from the high ground generally along the 33 Northing and between the 93 and 95 Eastings. The enemy continued the use of smoke, and screened now areas such as Hwy 65 in the (L8833) and (L8732) squares, SAVENA Valley at (L866329) and (L863318) and VADO (L8128). Area (L771340) also smoked at 1400A which later increased in volume. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 243, IV Corps)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: A Partisan patrol to (M527571) found the spit clear of the enemy. An attack in 2- platoon strength at (L487500) encountered hv mort and MG fire. A friendly patrol was engaged by the enemy in a fire fight at (M206228), and an enemy patrol approaching (M010295) was driven off by small arms fire. Some change in dispositions was indicated by a deserter from 12th Co 361st PG Regt (90th PG Div) who stated that his company had been relieved by a parachute reconnaissance unit in its old sector the night of 29/30 Jan and had come back into line near RIGIO (M182232) relieving elements of 715th Inf Div. PW thought that 200th PG Regt would come in on the right of 361st. Another shift was indicated by a PW from 40th Jg Regt who said that 2d Bn had relieved SS troops who, he had heard, were bound for Germany. (Source, G-2 Report No. 517, Fifth Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 4 rounds of undetermined cal arty fire fell at (L402063) at 052200A.
- (2) Infantry: 4 or 5 unidentified men reported at (L404069) at 050950A. One man seen digging in at enemy OP on top of LA SERRA (L377082) at 051005A. At 051555A an unidentified patrol of 5 - 7 men was seen on edge of ridge at (L405040). Men seemed to be using field glasses. Patrol observed at (L458151) and (L465160), but saw no enemy. Civilians were spoken to at LA CA (L482142), CASO CORRIERI (L482144), CASO VIGHE (L478148), and FARNI

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(L481152), and one said ROCCA CORNETA (L494172) is held by small enemy force. Enemy sniper shot at patrol at F. RMI (L481152) wounding one man. Patrol believed he was using explosive type bullet. Four rounds of mortar fire fell where rifle shot was received and 4 more fell at (L48051518). Suspected enemy position observed at (L47051530). Going poor because of 2 feet of snow and soft crust except at CASA CURKERI (L483143). 5 men on skis were seen approaching Mt SPIGLINO (L4309) from N at (L443105) at 050920A by L&G crew. Men were taken under fire, and it is believed that one was killed and one wounded; the rest disappeared. Observation patrol to REMISSA (L292069) saw 4 enemy digging at (L305085) at 051130A. Patrol to (L323063) saw 2 enemy at (L303088) going into saddle at (L305088) at 051200A. Patrol to LA PADILLA (L4008) saw no enemy in PIANSINATICO (L3808) or CALPETTI (L3808). At 051200A saw 20 men 200 yards N of PIANSINATICO moving towards PIANSINATICO. Patrol to MONTICELLI (L4603) at 051000A saw men on skis at (L444041). At 062000A, an 8-man enemy patrol was fired on by our outguard at (L391066); one enemy was wounded and was captured at 060630A. At 061120A an unidentified 5-man patrol was seen entering a house at (L289089) by our CP at (L289049).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. IFW Report:

Fw: 1 Fw (wounded) was on 8-man patrol when captured.

Unit: 2d Co, 4th Mt Bn

Unit Strength and Disposition: The 2d Co is in rest area at S. ANDREA PELAGG (L295195). One platoon was sent from there 2 days ago (4 Feb) to BOSCLUNGO (L336114). Fw saw no other Germans or Italians there. Fw stated that previously they had been under command of L48 (?) Div and that they were now under command of 232 Div. Fw's platoon consists of 30 men, 3 squads.

Personalities: Platoon leader - Lt Tomshik (?)  
Company Commander - Capt Eichholber (?)

b. Photo Intelligence:

(1) Photo Interpretation Report No. 15; See Appendix "a"

c. Total Fws:

Fws captured by TF 45 prior to 051330A - 329

Fws captured by TF 45 period 051330A to 061330A - 1

Total - 330

d. Changes on the IV Corps Front:

Reports of mountain troops in the BELVEDERE area have ceased and the ABETONE-FANANO sector is now favored. It is believed probable that detachments of 4 Mt Bn are operating in the more difficult portions of the mountains on either side of the ABETONE Pass. The bulk of the battalion is probably in close reserve, available as a counter-attack force. (Source, G-2 Periodic report No. 243, IV Corps)

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Photo-Interpretation Report No. 15

Area Covered:

1. Block along Highway 12 from front line to FIEVEFELAGO (L3018), and a strip from FIEVEFELAGO to MCINTEGRET (L3823).
2. Block covering area from mountains west of FANANO (L4418) to MCINTESE (L5524).

Sorties:

1. 12 FR 193, 4 Feb 1945
2. 12 FR 194, 4 Feb 1945

I. Defenses Extracted from GIR No. R198:

FIELD ARTILLERY

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	9715E	L49512208	Possible 2 gun light btry	12FR193	4107	C358
2.	"	L56412221	Suspect single gun	"	3097	D644

II. additional Defenses Found in These Sorties:

FIELD ARTILLERY

1.	9715E	L55852295	Probable 4 light gun btry where there were previously reported three occupied emplacements showing track activity.	12FR193	4099	F665
2.	"	L55622310	Large rectangular occupied emplacement alongside road.	12FR193	4099	F456
3.	9715E	L52351980	Three light gun btry, not present on cover of 21 Jan	12FR193	3060	F420

MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

4.	97111E	L28750900	Snow-covered buildings used as shelter.	12FR194	3021	F649
5.	"	L29000900	Dugout	"	"	F253
6.	"	L28980900	Emplacement beside dugout, possible mortar position	"	"	F352
7.	"	L30200905	Digging activity on reverse slope ridge. Possible dugouts, under construction.	"	3019	E736
8.	"	L30560833	MG or fire position	"	3019	F556
9.	"	L30600827	" " "	"	"	F557
10.	"	L31000812	Possible fire position	"	"	F367
11.	"	L32831010	MG or fire position	"	4027	E331
12.	"	L33081017	" " "	"	"	D835
13.	"	L34490990	MG position with trench to dugout in rear.	"	4025	C030
14.	97111E	L37710868	Bunker	"	3046	C746
15.	9715E	L46991662	MG position on ridge	12FR193	3052	C338
16.	"	L48171724	Dugout beneath ridge on " slope	"	3054	A944
17.	"	L48151738	Dugout	"	"	B843
18.	"	L48221730	2 dugouts	"	"	E042
19.	"	L49251810	Buildings (probable supply point)	"	3056	E240
20.	"	L51081792	Main road used extensively up to this point.	12FR193	3058	B438
21.	"	L51131780	2 mortars	"	"	A837
22.	"	L51201780	Dugout	"	"	A936
23.	"	L51201780	2 mortars	"	"	A737
24.	"	L51181771	Fire position	"	"	A635
25.	"	L51221771	Fire position	"	"	A530
26.	"	L51361776	3 dugouts	"	"	A720
27.	"	L54751955	much track activity around bldgs	"	3063	A720

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III. Defenses Found After Further Interpretation of a recent sortie:

<u>Item</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Sheet</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>	<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie</u> <u>C. No.</u>	<u>Print</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Temp</u> <u>Ref.</u>
1.	97IIMW	L36951265	Dugout with MG position	12FR92	4055	D331
2.	97IINE	L30320880	MG	"	3156	C547
3.	"	L30380880	Dugout	"	"	C547
4.	"	L30500861	MG	"	"	C553
5.	"	L30610832	Dugout	"	"	C858
6.	"	L30680830	MG	"	"	C860

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: no change.
- b. Units in Contact:

The capture yesterday of a Pz from the 4 mt Bn confirms the suspected employment of this unit in the mountains east of the ABETONE area. There are no indications of the bn's holding a definite sector and its use in patrols across the central portion of the front is to be expected. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 245, IV Corps)

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: One of our positions was attacked by an enemy patrol, but they were repulsed without inflicting any casualties. The conflict was the only contact with the enemy reported during the very quiet period. No enemy arty fell.
- (2) IV Corps: 3 enemy counterattacks in the right flank of the coastal div at the close of the period constituted the principal enemy activity. At 061530A an estimated 20 enemy counterattacked near COLLE (L175065) but were repulsed shortly thereafter by our arty and MG fire. An hour later, at 1630A, another local counterattack by an estimated 30 to 50 men at DELLA STELLA (L199083) was also repulsed by our defensive arty and mort fire. The enemy attempted another attack, this time in company strength at M DELLA TESA (L194081) at 1815A. However, they were not stopped by our fire and were repulsed only after they closed in hand-to-hand fighting with our troops. No ground was lost in any of these attacks and although the number of enemy casualties is not known at the end of the period, it is estimated that in each attack the enemy suffered heavily. More Italian deserters from the 1st Bers Regt, Italia Div surrendered to our advance elements which by this time must be irritating their Allies, the Germans, to the breaking point. Approximately 30 more deserters came in to be fed. (Source G-2 Periodic Report No. 245 IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: During the morning the sector was reported as quiet with some harassing arty and mort fire across the front. Our raiding party to BEZZANO (L6623) found the area unoccupied and a fire demonstration failed to draw any enemy reaction. The enemy continued to smoke the area (FIANORO) (L8834), FELIZZAK (L8536), LA TORRE (L8329), and LE SOPRA (L8328). Principal enemy resistance to 34 Div attack was from infantry weapons and we suffered a few casualties from Sch mines. During the last part of the period our demonstration and raid drew MG and mort fire against the leading elements in the center sector with the enemy near (L951328) resisting with MGs and MPs. Small groups of enemy were seen moving both ways on the road in the (M0137) square. Arty fires were elight and harassing. (Source, same)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: There were patrol clashes in the (M2425 and M2325) grid squares in the 10 Ind Div sector, and patrols of 10 Ind Bde attempting to cross the river were held up by defensive MG fire. In the 5 Kres Div sector, an enemy patrol to Il FRATO (M142217) was driven off. In the XIII Corps sector, enemy patrols were encountered at (M09204), (M072237) and (M025280) the latter in platoon strength. A friendly fighting patrol to (M024287) met heavy opposition and mines. (Source G-2 Rpt No. 518, 5 Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: No arty fire from the enemy was reported during the period.
- (2) Infantry: Patrols to (L272082) at 061000A, to FOLLA (L508176) at 060315A, and to (L499167) at 060150A made no enemy contact. Planned raid on enemy positions on LIFE TRE POLFONE (L3008) was called off due to difficult trail conditions, and no enemy contact was made. Patrols to CORNO ALLE SCALE (L466083) at 061600A, to (L401091), and to (L132055), made no enemy contact. Estimated enemy patrol of 20 men attacked Co B of 87th mt Inf at (L389071) at 062145A; 15 of enemy physically contacted by platoon leader during action, no friendly or enemy casualties, and action ceased at 070045A. At 071040A

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friendly plane observed near enemy CP at (L42141010); 2 men were observed but the large installation indicates that there are more. Patrols to FRADA (L510168) at 062030, and to CERRA DI CALFINO (L480170) at 062230, and to CCRONI (L515176) at 070100, report no enemy observed. One of our men was wounded by mine activated by trip wire at (L514175) at 070130. Patrols to CHIESINO (L475153) and to SERRASICCIA RIDGE (L460153) report no enemy contact.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Field Critique of American Infantry Tactics:

Camouflage: The American front line positions are well camouflaged. This fact is stressed particularly by the Germans who were not aware of the occupied fox holes when they crossed the lines until they were captured. However, they point out two defects that aid the Germans in locating American troops: (1) Sandbags used to reinforce various positions are easily detected from enemy occupied high ground because they are not properly concealed. (2) Excessive smoke from the chimneys of houses occupied by American soldiers gives away the presence of troops. Pils, who made this observation, explained that it is only due to the shortage of artillery ammunition that the Germans have not shelled such habitations.

Night Security: (1) Vehicles, which proceed near the alk at night with headlights on, help orient German infantry, reconnaissance patrols and artillery C's. (2) Soldiers in buildings and fox holes light cigarettes carelessly at night and even walk about without concealing their burning cigarettes. Some soldiers even use their flashlights indiscriminately at night. (3) Soldiers frequently reveal their positions by using flare signals.

Failure to Search buildings: Soldiers do not search cellars and attics of houses in the areas where they are advancing. In one instance, on about 12 Dec 44, eight German soldiers, who were hiding during and after an Allied attack in the BELVEDERE area (45217), were able to await, in their hideout, a German counterattack which was launched shortly thereafter. These eight soldiers played an important role in assisting German troops to recover the lost ground.

Reconnaissance Patrols: Pils say that American soldiers on patrol are noisy, congested carelessly, and do not pay sufficient attention to the advantages offered them by the terrain. They talk loudly to one another and walk upright. They make their presence known and are many times easy targets for German outposts. Pils also stress the following: (1) American troops appear to reconnoiter in strength only. They are usually "trigger happy" and fire at every opportunity and, in so doing, spoil many good occasions to observe. By shooting on the slightest provocation, they prevent many non-German Wehrmacht troops who wish to surrender from leaving their positions. In this way, American patrols frequently miss excellent opportunities to return with prisoners. (2) In one instance, an American patrol consisting of one officer and 15 E's infiltrated behind the German lines at 1400 hours and captured four Pils. The entire party then entered a house to await nightfall before returning to the Allied lines. No guards were posted outside the building and none were posted at any of the windows. A small German patrol succeeded in surprising the American party and, without firing a single shot, captured the Americans and liberated the four Germans. On their way back to the German positions, another American patrol consisting of four men was seen walking upright across country. (3) A patrol was heard as it approached a German position. Pils claims that the patrol leader shouted his commands so loudly that the Germans in a distant position could hear and understand them. (4) A mortar which was put into firing position by an American patrol was detected and accurately fired upon when the mortar crew shouted loudly for ammunition.

The foregoing is a summary criticism of Allied infantry tactics made by 25 Pils captured on all sectors of the Fifth Army front between 15 and 24 January 1945. (Source, G-2 report no. 518, Fifth Army)

b. Total Pils:

Pils captured by TF 45 prior to 061330	- 330
Pils captured by TF 45 period 061330 to 071330	= 0
	Total - 330

c. IPW Report: See Appendix "A"

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4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES, (PIANSINATICO-ABETCNE SECTOR)

a. The units in our center and left sectors are attached to the 232d Div. The Infantry in that area that can influence our actions is:

UNIT	LOCATION	ESTIMATED STRENGTH
(1) 3d Bn, 5th Marine Regt, San Marco Div		
(a) 11th Co	(4378088)	70
(b) 12th Co	(4350101) to (4354097)	60
(c) 13th Co	(4303096) (4302095)	100
(d) 14th Co	(4334117) (?)	100 (?)
(e) 15th Co	(4320160) (?)	125 (?)
(f) Total Bn, CF at	(4334117)	455
(2) Elements 232d Fus Bn		
(a) 1 Officer and 24 Em at (4383087)		25
(b) Area between PIANSINATICO and FIUNALBO		30
(c) Total 232d Fus Bn		55
(3) 4th Lt Bn		
(a) Unit Lt Bn (L308119)		150
(b) Platoon 2d Co (L336113)		30
(c) Total 4th Lt Bn		180
(4) German units near area:		
(a) 232d Fus Bn (-) (4425210)		220
(b) 4th Lt Bn (-) (Location?)		300
(c) Total German Troops		520

b. Probable Tactics:

- (1) The enemy can be expected to patrol vigorously to our front and flanks. The presence of Mountain troops in this area will enable the enemy to dispatch patrols in the most severe weather, and to counter our patrols over rugged terrain. When previously employed in the ABETCNE area in November, the 4th Lt Bn actively patrolled the ridges and raided our positions. However, in case of deep snow, the Mountain troops will be as roundabout as the other troops in the area as the company has few skis and no snowshoes, and few are trained skiers.
- (2) The enemy will defend PIANSINATICO - LA SERRA with 70 Italians, 11th Co, 5th Marine Regt, reinforced by 25 Germans, 232d Fus Bn. Previous raids and recent reports of digging and troop movements in the area indicate that the Germans plan to hold PIANSINATICO with a determined defense.
- (3) The enemy can reinforce the PIANSINATICO - LA SERRA Garrison, via Highway 12, with the 12th Co, 5th Marine Regt, and one platoon, 2d Co, 4th Lt Bn, within three hours after our attack is launched.
- (4) The enemy can counter-attack the PIANSINATICO - LA SERRA Ridge with the force in paragraph 2 (above) from L. CARDASO - L. CARDASINO within five hours after our attack is launched.
- (5) The enemy can counter-attack the PIANSINATICO - LA SERRA Ridge with the 12th and 14th Marine Cos and with 2 Cos (less) 4th Lt Bn from L. CARDASO - L. CARDASINO within 10 hours after our attack is launched.
- (6) Other forces within the area cannot be brought into action for a considerable time.

c. General:

- (1) The enemy can be expected to oppose any forward movement in the PIANSINATICO area by a well organized defense, and to counter-attack our successful forces on LA SERRA - PIANSINATICO Ridge with successive assaults of platoon to battalion size during the 24 hours following our seizure of the ridge.

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APPENDIX "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 91, TF 45, 071330, Feb 45  
IPW REPORT NO. 9

PW: Pvt Josef Aesenbrunner

Preamble:

PW, previously reported, was wounded in the leg when he was captured and was evacuated through medical channels. When first interrogated at the clearing station, the prisoner was in shock and was not in condition for a proper interrogation. Today, however, after the prisoner had been treated in the hospital he was in better condition to give information, though his knowledge was limited.

Unit: 2d Co, 4th Lt Bn

Unit Activities:

The 4th Lt Bn had been for the last 1 1/2 months in rest and training in the area around PIEVEFELAGO (L3019). The 2d Co is bivouaced in S ANDREA FELAGO (L295195). On 3d or 4th of Feb, 1 platoon of the 2d Co was sent to BOSCOCLUNGO (L336113). The reason for this action according to PW was that apparently the Germans wanted to reinforce the sector due to the various raids which had been made by American units. On their way to BOSCOCLUNGO, PW stated that he had not seen any troops or installations at ABETONE. There were no troops outside of this one platoon at BOSCOCLUNGO either, not even Italians. The German platoon is billeted in the houses at BOSCOCLUNGO. On the night of 5 - 6 Feb, they sent out an 8-man patrol to reconnoiter our foremost positions, although this was only an assumption of the prisoner. He stated that only the patrol leader knew the exact mission of the patrol. They went from BOSCOCLUNGO on the road until they almost reached PIANSINATICO (L383087). Then they went up along the slope of LA SERRA. In this area PW saw only one Italian sentry near his position at approximately (L37950875). When PW was fired upon in the vicinity of SESTAGIONE (L396066), they were just slightly N of this village. PW was hit by one of the first shots to be fired, and did not know what happened to the rest of his patrol. This, according to PW, took place at about 0430A in the morning.

Organization:

4th Lt Bn is composed of 5 Cos, 4 rifle Cos and one support Co. Each rifle Co consists of 2 or 3 platoons (2d Co only 2 platoons) of 3 squads each. The support Co has 1 engr platoon, 1 Communication platoon, and the Hq platoon.

Weapons:

Each rifle Co has 1 LMG per squad, 4 x 81mm mortars and 2 HMGs. The support Co according to PW has no heavy weapons organically, but he stated that when the Bn is in the line they usually have 2 Btrys of arty attached to them. He did not know what type guns those were.

Strength:

The 2d Co, according to PW, is about 150 - 200 men strong, including trains and administrative personnel.

Miscellaneous:

a. PW stated that until recently the Bn had been under command of 148 Div. (He did not know whether the number was 148 or 168), but that now the Bn was under command of 232 Div.

b. When questioned about oversnow equipment, PW said that they had a few skis out only very few men in the Bn were skiers and even those were not very good. They had no snowshoes at all.

c. PW had no idea what the intentions of his unit for the near future were. He said there had been no rumors. Apparently the morale of the Bn was low as most of the training consists of close order drill.

Personalities: CO 4th Lt Bn  
CO 2d Co

Capt Schoeleben  
Capt Eichwalder

APC: 58675-C

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: The situation continued quiet the entire period. Two exchanges of fire were reported: One between an enemy patrol and our out-guard; and another in which one of our patrols was engaged by an enemy MG. The enemy fired no arty into the sector.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: Most of the hostile activity during the period took place in the coastal sector with the right sector reported as quiet. A small scale attack by an estimated 30 or 40 enemy at 070230A managed to push our advance elements back a few yards at (L1606) but shortly thereafter our troops forced the enemy to withdraw and occupied the regained positions. A few of our patrols in the sector also received enemy SA fire as they probed the enemy lines. Toward the end of the period an interesting enemy method was brought to light in the coastal sector after our troops assaulted Hill 437 (L141036). The enemy dead from the fire fight were found to be Italian soldiers dressed in American uniforms and armed with our standard US Carbine. But on top of that they were all found with blackened faces; and in this way evidently attempted to confuse our advance elements by posing as American colored troops. A total of 75 deserters and 10 PWs were taken during the period 061200A and 071200A in the coastal div sector. Most of them were from the 1st Bers Regt, ITALIA Div. One deserter reported that this regiment is reduced in strength to 200 men because of continued desertions. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 246, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: Arty fires were slight and harassing during the period. The enemy continued to smoke SAVENA Valley and area near (L745297) during the afternoon. Scattered groups of enemy between the 89 and 80 Eastings and 29 and 35 Northings were observed.
- (4) Eighth Army Front: In the I Cdn Corps sector, enemy patrols were driven off at (M583558) and (M489496). A friendly wiring party at (M361389) was ambushed, and our fighting patrol to (M363413) encountered MG fire. In the V Corps sector, patrols of 10 Ind Div were engaged by the enemy on the far side of the river. Patrols of 5 Kres Div made contact at (M191223), (M181228) and (M179225). In the XIII Corps sector, an enemy patrol was engaged at (M1219) and a work party at (M081236).

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: No enemy artillery activity.
- (2) Aviation: An abandoned German 250 lb aerial bomb exploded at (L270964) at 071800A but caused no casualties and damage was negligible.
- (3) Engs: A patrol to (L520180) at 080410A observed an enemy mine belt across the CORONA ROAD at (L518173); consists of a single row of exposed mines laid one foot apart. A partially exposed mine field was also seen at (L517173) extending west.
- (4) Infantry: OP noted enemy installing AT at (L28950890) at 071030A. Patrols to SPIGOLINO (L438094) report no enemy contact. Patrols to (L420090) and (L408087) made no enemy contact. A patrol to MT RONDINAO (L275087) verified location of enemy mort position at (L289089) and enemy supply route from (L305098) to (L299093). A 6-man enemy patrol exchanged scattered SA fire with our outguard at (L391066) from 072230A to 080015A; no casualties. A patrol to ROCCA CORNETA (L501168) at 072330A received enemy MG fire, which was neutralized by supporting arty fire. A patrol to (L305064) saw 2 enemy digging at (L289089). A patrol to (L284084) at 071500A saw enemy mort positions at (L289089) and (L303088). Patrols to (L343072) and (L377046) made no enemy contact. A patrol at 071330A observed enemy SA fire coming from SERRASIOCCIA Ridge at (L456136) and MG fire from (L458146).

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Partisan Reports:

24 Jan - Germans placed two 20mm MG (m) in S. ANDREA FELAGO (L2919) manned by 10 men each soon after attack by strafing allied aircraft.

FI Comment: A 2-gun btry, type undetermined, was reported at (L292195). Possibly these are the m guns mentioned.

30 Jan - 3 arty pieces, cal 105mm are located at approximately (4334124).

FI Comment: Confirmed. Two, possibly three-gun btry can be seen at (433251215).  
30 Jan - 2 German MG positions at C. ACQUAVERGIA (L410121), manned by about 10 German soldiers.

FI Comment: Confirmed. bunker and MG position can be seen at (440941213); in addition, an MG position and dugout can be seen at CIMA TUFFE (L39951285).

30 Jan - 1 MG position at M. SPIGOLINO (L437094), manned by about 10 German soldiers.

FI Comment: Confirmed. A dugout and 2 MG positions can be seen on M. SPIGOLINO at (L43380910).

25 Jan - 2 MG positions are located in the southern outskirts of FELLICARLO (L411161).

FI Comment: Confirmed. Position at (L40951630).

27 Jan - 3 MG positions at COLLE ACQUAVERGIA (L410121). There are also about 60 civilian laborers who are building small underground shelters. Number of German soldiers manning these positions is unknown.

FI Comment: Partially confirmed. A bunker and MG position can be seen at (L40941213).

31 Jan - All the bridges along Highway No. 12 from LE REGINE (L3509) up to BRIGAZZO (L3224) have been prepared for destruction.

FI Comment: Partially confirmed. Following bridges have been noted as prepared for demolition: (430602170) (L29621932) (L31421398)

b. Total Figs:

Figs captured by TF 45 prior to 071330A	- 330
Figs captured by TF 45 period 071330A to 081330A	= 0
Total	= 330

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
a. Enemy Front Lines: no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: Reports from air and ground OPs as well as from patrols list several small groups of enemy at various scattered points in the sector. There was moderate activity by enemy arty of unknown cal.
- (2) I Corps Sector: The period was reported as very quiet with light harassing arty fires across the front and toward the end of the period some heavy rounds were included in the program. Small groups of enemy were subjected to our arty fire at different points in the sector. Guns in (L8836) (L8134) and (L8037) squares were taken under fire. Suspected enemy agent dressed in US uniform was reported inquiring about our activity near MONZUNO (L8224) today. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 247, IV Corps)
- (3) IV Corps Sector: In the coastal sector the enemy was determined not to allow our attacking elements to gain ground without receiving stiff resistance and without launching 6 local counterattacks of varying strengths to attempt to re-take some lost positions. In all cases these attacks were supported by mortar and arty fire and supported by coordinated SA and AW fire. However, in all instances they were short lived as our defensive arty fires broke them up before they could reach and make close contact with out attacking formations. Almost all of the enemy shelling during the period was directed at our attacking troops in the coastal sector where approximately 500 rounds were reported during daylight hours. Deserters from the 1st Bers Regt, ITALIA Div continued to come in and surrender to our coastal div troops. A total of 25 more were received at the PW stockade at noon. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 247, IV Corps)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: In the I Cdn Corps sector, the enemy raided a platoon position near (W534536) in some strength. An enemy patrol which approached (W484486) was engaged and dispersed. In the V Corps sector, the enemy blew a gap in the flood bank near (W364364). Two enemy patrols were driven off in this area. Our attempts to establish positions at (W342338) encountered strong opposition from the flood bank. Friendly patrols found enemy positions strongly held at (W231257) and (W228257) and drew fire from (W189224), (W174224), and (W181227). (Source, G-2 Rpt No. 520, 5 Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) armor: What was thought to be an enemy tank was sighted at (L461153) at 091035A. The position fogged over preventing further observation for effect of anti-tank fire we directed on the target.
- (2) artillery: One round enemy arty fell at (L514139) at 082315A; 13 rounds in square (L512132) at 082325A; 35 rounds at (L4943) at 090910A; and 10 rounds at (L5013) at 090920A. Cal of these shells unknown. 4 88mm shells fell at (L5112) at 090920A.
- (3) aviation: Air report at 081430A observed a MG position at (W418107), 9 men leaving the position at one time, and 2 men following carrying what seemed to be a MG and headed W. One unidentified, single-motored plane flew over SAN MARCELLO (L432015) from 081030A to 081130A at low altitude. Plane came from the NE and left toward the NE.
- (4) Infantry: CP-47 (W438050) at 081305A saw 2 men at (L3813), 3 men at (L369126), 2 men at (L385127) and 2 more men at (L369126) at 081315A. Also, 5 men were seen at (L369127) at 081445A, and 2 men in white suits believed to be observing were seen at (L383085) at 081430A. Patrol to MT CIMONCINO (L4406) observed 4 unidentified men in patrol formation at (L418049) at 080100A; heard AW firing from (W446088) at 080915A and saw abandoned ski equipment lying at (W444079). Enemy AW and SA fire was observed at (L394070) at 081925A. A patrol to (W435062) observed MT SPIGLINO (L4809) from 080900A to 081400A and saw no enemy. A patrol to

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PIAN DI NOVELLO (L355081) observed W face of LA SERRA (L377084) from 081200A to 081400A but saw no enemy. Patrol to (L465132) observed two enemy in possible CP position at (L45801415) at 081545A. A patrol to CASA BUIO (L506166) found double apron fence extending from (L505174) to (L503173); made no enemy contact. Patrol to LA MACELLA (L470042) made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L278072) saw 2 enemy at (L304088) at 081245A, 2 enemy at (L305087) at 081345A, and 4 enemy at (L305087) at 081500A. Patrol to (L298067) saw 4 enemy at (L28400845) at 081315A. Patrol to M. RONDINATO (L275086) saw no enemy. Patrol to PIAN SINATICO (L3808) saw considerable activity; enemy moving from house to house and among bunkers in the area (L3808).

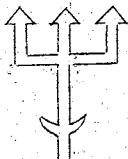
(5) Signal: At 081605A GF-47 (L438050) 1 man was seen signalling with flags at (L388128). At 080600A, signal light was observed flashing at (L430100).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Insignia of Enemy Division:

232d Inf Div

Current Insignia:



OSS reports a new divisional insignia consisting of a branch with leaf and berry. (Source, G-2 Report No. 520, Fifth Army)

b. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 081330A	- 330
PWs captured by TF 45 period 081330A to 091330A	= 0
Total	- 330

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

5. PW Identifications:

San Marco Marine Div  
5th Regt

3d Bn Med Det - 1 PW taken at (L378070) at 092030A.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: Enemy contacts during a quiet period were made when one patrol knocked out two enemy MG positions and another reported eleven PWs captured and one enemy killed. Very slight arty fell in the sector.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: The enemy continued to resist our advances with spirit in the coastal division sector. In the right flank of this sector 40 to 50 enemy counterattacked in the (L1706) square which was soon followed by another local attack of undetermined strength in the (L1606) square. Both these attacks were successfully stopped by our arty fire and 10 known dead were reported. Documents taken from the bodies identified them as from 6 and 7 Cos, 286 Inf Regt, 148 Inf Div. Over on the coast an intense mortar barrage forced our troops to abandon the high point at (M947964) where they also received some enemy SA fire. There was a definite increase in arty fire during the period with a total of 700 rounds reported in the coastal sector, 200 of which were estimated hv cal. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 248, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: An extremely quiet period was passed with arty fires reported as negligible, as only 20 rounds of light cal and 5 rounds of 210s were received in the left center sector and some SP fire in the right center sector. Some mortar fire was also reported in the center sector. At 091730A a tracked vehicle at (M014348) was taken under fire as were enemy personnel at (L946347) and (L948347). (Source, G-2 Rpt No. 248; IV Corps)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: Enemy patrols were driven off at (M583558) and (M63356) Other patrol engagements were reported at (M321330), (M252265), (M179215) and (M134209). Working parties and vehicular and personnel movement were heard at numerous points along the Army front during the night, particularly north of Highway 9. PWs taken during the period from 98th and 362d Div indicated, by their places of capture, a slight edging north of the sector of these divs, a PW from 956th Inf Regt turning up in a sector formerly held by elements of 16th SS PG Div. (Source, G-2 Rpt No. 521, 5th Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Six enemy shells of undetermined cal fell at (L417063) at 1011
- (2) Chemical Warfare: Area (L441191) to (L490189) smoked by enemy at 091430A and 091730A.
- (3) Infantry: Patrol at (L500167) knocked out 2 enemy MG positions with SA or bazooka fire at 090220A. Estimated 4 to 6 enemy killed. One of our men was wounded and evacuated. Patrols to (L295055) and (L285087) made no enemy contact. Patrols to (L505164) to 091545A, and (L475129) at 091430A made no enemy contact. Patrol to MT LA SERRA (L3708) and CAROSO (L3608) from 090900A to 091930A, and patrol to PLANSINATICO (L3808) from 090730A to 091430A observed no enemy. At 091630A 2 unidentified men captured, 1 armed and 1 unarmed at (L403059) and were turned over to CIC. The men were pointed out as suspicious by 2 Italian civilians. Patrol reports capture of 6 PWs in house at (L289089) at 100907A, and 5 PWs in house at (L291083) at 101005A; one enemy killed. patrol returning at 101200A with no report of friendly casualties. Seven men dressed in black, believed to be enemy, seen at (L345116) at 101130A.
- (4) Signal: Amber parachute flares seen over ROCCO CORNETA (L498173) from (L491133).

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. IFW Report:

PW: Pvt Carlo Bigi

Preamble: PW deserted his outfit on the 9th of Feb and immediately proceeded toward our lines, arriving in the vicinity of PIAN de ONDANI (L379068) at about 091900. PW was a willing talker but the information in his possession was very limited.

Unit: Medical detachment, 3d Bn, 5th Regt, San Marco Marine Division

Unit Disposition: The 3d Bn medical detachment, which consists of 10 medics and two medical officers is broken up in the following manner. One medic to each Co, two medics at Bn Hq and the remainder at the Bn aid station. One of the medical officers is on duty at all times at the aid station. The other medical officer is in charge of sick call for the Bn's Cos. The Bn aid station is located in a house at (L325120).

Locations: CP 12th Co in a house at approximately (L352101), about 100' east of the road. A German supply point is located in a house on east side of highway at approximately (351101). There are about 15 Germans in that house.

Personalities: Bn Med Officer

Bn S-4

CO 11th Co

in 11th Co

in 12th Co

Lt Taini

Lt Ciancainaini

Capt Brunetti (now at Bn Hq)

Lt Serpi

Lt Degano

Miscellaneous:

a. PW LEFT HIS aid station at 081200 Feb to bring medical supplies to aid man located at the 12th Co CP. PW arrived at Co CP at about 1700 and remained overnight at the German supply point described above. The following day at about 1200 PW left in REGINE to return to the Bn aid station. He took this opportunity to desert traveling the following route: He went from REGINE north to bridge at (L34751028). Here he turned west using trail which runs south. He then went along the slopes of the ridge of M TORTO (L353093) M CARDOSO (L365087), then descended to COSTA (L373077) and finally at PIAN degli ONTANI (L379068) where he surrendered. All along this trip he has observed no German or Italian troops or installations. In the vicinity of COSTA he observed a 3-man American patrol but hid until they had passed him. He made the whole trip in daylight.

b. PW was formerly attached to 11th Co as a medic, while the Co was still a complete unit. Shortly after the 11th Co had been broken up in Dec 1944 he was transferred to Bn Hq. At that time, the Co was about 60 men strong. PW was unable to give information about the armament of the Co at that time, except that they had Italian HMGs (Breda).

c. On 1 Feb, PW treated one American PW for a slight bullet wound in the right arm. He described this American as a very tall and husky, blond man. Other American PWs taken at the same time were being evacuated by the German.

d. PW stated that all the Germans he had seen in the sector wore the Edelweiss insignia and that these troops had been there prior to their arrival on 22 Jan 1945.

e. According to PWs knowledge, the Bn CP was still at FIUMALBO (L322156) where it had been on 20 Jan when he left there.

f. PW stated that all medics, German and Italian, were carrying pistols.

b. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 091330A	- 330
PWs captured by TF 45 period 091330A to 101330A	- 11
Total	= 341

c. Photo Intelligence:

(1) Photo Interpretation Report No. 16: See Appendix "A"

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Area Covered:

1. Block along Highway 12 from front line to PIEVEPELAGO (L3018)
2. Block covering area from mountains west of FANANO (L4418) to MONTESE (L5524)

Sorties:

1. 682A168, 8 Feb 1945
2. 12PR226, 8 Feb 1945

MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>	<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie No.</u>	<u>Print No.</u>	<u>Temp Ref.</u>
1.	97IINW	L40941213	MG and bunker on ridge	12PR116	3130	0435
2.	"	L37970868	3 dugouts in area where 1 previously reported.	12PR194	3046	D139
3.	"	L37720868	Previously reported bunker with emplacements connected by trenches. Patrol reports indicate that one of these may contain a light infantry gun. The other is probably an MG position.	682A168	4130	C962
4.	97IINE	L35001030	Approximately 25 men forming a circle in an open field - probably troops doing calisthenics!	"	3138	D734
5.	"	L34981022	Two emplacements, probably for mortars.	"	"	E332
6.	"	L35561045	Bunker instead of previously reported MG position.	"	3137	C644
7.	"	L35581032	Bunker	"	"	D654
8.	"	L36181035	Bunker with associated trench and MG position.	"	"	C440
9.	97IINW	L37730825	Bunker on top of LA SERRA	"	3129	D349
10.	"	L36040834	Bunker	"	4129	C266
11.	"	L36180849	Two bunkers	"	"	C454
12.	"	L37900854	Bunker and fire position	"	4130	E662
13.	97IINE	L35701055	On the point of this spur are located a bunker, just behind the ridge on the N slope, 2 MG positions, and 2 fire bays.	"	4137	C354
14.	97ISE	L53081798	2 hv morts, with 3 dugouts nearby	12PR217	3122	E625
15.	"	L56121957	Dugout on reverse slope of ridge	12PR225	3053	E139
16.	"	L56181952	MG position on ridge	"	"	E341
17.	97IINW	L43270946	Dugout beneath crest of ridge	"	3032	D441
18.	"	L43380940	Original position on M SPIGOLINO now consisting of a bunker, and 3 fire positions on the ridge.	"	3032	D743
19.	97IINE	L33601312	Low, square structure approximately 20'. Probable dugout.	682A168	3207	E623
20.	97IINE	L36301090	Trench with MG position	"	5210	B437
21.	"	L36291102	2 dugouts or shelters.	"	"	B939

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 101330A Feb 1945  
To: 111330A Feb 1945  
Hq TF 45, Campo Tizzoro  
Dated: 111500A Feb 1945

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MAPS: C.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

b. PW Identifications:

San Marco Marine Div

5th Regt

13th Co - 11 PWs captured at 100900 Feb at (L289089)

232d Inf Div

1044th Regt

5th and 8th Cos; - 2 PWs taken at 110650A Feb at (L512163)

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: The entire period was very quiet. No enemy arty fell and only one patrol contact with the enemy was made.
- (2) II CORPS Sector: During the period very little close contact with the enemy was made and the movement of small groups of enemy across the front continued to be observed and taken under arty fire. Arty fires were slight and harassing. Enemy tank or SP at (M014386), activity on CERERE'S FUR (M0032), M MEZZANO (L9934), M CASTELLARO (L9833), personnel at (L944340) and a 7-man work party at (L991288) were all taken under arty fire. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 249, IV Corps).
- (3) IV Corps Sector: The enemy continued to offer stiff resistance to our attacking elements in the coastal div sector by launching local counterattacks to regain lost ground. The beginning of the period was started off with a local counterattack of undetermined strength at (L177066) which was effectively stopped in its tracks by our arty fire. The persistence of the enemy to hold this ground was shown when the enemy launched another small counterattack in the same area at 100730A but because of our defensive arty fire it also burned out. Over on the coast, a PW was taken early in the period who nobly offered to help by informing our elements that the 281st Regt was going to launch a counterattack vicinity mouth of the CINQUALE Canal (L9096) at 0600A, which was to be supported by 4 tanks. With appreciation for the information our coastal elements were prepared to meet the attackers. Without fail, the enemy, in undetermined strength, did attack at the prophesied time at (U912964) but it was short-lived when our infant supported by tanks greeted the aggressor which resulted in his withdrawal & leaving to us a batch of PWs from 5 Co, 281st Regt in his wake. At 101300A the enemy made another attempt to push us back, only this time at (U94897) which for a short while made our positions temporarily untenable but a little later our troops succeeded in sending them reeling back and we recaptured the positions. At the end of the period enemy pressure in (U9096) developed in to a counterattack from the direction of the coastal road which still continued at the end of the period. At the end of the period, continued enemy reaction to our guns E of the SERCHIO had driven our troops from IAN DI SOTTO (L1908). Enemy arty fire continued intense in the coastal sector and slight over rest of Corps front. (Source, G-2 Periodic Rpt No. 249, IV Corp)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: A demonstration in the 2 NZ Div sector produced a violent reaction in the form of hv shelling of forward elements and approach to the river. In the XIII Corps sector, a raid by approximately 20 enemy (M0326) area was driven off. Other enemy patrols attacked at (M147214) and (M147217), supported by arty. (Source, G-2 Rpt No. 522, Fifth Army)

b. Operation of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: No enemy arty was reported. Air OPs report direct hit on 88mm gun at (L375089) at 101545A; a 2-gun enemy btry at (L525119) knocked out by direct hits at 101040A; hits on an enemy OP at LA. SERRA (L378091) at 10161 and on a 16-man enemy billet at (L516190) at 101500A.
- (2) Infantry: Patrol to PRADA (L510168) at 092340; and to P. LAZZO (L502170) made no enemy contact. Complete report on 2 day combat patrol raid on BURRO AL FOSSO (L288088) states enemy positions destroyed in addition.

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to 11 PWs taken (previously reported); 1 enemy killed, 3 escaped; no friendly casualties. Raiding force gained complete surprise in dawn attack. A patrol from (L473133) at 101430A saw no enemy or enemy activity on E side of MT MANCINELLO (L456134); observed at 101125A from (L482129) an unidentified 7-man patrol on MT GRANDE (L487127). From MT RONDINATO (L275087), a patrol observed 6 enemy at (L299093) and saw them move by well-marked trail to pass at (L289090) at 101505A; then also observed 2 men in dug in position at (L289089) and 4 men in OP at (L318075). Another patrol at 101500A from (L375080) observed an enemy MG at (L369088) and a mort position at (L368089); no enemy or enemy activity observed. Patrol to (L509175) was fired upon by enemy MGs from (L509174) at 102231A and 3 grenades thrown by enemy wounded 1 man in the leg. Patrol called for art fire and withdrew under its cover. Patrol to (L517174) at 110013A heard shots SA fire coming from the crest of MT BELVEDERE (L5217) but made no enemy contact. Patrol to PIANSINATICO (L3808) at 101700A to 102300A made no enemy contact but observed lights in QUERICIA (L382078). Patrol to MT SPIGOLINO (L4309) at 101300A made no enemy contact.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. IPW Report: See Appendix "A" and Appendix "B"
- b. Total PWs:
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| PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 101330A          | = 331 |
| PWs captured by TF 45 period 101330A to 111330A | = 13  |
| Total   | = 344 |

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IPW REPORT NO. 11

PWs:

Sgt Interante Saverio and 10 other prisoners were captured at 100900 February at (L289089).

Preamble:

PWs had been surprised by American patrol and had not fired a shot when they were captured. They were all glad to be captured and were willing to talk. The only information that could be gained from them, however, was about their immediate sector.

Unit: 13th Co, 5th Regt, San Marco Marine Infantry Division

Unit Strength and Disposition:

13th Co is about 60-70 men strong. They are organized in 3 platoons, one of which is attached to 12th Co (at Le REGINE). The 2d platoon was originally at RIJESSA (L291069) and then, after they had lost some men there, at FOCE a GIOVO (L288090). Here they lost some more men in casualties and PWs and were consequently relieved by the 3d platoon whose position they took over on ALPE TRE POTINZA (L304088). The above 11 PWs are from the 3d platoon. They were in the house at FOCE a GIOVO (L288090). This strongpoint consists of the house, 2 HMG positions, one on each side of the house at a distance of about 50 meters, 1 HMG position 150 meters N of the house, and a bunker at (L28500935). When these 11 PWs were captured, 8 more were hiding in this bunker.

The 2d platoon is now located in two bunkers at (L30350875) and (L30550880). There is an HMG position alongside each of these 2 bunkers. These positions are occupied by not more than 20 men.

Locations:

- a. 2 81mm mortars manned by Germans who do not carry the Edelweiss insignia are located at (L28850930).
- b. The CP of the 13th Co has been confirmed again as being in the hotel at (L302095).
- c. The platoon leader of the 3d platoon stays with 4 men at the house at (L299093).
- d. PWs stated again that the Bn CP was located at ABETONE.

Personalities: Maj Blotto is no longer the Bn CO but has been replaced by a German Captain. PWs did not know his name since he came only on 7 February.

Platoon leader is Lt Ugolino Quinto, 1st Platoon

Lt Gammacchio (not Comaccio) has been killed on 30 Jan 45.

Miscellaneous:

a. PWs stated that when they were fired on from the rear of the house they were under the impression that the other 8 men in the bunker further N had been captured. Otherwise they would have told our patrol about those 8 men.

b. On 8 February PWs stated they were subjected to a mortar concentration beginning at 1500 hours and lasting about 20 minutes. At this time PWs say they expected already to be captured and were waiting for American troops to appear but their hopes were not fulfilled until today.

c. The 15th Co is snow-bound at FOCE dello RADICI (L196196). Capt Manzotti, CO 13th Co, told this to the platoon sergeant of the 3d platoon, because the German mortars will have to stay until the mortars of the 15th Co arrive at the positions.

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APPENDIX "B" To G-2 Periodic Report No. 94, 11 Feb 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 12

PW's: Johann Goulmski, Pvt; and Alyos Bochynak, Pfc. Both are deserters. Both PWs deserted from their unit and walked into our lines near QUEROIOLA (L513164). Both were willing to talk however only the latter had any information of value in his possession.

Units: 8th Co, 1044 Regt, 232 Inf Div  
6th Co, 1044 Regt, 232 Inf Div

Preamble:

The first prisoner had come into his position only 3 days ago and therefore knew very little about his new Co and its disposition. The second PW had been with the unit in position since the beginning of December when it first went into the line and was pretty well informed on the situation of his Co as well as the general situation.

Unit Strength and Disposition:

8th Co is about 120 men strong, excluding about 60 men with the trains and administrative section.

6th Co is about 85 men strong.

6th Co occupies positions along trail from POLLA (L50831752) to (L51301765) on thence E to CORONA (L517176).

One squad with 1 IMG at (L51051752), another IMG squad at (L51001750); and another IMG squad at (L51191760). Each IMG position has another bunker for the crew right alongside of it. 150 meters in front of these positions is a mine belt running from trail junction at (L51301765) in an arc bending S and back again to trail at (L51001750). These mines are S-mines and Stock mines placed at an interval of 10 to 15 meters and connected by tripwires. These tripwires are anchored in the ground halfway in-between each two mines. About 5 meters behind the minebelt is barbed wire strung in a straight line. Two 61mm mortars are in position at (L51181773) with an OP in front on top of the little ridge at (L51181772).

The 8th Co is E of the 6th Co and the 5th Co is W of the 6th Co. The 7th Co is W of the 5th Co.

Locations:

1. 2d Bn CP is located at MARNE in house at (L50801822). At this location is also the ammunition point for the 6th Co.

2. 1044 Regt CP is located at CASTELLUCCIO (L522200).

3. 1043 Regt is in rest area at ROFFENO MUSIOLO (L640267).

4. 2d Bn rest center is at SESTOLA (L4220).

5. 2d Bn supply and weapons repair is at FANANO (L4418).

6. 232d Fusilier Bn is now located at FANANO (L4418).

7. 2 Mt Bns came a few days ago to SESTOLA (L4220).

8. The ration pick up point for the 6th Co is at (L50351796), where the men meet the mule train which brings the rations to this point.

9. The kitchen of the 8th Co is at CAP'la il MONTE (L51851900).

10. The mine gap through the above mentioned mine field is the path leading from (L51301765) SE. This gap is marked by wire strung on each side of the path ending in a kind of funnel about 150 - 200 meters S.

11. 3 SP guns were 3 weeks ago at (L518190).

Intentions:

PWs were told that they would probably be relieved within the next two weeks, by 2 Mt Bns, (mentioned above). At this time, the regiment would probably be relieved altogether and the general rumor among the troops is that the Div would be relieved altogether and would be reorganized into an "Assault Division." The plans for this reorganization have been completed already on paper. After the reorganization has been completed, the Div is supposed to go to Hungary.

Miscellaneous:

a. After the Div CP had been bombed at PAVULLO in Dec at which time the General house had been burned down, the CP moved. Location was not known by PWs.

b. The Div hospital which had been in ZOCCA in Dec has also been moved according to the PWs.

c. On Christmas Eve, the Regt CO visited the troops in their front line positions and told them that they had 36 guns in the Regt sector in support.

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\* From: 111330A Feb 1945 \*  
\* To: 121330A Feb 1945 \*  
\* Hq TF 45, Campo Tizzoro \*  
\* Dated: 121500A Feb 1945 \*  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, TWILY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: The sector continued to be very quiet. Only one patrol exchanged fire with the enemy, and very slight enemy arty fire was reported.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: Again hostile activity on our front was most aggressive in the coastal div sector where the enemy counterattacked 4 times during the morning in the (L1807) and (U9596) area. All these attacks gained very little ground and were quickly repulsed and broken up by our arty fire. The same trend of arty activity was noted in the same sector while it continued slight on the rest of the front. In the local counterattack from near (U951969) and (U954970) it was learned by PWs that approximately 50 men from 5 Co, 285 Regt participated. 147 PWs and deserters were taken during the period, most of whom were from 1 Bers Regt, ITALIA Div and 281 Inf Regt, 148 Div. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 250, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: The day was reported as very quiet with very little activity observed in the morning because of heavy fog. Visibility improved at noon and small groups of enemy personnel seen in (L9536), (L9537), and (L8228) squares were taken under arty fire. Some movement was also observed on Hill 445 (L7927) and an SP gun was reported at (L823284) and 2 stationary tanks near (L888378). Arty fires changed from slight along the front in the morning to a slight increase in the left center sector. 3 deserters from 3 Co, 276 Regt were taken near (L756264). (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 250, IV Corps.)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: Friendly patrols on the Army right heard enemy working parties in the (T-5052), (L4951), (L3944), and (T3924) grid squares. Enemy patrols were engaged at (L374427), (L362408), (L227248), and (L441217). Friendly patrols reported contact at (L364378) and (L358339) but no contact along the river bank near (L345338) and (L315327). Increased harassing arty fire was reported on forward positions in the 2 NZ Div sector. (Source, G-2 Rpt No. 523, 5th Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 6 rounds of arty fell in square (L5014) at 1117134; 11 rounds Italian arty in square (L3706) between 111410A and 111435A; 7 rounds in square (L3806) from 110900A to 110910A; and 1 round in square (L4006) at 110500A. The cal was undetermined. No damage resulted when 6 rounds of undetermined cal fell at 110545A at (L504136). At 111400A a patrol at (L403067) was fired on by 3 rounds estimated 88mm arty from (L374087).
- (2) Infantry: Patrol to M SPIGOLINO (L438094) forced to turn back because of extreme weather conditions. A patrol to SUBSADELLO (L485188) at 110930A saw 4 enemy using logs and white cloth in working on emplacements at (L499167). A patrol to the summit of CORNO ALLE SCALE (L465084) at 111200 observed a 9-man enemy patrol at (L460089). A patrol to BURRO EL POSSA (L284085) at 111120A saw an enemy MG position manned by 2 men at (L305087) 2 enemy at (L301086); 2 at (L317075); and a 6-man enemy patrol at (L290090). At 112125A a patrol exchanged fire (rifle) with a 7-man enemy patrol at (L379069); enemy retired. A patrol to (L300042) at 111100A observed a 5-man enemy patrol at POCCHI DI GIOVO (L289099). Patrols to (L265075), (L378068), and (L373091), made no enemy contact. Patrol to FURNE (L475153) observed enemy MG firing with tractors near C. LENZI (L477160) at 112030. A patrol observed the terrain W of (L4914), and saw no enemy.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 111330A	- 344
PWs captured by TF 45 period 111330A to 121330A	- 0
Total	- 344

b. Interrogation of Enemy Agent:

- (1) Two enemy agents were captured at CUTIGLIANO on 8 Feb. 1945 and immediately confessed.
- (2) They had moved from MODENA to PANULLO (L4733) to ABETONE (L3311) by automobile. They proceeded on foot to La REGINE (3510) to PIANSINATICO (L3808) to CUTIGLIANO.
- (3) They gave the following information:
  - (a) A German CP at VILLA STROZZI (L332115).  
Comment: Reported several times before.
  - (b) San Marco Marines seen in ABETONE.  
Comment: Reported several times before.
  - (c) Small dump of mortar in house at (L340110).
  - (d) German CP commanded by a Captain at VILLA SALVIATI (L353102).
  - (e) AF mines on highway #12 between (L351101) and (L352098), Personnel mines between (L355095) and (L358096).
  - (f) Approximately 50 German soldiers under a Captain doing callisthenics in Regine.  
PI Comments: Photos of 8 Feb showed approximately 25 men in an open field at La REGINE taking exercises.
  - (g) Other civilian information:
    1. Germans in houses at FOGANA (L315143) and at (L320155)  
Comment: Previously reported by civilians.
    2. Germans have arty pieces located at (L339113) (L338113) and (L341113).

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\* Hq TF 45, Campo Tizzoro \*  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

b. FW Identifications:

San Marco Marine Infantry Division  
5th Regt  
3d Bn, 11th Co - 3 FWs taken at (1409066)

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: Enemy arty activity picked up a bit but was still slight. An enemy patrol was fired upon; otherwise the whole period passed without contact with the enemy.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: Although there was a noticeable decrease in enemy activity over the previous period, the coastal div sector was still the most active of the Corps front. Here an estimated platoon of enemy counter-attacked at (1172063) at the beginning of the period but was successfully repulsed by our defensive fire. Also in this sector there were a few patrol contacts whereas on the rest of the front the enemy activity could be summed up into a series of no contact patrols and small groups of enemy observed. There was a definite decrease in enemy arty activity although the coast received the bulk of the harassing fire. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 251, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: The period was reported as a very quiet one with arty fire following its usual harassing pattern of mixed light and medium cal across the front. A tank firing from (1921343) and an SP shooting from near (1968331) were taken under arty fire. The enemy again smoked SAVENA Valley from (1844314). Some enemy activity was observed on CERERE SPUR (1006321) and CASETTA (110132). (Source, G-2 Periodic Rpt No. 251, IV Corps)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: In the I Cdn Corps sector, enemy patrols were encountered at (1615556) and (1443452). In the V Corps sector, new blows appeared in the flood bank at (1363378) and (1364365). A patrol to (136436) was held up by an increase in MG fire and an outpost at (1272275) was subjected to heavy mort fire. Patrols in the XIII Corps sector made no contact, but there was mort and harassing MG fire in the sector of the 6 Br Armd Div. (Source, G-2 Report No. 524, Fifth Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Armor: Patrol saw enemy tank or possible SP gun with 2 men on top of it on roadside at (149631775) between 121200A and 121400A.
- (2) Artillery: 2 shells, cal unknown, fell at (1508165) at 121648A. Between 130140A and 130200A, 22 rounds of 75 or 88mm arty fire was received at (1511163). No damage reported. 36 rounds of arty fire, cal unknown, fell at (1513165) and (1511163). No damage or casualties reported.
- (3) Aviation: Unidentified plane flew low over SAN MARCELLO (1428015) and CAMPO TIZZORO (1495991) between 130130A and 130235A.
- (4) Infantry: 4 rounds of HE mort fire fell at (1482151) at 121208A. 4 men were seen entering house at (151591901) at 121600A. Patrol to (1500145) from 111645A to 122045A observed no enemy. Patrol to (1412078) and (1410079) saw no enemy. Patrol to M SPIGOLINO sighted 1 enemy at (142609) heard about 4 others talking at the same place at 121330A; and overheard 2 enemy moving through woods at (1421093) at 121345A. Patrol to FOCE DI CAMPOLINO area (13107) saw no enemy. Patrol to PRACCHI (1275059) found 350 rounds of 50mm in an abandoned gun emplacement at (1293066) at 121045. Patrol noted that enemy MG and mort emplacements at (1368089) were unoccupied at 120700A. At 122030A an 8-man enemy patrol penetrated our positions at (1395068). It is believed that 2 enemy were hit, and there were no friendly casualties. At 130315A, a 5-man enemy patrol returned to the

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same spot, supposedly to carry away their casualties. They were fired upon with no result. 5-man enemy patrol observed at (L3907) at 130730A.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. IPW Report: See Appendix "A"

b. Photo Intelligence:

(1) Photo Interpretation Report No. 17: See Appendix "B"

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 121330A	-	344
PWs captured by TF 45 period 121330A to 131330A	-	3
Total	-	347

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APPENDIX "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 96, 13 Feb 45

IPW REPORT NO. 13

PWs:

Privates Bartolino Vittorio, Capitani Fabio, and Marino Mario, all three deserters.

PWs deserted their unit and walked into our lines at CUTIGLIANO (1409065) at about 0830. All three PWs were formerly of the 14th Co, 3d Bn, 5th Regt, San Marco Marines. At the time of their desertion, they were assigned to the 11th Co. PWs were all willing talkers but were unable to give any new information concerning their present unit. They did, however, confirm the information obtained from a previous PW of the 11th Co. (See IPW Report No. 7, 2 Feb 45)

Unit: 11th Co, 3d Bn, 5th Regt, San Marco Marines  
14th Co, 3d Bn, 5th Regt, San Marco Marines

The latter Co has been broken up and divided up among the Bn in the following manner: 11 men to the 11th Co, 20 men to the 13th Co, and 15 men to the 12th. This reassignment was begun in Dec 1944; (See IPW Report No. 10, 10 Feb 45) and was completed on 1 Feb 45. Some of the men of the German platoon in PLANSINATICO have been taken from that platoon and have been attached to the Italian Co (11th Co) where they are distributed among the bunkers. At the present time there are from 1 to 4 Germans in each Italian-manned bunker. For strength and disposition of units in the PLANSINATICO area, see HQ TF 45 G-2 PERIODIC REPORT No. 87, 3 Feb 1945, Appendix "B". The German officer in control of all these defenses is Lt Kina.

Miscellaneous:

a. PWs stated that they were not able to understand what was said over the loudspeaker during the propaganda broadcast on the night of 12 Feb 1945.

b. Lt Palladino, one of the officers in the 11th Co is said to be a very ardent Fascist.

c. PWs said that every evening at about 2000 hours, 15 Italians and 2 Germans leave the positions to go to Le REGINE to pick up supplies and rations. The entire round trip takes them 4 hours.

d. PWs stated that there was one Italian MG position at each bunker. The MG is left in this position at all times and the additional MG is taken into the bunker.

e. The 11th Co CP is in the house at (L38010868).

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APPENDIX "B" TO TF 45 G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 96

Photo-Interpretation Report No. 17

Area Covered:

1. Block from GAGGIO-MONTANO (L5516) N. to PANARO River, covering BELVEDERE Ridge.

Sortie: 1. 12PR234, 10 Feb 45.

I. Defenses Extracted From G.I.R. No. R 202

FIELD ARTILLERY

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>	<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie No.</u>	<u>Print No.</u>	<u>Temp Ref.</u>
1.	97INE	L53242349	Previously reported as 2-gun field battery now thought to be 3-gun field battery.	12PR234	3029	E725

II. Additional Defenses Found in These Sorties:

MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	97ISE	L54582110	4 dugouts can now be seen where 3 previously reported.	12PR234	3022	E041
2.	"	L54451948	Enemy occupied house, considerable track activity.	"	3016	D918
3.	"	L54311897	Enemy occupied house	"	"	F137
4.	"	L56131956	Two dugouts in area where one previously reported.	"	3015	A339
5.	"	L56031957	Dugout.	"	"	A838
6.	"	L53151908	Enemy occupied house	"	3074	A326
7.	"	L53001858	Enemy occupied house	"	3073	B427
8.	"	L53101796	2 W shaped positions previously reported as morts, now are seen to be LG positions, unoccupied.	"	3072	C441
9.	97LINW	L44701165	Dugout with LG and possible mort position.	12PR226	4027	D336

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
 a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: Slight enemy arty of small cal fell during the period. A probing raid on enemy positions on our right flank was confronted by savage MG and mort fire which forced our raiding party to withdraw under protective arty. No other action was reported.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: The period was marked with a few scattered patrol contacts across the front, some of which were the cause of a few aggressive enemy patrols, and moderate harassing arty fire, most of which fell in the coastal sector. Early in the period an enemy combat patrol engaged our positions at (L181067) and later in the morning about 30 to 40 enemy attacked our outpost at (U960971) and after an exchange of fire were forced to withdraw. Over on the extreme right of the Corps sector, the enemy appeared sensitive to our patrol activity as in most all cases our patrols received S/A and LG fire. PORRETTA (L5812) received its usual small dose of confirmed 170-mm fire. Small enemy groups were again subjected to our arty fire. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 252, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps: The period was reported as very quiet with very slight and scattered harassing arty fire and the observation of isolated groups of enemy making up the bulk of activity. A suspected enemy CP at (L958358) was fired on. One patrol received MG fire from (L909336), (L907336) and another patrol drew fire from 2 MGs at (L889335) early in the period. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 252, IV Corps)
- (4) Eighth Army Front: The enemy was generally unaggressive with the exception of an attack on an outpost at (M271275). Enemy infantry were seen, however, moving towards the river along roads in the BARBIANO (M1315) - BUDRIO (M3335) - COTIGNOLA (M3534) area. Vehicles and movement were also engaged near ISOLA (M1622) and RIVOLA (M1422). (Source G-2 Rpt No. 525, Fifth Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: From 131430A to 131600A, 34 rounds arty believed to be 75mm fell in (L5013) and (L5014) squares. 8 of these landed in VIDIGIATICO killing 5 civilians and wounding 1. No military damage or casualties reported. At 131615A, 2 rounds arty of unknown cal fell in (L4007) square; no damage.
- (2) Infantry: Patrol to MT RONDINAI (L274088) observed two men digging emplacement at (L286087). Patrol to COSTA (L372078), and patrol to (L400075) at 132115A made no enemy contact. Patrol to LA SERRA (L376083) observed 4 mort bursts and several rounds 37mm falling near (L373077). Patrol to (L427097) found unmanned OP on CROCE (L421099) and observed gun positions with sentry on duty at PARADISO (L401097). A raid to (L501178) was stopped and repulsed by hv MG fire from (L501178) and mort fire from (L501175) at L40430A. Throughout the entire action, this enemy fire was continuous. Air OP from L40750A to L41000A observed trenches and shelters for men at (L424098) and saw a camouflaged position at (L479181). Air ren also noted 2 light field pieces, 2 mort positions at (L525178) and dugouts at (L531178). At L41210A, 5 enemy observed at (L495165) and position at (L503173) believed to be dugout in bank.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 131330A	- 347
PWs captured by TF 45 period 131330A to 141330A	= 0
	Total = 347

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSURE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

b. PW Identifications:

Italia Division  
1st Regt  
3d Bn, 7th Co - 4 PWs  
3d Bn, 13th Co - 1 PW  
San Marco Marine Infantry Division  
5th Regt  
13th Co. - 3 PWs

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: It was another very quiet period in the sector with very slight enemy arty and two small groups of enemy fired on.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: The bulk of hostile activity continued in the coastal sector although patrol contacts with the enemy were made in all sectors and small groups of enemy observed at different points were accepted as targets by our arty. Harassing enemy arty activity increased during the night in the coastal sector but continued slight on the rest of the front. An enemy raiding party of platoon strength forced our outpost off a hill at (L201079) at 0810A. This was the most aggressive action that the enemy offered in the line of infantry activity. In the right sector a recon patrol to (L570186) received some enemy MG fire from near (L568186). (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 253, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: In the morning considerable movement of Germans including medical personnel with litter and small arms and MG fire heard near BARCHETTA (L8832) were reported. Other enemy groups were observed between 90 and 89 Eastings along the 38 Northing. The enemy attempted to smoke the front between 89 and 80 Eastings. There was a slight increase in harassing arty fire in the afternoon. 15 rounds of propaganda leaflet shells fell at (L926285). 1 PW from 8 Co, 147 GR was captured near (L903320) during the period.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Delayed report states that at 140753A, 3 rounds of 75 or 88mm. arty from M BELVEDERE (L5217) fell in VIDIACIATICO (L5013), wounding 1 civilian. At 141500A, 4 rounds arty of unknown cal fell in SESTIONE (L3906) but caused no damage.
- (2) Infantry: OP at (L411080) saw no enemy activity in FIANSINATICO (L382086) or on LA STERRA (L377083) during period. Patrol to (L417076) and patrol to (L374077) observed no enemy activity. 12 - 15 man enemy patrol withdrew when fired on by outpost at (L391069). Patrol observed CASSA BUIO (L506166) area and contacted suspected enemy patrol withdrawing at (L505167) at 142240A. Patrol noted enemy digging at (L512176) at 142400A. Patrol to vicinity of M GRANDE (494115) made no enemy contact.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Interrogation of Civilians and Partisans: See Appendix "A"

b. IPW Report: See Appendix "B"

c. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "C"

d. Total PWs:

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 141330A	-	347
PWs captured by TF 45 period 141330A to 151330A	-	8
Total	-	355

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 98, TF 45, 15 Feb 1945

INTERROGATION OF CIVILIANS & PARTISANS

- A. Two brothers (Italian) crossed to our lines and arrived at CUTIGLIANO 12 Feb 45.
- B. They moved from VAGLIA (L390278), RONCO (L396236); M LANINO (L391128) and arrived at CUTIGLIANO 12 Feb 45.
- C. They give the following information:
1. Large arty am dump in area of FIGNOLA (L366264). The am is located along the N side of Hwy 12 covering 400 to 500 meters at (L358267).  
Comment: Reported several times before.
  2. Am dump on E side of Hwy 12 in camouflaged holes at (L484203). A large am store is located in basement of the Communal Palace of FAVULLO (L478325).  
Comment: These am dumps reported several times before.
- D. Three civilians reached our lines after taking the following route: PASSO BOCCALA (L266119) CORVOLLIA (L218032) and RAGNI DI LUCCA.
- E. They give the following information:
1. Germans building ground shelters and MG positions along the crest of M MAGGIORO (L347131) C DELLA VERGINETTA (L354129) and LIBRO APERTO (L372129).  
Comment: Reported several times before.  
PI Comment: Only positions that can be confirmed are those near LIBRO APERTO. A dugout and MG position at (L36961255).
  2. 4 arty pieces at COLONIA (L33113) believed to be 88mm.  
Comment: Reported several times before.
  3. 2 arty pieces at C GEORCIO (L318134), cal. unknown.  
Comment: Reported several times before.
- F. Partisan reports 3 105mm guns have been brought in the DOGANA (L315141).  
Comment: Reported before but PI cannot find it on cover 8 Feb.
1. A CP is located in the Dell' Imperatore Hotel (L328115) in ABETONE area.  
Comment: Reported before.
  2. MG positions have been built on the Le POZZE mountain ridge (L3012). 150 men are stationed in this area.  
PI Comment: Not confirmed on cover 8 Feb.
- G. Partisan mission started from C. LANZI (L475160) to LA PIAGGIA (L458173) to SERRAZZONE (L452179) to CASTELLACCIA (L447184) to C CELLA (L450193) to S GROCE (L447195).
1. They report the following information:
    - a. There are about 40 Germans and one officer in FANANO (L440182). They wear gray-green uniforms and helmets, and they have an alpine flower on their jackets and caps. Their uniforms are in bad condition and the men forage in civilian homes for food. They live in Hotel La Pace at (L425208).  
Comment: Reported before by partisans and civilians.
    - b. There is a position at (L44631163) with 1 MG and possibly 1 or 2 45mm mortars and 6 man crew.  
PI Comment: Dugout with MG position and possible mort position can be seen at (L44701170).
    - c. 2 88mm guns are in position at approximately (L484178).  
PI Comment: Not confirmed.
    - d. There are 20 Germans stationed in TRIGNANO (L479184).  
Comment: Reported before by partisans.

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 98, 15 Feb 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 14

PWs:

1 Corporal and 7 Privates, all Italian deserters. 5 of these are long-range deserters and the remaining 3 deserted from our immediate front.

Units:

13th Co, 5th Regt, San Marco Marine Infantry Division  
7th Co, 2d Bn, 1st Regt, Italic Division  
12th Co, 3d Bn, 1st Regt, Italia Division

Unit Strength:

13th Co has been reinforced by 30 Germans on 11 February, who are mountain troops, carrying the Edelweiss insignia. These men are now occupying positions from FOCE: a GIOVO (L288090) to L. RONDINATO (L275067). Pws stated that all these Germans and the 6 Italians who were left there after our last raid are occupying the bunker at (L28500935).

Locations:

A German artillery CP is located at G. COMI (L300119). The OP for this arty unit is on PIZZANA MONTA (L296091). Guns of this unit are located at the following places:

- 1 gun at (L314134)
- 1 gun at (L313133) next to a house.
- 1 gun at (L30752200)

Miscellaneous:

a. The 13th Co, 5th Regt, San Marco Division was alerted on 12 Feb because they were going to be relieved by a German mountain unit.

b. Pws from the 13th Co stated that the day after our first raid on RINASSA (L291069) a Co of Germans, 120 strong, came to the 13th Co CP to anticipate an American attack. This German Co stayed there for 2 days during which time they sent out one patrol and then left after 2 days. The day after they had left the second American raid was made but then the Italians were without the German support.

c. On 8 Feb, 5 Italians deserted the 13th Co, 3 Sgts, one WO, and 1 Corporal. They all worked in Co Hq. (They have not come through our lines yet - IP.)

d. One PW spoke to a girl who works for the Germans in ABETONE. This girl told him that on the night of 4 Feb a new German arty unit came into ABETONE and relieved the unit which had been there.

e. Pws who deserted on 14 Jan from the Italia Division have seen on their way down from BERGETTO (near PARLA) a strong point at the houses at CASTELLUCCIO di POSCHEDA (L521200). Near this strong point they also heard about 3 Panther tanks being there.

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Appendix "C" to TF 45 G-2 Periodic Report No. 98, 15 Feb 1945

Photo-interpretation Report No. 18

Area Covered:

1. Block covering area from mountains west of FANANO (L4418) to MONTESE (L5624).

Sortie:

1. 12FR247, 13 Feb 1945

I. Defenses Extracted from G.I.R. No. 204

FIELD ARTILLERY  
Positions Occupied

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>	<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie No.</u>	<u>Print No.</u>	<u>Temp Ref.</u>
1.	97ISE	L47052153	2 (possibly 3) gun light btry	12FR247	4103	C039
2.	97INE	L54972529	Probable single light gun	"	4092	B220
<u>Positions Unoccupied</u>						
1.	97INE	L55142552	Previously reported SP gun now has gone.	"	4093	
2.	"	L5329228A	Previously reported 2-gun light btry has now gone.	"	4055	
<u>II. Additional Defenses Found in These Sorties</u>						
<u>AA Positions Unoccupied</u>						
1.	97INE	L55602340	4 sunlight	"	4052	C439
<u>Minor Defenses and Military Activity</u>						
1.	97IST	E52521771	Extension of existing trench on ridge, with 2 fire positions	"	3026	C154
2.	"	L52601790	Dugout on reverse slope of ridge	"	"	B447
3.	"	L52301752	Bunker with trench leading to MG position.	"	"	C546
4.	"	L52421779	Dugout on reverse slope of ridge	"	"	B850
5.	"	L53561810	MG position on ridge	"	3025	C161
6.	"	L54541880	Trackage leading into pine woods on the ridge - 2 dugouts at this point on N edge of woods.	"	3023	B545
7.	"	L55101938	Three dugouts on reverse slope of ridge near this point.	"	3022	A740
8.	"	L55271940	Bunker and fire position on ridge	"	"	A944
9.	"	L50851833	3 dugouts under construction	"	4028	D859
10.	"	L50781825	Enemy occupied house, much trackage, associated with nearby dugouts - probably a supply point.	"	"	D956

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ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line: No change.

b. Enemy Identifications

Italin (Germanized) Division

1st Bn

1st Bn Hd - 1 PW

5th C 6th Cos - 4 PWs

3d Bn, 14th Co - 4 PWs

Enger Bn, 1st & 2d Cos - 4 PWs

1st Arty Regt Hd - 2 PWs

1st Bn, 2d Btry - 2 PWs

Monte Rosa Division

1st Arty Regt

2d Bn, 6th Btry - 1 PW

Induction Center (Distretto) at Modena - 1 PW

1219th Security (Sicherungs) Bn

2d Co - 1 PW

20 PWs taken at 151400A at COTTIGNANO (L4006)

ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) TF 45 Sector: There was a short fire fight between one of our patrols and an enemy outpost, but no other action took place during the period. No enemy arty fell.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: The Corps sector was very quiet with some scattered patrol contacts reported and scattered, harassing arty fire. Early in the period, patrol contacts were made in the vicinity of (L3807), (L1505), and (Q0897) and explosions were heard at (L5719) early in the morning. 2 patrol contacts were made during the morning in the right sector and some small groups of enemy were observed in the central sector. This quiet phase continued throughout the day until 152000G, when coastal div reported that some enemy with 2 TGs crossed the CORTUALE Canal and fired into our company positions. Our arty laid on defensive fires in vicinity crossing but the period ended before results could be learned. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 254, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: The enemy continued their patrol action that resulted in 1 patrol captured at (T006316) and enemy patrols were seen at (L9732) and (L9933). A fire fight was reported in the vicinity of (H003325) and enemy activity reported between the (L81) and (L91) Hastings. Arty increased somewhat with 176 rounds of med and hv cal reported falling in the (L8823) square. The morning was quiet with enemy groups active between the (L94) and the (V01) Hastings. The enemy continued to smoke the area between the (L80) and the (L89) Hastings. Some enemy movement observed late in the period in the CERRARA (L9336) area was smoked by the enemy. Arty was reported as silent. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 254, IV Corps)
- (4) High Army Front: Enemy patrols were again active on the left, one patrol attacking forward positions at (M253265) and another raiding an outpost at (M003377). Enemy working parties were active in the sectors of the 2 ND Div, 56 Div and the CROMONA Group. In the latter sector, friendly patrols made contact at (M491819) and (M490819). (Source, G-2 Report No. 537, Fifth Army)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: There was no enemy arty action during the period.
- (2) Infantry: Air OP reported 3 enemy in open dugout on MT SPICOLINO (L431095) at 151330G; new trails at (L4514) and (L543187) showing increased enemy activity; 2 dugouts at (L451135) and 151400A. Patrol to (L486157) at 151120G observed 2 enemy bunkers at (L492173). Raiding party to DELLA CROCE ARCONA (L421101) found the enemy outpost unoccupied. Party moved

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toward MT SPICOLINO (L437094) and withdrew after a short fire fight with an estimated 8-man enemy garrison; no known casualties. A patrol observed from (L504170) between 160335A and 160430A, and saw no enemy. Observed 10 recent, hastily-made dummy revetments at (L506170). Heard party estimated at 30 - 50 men digging at (L500170) at 160420A.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS.**

**a. Enemy Organization:**

Russian Partisans Serving in the German Army:

A report of unusual nature, unconfirmed but bearing enough semblance to truth to make it worthy of note contains the following information concerning enemy dispositions in the FALMO (L4416) - SPSTOL (L4221) - MONTSCRETO (L3833) area.

- (1) A Transport Bn of Austrians and Czechs - estimated strength 500 - 600.
- (2) An SS Pn of Letts, wearing a sign on the sleeve of a red shield with a white diagonal. (This is the shoulder patch of the Russian Army of Liberation). The unit is commanded by a Capt Ivlnukmi (?); estimated strength 200 - 300.
- (3) Three other battalions are reported as Russian Legions with the following signs; estimated strength 500 - 600 each:
  - (a) Green shield lower half quartered diagonally red and green, letters ED in upper part of shield (this with KR on grey-green is the shoulder patch of the Kuban Cossacks).
  - (b) Red collar patch, bordered green with crossed arrow in it (Collar patch, Enlisted men, Cossack units).
  - (c) Epulette, yellow zig-zag ribbon with one star. (Rank insignia of General in Russian and Ukrainian armies of Liberation).
  - (d) Red shield with blue and white square in corner and blue band on top with lettering, (shoulder patch of Georgian Legion).
  - (e) Epulette with two pips, side by side under three gold inverted chevrons (rank insignia of a full general in the Russian National Legion).

There have been many reports of Russian troops combatting Partisans behind the front for the past months. The bulk of these troops have been believed to be from 162 Turcoman Div, however, the improbability of anyone dreaming up an authentic series of incidents in one report as those presented above indicates that some basis of fact must exist. While it is not believed that these Russian Legions present a threat to our forces yet, since their previous activity has been principally confined to zone of communication, guard duty and partisan chasing, the following information should be of interest:

In December 1943, the office of "General of Eastern Troops" was established. He was to be the Inspector General of all Russian troops recruited for service with the German Army. The General of Eastern Troops and his staff are directly responsible to the High Command of the Army. They control, on the one hand, all National Legions of Russian troops and, on the other hand, the Russian armies of Liberation and the Cossack units. Whatever the theoretical distinction implied by these titles may be, in effect 90 per cent of the Russians are ex-PWs and are more or less equally "volunteers." (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 251, IV Corps).

**b. PW Reports:** See Appendix "A".

**c. Total PWs:**

PWs captured by TF 45 prior to 151330A - 355  
PWs captured by TF 45 period 151330A to 161330A - 20  
Total - 375

**d. Correction:** In Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 98, in paragraph "Locations", coordinate of 1 gun at (L30752200) should read (L30751200).

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 99, 16 Feb 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 15

PMs:

20 deserters from various Italian and 1 German unit came through our lines at 1400 hours, 15 Feb. 19 are Italians and 1 is a German from Silesia.

Preamble:

PWs all deserted from one to four weeks or even several months ago. None of them had been in the sector facing this unit and none of them therefore had any information of any value to this unit.

<u>Units:</u>	5th Co, 1st Bn, 1st Regt, Italia (Borsaglieri) Division	2 men
	Hq 1st Bn, 1st Regt, Italia (Borsaglieri) Division	1 man
	6th Co, 2d Bn, 1st Regt, Italia (Borsaglieri) Division	2 men
	14th Co, 3d Bn, " " " " " "	4 men
	1st Co, Engn Bn, " " " " " "	1 man
	2d Co, " " " " " " " "	3 men
	2d Btry, 1st Bn (Group), 1st Arty Regt, Italia Division	2 men
	Hq 1st Arty Regt, Italia Division	2 men
	Induction Center (Distretto) at Modena	1 man
	6th Btry, 2d Bn, 1st Arty Regt, Monte Rosa Division	1 man
	2d Co, 1219th Security (Sicherungs) Bn, (stomach sick soldiers)	1 man
	Total	<u>20 men</u>

Miscellaneous:

A PW from the 1219th Security Bn stated that his Bn is guarding the highway from LA SPEZIA to RICCIA at the area around FIVIZZANO AND CERVAREZZA (LC75400). PW's Co was stationed at CERVAREZZA. When in a bar he was approached by a partisan and asked whether he would like to join the partisans. He agreed under the condition that he could stay behind the lines since he is ill and has been operated on (his stomach) several times already. He was then led by a German speaking partisan to their place. PW also stated that he had left LIEGNITZ (SILESIA) on 25 Jun 45, where he had gone in order to see his family. Due to the evacuation of all civilians from those areas, he was unable to see them and turned back immediately for fear of being sent into the defenses of Silesia.

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\* Hq, 10th Mt Inf Div \*  
\* Campo Tizzoro, Italy \*  
\* Dated: 171500A Feb 1945 \*  
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MAPS: G.S.C.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

**1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.**

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.
- b. PW Identifications:  
San Marco Marine Division  
5th Regt  
11th Co - 2 PWs taken at (L4000E3) at 161300A.

**2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.**

- a. General Summary:
  - (1) 10th Mt Inf Div Sector: The entire period remained especially quiet. No contact was made with the enemy and no hostile arty fell. The enemy did smoke an area, but no movement was noted.
  - (2) IV Corps Sector: During the opening hours of the period there was slight scattered harassing arty fire in coastal and right sectors. The sector continued quiet with several patrol contacts reported in the right sector. (Source, IV Corps Isumo)
- b. Operations of Component Elements:
  - (1) Chemical Warfare: A large concentration of smoke observed at (L508176); the smoke lasted about 30 minutes and no enemy mvmt could be observed during the smoke nor was observed after smoke.
  - (2) Infantry: Possible enemy dugout observed at (L499179), and possible MG position at (L487173), at 161550A. One enemy mortar shell fell at 161345A at (L511162). Patrols to (L270064), (L291070), and M PRATO-FIORITO (L2901), made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L500167) made no enemy contact; thought they heard digging near ROCCA CORNETA. Patrol to IL PALAZZO (L508170) at 170100A made no enemy contact, but saw enemy emplacement at (L504168) at 170030A.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- a. Interrogation of Civilians and Partisans: See Appendix "A"
- b. Total PWs:  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Inf Div prior to 161330A - 72  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Inf Div period 161330A to 171330A - 2  
Total - 74

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INTERROGATION OF CIVILIANS AND PARTISANS

1. A German rest camp is located in LAMA MECOGNE (L393296). Soldiers are billeted in private houses; about 200 troops arrived on 11 Feb.

Comment: Reported before.

2. About 120 German soldiers with mules arrived at MONTECRISTO (L380230).

3. About 100 German Alpine troops and 50 Italian troops are located in a house at (L306098). These troops send out daily patrols in area of ALPE TRE POTENZE (L306087), "LA COMITA" (L301033), FORTI GIOVE (L209080).

4. 3 - 105mm howitzers located at CASE BRUCIATE (L313138) camouflaged with white sheets.

PI Comment: Cannot be seen.

5. 3 Battalions of Italian "S. Marco" Div totaling about 1000 men arrived at Piancinecotti, (L240518) on 11 Feb.

6. The front line between L'ARPTOME (L334118) and PASSO DELLA RADIOCI (L196194) is held by about 150 Germans and a Co of Italians. They arrived only recently to the front lines.

7. In SANTA ANNA PELLAGO there are about 40 Germans at a regrouping point. 50 Republican soldiers are also under the same unit command and these troops guard the three following positions: One at PASSO DELLA BASSAPPELLA (L242132), one at PASSO DEL SALTAPPELLO (L229143), and one LONCO SPICCHIO (L248164). These positions are guarded by MG, LMG and S/A. A patrol, both day and night controls the bridges and the road blocks between S ANNA PELLAGO (L246174) and PASSO DELLA RADIOCI (L496194).

PI Comment: No recent cover of this area.

8. 3 - 75mm guns located one W and 2 E of Church of CASTELLUCCIO DI MOSCHEDA at (L522202).

PI Comment: A 3-gun btry can be seen at (L51991994).

9. 3 tanks with 75mm guns due in at approximately (L522196). 2 tanks are 20 meters W and 1 is 20 meters S of a house located at the above coordinates.

PI Comment: Cannot be seen on photos.

10. The bridge at (L548219) is mined, all supplies to the front lines pass over this bridge.

PI Comment: Deep shadow on bridge prevents study of this area.

11. 5 - 105mm guns are under trees 300 meters N. of PONTICELLO (L575245).

PI Comment: Guns can be seen at the following coordinates in this area (L57552445) 3 light guns and 1 light gun at (L57402460).

12. 2 - 105mm howitzers at (L559245) 150 meters NE of road and under trees; and 1 - 105mm howitzer at (L555243) 70 meters SW of road.

PI Comment: The following batteries can be seen in this area - 3 light guns (L57412460) 3 light guns at (L55502460)

13. At MONTAURIGOLA, 20 meters N. of 2 houses at (L563238) there are 4 - 20mm AA guns.

PI Comment: 4 light AA guns can be seen at (L56102380).

14. 1 tank is dug in at (L545187) with a 75mm gun on it.

PI Comment: Two dugouts can be seen at (L54551880).

15. At PIAN DI VAIANO (L624234) there is a gun (88mm) between the house covered with foliage and pointed in the direction of AFFRIEU (L626214).

PI Comment: One light gun can be seen at (L62422842).

16. At KM 17 (L631275) the road is prepared for demolition. Along the side of the road in the mountain there are 7 or 8 dugouts.

PI Comment: Partially confined, road can be seen prepared for demolition at (L6303748) an dugout cannot be seen.

17. The road from SANTA SARAZZO (L619269) to TORO TUSSI (L621272) and to BECCA DEI RAYARI (L620279) has been made ready for mine.

PI Comment: Road from (L61902747) to (L62002739) can be seen prepared for demolition

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 Fq, 10th Mt Inf Div  
 Lizzano in Belvedere  
 Dated: 181500A Feb 1945

NO. 2

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Slight enemy arty of light cal fell in the sector which continued quiet during the entire period.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: Scattered patrol contacts and slight harassing arty fire continued to be the only form of hostile activity during the period. Some patrol contacts with the enemy were made on both flanks. One of our raiding parties drew hv enemy reactions from MGs, 120mm mort, bazookas, MPs, 20mm gun and arty when it reached (UB53969). 3 of the MGs were located at (U928968) and 2 others near (U863963). Our forward elements at (L622227) received enemy MG fire late in the period. A fat lot of deserters again swelled our PW stockades most of which were Italians from ITALIA Div as well as miscellaneous Italian service units. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 256, IV Corps)
- (3) II Corps Sector: Quiet period with scattered activity and harassing arty fire. Small groups of enemy at (1963338) and (L951337) were taken under fire. Considerable digging was observed on Hill 459 (L969330) and a tank at M ARNATO (L950340) was taken under fire. Left div sector was very quiet. (Source, G-2 Periodic Report No. 256, IV Corps)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Air OP noted much enemy activity at OSPITALE (L435135) and E of the town at (L436134) where light guns of undetermined cal were apparently being emplaced. 6 rounds of 88mm or 105mm fire fell at (L71525A); one officer injured. 6 rounds 88mm or 105mm fire fell at (L499159) at (L71650A); two men killed. 7 rounds of unknown cal arty fell in VIDIGLIATICO (L500139) at (L71715A); no casualties.
- (2) Infantry: Patrol to observe BUIO (L506166) at 180300A to 180430A made no enemy contact; neither did they see any enemy. Patrol to ROCCA CORNETA (L494173) made no enemy contact. 6 rounds of 81mm hv HE mort fire fell at (L71700A) at (L510159); no casualties.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 171330A - 74  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 171330A to 181330A = 0  
 Total - 74

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. The enemy is capable of:

- (1) Defending the ridge M. MANCINELLO-PIZZO DI CAMPIANO with approximately 2 plato reinforced. If our atk lacks surprise, the enemy can delay our advance from his positions on the high ground.
- (2) Withdrawing from the ridge M. MANCINELLO and counterattacking from:
  - (a) The vicinity of FANANO (L4418) up the PIANO DELLA FARNIA (L4516) ridge five hours after daylight with the purpose of driving our forces from M. SERRASICOLA. He can continue this counteroffensive along the ridge south to drive our forces from M. MANCINELLO.
  - (b) The vicinity of SERRAZZONE (L4517) south along the ridge three hours after daylight for the purpose of capturing M. CAPPEL BUSO.
  - (c) The vicinity of TRIGNANO (L4718) south 2 hours after daylight for the purpose of driving us from PIZZO DI CAMPIANO.
- (3) Conclusion:  
 Capability (2) is favored if our attack attains surprise. Counterattacks on the ridge are most probable from the location indicated due to the known trail nets leading from these positions to the ridge. Also, the seizure of M. CAPPEL BUSO - PIZZO DI CAMPIANO ridge will endanger his

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ROCCA CORNETA - M. BULVERERE positions; His seizure of M. SERRASIOGIA will not cause us to withdraw from M. CAPPEL BUSO and we will still threaten ROCCA CORNETA.

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\* To: 191330A Feb 1945 \*  
\* Hq, 10th Mt Div \*  
\* Lizzano In Belvedere \*  
\* Dated: 191500A Feb 1945 \*

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MAPS: C.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: Enemy driven from the MANGINELLO-PIZZO DI CAMPANO Ridge to a general line OSPITALE (L4613) - PIANO DELLA PAROLA (L4516) - C MAGINANI (L4718) - CAPO RIBALDO (L4917), leaving a small force to cover his withdrawal.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The left portion of our sector continues very active at the end of the period with stubborn enemy resistance on mountain objectives being slowly overcome. An undetermined number of prisoners has been taken, and some enemy material has been captured.
- (2) IV Corps Sector: Sector was quiet during night with some patrol contacts and very slight harassing enemy fire reported in coastal sector. Patrol received rifle fire near (L436086) and another patrol engaged fourteen-man enemy patrol in fight at (L105026). Our tanks, firing into PORTA (U984971) at 1950A, drew no enemy reaction. 7 rounds of unknown cal arty fell in VIDICATICO (L500239) at 181745A. Patrol to ROCCA CORNETA (L49173) made no enemy contact. (Source, IV Corps Isum)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 8 rounds 86mm enemy arty fell on QUERCIOIA (L512163) at 191145A, resulting in casualties of 3 officers and 9 EM. 3 rounds of 170mm arty fell at (L587124) and (L536122) at 181830A and 181836A; no damage. An undetermined number of shells fell at (L498135) between 182209A and 182210A, without causing damage.
- (2) Infantry: SERRA D'EL BARCHETTI (L446116) has been captured from the enemy after a stiff fire fight in which 3 enemy were reported killed and 3 reported captured. An 8-man enemy patrol engaged our troops in a fire fight on M. MANGINELLO (L456135) at 191140A. A patrol to PIZZO DI CAMPANO which attacked a house at (L481173) killed 4 enemy and captured 3 prisoners. An enemy infantry assembly area at (L478184) was taken under arty fire at 191045A. One enemy truck was observed moving over bridge at (L497196) at 191050A. Patrols to (L596169) and (L531168) made no enemy contact at 191130A.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "A"

b. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 181330A	- 74
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 181330a to 191330a	- 0
Total	- 74

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. The enemy is capable of:

- (1) Holding his present positions from PIZZO DI CAMPANO (L4817) to M. TERMINALE (L5621) with two battalions.
- (2) Withdrawing under pressure to M. TORACCIA (L5520).
- (3) Launching local counterattacks of platoon to battalion strength with the mission of regaining key terrain features.

b. Discussion:

- (1) The enemy now holds his position from ROCCA CORNETA (L4917) to M. TERMINALE with two battalions. He has one reserve battalion at (L5324) which can reinforce his BELVEDERE positions in four hours. The 23rd Fusilier battalion can also reinforce the BELVEDERE defense in four hours but it must move under the observation of our forces on CAFFEL BUSO (L4716). Other reserve units in the area due to time and space will be unable to influence the initial defense of the area.
- (2) Faced with a strong attack and driven from his prepared positions on M. BELVEDERE (L5217), the enemy can fight a delaying action down the ridge

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to positions on M. DELLA TORRACCIA (L5520). His present defense is along the crest of the ridge which is a knife-edge from M. GORGALUSSO (L5317) to M. DELLA TORRACCIA. M. DELLA TORRACCIA is protected on the S flank by FSO DEL MALLORONE and on the W flank by FSO DEI TAGLIATI and cliffs to the NW. There are few indications of prepared defenses on the SW slope of this mountain but its natural defenses will aid in the preparation of a hasty defense.

- (3) The enemy can strongly resist our attack by local counterattacks. He can counter the seizure of our initial objectives with platoon to company sized attacks by 0900 D-day. He can counterattack positions on the ridge in the vicinity of Hill 1053 at (L5418) by 1500 D-day with one battalion and can attack M. DELLA TORRACCIA with two battalions by dark of the first day.

E. Capabilities (2) and (3) are favored. Because the enemy usually holds a sizeable force for counterattack, and because our attack apparently has the element of surprise, capability (1) is considered improbable. Because of the size of our force, the enemy will be pushed from his initial positions and will probably strongly oppose our advance along the ridge and defend on M. DELLA TORRACCIA. He will probably counter our seizure of M. BELVEDERE from the vicinity SASSO DELL'OCIA (L5219) with a platoon to company sized attack and our seizure of M. DELLA TORRACCIA or the ridge to the SW with a company to battalion sized attack from ALBARCELLI (L5420).

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Photo-Interpretation Report No. 19

Area Covered: Block covering area from mountains W of FANANO (L4418) to MONTESE (L5524).

Sortie: 1. 12PR275, 17 Feb 1945  
2. 12PR276, 17 Feb 1945

I. Defenses Extracted from G. I. R. No. R207, 18 Feb.

FIELD ARTILLERY  
Positions Occupied

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint		Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	97ISE	L56422200	3 gun light btry sighted to fire SW	12PR275	4051	D942
2.	"	L56532188	Possible single light gun	"	4050	E323
3.	97INE	L51982636	Suspect 2 gun light btry.	"	4132	E655
4.	97ISE	L51951897	Single light gun	"	3058	A949
5.	98IVNW	L59572560	Previously reported suspect unoccupied 3 gun field btry is now seen to have two positions occupied.	"	3076	C550
6.	98IVNW	L63772867	Single field gun	"	3069	C034
7.	98IVNW	L63302777	Possible camouflaged 2 gun field btry.	"	3070	C836
<u>Positions Unoccupied</u>						
1.	97INE	L54522545	Previously reported 2 gun field btry has now gone.	"	4087	
2.	97ISE	L47052153	Previously reported 2/3 gun field btry has now gone.	"		
3.	98IVNW	L60862875	Previously reported single gun has now gone.	"	3074	
<u>AA Defenses Unoccupied</u>						
1.	97INE	L56752390	4 gun light btry position, now unoccupied.	12PR275	3081	
2.	97INE	L56702353	Probable 3 gun LAA Btry position now unoccupied.	"	"	
<u>Engineer Intelligence</u>						
1.	86IIISE	L37144065	Road bridge demolished	12PR269	3162	D729
2.	86IIISW	L41883359	Road bridge demolished	"	4017	D060
3.	86IIISW	L32823443	Road bridge previously reported as damaged is now demolished	12PR278	3033	D756
<u>Additional Defenses</u>						
1.	97INE	L55902478	5 dugouts on N slope of hill, just NE of MONTESE; possible shelters or stores	12PR266	3079	D826
2.	97ISE	L54871873	Dugout with trench leading to fire position.	"	4020	C448
3.	97ISE	L48301980	Delete previously reported anti-tank gun position.	12PR275	3092	B447

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NO. 4

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: Enemy driven from the BELVEDERE - GORGOLIESCO Ridge to a general line OSPITALE (L4918) - PIANO della FARNIA (L4816) - CARLA di RONCONDO - M della TORACCOLA (L5580) with small forces covering his withdrawal.
- b. Units in Contact: PW identifications do not indicate that any change has been effected.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The entire sector is very active, with emphasis shifted to the right flank where the enemy has been driven off our objectives. The mountainous left sector continues to receive local counterattacks, all of which have been beaten off. All units in contact are reporting a steadily increasing number of PWs captured. Medium artillery of light caliber fell generally throughout the right half of our sector.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Medium enemy arty was received throughout the period, falling in front of all enemy positions.
- (2) armor: 3 enemy tanks at (L519191) were driven to cover by arty fire at 200905a.
- (3) Infantry: A counterattack on M SERRASIOCCIA (L4615) at 191440a was broken up by infantry fire and arty support. The attack consisted of 30-40 men. Having been initially repulsed, the enemy came back pretending to surrender with hands over head. When close to our lines they dropped to the ground and opened fire, but were again driven off. At 191935a, a 40-man patrol attacked our positions at PIZZO di CAMPANA. By 192230a, the attack had been repulsed by small arms and arty fire. At 192030a our patrol at (L456158) contacted and drove off enemy patrol. Our attack first met resistance on the left at 200014a from CORONA (L5117). On the right, first contact was made just N. of S FILAMENA (L554170) at 200100a. Our left attacking unit in vicinity C. FLORIO received hv mort fire, and our troops on M. SERRASIOCCIA were firing on a 40-man counterattack at (L46159). During the night several large explosions were heard behind enemy lines, one at (L512171) at 200110a, believed to be large mines. During the latter part of the period, our left flank units beat off repeated enemy counterattacks, and strongly entrenched themselves in their positions. Attacking elements of our organization swept aside strong enemy resistance in the right sector, took large numbers of prisoners, and succeeded in attacking their objectives. At 200505a, a 40-man enemy attack was repulsed at (L461159). A 15-man enemy unit occupied the high ridge at (L464158) at 200805a, but at 201130a, were being enveloped. At 200900a, 25 enemy were seen evacuating OSPITALE (L434136). At 201145a, 40 enemy proceeding up a gulch at (L459162) were effectively taken under arty fire. In the right sector, the enemy was slowly retreating. A motor convoy was heard in the valley NW of BELVEDERE (L4917) at 200335a. At 200710a, hv mort and MG fire was being received from M BELVEDERE and hv fighting was in progress at (L434159) at 200750a. All units report prisoners taken. At the close of the period, the enemy has been driven off all immediate objectives and is continuing small counterattacks in the left sector. On the right, steady resistance continues, but counterattacks have not yet developed.
- (4) Engineers: Mine fields were encountered W of CORONA (L5117).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- 2. PW Statements: The enemy on the positions attacked were to have been relieved on the night of 19 Feb. The mountain bn that was at FALZIO (L4418) has left for an unknown destination. Of the estimated 80 Germans that were on the positions attacked, a total of 35 have been killed or captured. (The positions mentioned were on the M BIACCHETTI (L4511) - CAMPANA (L4817) ridge.)

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b. Total PWs:  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 191330. - 74  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 191330. to 201330. = 44  
 Total - 118

a. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

1. The enemy is capable of:

- (1) He can continue to defend from the present positions in right sector that he still holds as shown on Attached overlay. (See Annex "B")
- (2) Fight a delaying action to cover a withdrawal to M della TORRACOLA (L5520).
- (3) Continue to launch local counterattacks up to a battalion in strength.

b. Discussion:

- (1) The enemy now holds the line OSPITALE (L4313)-PIANO della FARULA (L4516) CAPPA di RONCHIDOS (L5418) - M della TORRACOLA (L5520), with remnants of 2 battalions. He has battalions in reserve at (L5324) and (L5722). He can reinforce the left flank of his present line of defense with one battalion in 2 hours and with 2 battalions in 4 hours.
- (2) While the enemy is fighting a delaying action to cover a withdrawal to a new defensive position on M della TORRACOLA (L5520), he can be preparing to reinforce his position there with 2 battalions.
- (3) He can continue to launch local counterattacks in our left sector, along SERRASIOCLA Ridge, using forces from platoon to battalion in size against our key positions. In the right, he can launch a counterattack consisting of a battalion in the direction of M BELVEDERE by nightfall, or with 2 battalions after midnight; or he can launch a counterattack against M GORGONESCO (L533178) with two battalions after dark hours.

c. Capabilities 2 and 3 are favored. Because of the size of our attack and the surprise it has apparently achieved, capability 1 is considered improbable. He will probably counterattack and attempt to regain M BELVEDERE from the vicinity of CASSELLITA (L5324) with one battalion. He is also likely to reinforce his left flank at CAPPA di RONCHIDOS (L5418) with one battalion from the vicinity of C. MINGONE (L5722).

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Annex 4B to G-2 Periodic Report No. 2  
 Enemy Dispositions as of 201330A  
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MAPS: G.S.P.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.
  - a. Enemy Front Lines: TRIGIANO (L4718) ROCCA CORNETTA (L4917) SASSO del COCA M della TORRACCLIA.
  - b. Defensive organization consists of well entrenched positions on extreme right and left flanks. The right and left front and center is a hastily defended position.
  - c. Units in Contact: 232d Fus Bn, 4th Mt Bn, 2d Bn 104d, 1 Bn 104d, 1 Bn 741.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.
  - a. General Summary: Our left flank and center sector comparatively quiet with attempted enemy counterattacks in the direction of M. BELVEDERE (L5217) and POLLA (L5017); but on our right flank the enemy is fiercely resisting our continuous attack from strong positions on MOUNT della TORRACCLIA (L5520).
  - b. Operations of Component Elements:
    - (1) Artillery: Shells of undetermined number and cal fell at (L538173) at 201400A. 20 82mm shells fell at (L544187) at 201849A. At 210830A, arge at (L48921545) was being continuously shelled by enemy arty fire from undetermined positions. At 210631A CAMPANO (L4817) was shelled by guns from undetermined locations. At 210950A air CP reported enemy 88mm guns located on road near draw at RIMOCCHI (L5420).
    - (2) Engineering: Snow mines on road S of CORONA (L4117) disabled 3 of our tanks and 1 truck. Loud explosions heard N of ROCCA CORNETTA (L4917) possibly were enemy blowing bridges at (L496176).
    - (3) Infantry: During the opening hours of the period, our left sector continued to receive small-scale counterattacks which were successfully repulsed. 75 enemy wearing packs were seen moving along road from STIOLA (L423208) to FALANCO (L4718) at 201330A. Enemy position at (L467158) was taken, capturing 4 and killing 4 enemy. Enemy strong point consisting of 30 men was noted at (L49180). In the right, our forces continued to overcome determined enemy resistance taking many PWs, and to organize defensive positions in anticipation of the expected counterattacks. During the night, the left flank and center sectors were comparatively quiet, but were harassed by slight mortar and arty fire. Enemy assembling at (L464167) at 210915A was taken under fire by our arty. On the right, the enemy gave stubborn resistance to our advance but was forced from the ridge under our continued pressure, and by morning he had fallen back to strong positions on MT della TORRACCLIA and in the saddle to the S from which he was launching local counterattacks. Enemy mortar located at (L545215), (L522192) and (L525200) were fired on by our arty at 210050A. S/A and AW fire from positions near (L555189) fired on our advance elements at 210140A and one continued to fire on our consolidated position. Enemy was counterattacking with unknown force from draws NW of Hill 1018 (L555198) at 210600A. At 210800A, an enemy counterattack of 80 men on MT BELVEDERE was beaten off by small arms and arty fire, killing 25 of the enemy. Small counterattack coming from N of POLLA (L508175) was neutralized by our arty fire at 210735A. Mortar fire fell in POLLA (L508175) at 210910A. At 211330A, the enemy is still strongly resisting our attack from positions on MOUNT della TORRACCLIA (L5520) with increasing counterattacks from that area.
3. MISCELLANEOUS.
  - a. IPW Report: See appendix "A".
  - b. PW Statements:  
PWs reported enemy gun positions as follows: 2 75mm guns at (L530194); 2 at (533195); 1 150mm gun at (L540196). PWs report CP of 1st Co 104d Rest between M. TORRACCLIA (L5520) and M CASTELLO (L5619) and the Co is in position all around M CASTELLO; also that the 3d Co 104d Rest is located on the east slopes of TORRACCLIA.

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c. Total PWs:  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 201330A - 118  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 201330A to 211330A - 243  
 Total - 361

A. Enemy casualties, including prisoners, for the operation - in excess of 500.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. Enemy is capable of:

- (1) Withdrawing under pressure.
- (2) Defending present positions.
- (3) Counterattacking in force.

b. Discussion:

Enemy can continue to withdraw under pressure. Due to the momentum of our attack, to his hastily prepared defenses, and to the attack of the BPF, the enemy will be unable to hold M della TORRACCIA with the small forces now available on the hill. Due to time and space, the two companies 114th Div now identified in the lines, will be unable to reach this hill to reinforce units there. With the additional troops reported moving to the area, the enemy will be able to reinforce any of his defenses during the night 21-22 with at least one battalion. With the exception of M della TORRACCIA, whose fall is expected momentarily, the enemy is capable of defending its present positions. The enemy now has reserves which can be moved from ALBARELLI (L5520) to VALFIANO (L5118) during the coming night. He may counterattack any position along the M BULVEDERE ridge from ROCCA CORNISTA to TORRACCIA at daylight with a battalion-sized attack.

c. Conclusion:

Enemy is most likely to withdraw from M della TORRACCIA and counterattack with platoon to battalion-sized attacks at one or more places along our front during the night and early morning of 22 Feb. Another attack can be expected in the vicinity of VALFIANO (L5118) and one can be expected in the RONCHIDOS (L5418) area.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 5, 21 Feb 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 17

PW's: 1 Feldwebel and 14 other prisoners were captured on the SERRASICCIA Ridge. All of them were willing to talk and only one was not German, but a Yugoslav. One of the PW's was evacuated through medical channels.

Units: 7th Co, 1044 Regt, 232 Inf Division  
3d Co, 232 Fusilier Bn, 232 Inf Division.

Unit Disposition: The 3d platoon of the 7th Co, 1044 Regt was occupying positions on the SERRASICCIA Ridge at the following points:  
PIZZO di CAMPANO (L482172), 15 men with 1 HMG & 2 81mm mortar  
CAPPEL del BUSO (L471169), 1 squad  
M. SERRASICCIA (L467153), 1 squad with 1 HMG  
M. MANCINELLO (L456133), 6 men  
SERRA del BIACHETTI (L446116)

The Feldwebel, who was the platoon leader was awakened at the Co CP at OSPITALE (L434144) at 19000 hours to go up to the ridge and take command of his platoon because of our attack. He had just come back from furlough in Germany on 18 Feb. He got there (the mountain top) at about 0800. The position at SERRA del BIACHETTI was reinforced with 6 men from the 3d Co, 232 Fus. Bn who were sent from SCAFFA (L434113) at approximately 0900 hours and arrived at their destination at about 1130 hours. These men came out of a total of 24 men who had been sent from SESTOLA (L4230) to SCAFFA on 14 Feb. There they relieved some mountain troops. On the morning of 19 Feb, they were sent out to reinforce the positions of 7th Co, 1044 Regt. The rest of the men went to M. SPICOLINO (L437093).

Intentions: The platoon leader of the 3d platoon of 7th Co, 1044 Regt, was told by his Co Commander that his Co was to be relieved within the next few days by 232 Fusilier Bn, and when talking to his Co. CO on the telephone during the morning of 19 Feb he was informed that the Bn CO and the advance party of 232 Fus Bn had already arrived at the 7th Co CP. PW believed that after the relief was completed his Co would go to the M. BELVEDERE (L523177) sector, since the Regt was being reorganized, making the 8th Co which is now in that sector a hv Co again. PW also stated that because of our attack this relief would probably be rushed up.

Miscellaneous: a. PW stated that the 163d Arty Regt from the 163d (Turkoman Div had been attached to 232 Div and that one Bn from this arty Regt probably had been in support of the 2d Bn 1044 Regt. The forward observers from this unit who had been on PIZZO di CAMPANO had left about 4 - 5 days ago.

b. PW when on his way down to his Co spent the night of 17-18 Feb at SESTOLA. When leaving there the morning of 18 Feb he saw there as well as on his way through FALIANO the last elements of a mountain training (Gobirza Lehr) Bn leaving in the direction of FAVULLO (L4832).

c. On his way by train from Germany to Italy, he passed through the BRENNER on 8 Feb and stated that it was not damaged. He went by train to BOLZANO, and from there by truck to SESTOLA via VERONA, MANTUA, MODENA, FAVULLO.

d. The password is supposed to be sent to all units daily by messenger. It changes daily at 1800 hours. A list with the passwords for the next few days was forwarded to G-2. One PW however, stated that they had never received the password and that they simply challenged by asking, "Who is there." They then would have the German advance until recognized if they had been answered in German.

e. None of the prisoners know anything about any other units or arty positions. They had been in their positions since 8 Dec 1944 and had never left the positions, except for one man who went to FALIANO once to get his hair cut.

f. According to PW's, the CP of 232 Inf Div is still at FAVULLO, where also the Div service and trains are located.

g. PW's confirmed that the 2d Bn CP (1044 Regt) had moved from FALIANO to near M. BELVEDERE where it was previously reported at MARNE in a house at (L4080182).

Other Reports:

PW, captured at FALIANO (L4118), from 1st Co 721st Regt, 114th Div, stated as follows: The Division has 2 regiments, 721st and 721st. The 721st was left on 8th Army front and is expected to remain there. 1st Bn, 721st, was bivouaced at CASTELNUOVO (L422801) yesterday. Only 1st and 3d Cos have been brought up in order to counterattack toward CORONA. There are 50 to 60 men per Co, both the companies in counterattack.

Note: Counterattack was estimated to consist of 80 men of which 36 were captured.

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\* Date: 22 February 1945  
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\* From: 211330A Feb 1945  
\* To: 221330A Feb 1945  
\* Hq, 10th Mt Div  
\* Lizzano In Belvedere  
\* Dated: 221500A Feb 1945  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: TRIGNANO (L4716) ROCCA CORNETA (L4917) SASSO del OCAA (L5219) LE BORRE (L565205).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary: The period opened with enemy troops being moved into positions suitable for launching counterattacks into our right sector. During the night, one counterattack developed but was repulsed. One strong counterattack was launched in the morning towards our left sector but was beaten off near the end of the period. Throughout the entire period enemy army was active with flurries reported in the early evening and morning. It was of light and medium calibers.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Armor: Vehicle towing a gun, cal unknown, was seen entering ALBARELLI (L5420) at 220900A. One medium tank was seen moving N on road just N of MASERNO (L5522) at 220800A. Enemy tank of unknown size seen in position at (L489187) at 221210A.
- (2) Artillery: Enemy arty fire on all sectors increased in intensity during the early part of the period, especially in the M della TORRACCIA sector. A hv barrage in that area lasted for the greater part of the afternoon. A patrol moving between M. CAPPEL BUSSO (L4716) and CAMPIANO (L4817) in the left sector received arty fire at 211330A.
- (3) Infantry: At 211430A a party of 40 enemy was seen moving into a large building at (L457196). At 211550A, a large body of enemy troops was seen moving S through CASTELLUCCIO at (L523202). They were carrying heavy packs and were followed by vehicles. At 211705A, a large group of enemy were seen moving S 500 yards N of VALPIANO (L518180). These movements probably represent the balance of the 1st Bn, 741st J Regt, which regrouped after the previously reported small-scale counterattack by one of its elements failed. As night came on there was a marked lessening of enemy activity. On the left flank there was very scattered enemy S/A fire at extreme range throughout the night. An enemy counterattack of 60 - 80 men on our positions at VALPIANO (L513193) was at 211615A smashed by supporting arty. Mortar fire was reported falling on M BELVEDERE at (L522175) from 212306A to 220400A setting off a number of bypassed mines. Morning brought increased activity in our left sector with strong counterattack being launched on PIZZO di CAMPIANO (L4817). The center sector was very quiet while on the right sector, the enemy continued to resist from scattered positions on M della TORRACCIA (L5520). Counterattack of 70 men supported by mortars and arty was launched on PIZZO di CAMPIANO (L4817) at 220830A, and was repulsed at 221130A by arty, mortar, and S/A fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. IPW Report: See Appendix "A"
- b. Order of Battle: See Appendices "B" and "C"
- c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 211330A - 361  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 211330A to 221330A - 34  
Total - 395

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. Enemy is capable of:

- (1) Defending present positions on the E and NE slopes of M della TORRACCIA (L5520).
- (2) Counterattacking in force.

b. Discussion:

The enemy can still continue his defense of entrenched positions along the E and NE slopes of M della TORRACCIA. This defense will probably grow more feeble as we continue to reinforce our own attacking positions on M della TORRACCIA.

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The enemy can counterattack all along our present line. In the left sector, he can launch counterattacks of battalion size against our positions on SERRASIOCCIA Ridge at any time during the night of 22-23 Feb. Also, he can continue his present small-scale counterattacks. In our right sector, he can counterattack any position along the M BELVEDERE ridge from ROCCA CORNETA to TORRACCIA. Reserves in the vicinity of ALBARELLI (L5520), VALPIANO (L5118), CASTELLUCCIO (L5220), and MERLANO (L5721), along with remnants of the units that have been opposing our occupation of the M BELVEDERE Ridge, can be grouped to launch a counterattack of regimental size before morning. The critical terrain features of PIZZO di CAMPIANO (L488173) and M BELVEDERE (L524176) will probably receive the bulk of the weight of counterattacks.

- c. Conclusions: The enemy is most likely to withdraw from his present weekly held positions on the E and NE slopes of M della TORRACCIA, and counterattack with platoon to regiment sized attacks at one or more places along our front during the night and early morning of 23 Feb. Capability (2) is favored.

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There are 2 am dumps, 1 near MONTESE, 1 near ZOCCA (L600880). PW stated that they were short of am. PW from 7th btry (medium) stated that they have not fired any CB because they were not able to reach our guns. The average of this btry from the MLR is usually 6 or more km. PW stated also that the dummy positions which he had helped to build had been shelled and bombed much more than the real positions. At this btry they carry a normal complement of 400 rounds of am.

Miscellaneous:

a. CO of 2d Bn 1044 Regt was killed on 19 Feb at 7th Co positions on the SERRASICCIA ridge.

b. 25 men from 1st Co 232 Fus Bn arrived at CP of 2d Bn 1044 Regt (L508183) at 200400 Feb. They were led on trail to POLLA to 6th Co to counterattack.

c. The bazooka platoon of the 14th Co 1044 Regt was broken up into squads of 5 men which were attached to the rifle companies.

d. PW from 6th btry 232 Arty Regt (163 Div) left from POGGILOLO (L492202). Guns from this unit were in position along road from (L464196) to (L476184). These positions were supposed to be reconquered by 6th Btry 232 Arty Regt. PW believed that 236 Arty Regt went back to the Adriatic (?).

e. PW from 2d Bn Hq who was radio operator with 8th Co 1044 Regt stated that the only communication he maintained was with the Bn CP. The radio code words changed daily.

f. Radio operator from 2d Co 1044 Regt also maintained communication with the Bn CP only. His channels were between 12 and 16 m. The frequencies were changed almost daily.

g. PWs from 2d Co, 4th Mt Bn, stated that they left the ABETONE area (DOGANA) 2 days ago. They came via PIEVEFELAGO - FANANO to OSPITALE. Only 10 men went to OSPITALE to relieve troops of 7th Co 1044 Regt on M. SPIGOLINO. They were recalled from OSPITALE on 18 Feb, met the rest of their company at FANANO and went up to counterattack on the SERRASICCIA ridge. The company strength is 120 men. The company is the "Alarm Company" of the Bn which is used for special missions like this.

h. The commander of 2d Co 1044 Regt was seriously wounded on 20 Feb.

i. 236 Arty Regt is said to contain many Russians.

IPW REPORT NO. 19

PWs: 32 prisoners were taken during a counterattack. All but 1 prisoner were willing to talk. This one was a Hitler Youth member of 20 years of age, an officer candidate and very security conscious. After some concentrated persuasion he lost his security consciousness and was ready to give information.

Units: 8th Co, 1044 Regt  
14th Co 1044 Regt

3d Co, 741st Jagger Regt, 114 Div  
5th Co, 1044 Regt

Unit History: 741st Inf Regt was in rest in the Lake Comacchio area for 5 weeks. Then 7 days ago, the regt left that area to come into this sector. PWs were under the impression that they would be used for coastal duty on the Ligurian Coast. When they left from Lake Comacchio, the 721st Regt was still in the line. The regt is organized in 3 Bns of 4 Cos each. The 1st Bn had its last bivouac at MONFESTINO in SERRAMAZZONI (L4643).

Intentions: The 1st Bn left MONFESTINO on 202000 Feb. The 3d Co and 1st Co went by truck to S of MONTESE. On their way and prior to reaching MONTESE, they passed the 3d Bn which was marching on foot in the same direction. They were then committed for a counterattack on our positions at CORONA and M BELVEDERE. The Cos were dispersed as follows: 3d Co on the E, 1st Co on the W, of the road leading south into CORONA. 2d Co was to be in reserve. The 4th Co has not been seen or heard of. PWs believe that the 2d Co got stuck on the road since they apparently did not come with them into the line.

Unit Strength: 2d Co had a total strength of 50 to 60 men. The Co had 3 platoons of 3 squads each, each squad being 9 men strong. Each squad had 1 MG. The remainder of the personnel belonged to Co Hq and trains. All of them were committed to the attack.

Personnel: Reptl-Commander 741 Regt  
1st Bn CO  
2d Co CO

Col Drohe  
Capt Miller  
Lt Grunberg

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Appendix "B" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 6, 22 Feb 1945

ORDER OF BATTLE

1. 232 INFANTRY DIVISION

a. General:

The offensive potential of this division, not high before the present phase of operations was opened, has been considerably reduced during the last few days.

b. Disposition of Components: See overlay attached, Appendix "C".

c. Strength of Components:

The strength of components we have engaged on our right sector is estimated as having been reduced by about 50%. This would reduce the 2d Bn, 1044 Regt, to about 250 - 300 men, and the 1st Bn, 1044 Regt, to 300 - 325 men. Other parts of the division must still be considered to exist in strengths averaging 300 - 400 men per battalion.

2. 114 JAEGER (LIGHT) DIVISION.

a. General:

With the identification of the 741st JAEGER REGT of this division on 21 Feb, it becomes a threat on our front. This division is organized like a German mountain division, with battalions being constituted as self-sufficient units. Each bn has 3 companies: 3 are light companies, one is a heavy company, and one is a support company. The light company has 6 - 9 LMGs, the heavy company 6 HMGs, and 6 81mm mortar, and the support company 2 - 3 75mm infantry howitzers, 2 75mm AT guns (or 2 20/28mm AT guns '41), and 3 LMGs. It has had combat experience in Yugoslavia, at Anzio, and since March of 1944, it has been constantly engaged in the coastal sector of the Eighth Army Front. Its other regiment, the 721st, will probably also appear on our front. It has a Fusilier (Rcn) Bn, and an Assault Gun Co, in addition to other standard elements.

b. Disposition of Components: See overlay attached, Appendix "C".

c. Strength:

No estimated strength is available, but prisoners taken on 21 Feb indicate the companies probably average around 100 men each.

3. Other Organizations Considered as Threats to Our Position:

a. Reserve elements of:

- (1) 94th Infantry Division
- (2) 157th Mountain Division
- (3) 305th Infantry Division
- (4) 65th Infantry Division

(For locations of these units, which are opposite II Corps, see notes on attached overlay, appendix "C".

b. The 276th Infantry Division, which has just been relieved on the Eighth Army front, and is reported moving toward BOLOGNA, could be committed on our front. It is a standard Formation division, with components of a strength comparable to the 232 Infantry Division which we have been engaging.

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Miscellaneous:

a. All platoon leaders of the 3d Co were captured. There was another Feldwebel from the Air Force attached to one of the platoons who was to be reclassified into infantry. This man's morale was very low.

b. PWe complained that their attack failed due to the lack of mort support from the 4th Co. The Co itself had no morts.

c. On 20 Feb, the Bn Commander of the 1st Bn addressed his troops and commended them for previous action and also told them they would be going back into action with mountain troops again.

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ANNEX 6C TO ACCOMPANY  
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MAP: ITALY 97 I SE, & 98 IV SW  
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
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
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\* To: 231330A Feb 1945  
\* Hq, 10th Mt Div  
\* Luzzano in Belvedere  
\* Dated: 231500A Feb 1945  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4239, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
a. PANANO (L4418) TRIGNANO (L4718) CAMPORIBALDO (L4917) SASSO dell'OCIA (L5219) RORO (L5420) LA CREZIA (L5621).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Although the enemy was either pushed back or halted in several counterattack attempts, the period closed with another counterattack of undetermined strength thrust against newly-gained positions on M. della TORRACCIA on our right flank. The right sector bore the brunt of large cal arty shelling during the night and early morning.
- (2) II Corps Sector: Quiet period with slight, scattered mortar and arty fire. Dugouts or pillboxes at (M017357) and enemy positions at (M021316) were taken under fire. Small groups of enemy were observed via BURSANO (L9934) and dugouts in (L9633) square were also taken under fire; left division sector was very quiet. 2 PWs captured behind our lines in (L9830) square were identified as from 7 Co, 3 Para Regt. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 261.)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Armor: At 221510A friendly air raid destroyed an enemy tank at (L525188) and sighted a SP gun at (L515186). An enemy tank was seen at 230950A at (L489187).
- (2) Artillery: At 221520A the hv shelling of M. della TORRACCIA (L5528) ceased after receiving counter btry from Corps arty. Arty fire of large cal was received with GAGGIO MONTANO (L551168) (getting the bulk of the shelling.
- (3) Infantry: Continued enemy activity in the left sector yesterday afternoon indicated further small-scale counterattacks developing in that area. The center sector was quiet with scattered arty and S/A fire. In the right sector the enemy was still offering resistance from scattered positions on E slope of M. della TORRACCIA (L5620) with S/A, mort and arty fire. At 221400A enemy counterattack, strength unknown, reported developing at (L475167). It was evidently broken up by our arty as it did not materialize. Early this morning the enemy still offered resistance from scattered positions east of M. della TORRACCIA (L5620). Capture of members of the 11th Co, 741st J.R. confirmed the location of the 3d Bn of that Regt on our front near M. della TORRACCIA (L5620). At 230500A an unidentified amount of enemy motorized equipment and horse-drawn vehicles was seen in CASTELLUCCIO (L5220). A 10-man enemy patrol was seen climbing a hill at (L577214) at 230810A. The enemy launched a counterattack of undetermined strength on our newly-won positions on M. della TORRACCIA (L559203) at 231159A. This attack was still in progress at the end of the period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. IPW Report: See Appendix "A"  
b. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "B"  
c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 221330A - 395  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 221330A to 231330A - 34  
Total - 429

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. Enemy is capable of:  
(1) Defending his present position on the N and W slopes of M. della TORRACCIA (L5520).

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b. Discussion:

The enemy can continue the defense of his positions along the lower slopes of M. della TORRACCIA. Though this defense does not appear sound due to our positions on the heights, the enemy may continue it for the purpose of projecting further counterattacks upon our ridge defenses.

The enemy can launch counterattacks all along our lines. These attacks can be local actions of platoon to bn strength, or coordinated attacks of regt to division strength. With the continuation of good weather which makes our air a constant threat to the enemy's movements, a coordinated attack would be difficult, and his actions may be limited to movement at night and counterattacks during the day. However, if the weather should ground our air support, the enemy can launch a coordinated attack in division strength against our BELVEDERE defenses.

c. Conclusions: Capability (2) is favored.

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organized into 2 platoons of 3 squads each. There are 5 cos in the bn.

Personalities: CO 11th Co Lt Bosel APO 42061 B  
CO 3d Bn Maj Hausotto

Miscellaneous:

a. 741 Rest received quite a few replacements from the air force who had been reclassified for the inf at the end of December and the beginning of January.

b. The morale in the unit is not very high due to the fact that quite a few of the men have been in the army only a very short time and are either very young and inexperienced or rather old; also the men who came from the Luftwaffe consider it almost as a degradation to be transferred from the Luftwaffe to the inf. The older men don't feel like fighting very much any more because they had to leave their homes, because they have seen at home comparatively recently what is happening to their families under bombardments, and because the Allies are on German soil on both the Eastern and Western fronts.

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Appendix "B" to 10th Monthly G-2 Periodic Report No. 7, Feb 1945.

Photo Interpretation Report No. 20

Area Covered: A block over forward areas between VERGATO (16927) and PANANO (14418)

Sortie: 12PR314, 22 Feb 1945

General Note: A comparatively large turnover of guns was seen in the division sector although gains and losses were about even. Several road demolitions were seen, but otherwise few changes in the general defensive situation were noted.

I. Defenses Extracted from G.I.R. No. R212, 23 February.

FIELD ARTILLERY  
Positions Occupied

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>	<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie No.</u>	<u>Print No.</u>	<u>Temp Ref.</u>
1.	97INE	L54902373	2-gun light btry			
2.	"	L56172458	1 (possibly 2) light guns			
3.	"	L56842437	Suspect single light gun			
4.	98IVNW	L57872479	Probable single light gun			
5.	97ISW	L46441563	Suspect 2 light guns			
6.	"	L43751663	Probable 2 light gun btry			
7.	97ISE	L47511861	Comparison with previous cover reveals an object thought to be a field gun.			

Positions Unoccupied

8.	97INE	L55882306	Four light guns now gone			
9.	"	L54622205	Single light gun now gone			
10.	97ISE	L56422200	Three light guns now gone			
11.	"	L51951887	Single field gun now gone			
12.	"	L51871897	" " " "			
13.	"	L52201953	Previously reported 1 (?) 2 gun field btry now gone.			
14.	98IVNW	L604237	Previously reported unoccupied 2 gun field btry position is now occupied, but thought to be a dummy position.			

MINOR DEFENSES

15.	98IVNW /	L67552265	2 probable hv morts			
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ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

16.	97ISE	L49351880	Road bridge demolished			
17.	98IVSW	L60362196	Road demolished for approximately 180 feet.			

II. Additional Defenses From This Sector:

ARTILLERY

1.	97ISE	L55282008	Occupied emplacement, possible light inf gun	12PR314	3053	C339
2.	97INE	L55282308	Single light gun	"	3146	C942

ANTI-AIRCRAFT

1.	98IVNW	L58752775	3 gun light AA btry camouflaged	"	4139	D442
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MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

2.	97INE	L547235	5 wpn pits in this area	12PR314	4147	E940
3.	"	L53952526		"		
		L53952528	Trench	"	4146	B031
4.	97INE	L55572690	3 large camouflaged objects	"	4145	B958
5.	98IVNW	L61712771	MG position on ridge	"	3135	B742
6.	"	L61942315	MG position	"	3134	B652
7.	"	L61512910	MG position	"	"	B240
8.	"	L61652901	Wpn pit	"	"	B742
9.	"	L60102899	MG position	"	4078	D149
10.	98IVSW	L60052850	Wpn pit	"	4078	D247
11.	98IVNW	L60707070	MG position	"	4077	B451
12.	97IVNW	L61752301	Trench behind 2 dugouts previously reported	"	3067	B420
13.	97IVNW	L61502550	Digging activities	"	4075	C043
14.	97IVNW	L61602568	Dugout on N. slope of hill	"	4075	B749

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 231330A Feb 1945  
To: 241330A Feb 1945  
Hq, 10th Mt Div  
Lizzano in Belvedere  
Dated: 241600A Feb 1945

No. 8

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: FANANO (L4418); TRIGNANO (L4718) CAMPORIBALDO (L4917) SASSO (L4917) OCA (L5219) FORNO (L5420) C. ROMITO (L55210) LA CREZIA (L5621).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary: Generally, the entire sector was quiet; the only aggressive activity on the part of the enemy was yesterday afternoon when a 25-man counterattack in the direction of Le GROTTE (L5519) was smashed by air support and arty, mort, and S/A fire. Highlight of the period was continued stubborn resistance by the enemy against our pushes near M della TORRACCIA. Our patrol during the hours of darkness observed a number of enemy positions and captured a few prisoners. Enemy arty was moderate and scattered throughout the sector.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: At 231800A, 5 rounds arty of unknown cal fell at (L504184). At 231700A, 20 rounds arty of unknown cal fell at (L521179); 5 rounds at (L51451665); 4 rounds at (L525143); 4 rounds at (L526141) and at 231745A a shell landed on top of M BELVEDERE (L523177). 15 rounds, cal unknown, landed on CAMPIANO (L492174) between 231700A and 231800A killing 1 man and wounding 2. At 240310A, OP observed 4 flashes at (L54742182) which were believed to come from gun positions. 1 round of 105mm cal arty landed near (L549163) at 240916A. 12 rounds 89mm landed at (L556197) at 240950A. Troops on Hill 1079 (L557201) were receiving fire from hv guns located near MONTEFORTE (L555221) at 241212A. Air OP noted installations of hv guns S of MONTESE at (L558243) at 241200A.
- (2) Engineers: Ground OP reported a mine field of 3 rows 50 yards wide at (L525189) at 231645A. The mines were not yet buried and could be seen lying on top of the ground.
- (3) Infantry: Throughout the afternoon of the 23d the right sector was confronted by the stubborn defense of the lower slopes of M della TORRACCIA (L5520) by the enemy who launched a counterattack on our right flank from the mountain's W slope. A 25-man counterattack in the direction of Le GROTTE (L556199) developed at 231200A and was repulsed at 231400A by our arty, mort, S/A, and air support. A patrol to (L517187) W of VALPIANO road saw enemy digging 3 or 4 foxholes around a position at (L522188). The patrol was allowed to come within 50 yards of the position where the enemy opened with AW fire wounding 4 men; 4 Germans were believed killed. The patrol made the following observations: digging at (L519188) and along mole trail from CAP LA MONTE (L519190) to CASA del LAGO (L516196); enemy snipers around ORLANDO (L522186); fortified house at (L518196). Patrol to (L531190) captured 1 PW without firing a shot. 2 PWs surrendered to lat Mt OP 86th Inf due to our mort fire. Patrol to (L543195) at 231230A observed some enemy in ALBARELLI (L5420) but no enemy contact was made. No enemy were seen along SERRASICCIA Ridge S of MONCINELLO (L4513) but it was noted that trucks had been made up and down the slope recently. The patrol along NW slope SERRASICCIA Ridge proceeded N of CAPPAL BUSO (L4716) and was fired upon by a sniper but made no contact. Groups of enemy were seen in 2s and 3d moving in valley at OSPITALE (L4313).
- (4) Signal: A German radio (T OIN FU G.K.) in good condition was captured.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. IPW Report: See Appendix "A"
- b. PW Statements: Prisoners taken in our advance near M della TORRACCIA (L559203) were reported to have said that 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Cos, 741st Jr Regt are now committed in that area with the 15th Co being moved up.
- c. Total PWs:  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 231330A - 429  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 231330A to 241330A - 3  
Total - 432

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d. Photo Interpretation:

Photos of 23 Feb fail to reveal as yet any marked changes in the enemy defensive situation. Although melting snow and shell craters in the front line areas increase the difficulty of interpretation of minor defenses, no indications have been seen of construction of any definite organized defense line. In two areas, however, there were seen concentrations of weapons pits, or "foxholes":

- (1) (LS0901925) to (LS1021822) - a line of weapons pits along the ridge.
- (2) (LS1881900) - CAP LA MONTE surrounded by a trench system and probably converted into a strong point.
- (3) (LS1851895) to (LS1701940) - a line of weapons pits along the ridge.
- (4) (LS15193) - digging activity in this area - possible bunkers under construction.
- (5) (LS1901930) - probable bunker.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. Enemy is capable of:

- (1) Counterattacking our present position at any point with a force up to Bn strength.

b. Discussion:

Our Tac Air Recon, Air Photos, and patrol reports indicate that enemy movement to our front from MODENA to our lines has been limited. There are no indications of large troop concentrations or movements.

In our left sector, the remnants of the 232d Fus Bn and the 1st and 2d Cos of the 4th Mt Bn may be reorganizing. These organizations suffered heavy casualties during their counterattacks on the SERRASIOCCIA - CAMPIANO Ridge. Further counterattacks of any force on this ridge are not likely.

In front of our center sector the 1st Bn, 741st Regt with remnants of the 1st and 2d Bns, 1044th Regt are digging in within small arms range.

In our right sector, the newly arrived 3d Bn, 741st Regt has been driven from M TORRACCIA. This Bn is capable of counterattacking for the purpose of regaining their lost positions. It is likely that their losses suffered in the TORRACCIA action will prevent them from counterattacking in strength.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 8, 24 Feb 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 22

Pw's: 2 prisoners from 1st Co 741st Jgr Regt, who had deserted their unit.

Preamble: One of these two prisoners was a Feldwebel who had been with the unit only since the end of October. Although he was fairly intelligent, neither he nor the other prisoner had any new information of great value on them.

Unit History: Pw's stated that when they left the Lake COMACCHIO area, the 721st Regt was still in the line on the Southeastern end of the lake at the Southern end of the narrow strip of land East of the lake. Their regiment was suddenly alerted to move off, and the first rumor was that they would go into the line on the Southwestern end of the lake, which they did not like very much. Then, after they realized that they were going further West than that, the next rumor was that they would go somewhere to the Western coast which they would have liked much better. Then, however, they moved into the mountains South of MODENA and were told they were to relieve a regiment of the 232d Division. They did not remember which number the regiment was. They only knew it was a number somewhere over 1000.

Intentions: Pw's stated that they were told they should storm M BELVEDERE, but when the attack failed and their unit withdrew with casualties, Pw's remained and gave themselves up.

Miscellaneous:

a. The Feldwebel who had gone through the Polish campaign was then with the OKH from April 1940 until 22 June 1944. From there he was transferred out to a replacement unit and then came to the 741st Regiment. At the OKH, he was in charge of the food supply for the messes there. He stated that the invasion of Western France came as a surprise to the EM at the OKH.

b. Pw stated that the 3d Co was supposed to be on their E flank, but he did not know whether they were there because they had not seen or heard anything of them and had had no contact. He knew nothing about the rest of his Bn or his Regt.

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From: 241330A Feb 1946  
To: 251330A Feb 1946  
Hq, 10th Mt Div  
Lienz in Belvedere  
Date: 251000A Feb 1946

NO. 2

MAP: G.C.G., 4000, ITALY, 1:100,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 8, 24 Feb.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Yesterday afternoon the enemy was driven off the slopes of M della TORRACCIA and has not as yet offered any organized counterattacks. The period was quiet marred only by medium arty hammering at our right sector.
- (2) II Corps Sector: The period continued quiet with slight harassing arty fire reported. Scattered groups of enemy were observed at different points during the period. Air OP reported that the road and bridge at (L892348) showed much usage. At 1245a an SP fired from (L965356). An enemy tank at (L877573) was destroyed by our arty and they smoked the IDICE Valley. Deserter was taken near (M0032) from 10 Co, 1 Para Regt.

b. Operations of Component Elements

- (1) Artillery: arty fire of undetermined cal was received from the vicinity of (L540246) at 241000A. A large gun was also noted firing from (L559252) at 241450A. At 250450A, 8 to 12 rounds fell near (L549158). Enemy hv arty (estimated 150mm or larger) landed on and around M della TORRACCIA (L5520) at 250535A.
- (2) Infantry: There was considerable enemy movement in houses in the vicinity of (L564203), and enemy soldiers were seen moving NE from these houses at a rapid pace at 241630A. At 241530A a squad of enemy was seen moving across the road near (L433195), and from 50 to 70 Germans in white parkas were seen standing in a group at (L439187). There was considerable activity around FANANO (L4418), with motorcycles, trucks, and ambulances moving between (L442171) and FANANO (L4418). A patrol to LA FURNACE (L530186) observed or heard no enemy. A patrol to (L543195) observed 2 houses at (L544396) which they believe to be occupied by at least 12 enemy; at 242155A, this patrol saw a single file of 10 horses moving S along AIBARULLI (L546307) SOSSA dell OCA (L574192) road at approximately (L539197); the horses were close together and appeared to be pulling some heavy object; this patrol encountered no enemy. A patrol to (L54118) heard voices and mules braying and sounds similar to digging at approximately (L540193), heard a cart N of road in vicinity of (L539196). At 250100A, 10 rounds mort fell in BOSCA CORNETA (L4917). OP reported a small enemy patrol of 5 to 8 men entering woods (L459158) at 241900A, and carts were heard rolling in C BONUCCI (L4516) at 241730A. At 250535A, enemy troops and hv vehicle movements were reported about 600 to 800 yds NE of M della TORRACCIA (L5520). A few rounds of mort fire fell at (L501177) at 250845A. Patrol towards M MANCINELLO (L4513) reported poor visibility and made no enemy contact.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Arty Overlay From Captured Maps: See Appendix "A"
- b. Order of Battle: See Appendix "B"

c. PW Statements: Three deserters from the 8th Co, 741 Regt, came into our line at (L492173) at 250640A. They did not know anything about the location of the 721st J R and said that they had come to FANANO (L4418) with their battalion on 22 or 23 Feb and then were sent to the front.

d. Booby-trapping of Bodies: While there have as yet been no authentic cases of booby-trapping of corpses by the enemy in this sector, the practice has been so common in certain areas on the Western Front that the possibility of similar occurrences here must not be overlooked. All bodies should be handled with caution, and any occurrence of booby-trapping should at once be reported to G-2.

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









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d. Corrections in IPW Report No. 18: (G-2 Periodic Report No. 6) Recent PW interceptations show a number of errors in the coordinates of units and installations as given in IPW Report No. 18. The corrections are as follows:

Locations:	As Reported	Corrected Coordinate
1.	L531061	L541257
2.	L54750048	L55352000
3.	L520995	L525193
	L533000	L540197
4.	L543003	L549204
5.	L44059925	L455195
9.	L5200	L527199
10.	L536293	L531191
15.	L48759920	L493183
16.	L48759920	L492183

f. Symbols on Enemy Disposition Maps:

N - - -	Fox and Fox installation		Searchlight
	Terrain under enemy observation	- F -	Telephone line
	Message traffic		Supply dumps
	Fortifications under construction		
	Minefield		
	Libella (code name) Barrage fire, in green		
	Louise (code name) Destructive fire points, in red		
	352 Target points, in yellow		
	yellow		

(Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 263)

g. Weather Forecast:

- Feb 26 - Scattered to broken low clouds. No rain or snow. 6 to 9 mile visibility in base. Minimum temperature 32°.
- Feb 27 - Same during morning, low overcast with light rain during afternoon. Visibility 5 to 7 miles except during rain when it will be less than 1 mile. Minimum temperature 32 to 36°.
- Feb 28 - Broken to overcast low clouds. Rain will cease by dawn. Good visibility. Minimum temperature 34°.
- Feb 29 - Clearing with no precipitation. Good visibility. Minimum temperature 33°.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
26	0558	1757	1918	0451
27	0657	1758	1944	0653
28	0655	1759	2007	0755

(Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 263)

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

1. No change. See G-2 Report No. 8, 24 Feb.

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Appendix "B" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 9, 25 Feb 1945

**ORDER OF BATTLE**

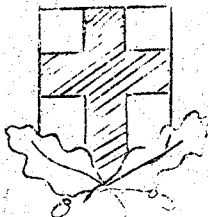
**332 INFANTRY DIVISION**

While the 104th Regiment has been chewed up badly, it must still be considered as disposed on our front in the position indicated on the atchd overlay. The 2d Bn has lost at least 50% of its personnel. The 1043d and 1045th Regiments are still present in nearly full strength, at about 350 men/regiment (See atchd overlay).

**114 LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION**

The 741st Regiment of the 114th Light Division was apparently sent to this front to accomplish a normal relief of the 1044th Regiment. Until such time as the front quiets down, however, we may find this new regiment joining with front line elements of the 332 Division to repel any further thrusts we may make. Present dispositions of the bns of this regiment are shown on the atchd overlay. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 6, this Hq, dated 23 Feb 1945, for details of organization of the bns of the 741st Regiment.

**DIVISION EMBLEM, 114TH LIGHT DIVISION**



**94 INFANTRY DIVISION**

The 94th Infantry Division, located between (L6526) and (L7731) Eastings, is a normal 3-regiment infantry division. Its reserve elements can be considered available for action in our sector.

**DIVISION EMBLEM, 94TH INFANTRY DIVISION**



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ENEMY SITUATION OVERLAY  
APPENDIX B TO ACCOMPANY PERIODIC  
REPORT #6, 15 FEB 1948  
MAP ITALY (ZONES 35 36 37 N, 13W)  
SCALE - 1:25000

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From: 251330A Feb 1945  
To: 261330A Feb 1945  
Hq, 10th Mt Div  
Lizzano in Belvedere  
Dated: 261600A Feb 1945

NO. 10

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

A. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 8, Feb. 24.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: M della TORRACCIA was the scene of two counterattacks during the period; one, on a small-scale yesterday afternoon, was beaten off by our arty; the other, of bn strength, although furious, was thrown back with hv enemy casualties. However, the enemy was not to be denied and bombarded our positions with hv arty and mort fire until dawn. The period closed comparatively quiet with intermittent shelling in the right sector. Arty throughout the 24 hours was hv with our center and right sectors bearing the brunt of it.
- (2) II Corps Sector: Quiet period with harassing arty fires. Suspected MG position at (M011333) was taken under fire. Enemy personnel were observed at (L920340), (L955333), and (L999343) and gun positions at (L978367) and (L900391) were fired on. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 264)

B. Operations of Component Elements

- (1) Infantry: At 261600A, the enemy launched a small-scale counterattack near (L553309). It was repulsed with the aid of arty fire at 251700A. A heavy but unsuccessful counterattack of bn strength attacked our newly-won positions on M della TORRACCIA (L559203). Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy, but we received hv arty and mort fire until dawn. A patrol to FIAPPELLO (L533190) encountered hv opposition at 260100A and withdrew without casualties. Another patrol to CASA VIGNONI (L492182) reported 50 enemy living in houses there. Three night patrols to MONTICELLO (L451159), to (L472176), and to (L465169) observed slight activity in FAVANO (L4418) and PIANO della FARNIA (L451169). OP reported activity on bridge (L457196) at 261005A, and increased activity in FAVANO (L4418) at 260940A. At 250015A hv mort fire fell on W slope of M Belvedere, as 400 yds.
- (2) Artillery: At 261600A 89 mm arty fire, number of rounds unknown, was received at PIZZO di CASTIGLIONE (L491171). The counterattack during the night was covered by a hv arty barrage. Our positions between Hill 1018 (L554197) and Hill 1053 (L548189) received a powerful shelling, both arty and mort beginning at 252310A. At 260410A 100 rounds of medium arty, some estimated to be 155 mm, fell on M della TORRACCIA (L5520) with intermittent shelling thereafter.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. IPW Record: See Appendix "A"
- b. Order of Battle: See Appendix "B"
- c. Enemy Situation Overlay: See Appendix "C"
- d. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "D"

c. Total PWs

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 261330A	432
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 261330A to 261330A	33
Total	465
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 251330A	465
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 251330A to 261330A	28
Total	493

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. No change. See G-2 Report No. 8, 24 Feb.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 10, 26 Feb 1945

IPM REPORT NO. 23

PMs: 37 prisoners were captured, one of whom was a deserter. Nearly all of them, with a few exceptions, were willing to talk. However, their knowledge was very limited. The information which they did give, though, can be considered reliable.

<u>UNITS:</u> 1st Co, 1043 Regt	1st Co, 1044 Regt	8th Co, 741 Regt
4th Co, 1043 Regt	8th Co, 1044 Regt	11th Co, 741 Regt
	7th Btry, 232 Arty Regt	12th Co, 741 Regt
		13th Co, 741 Regt
		14th Co, 741 Regt

UNIT STRENGTH

AND DISPOSITION: The 3d Bn, 741 Regt, is disposed as follows:  
 On 23 Feb 13th Co was at (L568197), 12th Co east of 13th, 11th Co east of 12th Co, 14th Co supposedly west of 13th Co. Some of these cos are so weak that their personnel was attached to other cos, and the unit as such is probably not committed in the line at all. 12th Co has about 15 men left, some of whom, if not all, were attached to the 13th Co. 14th Co has about 20 men left in it. 13th Co at the time of its commitment was about 50 men strong. 8th Co, 741 Regt, is located east of road vic of (L496177) to approximately (L505180) along the crest of the hill. 6th Co, 741 Regt, was committed on 22 Feb west of the SEPRASIOCCIA ridge. It is not known whether they have been moved from this location since then. The Bn CP of 3d Bn, 741 Regt, was at (L442187) in a house east of the road. However, it has moved from this location since then; the new location is not yet known.

ACTIVITY: PW from 7th Btry, 232 Arty Regt, was a wire man who was checking a break in a telephone line when he was captured. He stated that there was a switchboard at ICOLA (L566219). He stated that the 2d Btry was in the vic of ICOLA as reported in IPM report No. 20, 10th Mt Div G-2 Report No. 7. He also confirmed the previous PW report of the 7th Btry being about 1 km north of MONTSE, and the 8th and 9th Btries being at MONTSE. The 3d Bn CP is located at a house at (L559249). NOTE: The 2d Btry, 232 Arty Regt, was last seen at the above mentioned position 240600A Feb 1945.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. A few days ago the 14th Co, 741 Regt, was bivouacked in a house which received a direct hit from one of our dive bombers. Thus, this co was decimated down to only 20 men before its commitment into the line.
- b. About 3 weeks ago 6th Co, 1044 Regt, took 2 American prisoners. These PWs told them that they were from an elite Mt Div, most of the personnel of which were volunteers and expert skiers. One PW had a sketch of CAPILLA il MONTE (L516190) in his possession. They also stated that they had been on a recon patrol and had been on their way back when they were captured. It could not be established how much more information these men had revealed to their captors.
- c. PW from 13th Co, 741 Regt, who left the COMACCHIO area after his unit did, stated that a Feldwebel at a straggler post at MICLIARINO had told him that the rest of the div would soon follow into this sector.
- d. PWs from 5th Co, 741 Regt, stated that the 11th Div had a new commander, the name of whom they said was something like Stuhmann (?). He is a col.
- e. Remnants of the 6th and 8th Cos, 1044 Regt, and part of a regtl NCO school were organized into a new unit. The strength of this unit was 40 men, and it is led by Lt Nose and Lt Heid. Their weapons are 3 LMGs and 1 HMG. The CP of this unit is in a house at (L544203). The unit is committed on Hill 902 near FRATTI (L542194).

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PMs: 30 PWs, including one off (capt), were captured after a German counterattack on M. della TORRECCIA.

REMARKS: All prisoners were willing to talk with the exception of the officer who was very security conscious. All the information obtained can be considered reliable.

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c. PW from Mt Tring Bn stated that the bn was but under command of '1044' Regt for this operation.

d. PWs stated that they had the impression that we were using a new type Sp gun against them during their attack.

e. There is no 34 Co in the Mt Tring Bn at the present time since the original 34 Co was sent to the Western Front. The cos here at present are the 1st, 2d, 4th (Rn/Hq Co) and 5th Co (Hv Co).

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 1

reamble: 6 civilians, 2 of which were children, left CA DEL SOLE (L517193) at 260600A Feb and arrived at 260630 at VALPIANA (L518184). They travelled cross-country avoiding the main road and were able to reach our lines unobserved. After being interrogated by this hq they were turned over to CIC for screening. All 6 civilians were living in a house at CA DEL SOLE (L517193) for the past 3 months. The following information gathered from these civilians may be considered fairly reliable:

24 February 1945: 1 81mm mort was observed at CAPLA 11 MONTE (L519190) at about 20 yds N of the church and immediately W of the road VALPIANA (L518184) - CAST-NUCCIO (L523201).

25 February 1945: 1 81mm mort at approximately (L510184) was observed firing at about 262000A. At that time about 20 rounds were fired in the direction of QUERCIOIA (L513163). This mort has been often changed to different positions but always remains in the general vicinity.

26 February 1945: Automatic fire was heard at 260600A coming from the vicinity of PIOCCHI (L514187) and in the direction of QUERCIOIA (L513163).

There is a large underground shelter at approximately (L509183) at about 200 yds NE of MARBE (L508183) immediately S of the mule-path. Number of Germans in this shelter undetermined. The construction of this shelter started about 2 months ago.

German troops (number and identity unknown) are digging in on the N slope of CA DEL LAGO (L515197) at about 300 yds E of the houses. Work on these positions is carried on only during the night.

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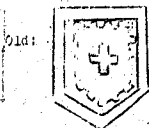
ORDER OF BATTLE:

114 JAEGER DIVISION

CG.	Major Gen EHLERT
C of S	Lt Col Angus
G-3	Major Arnold or Major Weiso
G-2	Lt Birkhuch

114 Jaeger Div was formed in April 1941 as 714 Inf Div. While serving in combat against Partisans in Yugoslavia, it was converted to a Jaeger formation and re-numbered. It left Yugoslavia early in 1944 and was sent to defend the ANZIO Beachhead where it suffered heavy casualties, largely because the men were inexperienced in large-scale fighting. In March, the division moved to the Adriatic sector and has since been almost continuously engaged against Eighth Army. The Division was relieved by 42 Jaeger Div beginning of January and moved North of Lake COMACCHIO, after having suffered heavy casualties. Elements of the Division were contacted on the Isthmus beginning of February 1945. On 15 February, the div was still reported to be in the general area N and S of Lake COMACCHIO.

Division Emblem:



Component Parts:

114 Recon Bn	114 AT Bn
721 Jgr Regt	1114 Assault Gun Co
741 Jgr Regt	(Acting 2 Co, 114 AT Bn)
661 Arty Regt	114 Signal Bn
114 Engr Bn	661 Fla Repl Bn
Div Rear Services	

Div Hq: AFO: 40145

114 Recon Bn:

CO: Capt Mueller (?)  
 AFO: 34220 A-F  
 Orgn: 2 Light and 1 hv Co  
 Wpn: Per Light Co - 9 LMGs; 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm mortars  
 Per hv Co - 2-3 x 75mm Inf Hows, 2-3 x 75mm AT Guns  
 3 LMGs

721 Jgr Regt:

CO: Col Salden  
 Orgn: 3 Bns of 5 Cos each, 16 and 17 Cos  
 Per Bn - 3 Light, 1 hv Co and 1 Support Co  
 Wpn: Per Light Co - 6-9 HMGs  
 Per hv Co - 6 HMGs, 6 x 81mm mortars  
 Per Support Co - 2-3 x 75mm Inf Hows, 2 x 75mm AT Guns  
 (or 3 x 20/25mm AT Guns 41), 3 LMGs

1st Bn: AFO: 40914A-F

2d Bn: CO: Major Buchanekowski (?)

AFO: 41222 A-F

3d Bn: CO: Capt Rasmussen (?)

AFO: 41762A-F

741 Jgr Regt:

CO: Col Bruche  
 Orgn & Wpn: See 721 Jgr Regt

1st Bn: CO: Major Kreuger (?)

AFO: 42326 A-F

2d Bn: CO: Capt Zedjan (?)

AFO: 42628 A-F

3d Bn: AFO: 43062 A-F

17 Co: AFO: 43324

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661 Arty Bn:

CO: Maj Gronowicki  
 Wpn: 1st Bn - 3-12x 75mm Mtn Gun  
       2d Bn - 3-12 x 105mm Gun Howa  
       3d Bn - 3-12 x 160mm Howa  
 2d Bn: APO: 43512 A-D  
 3d Bn: APO: 33617 A-D

114 Engr Bn:

CO: Maj Teisak (?)  
 APO: 43861 A-  
 Org: 3 Cos  
 Wpn: For Co - 6-9 IMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 x 81mm Morta

114 AT Bn: CO: Capt Skerla (?)

APO: 33919 A-D  
 1st Co: Wpn: 9 x 75mm AT Guns, 3 IMGs  
 114 Co: Wpn: 9-12 x 75mm SP Guns  
 3d Co: Wpn: 12 x 82mm AA Guns

114 Signal Bn: APO: 44168 A-C

Div Rear Services:

114 Supply Train APO: 33981  
 MI: APO: 35341  
 Medical Unit: APO: 36792  
 Bakery Unit: APO: 46592

MITTENWALD MOUNTAIN BATTALION

Very little is known about this organization, for until it appeared in the vicinity of M. della TORRACCIA on the night of 25-26 Feb, it had never been physically contacted. It was first identified in December, where it was attached to the 138th Fortress Brigade at LA SPEZIA. Civilian reports since that time have spotted it in the CERCHIO RIVER SECTOR, N of LIA, and at RODENA.

It is stated this Bn is known as the MITTENWALD MT ENG BN. It has 4 Cos, numbered 1, 2, 4, and 5. The third Co does not exist. Most of the men in the bn are Bavarians and Austrians, and 90% are skiers.

1st Co - 2 platoons, 2 squads 1 platoon, 6 men per squad. 1 LMG/squad. This company started the attack with 39 men; lost 20.

2d Co - Did not appear for the attack.

4th Co - Hq Co: Has 81mm Morta.

5th Co - Hq Co: 3 platoons; 1 hv MG plat with 4 wps; 1 mort plat, with 4 81s; 1 Inf how plat with 2 75mm Inf Hows.

The bn came from PINNACCIAGO, and used the highway from ABETONE through ZOCOLA.

Note: This bn is a typical GHO bn, of the type that is available for use at any point along the front.

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Photo Interpretation Report No. 21

Area Covered:

1. A block over forward areas between FANANO (L4418) and VERGATO (L6927).
2. A block over rear areas between FAVULLO (L4832) and SAVIGNO (L6737).

Sortie:

1. 12FR344, 24 Feb 1945
2. 12FR297, 20 Feb 1945

I. Defenses Extracted from G.I.R. No. R214, 25 Feb 1945.

FIELD ARTILLERY  
Positions Occupied

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	98IIRW	L57152337	Only 2 guns remain of this previously reported 3 1/4 light gun btry.	12FR344	4081	
2.	97ISE	L47072012	Single light gun	"	3156	B127
3.	97INE	L54422555	Single light gun	"	3145	C132
4.	98IIVW	L66952260	4 gun light btry	"	4082	C857
5.	"	L57332251	Single light gun	"	"	D163
6.	"	L52922870	Probable single light gun	"	4140	F536
7.	97IIS	L66672863	Suspect 3 light guns	"	3143	B628
8.	97ISW	L44311889	Possible single light gun	"	3159	D832
9.	98IIVW	L63382713	Possible light gun, single	"	4072	B745
10.	"	L68052808	Possible single light gun	"	4070	C243
11.	98IIVW	L62922966	3 positions of former unoccupied btry now appears to be occupied.	"	4033	B641
12.	98IIVW	L62662821	Previously reported 2-gun btry now has only one occupied.	"	4103	D050
13.	"	L61122608	Probable single field gun	"	4106	F053

Positions Unoccupied

1.	97ISE	L52921897	Previously reported 2 gun light btry now unoccupied.	"	4054	
2.	"	L52351920	Previously reported 3 gun light btry now gone.	"	4088	
3.	87IISW	L66003662	Previously reported 4 gun now gone	"	4127	
4.	97ISE	L53962571	Previously reported 3 gun light btry now gone	"	3146	
5.	"	L54972529	Previously reported single gun now gone	"	3145	
6.	97ISW	L45441963	Previously reported 2 gun light btry now gone	"	3157	
7.	98IIVW	L64002853	3 gun field btry now unoccupied	"	4102	

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1.	97ISW	L44322004	Road cratered by bombing;	"	4085	F066
2.	"	L42041946	" " "	"	4089	D061
3.	98IIVW	L66258014	Embankment prepared for demolition to block road.	"	4099	D141

II. Additional Defenses:

Note: These additions are attributed chiefly to the excellent quality of the photographs and the disappearance of the snow.

MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	98IIVW	L58462124	Two probable morts	12FR344	4048	D651
2.	98IIVW	L61332388	4 wpan pits around house	"	4044	B836
3.	"	L62222895	Dugout on N slope of ridge with track to fire position on forward slope.	"	4043	B064
4.	97INE	L54952838	3 wpan pits just S of house	"	3145	A858
5.	"	L54752825	5 wpan pits	"	3145	A949
6.	"	L54852603	5 wpan pits in arc around group of houses.	"	3145	B444

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Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	SECRET		Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
			Type	Defense			
7.	97IHE	L54592590	7 Wpns pits	in arc around curve in road.	12PR344	3145	B648
8.	"	L54802608	2 wpns pits		"	"	B450
9.	"	L54102568	Military activity	2 fire positions	"	3146	B348
10.	98IVNW	L53952556	Digging activity		"	3146	B544
11.	"	L57862810	Trench with MG		"	3141	B252
12.	"	L58352795	3 Wpns pits		"	3141	C462
13.	"	L61522911	MG position		"	3137	F057
14.	"	L60983007	Digging activity		"	3137	B957
15.	98IWE	L68053050	Trench		"	3097	B160
16.	98IVNW	L66332822	2 wpns pits		"	3100	F440
17.	98IVNW	L65433785	Dugout on knoll, probable OP		"	3101	C661
18.	98IVNW	L63502690	Trench, communications		"	3103	B753
19.	"	L63542693	Trench, communications		"	3103	B649
20.	"	L63482638	Trench, communications		"	3103	B741
21.	"	L63532645	Probable dugout with trench		"	3103	C641
22.	"	L63552043	7 wpns pits		"	3103	C647
23.	"	L63622682	Trench across ridge.		"	3104	B755
24.	"	L63202606	2 wpns pits		"	3104	C754
25.	"	L62912602	Dugout with fire position		"	3104	C646
26.	"	L62602667	Possible stores along road		"	3104	A647
27.	"	L62522588	Wpns pits, large		"	3105	C263
28.	"	L6232627	Series of wpns pits		"	3105	B058
29.	"	L61602556	Dugout with adjacent digging activity		"	3105	B261
30.	"	L61522564	MG position		"	3105	B358
31.	"	L61612518	Trench		"	3105	B660
32.	"	L61502550	Digging activity		"	3105	B257
33.	"	L60342503	Series of wpns pits		"	3107	B250
34.	"	L60702513	Series of wpns pits		"	3107	A656
35.	"	L61452440	4 wpns pits		"	3107	B164
36.	"	L60062407	Wpns pit		"	3108	B267
37.	"	L60702402	Wpns pit		"	3108	A756
38.	"	L60702460	2 wpns pits		"	3108	A948
39.	"	L60482463	Wpns pit		"	3108	C066
40.	"	L60302440	Trench and fire position		"	3108	C360
41.	"	L60102447	3 wpns pits		"	3108	B755
42.	"	L60052430	Wpns pit		"	3108	C150
43.	"	L60002421	MG position		"	3108	C350
44.	"	L60222419	Fire position		"	3108	C455
45.	"	L60292410	MG position		"	3108	C854
46.	"	L601239	4 Wpns pits		"	3108	D050
47.	98IVSW	L58702238	2 MG positions		"	3110	B542
48.	"	L57842155	MG position		"	3112	F161
49.	"	L58002164	MG position		"	3112	F065
50.	"	L58082171	MG position		"	3112	F066
51.	98IVNW	L57202270	Fire position on ridge		"	3112	B356
52.	"	L56952268	Fire position on ridge		"	3112	B250
53.	97ISE	L55542126	2 morts on N bank, possible 2 more positions on S bank. Movement seen in ravine.		"	3114	C844
54.	"	L55612098	New track along side of ravine from this point to mort positions reported in 54.		"	3114	D542
55.	"	L56002088	Probable mort position.		"	3114	E153
56.	"	L54792054	Emplacement on hill top possible OP		"	3116	C664
57.	"	L54302002	2 possible mort positions in 1 RANOCCHI		"	3116	D646
58.	"	L514193	Series of foxholes on ridge.		"	3119	B836
59.	98IVSW	L643293	Series of wpns position		"	3101	C954
60.	"	L61712772	Emplacement on hill top probable OP		"	3101	B454
61.	"	L60302582	Trench		"	3101	B454
62.	"	L60302546	Series of wpns pits		"	4107	F651

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63.	97INE	L547235	3 wps pits	12FR344	4114	B048
64.	"	L53862305	Trench	"	4115	B245
65.	"	L53602300	Trench leading to MG positions	"	4115	B344
66.	97ISE	L53902184	Probable mort position	"	4115	E133
67.	97ISE	L52502151	Digging activity	"	4118	D557
68.	"	L51202132	Occupied Emplacement, possible mort or light infantry gun.	"	4119	B551
69.	"	L51752038	Probable mort	"	4119	B254
70.	98IVTW	L59953035	3 wps pits	"	4137	D446
71.	"	L60353124	2 wps pits	"	4137	D359
72.	97INE	L56252855	2 wps pits	"	4142	D444
73.	"	L53782703	Wps position	"	4146	C658
74.	"	L53762690	Wps pit	"	4146	D056

Engineer Intelligence

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| 1. | L49331872 | Section of road demolished just S of blown bridge. | " | 4123 | F366 |
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Additional Artillery Locations Reported by IV Corps Air Photo Section

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|----|-----------|------------------|---------|------|------|
| 1. | L56162435 | 3 gun light btry | 12FR344 | 4112 | B448 |
| 2. | L56962448 | Single light gun | "       | 4111 | C148 |

- III. The following additional defenses have been found from a study of the rear area.

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1.	86IISE	L87003550	Trench with 2 MG positions	12FR297	3177	B156
2.	97INE	L54452888	Trench with 2 fire positions	"	3141	B563
3.	87IISE	L70153728	Digging possibly dugouts under construction.	"	3123	E423
4.	87IISW	L59983308	6 large MT around group of buildings possible supply point.	"	4134	C620
5.	87IISW	L60283345	Digging and TA on N slope of hill	"	4134	B940
6.	87IISW	L67133308	Hospital	"	4127	D553
7.	87IISE	L60083335	Vehicle pit, occupied	"		C462
8.	"	L68173945	Vehicle pit occupied	"		C454
9.	"	L68103946	Camouflaged object area approximately 60' square in field close to highway. Low appearance, possible cunten storage tank.	"	4126	C263
10.	"	L68253956	Trench with MG position	"	4126	C366
11.	"	L68183960	Wps position	"	4126	C064
12.	"	L68233968	Many occupied buildings possible MT repair shops.	"	4125	C242
13.	"	L68403975	6 vehicle pits along road	"	4125	C246
14.	"	L68604000	to Wps position	"	4125	B854
15.	"	L68603998	Wps position	"	4125	B754
16.	"	L68963996	Camouflaged object like item 9	"	4125	B653
17.	"	L68793965	Ford across stream	"	4125	C752
18.	"	L62353958	Possible OP	"	4131	A941
19.	"	L63963605	Dugout on N slope ridge with fire position on ridge	"	4131	A741
20.	"	L62723603	Possible fire position	"	4131	A335
21.	87IISW	L56033621	2 Wps positions	12FR297	4118	F641
22.	"	L61963125	3 wps positions in line across road	"	4118	B539
23.	"	L61813106	5 wps positions in group around road junction	"	4118	B645
24.	"	L59803351	Supply point	"	4113	C144
25.	"	L60053350	Probable enemy occupied houses Tank activity leading to excavations on slope of hill	"	4114	C541
26.	"	L60203495	5 wps pits	"	4115	E441
27.	"	L60303490	13 Wps pits in line running approximately SW-NE.	"	4115	E039
28.	"	L60803519	to			E028

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Principal

Type Defenses

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AA DEFENSES

1.

1666270

3 light AA guns

12FR297

4138

D641

2.

166405381

4 possible light AA/MG, with  
adjacent un pits - unoccupied

"

4115

E730

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 261330A Feb 1945  
To: 271330A Feb 1945  
Hq, 10th Mt Div  
Lizzano in Belvedere  
Datod: 271600A Feb 1945

VO. 11

MAPS: C.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

A. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 8, Feb. 24.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The tempo of activity has slackened considerably, and the period was quiet. Slight arty of mixed cal fell on our right sector.
- (2) II Corps Sector: During the morning our attack in the right sector initially met hand grenades and MG fire but resistance later changed to arty and mort fire. 3 pillboxes were knocked out and 2 others were still reported occupied. 10 PWs from 5 Co, 576 Regt were taken during the attack near (L9333). Elsewhere, across the front, only scattered activity was noticed. Arty fires were slight except in the right sector where an increase was reported. Throughout the afternoon, the sector was quiet with very little enemy activity reported. Arty was light and harassing with majority of rounds falling on Hwy 65. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 265)

B. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 2 arty concentrations of undetermined origin struck at (L55419; 3 rounds of light arty and some mort fire reported falling at (L502303) at 270215A; guns estimated to be due N at undetermined range. At the same place and from the same direction, 5 rounds of 88 fell at 270405A, 4 rounds at 270430A, and 5 rounds at 270505A. 6 rounds medium cal enemy arty fell near GAGGIO MONTANO (L5516) at 270756A.
- (2) Armor: Co C, 751st Tk Bn, knocked out 2 enemy tks, 1 at 261130A at (L518194) and 1 at 261300A at (L519197), both tks burned. At 261530A, air OP observed an enemy combat vehicle and possible tk at (L518195).
- (3) Chemical Warfare: Some phosphorous shells fell at (L539199); 2 more fell at (L523180) at 262135A.
- (4) Infantry: At 261225A, OP observed a house with a large hole which is believed to be either a gun emplacement or enemy CP at (L48042124). Patrol to (L464166), (L527189), and (L532194) observed from 261900A to 262300A, saw no enemy, and returned. Patrol to (L547193) saw no enemy, except 8 dead lying in open field near CA del COTTO (L547195); received mort fire from undetermined origin at (L547198) at 262215A, and returned with 1 man slightly wounded. Patrol to (L539196) observed road to front, right and left, from 261930A to 262230A, saw no enemy. Observer reported 39 trucks moving S at (L514244) at 261745A. At 270055A an undetermined number of trucks was reported moving in vicinity of FORNO (L550204). A patrol encountered 8 or 10 enemy in woods at (L464166) at 270500A, and in the fire fight that followed one of our men was killed. OP on M SERRASICCIA (L460153) reports ROMUCCI (L457166) is apparently occupied by a small enemy force; OP also reports increased enemy traffic on M SPIGOLINO (L430) between 270650A and 270930A. Intermittent mort fire was landing near ROCCA CORNETA (L4917) at 270700A.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

B. Weather Forecast: 272400A to 282400A

Scattered multilayer clouds, no precipitation, and visibility 6 to 8 miles in haze. Minimum temperature 32° - 36° F. Similar conditions on the 1st and 2d of March, with increasing broken low cloudiness, no precipitation; minimum temperature gradually increasing to 38° - 40° F on March 1st.

B. Civilian Interrogation Report: See Appendix "A"

C. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 261330A	-	493
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 261330A to 271330A	-	13
Total	-	506

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A. Civilian Statements:

Interrogation of Italian civilians who came through our lines from CASTELLUCCIO (L521200) reveals that the Germans are leaving that area. There are no vehicles, and few horses and mules. Germans cooked meal in town between 1900A and 2100A. Civilians from VALPIANA (L517176) also state the Germans are withdrawing.

4. EMMY CAPABILITIES.

A. No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 6, 24 Feb.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 11, 27 Feb 1945

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 2

Preamble: 3 civilians, residents of C dell 'OCA (L523191) arrived into our lines at VALPIANA (L518184) at 261230A. They left at 261200A taking the following route: mule path from (L523191) to (L523198) and (L519189) and then S along the main road to VALPIANA (L518184). These civilians were unable to furnish much information but they did observe the following:

3 underground shelters about 4 yds square are located at approximately (L547211). These positions are occupied by German personnel (number unknown). 1 enemy tank (type unknown) was observed on the road at approximately (L524193) on 24 Feb.

German riflemen in positions (slit trenches) on the western side of the mule-path at (L523198) and also along the mule-path which runs W to main road. No MGs were observed, but the Germans were all armed with rifles and hand grenades. 3 dummy arty positions approximately (L523197), between the secondary road and the cemetery.

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM A FRIENDLY AGENT

Preamble: This agent has been identified by OSS and his information may be considered very reliable. Agent left FANANO (L4418) at about 260800A Feb and travelled the following route into our lines: OSPITALE (L435135) - SERPA dei BAICHETTI (L447117) - POGGIOLFORATO (L468137).

15 Feb: 1 arty piece, 75mm how, was observed at TRIGNANO (L478184) at about 30 yds E of the church. 3 arty pieces, 75mm how, were observed at LA FORNACE (L470199) about 200 yds N of the bridge.

24 Feb: 1 81mm mort was observed at approximately (L432156) about 50 yds W of the houses of the town. About 30 German Alpine Troops are located at MONTEMEZZANO di SOPRA (L433156). 1 LMG in position with 15 men at CASTELLE (L466158). 1 LMG in

position with 15 men at LE PIAGGE (L444149).

25 Feb: The following enemy positions are manned both night and day. Each position has a bunker located immediately behind the position. A guard is maintained in front of these positions at all times:

2 LMGs manned by 10 Germans at M SPIGOLINO (L437094).

1 LMG manned by 6 Germans at C le ACQUAMARCIA (L409181).

1 LMG manned by 4 Germans at I BALZONI (L412115).

1 LMG manned by 6 Germans at CIMA TAUFFI (L398127).

26 Feb: There are about 100 German soldiers, mostly Alpine, billeted in the houses of FANANO (L4418).

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\* From: 271330A Feb 1945  
\* To: 281330A Feb 1945  
\* Hq, 10th Mt Div  
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\* Dated: 281600A Feb 1945  
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NO. 12

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 8, 24 Feb.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Like the preceding 24-hours, the period remained quiet. Slight arty of medium cal fell in the right sector, and the only counterattack staged by the enemy was broken up.
- (2) II Corps Sector: Sector was very quiet with scattered movement and slight arty fires during the period. Minor activity was observed at (L964385), (L958388), (L957337), (L953368), and (L988338). 15 Germans were observed near COLLINA (L8335). Air OP observed slight vehicular traffic moving both ways on Hwy 9 and on the road in the (M0063) square. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 265)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Armor: A patrol heard what they believed to be a tk on or near road 500 yds S of ALBARELLI (L546206). A medium (?) tk at (L555230) was taken under fire at 271130A, but was not hit. At 281130A, OP (L523178) reports 2 German tanks at (L514271); observer believed they were either Mark V or Mark VI.
- (2) Artillery: A direct hit was scored by our arty on a gun emplacement at (L565237). Some 105mm how fire received at (L560201) at 271830A. Mort and arty shelling at ABTALA (L579189), LA OA (L576188), BELLANISTA (L572200), and LA SERRA (L576202), persisted from 272000A to 272340A. Shells believed coming from STANCADORA (L572209), GILETO (L580211), MONTESI (L557245), MERLANO (L579214), and CASTELLINA (L582251); 4 wounded, 2 killed. At 280730A, the bridge in MALANDRONE (L571196) was shelled quite heavily. Slight arty fell on M della TORREACOLA (L559203).
- (3) Infantry: Enemy activity at (L5139244) and (L542228) was reported. A patrol to C ROMITO (L552210) found the house there occupied; a small enemy counterattack at (L560208) at 271900A supported by enemy arty was broken up; no casualties reported. Patrol to (L569211) observed from 271900A to 280300A, saw no enemy and returned. Hv mort fire was received at (L553203) at 280330A, from whom believed to be at (L555213). High air bursts were noted at (L549163) several times during afternoon 27 Feb. Patrols to (L465164) and (L453134) saw or heard no signs of enemy. Patrol to (L472176) heard a truck drive to MAGNANI (L4718), and then drive away. Slight S/A fire noted in front of FOLIA (L609176) at 280705A. 2 small patrols near (L512183) were driven off by our arty fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Interrogation of Civilians Report: See Appendix "A"

b. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "B"

c. Civilian Statements: Civilians who have come through our lines report that there are 2 small guns (75s or 105s) 400 yds N of MOSERNO VECCHIO (L548224), 2 or 3 large guns at (L529245), 4 to 6 dummy positions and many small guns at CASA LAMA (L563232), and 1 big gun near ZACCA (L554258). They also report that the Germans have left PIANELLO (L5319) and have gone to CASTELIUCCHIO (L52201). About 50 civilians who came through our lines near VALPIANA (L518183) reported that in woods 500 yds N of C del LAGO (L5155196) were 2 permanent MG positions and 300 to 400 enemy who said they were there to re-take BELVEDERE. Civilians also reported that at RECCHETTA - SANDRA (L476522) was an 8-gun arty emplacement.

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d. Artillery:

Excellent photo cover of 24 Feb 45 gives the first clear picture of a change in enemy arty strength and dispositions. In front of the BEF-10 Mt Div sectors, the following estimate of enemy arty strength seems to be evident:

<u>Caliber</u>	<u>Known</u>	<u>Suspect</u>	<u>Total</u>
Light	81	33	94
Medium	6	0	6
Heavy AA	4	0	4
Heavy	0	2	2
Self-Propelled	0	7	7
Undetermined	25 (AOP)	0	25
<u>Total</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>138</u>

These figures represent an increase of approximately 40 guns in the past few days which can be considered a logical development in view of our recent operations.

Considerable rearranging of arty within known arty groupings is quite evident. However, existing groupings remained in place. Almost all of the reinforcing arty appears to have been placed in the general area of MONTESE (L5524), M TERMINALE (L5621) and SASSOGLARE (L5924) where it was best dispersed to meet our attack on M TORRACCIA (L5520). (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 264)

e. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 271330A	- 506
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 271330A to 281330A	- 0
<u>Total</u>	<u>506</u>

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

1. No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 8, 24 Feb.

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Amendix "B" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 12, 28 Feb.

Photo Interpretation Report No. 22

Area Covered:

1. A block over area between PANANO (L4418) and VERGATO (L6927).

Sortie:

1. 12PR366 dated 27 February

2. 682A194 dated 27 February

3. 12PR357 dated 26 February

I. Defenses Extracted from G.I.R. #R216, 27 Feb 1945

FIELD ARTILLERY  
Positions Occupied

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie	Print	Temp Ref.
				No.	No.	
1.	97IGE	L56142235	Only 2 emplacements of this previously reported 3-gun btry appear to be occupied.			
2.	98IVNW	L59482245	Both emplacements of this previously reported position are now suspected to be occupied.			
3.	97IFE	L54572230	3-gun light btry previously reported is thought to be a dummy			
4.	98IVNW	L57052330	2-gun light btry			
<u>Positions Unoccupied</u>						
1.	98IVNW	L59422245	Unoccupied SP emplacement			
2.	97IIISW	L55233519	Previously reported 3-gun light btry has not gone.			
3.	98IVNW	L57232251	Previously reported single gun now gone.			
4.	97ISE	L47511861	Previously reported single gun now gone.			
5.	97ISW	L43751563	Previously reported 2-gun light btry has now gone.			
6.	"	L44841907	Previously reported 2-gun light btry has now gone.			
7.	"	L54902373	Previously reported 2-gun light btry has now gone.			
8.	"	L55872351	Previously reported single gun has now gone.			
9.	"	L56402433	Previously reported 3-gun medium btry has now gone.			
10.	98IVNW	L57572479	Previously reported single gun has now gone.			
11.	"	L65052309	Previously reported single gun has now gone.			
12.	"	L63382712	Previously reported single gun has now gone.			
13.	"	L57982370	Previously reported single gun has now gone.			
14.	97IFE	L54423555	Previously reported single gun has now gone.			

II. Additional Defenses

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie	Print	Temp Ref.
				No.	No.	
1.	98IVNW	L59723695	Single gun in loop of road has gone.	12PR366	4081	F546
<u>MINOR DEFENSES</u>						
1.	98IVSW	L57002140	MG position	682A194	3178	C444
2.	"	L56972145	Series of won pits along forward slope of ridge.	"	"	C245
		to L57302120				D237
3.	97ISE	L55802170	Grown of foxholes	"	4180	C445
4.	98IVNW	L58182366	2 won pits	"	4175	C035
5.	"	L61902630	Series of won pits	12PR366	3079	F749
6.	"	L62002404	MG position and 2 won pits	12PR366	4043	E062
7.	"	L62122409	Won pits	"	"	D663
8.	"	L62002375	3 won pits	"	"	E457
9.	"	L62402365	MG position on ridge	"	4042	F241
10.	"	L62332352	2 won pits on forward slope	"	"	F435
11.	"	L625242	Dazzling activity - won pits	"	"	D650
12.	"	L62952435	Dugout on reverse slope	"	4041	E339
13.	"	L63102435	Dugout on reverse slope	"	"	E542
14.	"	L63022430	Fire position on ridge	"	"	E541
15.	"	L63182430	Fire position on peak	"	"	F744
16.	"	L62892428	Fire position on peak	"	"	E236
17.	"	L62802384	Dugout on reverse slope	"	"	F42F
18.	"	L62902378	MG position on peak	"	"	F52F
19.	"	L61502326	Trench immediately S of enemy occupied buildings.	12PR357	3040	C54F
20.	97ISW	L54952120	Trench and possible mort position.	"	3045	B444
21.	"	L54302000	Mort positions can no longer be seen	"	3047	F447

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 13

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 3

Preamble:

25 civilians; 8 of which were children, residents of C dell' OGA (L523191), started at 1200 hours, 26 Feb 1945 and came to our lines at 2000 hours of the same day, taking the following route: Mule-path through (L523188) and (L519188), and then cross-country W of the main road until CORONA (L517176).

7 civilians, 2 of which were children, left CASTELUCCIO di MOSCHEDA (L523200) at 0500 hours 27 Feb 1945, and came to our lines touching SASSO dell' OGA (L524192) C ORLANDO (L525788), M. BELVEDERE (L523177) where they arrived at 0830 hours of the same day.

They give the following information which may be considered fairly reliable.

A German CP with 6 - 8 German soldiers and a telephone is located at approximately (L523192), between height 905 and height 893. During the day, these soldiers live in small bunkers and during the night they move into the houses at (L523191). Arty fire has been directed on this position without success.

One LMG in position is located on hill 986 at approximately (L519187).

Slit trenches (number unknown) were built about 8 days ago by the Germans on the following points; CAP la del MONTE (L518190), CA del SOLE (L517194), (L517198), (L514199). About 15 German soldiers were seen at (L517198), no automatic weapons were observed.

A German outpost manned by 5 German soldiers was observed at approximately (L517188), immediately W of the mule-path.

Civilians claim that a German defense line runs along the following points: (L519188), (L523188), C. ORLANDO (L525188).

Anti-personnel mines (number unknown) have been placed on the road at approximately (L518185).

On the 23 Feb 1945, 3 arty pieces (believed to be 105mm) were in position at CASTELUCCIO di MOSCHEDA (L523200). One of these guns was destroyed by Allied planes, the other two pieces moved in the direction of MASERNO (L551229).

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From: 281330A Feb 1945  
To: 011330A Mar 1945  
Hq. 10th Mt Div  
Gaggio Montano, Italy  
Dated: 011600A Mar 1945

NO. 13  
MAPS: G.S.C.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF THE PERIOD.  
a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.  
a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Another quiet period was experienced. Considerable enemy pack and truck activity was reported on in FANANO (L4418).
- (2) II Corps Sector: It was generally quiet period with scattered arty fires on the forward elements. Enemy personnel were observed around houses near (M044357) on the northern slopes of M CERVARE (M0032), in M CASTELLARO (L9833) and near buildings at (L987340). A tank at (L984341) was taken under fire. There were other small scattered groups of enemy observed and taken under fire by our arty. A slight increase of enemy arty activity was reported in the left div sector. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 257).

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Armor: An undetermined number of tanks and trucks were reported heard at (L560220) from M della TORRACOLA (L5520). 175th FA reported tanks heard moving S at (L567212) at 282030A, number unknown. At 010140A, 2 SP guns were reported firing from (L550222).
- (2) Artillery: Moderate arty fire continued to fall near MALANDRONE (L571198). 16 rounds fell at (L550178). From 282320A to 282340A, 21 rounds fell in the div CP area (L551168); at 010015A shells fell at (L549163). The following enemy fire was also reported: Between 010800A and 010815A, 7 shells, medium cal, fell at (L578189); 011035A and 011055A, 30 rounds, medium cal, at (L572198); 010355A and 010328A, 18 rounds, at (L574175); 011030A and 011100A 8 rounds medium arty at (L588178); at 10400A, 6 rounds medium cal fell at (L583179), (L584179), (L584178), and (L584177).
- (3) Infantry: At 282000A, (L573185) shelled by mort fire. At 281830A, 20 rounds high angle fire fell at (L481172). OP on SERRASICOLA (L4614) reported that many trucks were heard moving in and out of FANANO (L4418) from 282400A to 010100A. Outposts report mvmt of trucks on road SESTOLA (L421209) - FANANO (L4418) between 282300A and 282400A. This morning, 25 men and 4 mules were packing supplies from FANANO (L4418) to CAVEVARE (L4117). Supplies were also being moved between PARADISO (L418105) and SPIGOLINO (L437094). Buildings in FANANO at (L43851840) are probably supply warehouse, and building at (L43351850) is probable CP.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather Forecast: 024000A to 02400A. Extensive low overcast and fog over and S of mountains. Only scattered multilayer clouds, no precipitation, and 5 - 7 miles visibility in haze along front and southern PO Valley. Minimum temperature 31° - 35° F. Outlook, clear to scattered cloudiness, no precipitation, and good visibility on 3 and 4 March.

b. Artillery: Photo cover of 27 Feb reveals 2 new positions each containing 3 light guns in the vicinity of MONTESE (L5525). Shifting of enemy arty was again noted. Four positions, previously reported as unoccupied or suspected unoccupied now appear to be reoccupied, three of which are in the MONTESE area and one N of M BENVIGNATE (L5217) and contain a total of 7 or 8 light guns. This same cover also shows 12 other positions to be either unoccupied or suspected unoccupied and 3 other positions appear to have lost one gun each. These positions located in vicinity of SANSO del COA (L5219), MONTESE (L5525), COLM (L5530), MUSCOGRO (L5985) and the area east and north of CERVOLO (L5628) contained a total of 23 light guns and three medium guns. Not routine of this cover, 13 guns in front of BEF-10 Mt Div sector have moved out during the period. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 267).

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c. Total PWs:  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 281330A - 506  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 281330A to 011330A - 8  
Total - 513

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. The enemy is capable of attacking our present positions at any time for the purpose of regaining his formerly held positions on the commanding terrain.

b. Discussion:

Since the initiation of our successful attack on the RIVA RIDGE - M. BULVEDERE - M. TORRECCIA line, the enemy has been capable of counterattacking in Bn strength, and he has attempted it. His immediate reaction was to counterattack locally in Plat to Co strength. As we consolidated our positions, he brought in fresh troops, the Mittenwald Bn, the 3 Bns of the 741st Regt, the 114th Ron Bn and 2 Cos of the 4th Mt Bn. Most of these units were probably brought in to accomplish a normal relief of units on the line. However, our offensive was launched before this relief could be accomplished. This situation made the newly arrived units available for counterattack, and with these fresh troops he has continued to counterattack our position in Plat to Bn strength.

The appearance of the 741st Regt and the 114th Ron Bn indicates the relief of the 282d Inf Div by the 114th Jr Div. It is probable that the other Regt of the 114th Div, the 781st Regt, is close to our front at this time. This gives the enemy the capability of attacking our front or flanks with one Regt reinforced at any time.

Should we launch another offensive, the enemy may be capable of counterattacking with a Regt reinforced within 5 or 6 hours after H hour.

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To: O21330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mt Div  
Gaggio Montano, Italy  
Dated: O21600A Mar 1945

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 8, 24 Feb.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Except for moderate enemy arty of medium cal which fell mostly on our right sector, the period was quiet.
- (2) II Corps Sector: The last half of the period was reported as quiet with scattered enemy movement noted across the entire sector. Enemy MG at (L688293), medium gun at (L954380), SP gun at (L970357), gun at (L962356) and gun at (L839318) were all taken under arty fire. There was a slight increase in arty fire toward the latter part of the period, predominantly light with 15 rounds heavy in the left sector. (Source IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 268)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Between O11100A and O11115A, 2 rounds of 155mm fell at (L58451824); at O11330A, 2 rounds of undetermined cal arty fell at (L510182); at O11410A, 10 rounds 150mm fell at (L571197); at O11445A, 10 rounds of what was believed to be hv cal fell at BOMBIANA (L884182); at O11542A to O11546A, 15 rounds med arty fell at (L57492042); from O11635A to O11630A 35 rounds of undetermined cal fell at (L57831980); at O11635A 7 rounds of 150mm fell near BOMBIANA (L584182). A delayed report stated that 300 rounds mixed medium arty and mort fire fell at (L5780) and (L5721) from O11355A to O11425A, 30 rounds medium arty fell at ABETALA (L578189) from O12305A to O12400A. Scattered arty fire fell on CAMPANO (L482172) at O20015A. 80 rounds of undetermined cal fell at (L575204) from O12310A to O20045A. At GAGGIO MONTANO (L5516) 17 rounds medium arty fell between O20320A and O20558A. From O20545A to O20555A, 35 rounds harassing mixed mort and arty fire fell at (L589209); thought to come from azimuth of 1300 mls from (L589203).
- (2) Infantry: Listening post at (L463163) reported hearing much truck activity in FANANO (L4418) all during the night.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Civilian Statements: A woman civilian, who crossed our lines from N of ALBARELLI (L547208), reported that on 28 Feb the road at (L545211) for a length of about 20 yards and the bridge at (L546213) were blown out by the Germans; that the only movements S of MASTERNO (L550229) are those of patrols as there are no German troops in that area, and that there are unoccupied MG positions along road between ALBARELLI (L546207) and MASTERNO (L550229).
- b. PW Statements: 2 PWs picked up at FELICARI (L559207) are deserters and they gave the following information: They are from the 2d Co, 721st Regt; general location of 2d Co, 1st Bn in reserve at (L550218) where 2 draws come together; general location of the 1st and 3d Cos in line is at (L553216) (Hill 968) where they have dug in. Neither deserter knew location of 2d and 3d Bns. The entire regiment had been on a forced march from E for 8 days and morale was low and food light.
- c. Artillery: Changes reported as a result of photo cover of 28 Feb 45 indicated 11 previously unlocated occupied positions as compared to 11 vacated or suspected dummy positions and indicated no change in enemy arty strength in BFF-10th Mt Div sector, although some shifting of pieces was indicated. New positions were discovered in (L6327), (L5923), and (L7330) squares. 5 Nebolwerfers were reported in a new position in (L7031) square and one old position in (L7129) was reported unoccupied. Four unoccupied locations were reported in (L4720), (L5219), (L5624), and (L5925) squares.

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- d. Civilian Interrogation Report: See Appendix "A".  
 e. Information from Partisans and Civilians: See Appendix "B".  
 f. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "C".  
 g. IPW Report No. 25:

PWs: 8 prisoners were taken, 6 of whom manned an outpost and surrendered without offering any resistance, the other two were captured separately. One of these two apparently deserted and walked into our lines.

Units: 14th Co, 1044 Regt  
 14th Co, 741 Regt

Unit Strength and Disposition: The men from 14th Co, 1044 Regt, (7 men) were in an outpost in a house at (154802035). They were there all by themselves, had no contact with any other unit, and their mission was to observe for tanks approaching and fight off any American patrols or troops approaching their position. They were armed with three bazookas and rifles and pistols. PW from 14th Co 741 Regt, deserted from his Co, which he states in only 8 men strong now (?). The Co is supposed to be about 2 km N of ALBARELLI (1546206).

Miscellaneous: a. PW from 14th Co 1044 Regt, stated that the AT guns of his Co were to be turned over to the Regt by his Co because they had no more gas for the vehicles to pull the guns, and that the guns would probably be drawn by animals (mules or horses) from now on. They had originally 3 x 75mm AT guns. The strength of this Co is supposed to be 80 men at present. The Co had 2 squads attached to another Co near C VIGONI (L493182). Since our attack, nobody in the 14th Co has seen or heard anything anymore of these two squads.

b. PW from 14th Co 741 Regt stated that his Co commander, Lt Zirkowski, had been captured. However, he has not been captured by 10th Mt Div, neither has he gone through the BWF PW cage, according to BWF G-2 Section.

- h. IPW Report No. 26:

PWs: Two deserters walked into our lines at about 020200A Mar 1945. One of them was a Pole, the other a German from East Prussia. Both PWs were willing to talk but their knowledge was extremely limited.

Unit: 2d Co, 721 Jnr Regt, 114th Division

Unit Movement: The 721st Regt left the GOMACCNIC area about 8 - 10 days ago and marched on foot into this area. PWs could not name any town which they may have passed on their way and were not able to give any indication as to the route along which they marched. They arrived here 2 days ago. They did not know whether all 3 Bns had come into this area or only their own Bn. They did state however that the 1st and 3d Cos were now in line and that their Co, the 2d Co, was in reserve. On their way to our lines, they saw some men from the 7th Co 1043 Regt who told them that they were very mad because they were supposed to get relieved at 2300 hours 1 March, and now it was 2300 or after and there had been no sign of anybody yet.

Miscellaneous: a. On their way into this sector, PWs state they saw one btry of 150mm hows at approximately (1565244). There were 3 guns there.

b. 2d Co CO is 1st Lt Band, and the Bn CO is Capt Dominick, who is on a 14 day leave at the present time. The total Co strength of the 2d Co is about 70 - 80 men, including trains personnel.

- i. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 011330A	- 512
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 011330A to 021330A	= 2
	Total - 514

- j. Order of Battle Summary:

You are referred to the G-2 Periodic Reports published by this HQ previous to this date for a detailed description of all units discussed below.

New units have been appearing on our front frequently during the past ten days, until the picture has become cluttered. These remarks are intended to explain what has happened.

The five battalions of the 114th Light Division now on our front were probably sent here to accomplish a normal relief of the 232d Infantry Division. They will probably soon be followed by the balance of the division. Our attack took Jerry by surprise, and he left the to-be-relieved 232d Division in line along with the arriving elements of the 114th in order to strengthen his positions. By the time the 114th had begun to arrive, our attack had chewed up most of the 1044th Inf Regt, as well as elements of the 4th Mt Bn. The Bns of the arriving 114th were committed piecemeal, and had heavy personnel losses.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 14.

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 4

Preamble:

One woman crossed the lines coming from N of ALBARELLI (L547208) 28 February 1945 at 1030 hours after travelling the following route: ALBARELLI (L546207), FORNO (L549204), LE GROTTE (L553200) where she arrived at 1200 hours of the same day. After a lengthy interrogation, the only information of military value that could be obtained was the following:

28 February 1945 - The road at (L545211) for a length of about 20 yards was blown out by the Germans at 0400 hours. Also the bridge at (L546213).

She claims that there are no German troops S of MASFENO (L550229). The only movements in that area are patrols.

MG positions (number unknown) are located on both sides of the road between ALBARELLI (L546207) and MASFENO (L550229). At the present time, these positions are not occupied by the Germans.

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Appendix "B" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 14.

INFORMATION FROM PARTISANS AND CIVILIANS

25 Feb 1945 - A German CP with 6-8 German soldiers and a telephone is located at approximately (L522192), between Height 906 and Height 893. During the day these soldiers live in a small bunker and during the night they move into the houses at (L522191). Allied arty fire has been directed in this position without success.

25 Feb 1945 - One LMG in position is located on Will 986 at approximately (L519187).

25 Feb 1945 - Slat trenches (number unknown) were built about 5 days ago by the Germans on the following points: CAP la del MONTE (L518190), CA del SOLI (L517194), (L517198), (L514199). About 15 German soldiers were seen at (L517198), no automatic weapons were observed.

25 Feb 1945 - A German outpost manned by 5 German soldiers was observed at approximately (L517188), immediately N of the main path.

25 Feb 1945 - Civilians claim that a German defense line runs along the following points: (L519188), (L523188), O ORLANDO (L525188).

25 Feb 1945 - Anti-personnel mines (number unknown) have been placed on the road at approximately (L518185).

25 Feb 1945 - On the 23 Feb 1945, 3 arty pieces (believed to be 105mm) were in position at CASTELLUCCIO di MOSCHEDA (L523200). One of these guns was destroyed by Allied planes, the other two pieces moved in the direction of MASERNA (L551229).

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Present indications are that the 114th will continue to move into line on our front, and the 232d will not be relieved until the front stabilizes itself again. In addition to the understrength Bns of these two divisions, we can also expect to be met by units from Corps or higher HQ, such as the remnants of the Mittenwald Mt Bn which launched a counterattack a few days ago. Identifications will continue to be mixed, for if the enemy sustains heavy losses in one Bn he will transfer its remnants to another.

It should be remembered that PWs taken in the vicinity of CASTELLUCCIO (LS220) have stated that a "Mountain Division" is in position to their left. This is probably the arriving elements of the 114th, which is a light division, organized and trained similarly to a mountain division. No information to justify suspicion of a new mountain division on our front is now available.

These same PWs claim that they are from the 1043d Regiment, and that they were working in the sector formerly occupied by the 1044th Inf Regt, when they deserted at (LS2E198). This might indicate a general redistribution of the balance of the 232d Div towards the west, in order to strengthen the portion of the front weakened by the loss of the bulk of the 1044th in out attack. These PWs state that their Regt was going to ZOCGA (L6C33), which would bear out our previous indications that the Jerries were intending to relieve the 232d Division.

Note: Elements of the 721st Regiment, newly identified on the line, will revise enemy strength estimates in FO# 1 upwards by as much as 750 men.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 17, 1 Mar 1945.

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Appendix "C" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 14.

Photo Interpretation Report No. 23

Area Covered:

A block covering area between FANANO (L4418) and ZOCCA (L6314) including the area over the front lines.

Sortie: 12 PR 373 Dated 28 February 1945

I. Defenses Extracted from G.I.R. #R217, 28 February 1945

			<u>FIELD ARTILLERY</u>			
			<u>Positions Occupied</u>			
Item	Sheet		<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie</u>	<u>Print</u>	<u>Temp</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>		<u>No.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Ref.</u>
1.	98IVNW	L58222501	3 light guns sighted along edge of track	12PR366		
2.	97INE	L54762302	3 light guns in scrub along edge of track	"		
3.	98IVNW	L62872820	Previously reported 2 gun field btry with one emplacement occupied is now seen to have both emplacements occupied.	"		
4.	"	L57382452	Previously reported 3 gun medium field btry position as suspect unoccupied is now seen to be completely occupied.	"		
			<u>Positions Unoccupied</u>			
1.	98IVNW	L62382838	Previously reported single gun is now gone	12PR363		
2.	"	L63312778	Previously reported 2 gun field arty btry is now gone.	"		
3.	87IIISE	L69203520	Previously reported 2 gun btry is now unoccupied.	"		
4.	87IIISW	L66753384	Previously report 2 possible medium guns are now gone.	"		
5.	87IIISE	L68583420	Previously reported 2 gun field btry is now unoccupied.	"		
6.	98IVNW	L63772867	Previously reported single field gun has now gone.	12PR366		
7.	"	L63302777	Previously reported 2 camouflaged field guns have now gone.	"		
8.	"	L59742697	Previously reported single field gun has now gone.	"		
9.	97INE	L54602820	Previously reported 3 gun field btry has now gone.	"		
10.	"	L55672653	Previously reported suspect 2 gun field btry can no longer be seen.	"		
11.	97ISE	L52661957	Previously reported suspect 2 gun field btry has now gone.	"		
12.	"	L53161974	Previously reported single light gun has now gone.	"		
13.	"	L56152232	3 gun field btry now unoccupied.	"		
			<u>Anti Aircraft Defenses</u>			
			<u>Positions Occupied</u>			
1.	98IVNW	L58752449	3 gun light AA btry	12PR366		
2.	"	L58672481	4 gun light AA btry	"		
3.	87IIISE	L71163555	Previously reported unoccupied, this 3 gun light AA btry is now occupied.	"		
			<u>Engineer Intelligence</u>			
1.	98IVNW	L74732893	Road demolished.	12PR363		
2.	"	L696255	Detour around demolished bridge now destroyed.	"		
3.	"	L70662750	Foot bridge demolished.	"		

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Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
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Defenses Extracted from G. I. R. #218, 1 March 1945

FIELD ARTILLERY

Positions Occupied

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|----|--------|-----------|--|---------|--|--|
| 1. | 98IWNW | L62152718 | Previously reported 3 gun light btry is thought to have become a dummy.  | 682A197 |  |  |
| 2. |        | L64382930 | 1 emplacement of this previously reported unoccupied 3 gun light btry is occupied by an object which in view of ground reports is thought to be a gun. | 682A197 |  |  |
| 3. | 98IWNW | L63342855 | Probable 4 gun light btry sighted along road.  | 682A197 |  |  |
| 4. | 98IWNW | L77373060 | 2 light infantry guns  | "       |  |  |
| 5. | 87IWNW | L70253195 | 5 Nobelwerfers   | "       |  |  |

Positions Unoccupied

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|----|-------|-----------|---|---------|--|--|
| 1. | 97ISE | L67072012 | Previously reported single light gun has now gone.      | 12PR373 |  |  |
| 2. | 97INW | L56172458 | Previously reported 1 (21) gun light btry has now gone. | "       |  |  |

AA DEFENSES

Positions Unoccupied

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|----|---------|-----------|---|---------|--|--|
| 1. | 87IIISW | L65593463 | This 3 gun light AA btry is now unoccupied. | 682A197 |  |  |
|----|---------|-----------|---|---------|--|--|

Military Activity

- |    |        |           |   |   |  |  |
|----|--------|-----------|---|---|--|--|
| 1. | 98IWNW | L64582699 | Camouflaged object possible pillbox or light gun. | " |  |  |
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Engineer Intelligence

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|----|--------|----------------------------|--|---------|--|--|
| 1. | 87IISW | L77333400<br>to L77453380  | Causeway and corniced section prepared for demolition for a distance of about 700 feet | 12PR372 |  |  |
| 2. | 98IWNW | L65932424<br>and L66022427 | Road demolished at these points  | 682A197 |  |  |

III. Additional Defenses: Minor Defenses and Military Activity

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|----|--------|-----------|---|---------|------|------|
| 1. | 97ISE  | L51871920 | Series of wps pits along path                                 | 12PR373 | 3047 | A632 |
| 2. | 98IWNW | L62122230 | Dugout with trench leading to 2 fire positions-covering draw. | "       | 3036 | D040 |
| 3. | "      | L62103350 | Dugout with trench leading to 2 fire positions covering draw. | "       | 3036 | D241 |
| 4. | "      | L62102250 | Trench with fire position                                     | "       | 3036 | C543 |
| 5. | "      | L62052220 | 2 mort positions  | "       | 3036 | D039 |
| 6. | "      | L602258   | 2 wps pits and a larger fire position                         | "       | 3070 | B347 |

FIELD ARTILLERY

Position Occupied

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|----|--------|-----------|---|---|------|------|
| 1. | 98IWNW | L58222500 | 4 4th gun can now be seen in this previously reported 3 gun btry. | " | 3072 | B140 |
|----|--------|-----------|---|---|------|------|

Positions Unoccupied

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|----|-------|-----------|---|---------|------|--|
| 1. | 97INW | L55202307 | Single gun has now gone   | "       | 3076 |  |
| 2. | "     | L55622310 | Previously reported occupied emplacement has disappeared with the snow. | "       | 3076 |  |
| 3. | "     | L55102255 | This 2/3 gun btry can no longer be seen                                 | "       | 3077 |  |
| 4. | 97ISE | L52132025 | Previously reported 2 gun light field btry is now gone.                 | 12PR373 | 4050 |  |

Anti Aircraft Defenses

- |    |        |           |  |         |      |      |
|----|--------|-----------|--|---------|------|------|
| 1. | 98IWNW | L58753442 | Previously reported 3 gun light AA btry has 4 positions now. | 12PR373 | 3072 | C947 |
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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: O21370A Mar 1945  
To: O21330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
Gnegio Montano, Italy  
Dated: O21600A Mar 1945

NO. 15  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

A. Enemy Front Lines: (1551210)(1557218) (1559227) (1566219) (1572215)(1588223)

B. PW Identifications:

114th Jaeger Div

721st Regt - 75 PWs, broken down as follows:

34 Co, 22 - 4th Co; 5 - 6th Co, 8 - 8th Co, 7 - 11th Co, 3 - 12th Co, 19 - 13th Co, 6 - 14th Co, 4, unidentified Co, 1

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The enemy has steadily given ground since the beginning of our attack at O20700A. Before and during the attack, we received moderate arty and mortar fire as well as MG and S/A fire. Two small counterattacks were beaten off during the night, and motor movement continued between SESTOLA (L4220) and FANANO (L4418).

(2) II Corps Sector: The latter half of the period was reported as quiet with moderate harassing arty fires. Enemy personnel and vehicles were observed at (M032363) and (M002339). Our arty fires on C di RIBANO (M005353) caused some casualties to the enemy. Scattered activity was observed in (L9737), (L9638), (L9433) and (L9437) squares. Several camouflaged objects were observed in the (L9938) square. Left division sector was very quiet except for harassing light and medium arty fire. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 269)

B. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Artillery: Area at (L543198) was shelled by a large cal gun between O21105A and O21115A. What was believed to be fire from a 170mm gun was received at (L581127) between O12200A and O12400A; a total of 39 rounds fell. Two 155mm rounds fell at (L57331984) at O21420A and O20730A.

(2) Chemical Warfare: At O22215A, a heavy gray-colored smoke was observed near (L55982066).

(3) Engineers: Bridge at (L457196) was reported being prepared for demolition.

(4) Infantry: At O21355A, enemy were seen in house at (L558210). Trucks were seen moving N at (L545203) at O21925A. Movement continued between IOLA (L567219) and MONTEFORTE (L555221) at O21910A. Small groups of trucks were seen moving S from SESTOLA (L4220) to FANANO (L4418) and then NE at O22035A. At O22233A, CAMPINO (L481181) was reported as being counter-attacked with enemy hand and rifle grenades, while at O22215A, a 7-man German patrol attacked (L475168); both attacks were driven off. Ever since the beginning of our attack at O20700A, the enemy has steadily been giving ground, falling back in turn from M TERMINALE (L5621), Hill 968 (L553215), Hill 966 (L559221), Hill 920 (L573227), and M della VEDETTA (L585223).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Civilian Interrogation Report: See Appendix "A".

B. Weather Forecast for 4 March:

Increasing middle and high cloudiness above 7,000 feet, no precipitation, and visibility decreasing in haze to 5 to 7 miles on the 4th. Scattered multilayer clouds, no precipitation, and 5 to 7 miles visibility in haze on the 5th. Minimum temperature 33° to 37°.

C. Almanac.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
4	0648	1807	0329	0927
5	0646	1808	0030	0954
6	0644	1809	-	1025

D. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to O21330A - 514

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period O21330A to O21330A - 75

Total - 589

E. Enemy Defense Overlay: See Appendix "B"

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A. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

B. The enemy is capable of:

- (1) Continuing the defense of present front line, and committing his reserves in counterattacks to restore his lost positions.
- (2) Fighting a delaying action on successive terrain features to his next prepared line of defense.

B. Discussion:

The enemy was almost completely surprised by our new offensive. The newly arrived 721st Regt relieved the 1043d Regt on the line the night of 2 - 3 March and was attempting to complete the relief when our attack was launched. The 1st and 3d Bns of the 721st Regt, being on the line, have suffered severe losses. Our surprise caught the enemy so completely off balance that he has been unable so far to even launch the usual local counterattacks.

However, the 2d Bn 721st is still in reserve somewhere to the N of our front lines, the 114th Rcn Bn, the elements of the 1043d Regt that were relieved last night and the 2d Bn of the 1045th Regt are available and capable of counterattacking our left flank at any time.

The enemy so far has been unable to hold against our vigorous attack but he will likely counterattack our newly won positions tonight and tomorrow for the purpose of regaining his lost positions. A continuation of these attacks can be expected until the enemy has either exhausted his local reserves or has decided to discontinue the fight for our objectives.

Though the enemy is capable of an organized delaying action, he has not yet attempted it. He defends his strong points until they are completely lost to us. His defenses have been attacked in turn and his defending garrisons either destroyed or captured. His defenses to our front have not been reinforced. Our air supremacy has denied him movement of his reserves and the speed of our movement has prevented him from organizing a delay. However, if our final objective is not reached before tonight, he may reinforce his present positions with his reserve Bns.

C. Conclusion:

- a. Capability (1) is favored.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 15

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 5

Preamble:

3 civilians were taken by an American patrol at 021700A March at Le TANE (L552207). These civilians have lived in these houses from 2 to 5 months. Some of the information these people gave they had only second hand and thus cannot be considered very reliable.

Troop Movements:

For the last 8 days no German troops have been seen or heard of at Le TANE and vicinity.

On 1 March 2 women coming from Le TANE to FORNO were stopped at FORNO by a German guard at 1800A. On 020600A the 2 women were able to enter FORNO without seeing a German guard and without being stopped.

A civilian coming from RANOCCHIO (L532267) told these civilians that 10 - 12 arty pieces (cal unknown) arrived on 26 Feb in the evening at RANOCCHIO.

The same civilian coming from RANOCCHIO heard from Germans there that they would counterattack to retake Hill 1079 (L556201), and in the event that this counterattack should fail, they would withdraw from the area.

Locations:

5 days ago German troops were reported to be billeted in the following houses: RONCOLA (L531203), I POLIDORI (L537200), (L537198), (L539199), (L534191). There were about 20 Germans in every house.

About 10 days ago 2 SP guns (or tanks) (75mm guns) and a four-wheeled armored car were observed at approximately (L549222).

on 23 Feb 2 guns, believed to be 75mm AT guns, were seen at approximately (L55213) along the mule path and at the junction of the two streambeds.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 031330A Mar 1945  
To: 041330A Mar 1945  
Hq. 10th Mountain Div  
Gaggio Montano, Italy  
Dated: 041600A Mar 1945

NO. 16

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: (L585245) (L594241) (L606247) (L610235) (L615220)

b. PW Identifications:

721st J. R., 1043d, 1044th, 1045th Inf Regts, 616th and 232d Arty Regts, 914th Assault Gun Brigade (Army), 70th Obsn Bn (Corps), and 114th and 232d Med Amb Cos.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The enemy continued to fall back as our attack surged forward against determined but futile enemy defense efforts. We have met moderate to heavy resistance but have taken many prisoners.
- (2) II Corps Sector: Throughout the morning hostile activity was quiet with light harassing arty fires reported. Small scattered groups of enemy personnel were observed at (M030323), (M002336), and (L985362). Scattered activity was also observed in (L9536), (L9537), (L9538), (L9035), and (L8933) squares. Considerable traffic of MT, horse-drawn vehicles and foot troops was reported on Hwy 9 in (L9644) square, indicating, however, no directional trend. Left center and left division sectors were very inactive. In the afternoon there was some increase in inf and vehicular movement observed. Arty continued light and harassing. A column of vehicles was observed moving W on the road parallel to and N of Hwy 9. 2 deserters from 2 Co, 276 Inf Regt vic S MARTINO (L776283) were taken during the period. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 270)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: At 031504A a heavy concentration of arty fire fell on the NE tip of M della VEGETTA (L589224) from CROCIATE di SOTTO (L605218). This held up our attack until combined friendly arty fire and air attack neutralized enemy guns. At 040035A an undetermined no of 105mm arty rounds were received from the N at (L571235). No damage or casualties were reported.
- (2) Infantry: The entire front of the 721st Regt has been covered by our forces. We are now beginning to take prisoners from the 1045th Regt which is in position E of the 721st Regt. The enemy continued to fall back from the force of our renewed attack but met us with moderate to heavy mort, arty, MG, and s/a fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather Forecast for 5 March:

Clear skies during morning, with increasing cloudiness below 7000 ft during rest of day. No precipitation, 10 miles visibility. Min temp 30 - 34°.

Outlook: Clear to scattered clouds, no precipitation and good visibility on 6 March; changing to broken to overcast low clouds and possible precipitation on 7 March. Visibility 5 - 7 miles in haze. Min temp gradually increasing to 36° on 6 March.

b. Captured Enemy Material:

2 German 88s, 2 German 105mm hows, and 2 German radios.

c. Order of Battle Summary (as of 041330A):

(1) Introduction: For present approximate enemy dispositions, see list of changes given in par 5, this report, and Annex "B" to accompany G-2 Periodic Report No. 15, 3 March 1945.

(2) General: Our attack caught Jerry while he was in the process of completing a relief in the sector of the 1043d Inf Regt. PWs taken up to this time are mainly from the 721st J. R. Since they had just moved into line, and in the case of the 2d Bn had not yet completed their move, the information they give is very jumbled, and only general trends can be indicated.

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Reports indicate that cos average between 50 - 70 men, and bns between 300 - 400. Many of the soldiers are very young, and morale is low. There is a shortage of inf support weapons, particularly field hows, with the hv wpsn co of each bn having only 2.

For reserves to resist our further advance, the enemy probably has the 114th Rcn Bn available. Also, the relieved 1st and 2d Bns of the 1043d cannot be more than 2 kilometers back of the line of support cos of the committed bns of the 721st, and could conceivably be called in as reserves. A few prisoners from the 8th Co, 1045th Inf Regt, indicate that our present location of that unit is correct. This regt is also ready to back up the resistance offered by the 721st Regt.

While we have not taken any prisoners from the 741st Inf Regt, we must still consider that elements of that unit are in position to attack our left flank, as dispositions in par. 5 indicate.

The number of PWs in the present action, along with estimates on killed and wounded, reduces the combat effectiveness of the 721st J.R. to a very low level. It is probable that this organization cannot mount any kind of resistance, or counterattack, unless its remnants are grouped, or thrown in with other combat units now available. The cos of the 2d and 3d Bns of this regt have now been captured, along with parts of their staffs.

(3) PW Breakdown (official as of 040600A):

<u>721st J.R.</u>	<u>1045th Inf Regt</u>	<u>1043d Inf Regt</u>	<u>232 Arty Regt</u>
1st Bn - 49	Hq Co - 18	13th Co - 11	3d Btry - 8
2d Bn - 100	2d Bn - 69	70th Obsn Bn (Corps) - 11	7th Btry - 6
3d Bn - 166	13th Co - 2	<u>616 Arty Regt</u>	9th Btry - 1
16th Co - 33	<u>1044th Inf Regt</u>	5th Btry - 5	914th Army
17th Co - 21	1st Bn - 5	6th Btry - 21	Assault Gun
Hq - 3	13th Co - 6		Brigade - 3
			114th Med
			Amb Co - 2
			233d Med Amb
			Co - 3
			Total - 621

(4) Order of Battle on Units Contacted During Period Covered by This Report:

(a) 914th Assault Gun Brigade (Army): Has 3 firing btrys and a Hq Btry. Each firing btry has 10 - 11 assault guns mounted on MK III tks. 3 are 75mm guns; the balance are 105mm hows. The 3d Btry lost 3 guns yesterday: 1 to arty and 2 by self-destruction. 3 guns of the bn pulled out to NE of ZOCCA (L6034). The unit was formed in Jan 1944. The brigade commander: 1st Lt Heimüller; 2d Btry Commander: Lt Böttinger, deceased; (he was killed late in 1944 in the first atk on M BELVEDERE); 3d Btry Commander: Capt Gewinner.

(b) 70th Obsn Bn (Corps): Has 3 btrys: hq, sound and flash. The CP of the Flash Btry is at (L58827A).

(c) 1043d Inf Regt - 13th Co: Has 1 plat left under command of the 1045th I.R. Was located near IOLA (L566219) with 2 x 75mm Inf hows.

(d) 1044th Inf Regt: Had 1st, 2d, and 3d Cos on the line until Friday night, when relieved by 2d Bn, 721st. 3d Co, after losing 25 men (a platoon) as prisoners, still had 80 men. These men left for SANONE, N of ZOCCA (L6034) on Saturday.

(e) 721st Jaeger Regt: Obstat (LT COL) Hartmann is Regtl Fuehrer. The AT Bn has 3 Cos. The 1st Co has 12 x 75s (AT). Two of these guns are at (L569216) and two are a short distance S of MASFNO (L551228). The other eight AT guns are not located. The 2d Co has SP 75s, probably 12. The 3d Co has AA weapons - 20mm and 37mm. Number and place not known. The 3d Bn was commanded by Maj Johannes Gohl, 17 years a professional soldier. He refused to give information. His Lieutenants, also captured, disclose that the Bn was relieving the 114th Rcn Bn, and was under the command of the 1044th or 1045th Inf Regt at this time. The 17th Co which is the Engr. Co, defended Hill 673 (L553243). It was moved into position last night from CASTEL ALIANO (L608255) on carts.

(f) 232d Arty Regt: The 3d Bn moved out last night destination not known. PWs. PWs from 7th Btry report that they got counterbattery fire on the eve of the 24th Feb. No hits on guns, but four horses were killed and 6 or 7 men hurt.

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(5) Changes In Appendix B of G-2 Periodic Report No. 15, 3 March 1945.

(a) Units Previously Identified:

721st Jaeger Regt  
1st Bn (L578249)  
2d Bn (L610240)  
7th Co (L610225)  
8th Co (L605233)  
3d Bn (L590253)  
741 Jaeger Regt  
2d Co (L517196)  
1044 Infantry Regt  
2d Bn (L518201)  
5th Co (L530196)  
6th Co (L536197)  
1045 Infantry Regt  
1st Bn (L6523)  
2d Bn (L612255)

(b) New Units:

616 Arty Regiment (L617271)  
914 Assault Gun Brigade (L594274)  
70 Observation Bn (L5427)

d. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 031330A	- 589
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 031330A to 041330A	- 592
Total	-1181

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. No Change: See G-2 Periodic Report No. 15, 3 Mar 45.

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From: 041330A Mar 1945  
To: 051330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
Gaggio Montano, Italy  
Dated: 051600A Mar 1945

NO. 17  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.
- Enemy Front Lines: (L555198) (L557222) (L565225) (L570230) (L585258) (L593263) (L603258) (L630230).
  - PW Identifications:  
232d Inf Div, 114th Light Div, 29 PZ GR Div (2 PWs taken near L6225).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- General Summary:  
10th Mt Div: We are continuing to gain ground against the enemy, to inflict by casualties and to take prisoners from the enemy. There was considerable enemy movement towards our sector from N and NE and some traffic away from our front. Heavy enemy arty fell on PIETRA COLORA (L597221).
- Operations of Component Elements:
  - Arty: The sector was relatively quiet during the night with the exception of a heavy arty barrage on PIETRA COLORA (L597221) at 042000A.
  - Armor: Two medium tanks with trailers were seen about 050930A at (L696331) moving towards (L610310) where they seemed to be going into position.
  - Infantry: Yesterday afternoon, our attack was meeting heavy enemy resistance and intense mortar and arty fire, particularly in the left sector, but the enemy continued to give ground. By evening, the front line was at the following coordinates: (L570236) (L579238) (L583262) (L592266) (L595260) (L597250) (L609244) (L600230) (L625219). There was no change in enemy front lines during the night. At 050335A, CP at (L592264) reported much enemy vehicular movement at (L593272) from 042330A to 050200A, thought to be moving N, which may indicate that the enemy is withdrawing. Our forces moved forward at 050800A against determined enemy resistance and are still advancing. Air OPs and Rover Joe reported considerable enemy movement on roads towards our sector from N and NE, and some movement away from our front. At 050930A, approximately 60 - 100 foot troops, 3 - 3 motorcycles, 3 - 4 small vehicles, and 2 large trucks headed S on road at (L606331) towards (L610240).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- Weather Forecast:  
Clear to scattered clouds. Visibility good. Forecast: 052400A - 062400A: Scattered multi-layer clouds above 3000 feet, no precipitation. 8 - 10 miles visibility. Minimum temperature 31° - 34° F. Outlook: Similar conditions on morning 7 March with increasing low cloudiness during day; becoming low overcast by dusk. Shower-type precipitation beginning about midnight of 7 March. Broken multi-layer clouds on 8th with precipitation ceasing by morning. Visibility good except during shower periods. Minimum temperature, 31° - 30°F.

b. Order of Battle:

During the last 24 hours, a total of more than 250 prisoners have been taken. The major portion of these PWs are from the 232d and 114th Inf Div. The location of the following units is not definitely known because of our activity in the vicinity of CASTEL d'ALIANO (L6025).

721st Regt  
2d Bn CP  
5th Co  
6th Co  
8th Co

They have been badly battered and are probably regrouping in the area (L610265)-(L630230).

29 PANZER GRUNDADIER DIVISION

CG:	Major Gen Dr Pollack
C of S:	Lt Col Moll
G-3:	Capt Fabian
G-2:	Capt von Certzen
Div Supply Echelon:	Major Hagen
Political O:	Capt Scharfstadt

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29th PG Div, originally 29th Mtz Div, is a regular army unit which fought in the Polish, French and Russian campaigns. In July, 1941, it was identified in the central sector of the Eastern front. One year later, in the summer of 1942, it moved to the south and was destroyed at STALINGRAD. Absorbing the bulk of 345th Mtz Div, it reformed in Southwestern France in the spring of 1943. In June of the same year, it moved to Sicily where it proved an excellent fighting formation, providing an effective rear guard for the retreating German forces. It filled the same role during the withdrawal in CALA and joined the main forces at SALERNO. After almost continuous fighting at the ANZIO Beachhead and the main southern front, the division was withdrawn N of ROME at the end of February, 1944. It remained in reserve in the LAGO DI BRACCIANO area until mid-May when it came south to oppose II Corps in the TERRACINA sector and cover the withdrawal of 715th Inf Div and its attached units from the southern flank of the beachhead. It fought rearguard actions during the summer withdrawal, first opposite Eighth Army, and later opposite Fifth Army, sharing the 4th Pz Div responsibility for Highway 12 during the last stages of the retreat. Early in September it was moved to the Adriatic sector against Eighth Army. In the middle of October, it was shifted suddenly to the Fifth Army front south of BOLOGNA, and then, early in December was returned to the Eighth Army front where it has been engaged in the FAENZA area. Around 20 January, the Div was relieved by the 4th Pz Div and moved into a rest area NW of BOLOGNA. The division has given a good account of itself and can be considered one of the best fighting formations in Italy. The division is sometimes referred to as 'Division FALKS'.

Division Emblem:



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Component Parts:

	129 Rcn Bn	29 AT Bn
	129 Tank Bn	29 Engr Bn
	15 PG Regt	29 Mortar Bn
	71 PG Regt	29 Sig Bn
	29 Arty Regt	Div Rear Services
Div Hq Co	APC: 00106	
129 Rcn Bn	CO: Maj Ziegler	
	Adj: Lt Fuchs	
	APC: 02918 A-E	
	Org: 1 Armd Car Co, 3 Rifle Cos, 1 Hv Co	
	Wpns: Per Rifle Co - 9-12 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm Mortars	
		Hv Co - 3 75mm Inf Hows, 3 75mm AT Guns, 3 75mm
		SP guns (?), 3 LMGs
	MT: Per Rifle Co - 20-28 Personnel carriers	
129 Tank Bn	CO: Capt Wolzaphel or Capt Pauser	
	Adj: 2d Lt Staebler	
	APC: 05895 or 05898 A-E	
	Org: 4 Cos	
	Wpns: Reportedly 20 Mk IV's and 5 ASS guns in the Bn	
		(Oct 44)
15 PG Regt	CO: Col Waltersdorf	
	Adj: Capt Noell	
	Propaganda Co: 2d Lt Abel	
	Org: 3 Bns, 13th (Inf Fow) Co, 14th (AA or AT) Co, and	
		15th (Engr) Co.
		Per Bn - 3 light and 1 hv Co
	Wpns: Per light Co - 9-12 LMGs, 2 81mm Mortars	
		Per hv Co - 4-6 HMGs, 4-6 81mm Mortars
		(expecting some 120mm Mortars)
Regt Hq Co	APC: 08717	
1st Bn	CO: Capt Noak	
	Adj: 1st Lt Hass	
	APC: 31914 A-E (old: 11404 A-E)	
2d Bn	CO: Capt Gerlach	
	APC: 16358 A-E (old: 03425 A-E)	

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3d Bn	CO:	Capt. von Malabert
	AAJ:	1st Lt Nitriche
	APO:	30862 A-W (old: 12296 A-W)
13th Co	Wpns:	150mm SP Guns
15th Co	APO:	01285
71 PG Regt	CO:	Col. Faller
	Org & Wpns:	See 15 PG Regt above
Regt Hq Co	APO:	08270
1st Bn	CO:	Capt Steiner
	APO:	25149 A-W (old: 06199A-W)
3d Bn	CO:	Capt Kollermann
	APO:	28777A-W (old: 10212 A-W)
5d Bn	CO:	Capt Breivenschwerdt
	APO:	51473 A-W (old: 04931 A-W)
13th Co	Wpns:	75mm or 150mm SP Guns
14th Co	APO:	18624 (7)
29 Arty Regt	CO:	Col Scheeffler
	Org:	3 Bns
	Wpns:	1st Bn - 12 x 105mm Gun Hows (some of them might be SP)
		2d Bn - 22 x 105mm Gun Hows
		3d Bn - 12 x 150mm Hows
1st Bn	CO:	Capt Volkman
	Adj:	2d Lt Webbekind
	APO:	15699 A-D
2d Bn	APO:	44556 A-D
29 Engr Bn	CO:	Capt Ossmann
	APO:	01323 A-D or 26487 A-D
	Org:	3 Cos
	Wpns:	Per Co - 9 LMGs
	Equip:	Per Co: Mines, flame-throwers, demolition Equipment
29 Mort Bn	Org:	2 Cos
	Wpns:	Per Co - 8 x 120mm Mortrs
29 Sig Bn	APO:	12734 A-C

(Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 257)

- c. PW Statements: 2 deserters picked up by 1st Bn 87th (L605245) at 042100A, stated that they walked from a training or casualty area near Yugoslavian border and as they passed through VILJA d' AIANO (L5927), they talked to a German platoon there and were told that at 050800A, the platoon would withdraw to the N.
- d. IPW Report No. 27:  
 Pw: 97 prisoners were processed and interrogated from 030600A March until 042200A March 1945. Among these were 11 officers, including 1 Bn CO and his staff, and various Co Commanders. 2 officers, who were not included in this count but were evacuated through medical channels, were also interrogated. They proved to be another Bn CO, and a Co CO.  
 Preamble: The majority of the PWs were cooperative and willing to talk with the exception of some of the officers. The amount of information gained from the PWs of the various units was rather limited due to the fact that many of them had only just come into the line.  
 Units: 114th Div: 721 Regt - 232 Div: 1045 Regt, 1043 Regt, 1044 Regt - 233 Arty Regt: 3d Btry 8th Btry, 9th Btry, 7th Btry, 232 Medical Co - 661st Arty Regt: 5th Btry, 6th Btry - 114th Rcn Bn, 114th AT Bn, 70th Corps Arty Observation Bn, 914th Army Assault Gun Brigade, 232 AA Co.  
 Unit Strength and Disposition: 721st Regt came into line with the strength of its Bns as follows: 1st Bn, about 300 men; 2d Bn, about 280 men; 3d Bn, about 400 men. The losses of 721 Regt in PWs alone were: 1st Bn, 64; 2d Bn, 136; 3d Bn, 296. The 2d Bn, 1045 Regt, had a strength of about 230 men out of which they lost 110 prisoners, approximately. 2d Bn, 1043 Regt, had 370 men and lost 101 prisoners. This strength report naturally does not take into consideration casualties suffered in wounded and killed. These infantry units were disposed as follows: 1st Bn 721, from 56 Easting to 57 Easting; to their W, 3d Bn 721 to include the 58 Easting; to the east of this, 2d Bn 721 to approximately (L5E2215); from this point W to PIETRA CCLORA (L597220) the 2d Bn, 1045 Regt. The 2d Bn, 721 Regt, had partly completed the relief of 1st Bn 1044 Regt at the beginning of our attack. On 28 Feb, the 3d Bn, 721 Regt, had relieved 114 Rcn Bn. During the night of 3-4 March, 2d Bn, 1043 Regt, was brought from M ALTO into the line between SASSOMOLARE (L586242) and (L590230). They were joined to the SE by 2d Bn, 1045.

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Organization and Weapons: Corps Observation Bn 70 is commanded by Maj WUNDEREN. It is composed of 3 btrys; 1 sound ranging, 1 flash ranging, and 1 Hq btry. The 3d btry (flash ranging) is commanded by 1st Lt SCHROETER. This unit is attached from corps down to divisions. 914th Army Assault Gun Brigade consists of 3 btrys. 1st Btry CO is 1st Lt HEIDMULLER, 2d Btry CO Capt BOTTINGER (killed late 44), 3d Btry CO, Capt GEWINNER. Brigade Commander, Capt RABE. The Bn drew new equipment in December and January, 44-45. They have 10 or 11 SP guns per btry, 3 of which are longbarreled 75s, the remainder, 105mm hows. All guns are mounted on the Mark III tank chassis. Note: 3 guns were destroyed on 3 March at PIETRA CCLORA, 1 by arty, the other 2 were blown up by their crews.

Artillery: Most, if not all, of the artillery btrys which had previously been reported in the MONTESE area, displaced on the night of 2-3 March 1945. All locations in this area were confirmed by PWs as previously reported. The new locations were unknown to prisoners due to failure of communications. 1 arty PW stated that the effect of our arty fire was greatly increased since the introduction of new type shells which he termed as supersensitive (VT fuse). He claimed that the number of casualties suffered from this fire was quite high. PW, who was from the 9th btry 232 Arty Regt, stated that his battery had received about 3000 rounds of counterbattery fire during the last 4 weeks which damaged at least 1 gun.

Personalities: Commander, 114 Division  
CO 721 Regt

CO 1st Bn  
2d Bn  
3A Bn  
In 2d Bn Hq  
114 AT Bn  
1st Co

232 Arty Regt

CO 1st Bn  
3d Bn  
Adjutant

1043 Regt

CO 2d Bn  
5th Co CO  
In 5th Co  
8th Co CO  
7th Co CO

1045 Regt

Engr Co CO

Col STRAHMANN  
Lt Col KARTMANN  
Capt GUTERHORN  
Maj RASMUSSEN (PW)  
Maj GOEL (PW)  
Lt REINBOETH, Lt SCHMIDT  
Capt WALDMIN  
Lt SWIMANS  
Col MONTING  
Capt RUTH  
Maj SCHWETKE APO 31231  
Lt WEIL  
Capt STIBEL  
Lt FRUITAG (PW)  
Lt HOSS (PW)  
Lt WAGNER  
Lt WIERSING (KIA)

Lt AHRMOR

Engineers: PWs from the various regimental engineer platoons or companies stated that no roads or bridges had been blown yet as far as they knew. With the exception of one, none of these PWs knew of any minefields. This one, however, reported a hastily laid field of 21 Schuh mines at (L583214). This field is laid on the trail in 7 rows of 3 mines each. There are no trip wires, and according to PW, the mines can be detected very easily almost by sight since they were laid in a great hurry.

Miscellaneous:

- (1) Hq of 721 Regt had 3 platoons: 1 engr plat, 1 rcn plat, (On bicycles) and a security plat. The latter used to be also rcn, mounted on horses. However, they lost their horses and since then have been used only for security and guards around the CP.
- (2) Some of the officers remarked with admiration about the excellent coordination between our attacking infantry and the supporting weapons, especially the artillery and air force. Some of the preceding arty barrage fell so close to the infantrymen that they were lifted right out of their foxholes. The constant threat from airplanes largely prevented them from moving around and assembling for counterthrusts or counterattacks on any scale.
- (3) Many of the officers, when interrogated singly, proved to have a rather low morale. The consensus of their opinion was that Germany could not possibly win the war anymore. The impression was gained from their statements that they were fighting now for a stalemate or a negotiated peace.
- (4) The fact that our attack caught the Germans before their planned relief had been completed considerably added to their confusion and our success. This went so far that, as in one instance, one platoon of 3 75mm inf hows of the 13th Co, 1043 Regt, which was under command of 1045 Regt, had no more communication with anybody and no idea of the situation. Their unit had been relieved by 721 Regt, of which they were ignorant, and were thus capt.

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- (5) From PWs' statements, it appears that 721 Regt Hq had not yet taken command of its battalions. A staff officer of the 3d Bn, 721 Regt, reported that his bn was still under command of 1045 Regt when they were captured, and that his regt eventually was supposed to have taken command of their units.
- (6) The CO of one of the plato of 5th Co, 1043 Regt, stated that when they left their rest area to be committed in the line on the night of 3 March the rumors were that the 1st Bn of 1043 Regt would also come up on the line. This bn (2d Bn 1043) was under command of 1045 Regt. Their mission was to secure the road junction at (L586236). They arrived too late, however.
- (7) 7th Btry, 232 Arty Regt, received counterbattery fire on the evening of 24 Feb. No gun was damaged since the fire fell mostly in their vehicle park. Casualties suffered were 4 horses killed and 7 men wounded.
- (8) 3d Btry, 70th Observation Bn, had its CP in house at (L58802735) and their CP on Hill 977 (L578216). The personnel manning this CP had their quarters at LE WDETTE (L576222).
- (9) 12th Co, 721 Regt, received its last replacements at the beginning of February when they were still in the line on the 8th Army Front.
- (10) 16th Co, 721st Regt, now has bazookas only. PW stated that since he had not heard anything to the effect that they had lost their AT guns in action he contributes the removal of the guns from the Co to the lack of gasoline to pull the guns.

a. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 041330A	- 1181
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 041330A to 051330A	= 256
	Total - 1437

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. Enemy is capable of:

- (1) Establishing a new line and defending it.
- (2) Launching a counterattack.

b. Discussion:

- (1) The enemy has consistently been bitterly resisting our continuous seizure of objectives. As a consequence, there has been no indication of a likelihood of his withdrawal; rather, it is quite likely that he will continue to defend ground against any further attack by our troops.
- (2) Since there have recently arisen indications that the 29th FG Division is being brought down from the Bologna area against us, the enemy is capable of launching a counterattack of up to division strength, any time after early morning of 6 Mar 1945. As this division has not been committed in some time, it should be up to strength and fresh. Furthermore, the indications are that both Regts of this division are in the area between CASTEL d' AIANO (J6025) and ZOCCA (L6033).

c. Conclusion: Capability (2) is favored.

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To: 061330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
Gaggio Montano, Italy  
Dated: 061330A Mar 1945

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4239, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.
- a. Enemy Front Lines: ALBARELLI (L5420) MASERNO (L5522) CASONE (L568242) VILLA d' AIANO (L5927) (L628260) MT VALBURO (L645244).
  - b. PW Identifications:  
29th Panzer Grenadier Div  
71st Panzer Grenadier Regt - 1 Lt shot on M GRANDE d' AIANO (L587261)  
15th Panzer Grenadier Regt  
1st Bn, Hq Co & 7th Co - 2 PWs at 061310A at (L617263)

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General Summary:
- (1) 10th Mt Div: The enemy relinquished his tenacious hold on still more terrain yesterday afternoon and last night. When our final objectives were secured, their only retaliation was scattered light mortar and arty fire.
  - (2) II Corps Sector: It was a generally quiet period with scattered arty fire and a continuation of movement on Highway 9 reported. The usual small groups of enemy were observed between the 95 and 97 Bastines and 37 to 43 Northines. Traffic on Hwy 9 was observed moving consistently to the W but was not found heavy opposite this sector. Arty fires were slight, scattered, and harassing. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 272)
- b. Operations of Component Elements:
- (1) Armor: In the battle for CASTLE d' AIANO, 2 Mark IV tanks were knocked out. Air OP at 1115A reported 1 vehicle travelling N at (L619275) believed to be a half-track, and a camouflaged tank at (L619280).
  - (2) Artillery: An active enemy gun battery was located at (L623283). German batteries definitely located: at (L583280) 3 105mm guns beside building; (L620285) beside building; 47 field pieces, believed to be rocket launcher extending from (L589277) to (L594226) along road on the N side - this was reported by a Partisan. At 061230A, 86th Inf OP reported 4 light AA guns on road N of BURRO (L621290) and 12 light AA guns at (L630294).
  - (3) Chemical Warfare: At 0800A, 6 Mar, 87th Inf reported smoke on road from LA MOLINA to K17 (L597270). Smoke lifted and much enemy activity could be seen.
  - (4) Infantry: Our troops pushed forward slowly against heavy resistance yesterday afternoon and pushed the enemy off Hill 916 (L618253), Hill 866 (L619249), Hill 920 (L616259), and Hill 867 (L604253). At 051516A, 1 vehicle was reported moving S from (L618287). A large number of MGs and enemy were spotted on Hill 802 (L56252352) and Hill 836 (L66332375); 150 Germans were located at FANATICCIO (L612269). The enemy lost Hill 760 (L553220) at 051730A, M della SPN (L6125) at 051835A, CASTLE d' AIANO (L6025) at 051940A, and Hill 813 (L601253) at 052200A. Early this morning heavy mortar fire fell on M della SPN, and considerable enemy activity could be heard to the N of CASTLE d' AIANO.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Allied jet-propelled aircraft may be seen over Fifth Army Front in the near future. First type will be U.S. Air Force Model P-80A; description of which has appeared in standard recognition bulletins. First models to appear will bear no camouflage; will be painted silver gray. Every effort will be made to execute special recognition flight over friendly troops at time and date which will be given later.
- b. Enemy Unit Strength:
- (1) 721st Regt, 144th Jr Div came into the line with estimated strength of 95C men. Since then, 496 PWs have been taken from this unit. Taking casualties suffered in wounded and killed into consideration, we can safely put the strength of this unit at less than one battalion.

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- (2) 1045th Regt., 232d Inf Div: The 3d Bn had 230 men when it came into the line and lost approximately 110 PWs. Similar figures are believed comparable for its other two bns.
- 1043d Regt: Figures of PWs and casualties are comparable to those of the 1045th Regt. We can estimate the strength of these two regiments at approximately one battalion each.
- (3) 29th Panzer Grenadier (Motorized) Div: For dispositions of contacted elements of this division, see overlay in Appendix B.
- c. PW Statements: 6 PWs from Mittenwald Bn stated the following: 30 from that Bn at 'LYTTORI' (L568246), the rest of Bn (about 100 men) is N of Hill 831 (L568241). Morale of the Bn is low and many would like to give up.
- A PW of a Penal Platoon, 232 Div, stated that shoulders of road from RESOLA (L588309) 3 miles NE to ZOCCA (L6033) are mined.
- A note on a PW from 14th Co, 721st Regt, taken near (L574237), was dated 4 March 1945 and written by Regt CO, stated that a Pz Gr Div was to relieve them.
- d. Captured Material: Five or six draft horses and harnesses were taken at LE NORRI (L572231).
- e. Translation of Captured Document: See Appendix "A".
4. WEAPY CAPABILITIES:
- a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 17, 5 March 1945.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 18

TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENT (6TH CO 741ST J. R.)

COMPANY ORDER

(For the construction and defense of a new main line of resistance)

1. The Enemy: The enemy has, after fierce attacks, taken the heights of M Cappel Buso and M Belvedere. We must count on further enemy attacks in a northerly direction.
2. The Mission: The Company has the mission of constructing a new main line of resistance in the area bounded by Biagio on the right, running east in the general direction of C Vizoni, with the Dardagna R. as the left boundary and to prevent a further advance of the enemy towards the north.
3. Therefore: The Company will construct two strongpoints so that: a. The entire sector in front of the M.L.R. is covered by flanking fire and thus every enemy attack will be beaten back. b. Our flanking fire will also support our neighboring units in case of attacks against them.
4. Communications and Reconnaissance: The strongpoints must maintain permanent communication with units on their right and left and with all units to their front when carrying on recon patrols against the enemy. (Recon should be directed by the strongpoints.)
5. Combat Commanders: The strongpoint leaders are at the same time combat commanders of their strongpoints and are responsible for the carrying out of their missions.
6. Company CP: The Co CP is in the vicinity of Biagio. In case of enemy attack it will be found in the strongpoint.
7. Field Dressing Station for Troops: The dressing station is located at Fanano. The collecting station for wounded and the ambulance station is located at the bridge and road fork of the Fanano, Rocca Corneta, Trignano Roads.

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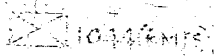
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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 061330A Mar 1945  
To: 071330A Mar 1945  
Hq, 10th Mountain Div  
Coggio Montano, Italy  
Dated: 071600A Mar 1945

NO. 19  
MAPS: 4825, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
A. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 18, 6 March 1945.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Enemy ground activity was slight, but we received hv mort and arty barrages yesterday afternoon and last night. By dawn, the fire had moderated and at the end of the period the entire sector was relatively quiet except for occasional concentrations of arty and mort fire in the CASTEL d'AIANO and MT GALLA SPE areas.
- (2) II Corps Sector: The period was generally quiet with arty reported as slight and scattered consisting of all calibers including 6 hv rounds in the left div sector. Small groups of enemy were observed at (L994382), (L956376), (L829343) and (L782284). At 061445A, 3 enemy planes strafed RIVOGGIO (L7624), RR and Hwy near (L766245). Light and steady traffic was observed moving both ways on Hwy 9.

B. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Armor: Tanks were reported at (L601266) and at (L5922738) (number undetermined). At 071012A, an enemy tank was observed at (L601278).
- (2) Artillery: 6 hv guns were reported at (L600288). Our position on N slope of M TERMINALE (L566213) received 20 rounds of estimated 105mm arty fire at 061515A. 15 rounds arty, undetermined cal, fell at 061600A, and 5 mort shells at 061715A. Direction to enemy guns, NW, no estimated range. Suspected 170mm field piece at (L616299); 3 88s at (L601293), (L601291), (L603286); 2 105mm at (L58052915), (L58032897), an dump at (L587277), an 88mm on MT RICHETTI (L60332908), an dump at (L58922743). At 061858A, 40 rounds of how or mort fire were reported falling near M TERMINALE (L566213) Hill 838 (L618250) and CASTEL d'AIANO (L6025) received continual shelling throughout the night. Suspected enemy AA positions on Hill 756 (L589281) and Hill 739 (L590281).
- (3) Aviation: 2 enemy planes were reported in the air near VERGATO (L698257). German observation plane reported flying over our sector at 5000 feet at 061515A.
- (4) Chemical Warfare: Small fires were started in the town of CASTEL d'AIANO (L6025) by enemy WP shells. At 061856A, it was reported that the draw between (L577250) and (L577259) was being smoked by the enemy. 25 more smoke shells fell in the draw at (L599255) at 070750A.
- (5) Infantry: Our troops continued to clear the enemy from houses and draws in forward areas. At 061330A some enemy were still in houses at FANACCIOLA (L612262), but they were being driven out. Air OP reported enemy vehicles and personnel ground houses at (L687306), 3 AA guns and 4 enemy in house at (L621290), and 3 more AA guns in open field at (L680294). Infantry OP reported enemy CP at (L582207); suspected CP at (L572261); reports along road from (L58822693) to (L59072702); CP in church at BALGARO (L59432818). The enemy has apparently established an OP on MOUNT ACQUAROTTO (L623268).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Weather Outlook: Increasing low clouds and scattered showers over mountains. Visibility in morning hours of 8th and 9th will become steadily worse in fog. Minimum temperature 35° - 37° degrees.
- b. Civilians Reports: Enemy strongpoints forming line at LA RINOLIA (L698272) - MONTI RICHETTI (L601291) - LA TRUPOLA (L617298).

c. Translated Document

Memorandum for German Soldiers Who Become Prisoners of War: (Place in Paybook)  
(1) A respectable bearing during war captivity will gain the esteem of the enemy and the German Army for your soldiers honor and strength!

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- (2) You must give only:
- a. Name
  - b. Rank
  - c. Date and place of birth
  - d. Home address

No one can force you to say anything else!

- (3) Always answer other questions only with the ONE sentence:

"I DO NOT KNOW"

- (4) Remember always: That any further information means betraying your country, and betraying your country means dead comrades.

(Special Note:) Our interrogator of PWs commented a short time ago:  
 "I haven't met a German soldier yet who has not given information."

d. Barrage Areas and Concentration Fire Points: (Extracted from captured German Maps)

Barrage Areas:

(L603216)  
 (L613213)  
 (L598222)  
 (L602218)  
 (L623217)  
 (L636219)  
 (L629220)  
 (L613208)  
 (L636221)

Concentration Fire Points:

(L587190)	(L611261)
(L591193)	(L591253)
(L594189)	(L588243)
(L591195)	(L614209)
(L605202)	(L592199)
(L598208)	(L632181)
(L513207)	(L540190)
(L518201)	(L588190)
(L522192)	(L594188)
(L520208)	(L578186)
(L522217)	(L604217)

2. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 061330A	- 1437
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 061330A to 061330A	- 184
Total	- 1621
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 061330A	- 1621
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 061330A to 071330A	- 51
Total	- 1682

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. Counterattacking to restore his lost positions.

b. Defending from his present front line.

c. Discussion:

The enemy has disposed his forces with 6 bns across our front, apparently in an effort to stem any further advance. Remnants of decimated units constitute the enemy defense line on our right and left, with the balance of strength on the latter. In addition, latest information indicates the possibility that a task force composed of elements of the 65th division is forming near ZOCCA in vicinity of (L5735). If this information is true, the enemy is capable of counterattacking from the front with 3 regiments, and from the right or left with 1 regiment, or to defend his present line with this strength; either capability can be heavily supported by artillery.

d. Capability (1) is favored.

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Appendix "B" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 19

The following excerpts from the diary of an officer in 2 Bn, 1045 Inf Regt, 232 Inf Div present the enemy's reaction to our attack. (Source, IV Corps Periodic Report No. 272)

13 Feb 45

Time flies. Forever boring! What great deeds can one put into a diary? "All Quiet on the Southern Front," as Remarque (author of "All Quiet on the Western Front") would say. Arty fire, grenade-launchers, a machine gun rattles every leap year . . . such is the unending train of days. Mail from Gertrud. (she has not received any news from me in 2 months), inspection of the position, one dead, one wounded . . . the High Command news report omits mention of this.

One starts to think about the war, one thinks of the future (do we have any future at all?) . . .

One starts philosophizing - but what good is Schopenhauer's philosophy, Goethe's "Faust," Nietzsche's "Superhuman Being," and Fichte's well-meant speeches. We all, whether young or old, whether officer or enlisted man, are subject to the laws of this embittered war. Its iron fist forces us into the smallest hole when the splinters start flying around. When the Yankee pulls the lanyard we become animals. For seconds all instincts are being put "ad acta"; and then you think: Once more it did not get you! - -

Is that war? - yes, this is it. In such moments it loses all its glory. The telephone rings - - Here, "Laternenhalter," here "Stoerungstrupp." A short dug-out intermezzo. - -

Does war have any meaning? - Yes, it has a meaning, no; it can have no meaning! I really don't know. I am all mixed up. How can anyone put such a question to me? To me, who am doing what my feelings, my "I" commands me. Leave me alone with such a question, you tormenting thoughts.

War is the father of all things. So wrote and proved a great German (and a great German he was without any doubt), Karl von Clausewitz. Is it really the father? Is it not the basic evil of all things? Are we front line soldiers not able to grasp the meaning which is hidden in these words? Or are we, we who may or must live through this last murderous phase of the war, are we so small, so abominable? Perhaps wars in all their terrible bitterness are tests for the small, ugly, and sometimes so wanton, human beings. Perhaps the steel-helmet-crowned graves of the dead of all nations are proof for the truth in the words of God: "Peace on earth, and good will towards men who are of good will." Burn these words deep into your hearts, you men of all nations. Never again war! Now leave me in peace, you tormenting thoughts. I am of good will . . .  
- - - But I have German blood in my veins, I am only doing what I believe to be my duty.

20 Feb 45-

Yesterday I throw some shells into PORRWITA. This must have made the enemy feel very uncomfortable, since shortly thereafter, he started a mighty display of fire-works on PIETRA COLORA.

To my right, I don't know exactly where, the Americans are again reported to have penetrated our positions. Around VERGATO there must have been a terrific barrage yesterday. Since seven o'clock this morning, the Jabos (fighter-bombers) are continually humming in the air. Fortunately they are less concerned about us than the poor flak and arty. Their machine guns are hammering without let-up. Just now Adam came in and reported that somewhere the rat-tat-tat of American MGs and MFS was heard. All indications are that some time soon something will break loose in the Sunny South. THOSE ON THE OTHER SIDE KNOW AS WELL AS WE JUST HOW MUCH THE WHEAT FIELDS OF THE PO VALLEY MEAN TO US. In the East we are evacuating GUSEN, FRANKFURT, etc. In the West, PRUEN and CLEVE.

PRISDORF has suffered heavily, so Gertrud writes. She'd rather wait a little longer with getting married. Women are funny! The one does not want to wait for you because it takes too long, the other one wants to wait longer. Well, I won't talk about it anymore.

23 Feb 45

It is 2000 hours. The fore-runners are on the way. The whole neighborhood is alive with crashes. The bunker is shaking. The air-pressure is blowing out the carbide lamp, and exers pressure on the ears. I hope that nothing has happened to the food truck. Last night I was out scouting to my right until 5 in the morning. At last, I have more details on the enemy penetration. M BELVEDERE, CAPELLE CONCHIDOS, M TORRACCIA and M CASTELLO are in the hands of the 10th American Mountain

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-3 Periodic Report No. 19, 7 March 1948.

IPW REPORT NO. 27

PW's: 186 prisoners were processed and interrogated from 050600 March to 062400 March 1948.

Preamble: The great majority of the PW's were from the same units which had been encountered during the previous days. Only a comparatively small number of prisoners were taken from a new division which was thrown into the line to attempt to stop our advance. There was a considerable difference between the men of the old units and the new units as far as their security consciousness is concerned. The members of the new units did not talk nearly as freely as the PW's taken previously although they did reveal the information desired. Many of the prisoners taken had surrendered when they realized the futility of any further resistance, because they had often been surrounded and cut off from the remainder of their parent units and were without orders and communication.

<u>Units:</u> 1043 Regt, 1st Bn	721 Regt, 2d Bn	29 PG Div, 15 PGR, 1st Bn
1044 Regt, 1st Bn	" 3d Bn	" " 2d Bn
" 3d Bn	741 Regt, 2d Bn	" 71st PGR, 3d Bn
1045 Regt, 2d Bn	" 3d Bn	Mt Tng Bn "Mittenwald"
232 Punishment Platoon		
114th Rcn Bn, 1st Co		
3d SS Mt Repl Bn		

(The 2 PW's from this unit deserted and came all the way from TRIESTE to reach our lines).

Unit Strength and Disposition: 114th Rcn Bn was in the line until 051600 Mar when they were withdrawn to the area NE of MONTASE in the general vicinity of (1553247). The positions which they occupied there were built by 17th Co, 721 Regt. The strength of 114 Rcn Bn is as follows: 1st Co - 60 men, 2d Co - 60-70 men, 3d Co - 90 men. The 4th Co has last been seen in the COMACCHIO area but can be assumed to have arrived in this area by now. Mt Tng Bn "Mittenwald" has its 2d Co and also had the Engr Plat of the 4th Co in line from approximately (1567243) to (1573250). However, the Engr Plat deserted "lock, stock, and barrel." To the E and NE of Mittenwald is the 71st PGR with its 1st and 3d Bns on line and its Eastern boundary running approximately through CASTEL d' AIANO. To the E and SE of 71 PGR is 15 PGR with the 2d and 1st Bns on line and extending to approximately (16225). The 2d Bn 1045 Regt is committed on the left flank of 15 PGR. The strength of the units of the 29th PG Div can only be given for the 3 Cos identified. 10th Co, 71st PGR - about 60 men; 2d Co-15th PGR - 50 men; 7th Co-15th PGR 50 men. The strength of 2d Bn 1045 Regt could not be determined, although the 7th Co lost 31 men in PW's alone.

Unit History: The 29th PG Division had been in the CASTELFRANCO - S GIOVANNI area in rest for about 6 weeks. During this period, the division received no replacements with the exception of some men returning from hospitals. The unit was alerted in the early afternoon of 3 March, moved out during the early evening of the same day, and went into position in early morning hours of 4 March. Until they had been alerted, nobody knew when and where they would be committed next.

Personnel: 15th PGR CO  
 1st Bn CO  
 2d Co CO  
 3d Bn CO  
 Col Albrecht  
 Capt Giesdorf  
 1st Lt Praetorius  
 Maj Gerlach

Miscellaneous:

a. PW from 8th Co 1045 Regt, who had returned from furlough in Germany a few days ago, stated that people in general are still discussing assassination attempt of Hitler and are of the opinion that a success of the plot would have been to the advantage of Germany.

b. PW from Hq 3d Bn 15th PGR, who was a radio man and was attached to 7th Co, stated that they were using the Heinrich radio and that for the 7th Co he was sending on frequencies 241 and 255. The call name for the 7th Co was "Tigerkatze" and for Bn Hq it was "Eremit." They were using voice and no code.

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Division. The 1044 Regiment is almost completely destroyed. Two companies (4 and 6) have gone over to the enemy. Only third company of 1044 is still intact and in their old positions. This means that my right flank is no longer hanging in mid-air. We have two wounded: Pfc Thimm (s. MG.) and Pfc Schloegl (medic). Thimm's upper arm and chest, and Schloegl in the left leg. It is not too bad.

25 Feb 45.

All hell has broken loose. Crashes in every corner. After a quiet morning and afternoon, it started off in the evening. 1044 is retreating in disorder. S/Sgt Kriste whom I had visited only three days ago, has been captured with two squads. Just now a man from 1044 arrived and reported, "I'll have to pull Weinsattner and Misert back to 832, or they'll shoot into their bunker entrance from 'WEDDOW'." Cpl. Lindner is wounded & fragmented in his right buttock.

I moved to the old platoon CP. It was just about time too. From FIFTH COLORIA I had absolutely no observation. I hope that everything will work out all right. However, if they don't start a counterpush on my right soon, things will go badly. I guess we might all end someplace in CANADA or KANSAS. If my darling only knew what fifth they have us sitting in here.

26 Feb 45, 10 o'clock

The night passed quietly. Right now I am in the former platoon CP of the 1st platoon. Had to move there due to the threat to my right flank. During the night I was able to keep five men of B company for my support. They are Sgt Fischer and mostly people from my old platoon in the fifth. Everybody is still sleeping. I can't get to sleep.

The air is alive again with the humming of the Jabos (fighter-bombers), which must have attacked Sgt Engel's position (IG) on the ridge of W'della VEDETTA. And we just sit here and have to take it all patiently. I could cry in the face of all at this depressing superiority.

I should like to go to Weingartner and Misert on my right. However, one can not show oneself at all during daylight. That would be bordering on suicide. One's nerves have to be of steel. What the "Landser" has to stand here borders indeed on the superhuman. I can hardly believe in final victory. It must be such the same on all the other fronts. God in Heaven may give that the end may be at least half way bearable for my GERMANY!

26 Feb 45

Today Ernst and I once again just barely escaped death's cold grip. We were over on the right flank with Spezi. The Yankees must have seen us as we sprinted across the moonlit yard. A rain of fire followed. I hugged the earth and crawled to the corner of the building. A terrible explosion and fire all around me. A human being cried for help. Spezi turned up close behind us and said that Pfc Amend was badly wounded. His left thigh was torn off and he had small splinters in his belly.

This war is terrible. Whoever has not gone through it as a front line infantryman cannot possibly picture it. What human beings can do to one another. They are hurling death and destruction bringing material at each other. Darned humanity, what insanity are you committing!!! - - -

My sweet darling, if you knew what terrible fear I have felt in these seconds. I only hope that we'll get out of this some time soon! -

2 March 45

My nerves have calmed down. Things have quieted down the last two or three days. We have disengaged ourselves to the VEDETTA ridge. The position is considerably better. Now the Yank does no longer look right down our throats. The men are in their holes all day, and due to the damned planes have to stay put.

Sgts Mueller, Friedel Frits and Pfc Trapp and Kerner have disappeared without a trace during our disengaging movement. I wonder if they deserted. Everything is possible. Sometimes we Landers are pretty downhearted. During the past few days even I have had just about enough. Now that it is quiet again, these things straighten themselves out. My right neighbor, 1044, will be relieved by a regiment from 114 Jaeger Division tonight. I wonder if we too, "in the course of the years" will get a little further back! In five days it will be four full months that we have been up here without relief. Our losses are not too heavy as yet. That's why they leave us in this, so long - - -

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Appendix "C" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 19

Photo Interpretation Report No. 24

Area Covered:

Two strips flown, one covering a narrow block between VILLA D'AINO (L6927) and ZOCCA (L6035), the other a narrow block between CASINO (L6529) and VERGATO (L6927), Sortie 682 A 204, Dated 6 March 1945

I. Defenses Extracted from G.I.R. #3223

			<u>FIELD ARTILLERY</u>			
			<u>Positions Occupied</u>			
<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>	<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie No.</u>	<u>Point No.</u>	<u>Temp Ref.</u>
1.	98IVNW	L60082973	2 gun light field battery sited astride road to fire south	682A304		
			<u>ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE</u>			
			<u>Positions Occupied</u>			
1.	87IIISW	L66677190	3 gun LAA battery	13PR411		
2.	98IVNW	L69852970	3 gun LAA battery	682A304		
3.	"	L61322965	3 gun LAA battery	"		
4.	"	L61442979	2 gun light AA battery	"		
6.	87IIISW	L69043447	3, possibly 4 gun HAA/DP battery, not emplaced	13PR411		
6.	"	L69063436	3 gun LAA	"		
			<u>Military Activity</u>			
1.	87IIISW	L59893406	Vehicle pit occupied by large object, possibly SP field gun	682A306		
			<u>Engineer Intelligence</u>			
1.	98IVNE	L68602575	Road bridge demolished	682A304		
2.	"	L68362608	By pass	"		
3.	98IVNW	L59262722	Bridge demolished	"		
			<u>Additional Defenses</u>			
			<u>Minor Defenses and Military Activity</u>			
1.	98IVNW	L61582926	Hospital	682A304	4029	B924
2.	98IVNE	L67502680	E.O. Houses, adjacent to previously reported section positions	"		
3.	98IVNE	L67152596	Digging activity, possible trench system under construction	"	4014	F763
4.	"	L66952590	M/G position	"	4015	C053
5.	"	L67002580	Trench with M/G position	"	"	B959
6.	"	L67052592	Trench	"	"	A951
7.	"	L67002590	E.O. Buildings, possible stores in nearby wooded area	"	"	B952
8.	"	L59312731	M/G Position	"	3020	B584
9.	98IVNW	L59552756	Trench	"	3021	C366
10.	"	L63422917	Mortar position and dugout	12PR411	4089	D219
11.	"	L63462830	Mortar position and dugout	"	"	D023

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From: 071330A Mar 1945  
\* To: 091330A Mar 1945  
\* Hq, 10th Mountain Div  
\* Gaggio Montano, Italy  
\* Dated: 081600A Mar 1945

NO. 20  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 18, 6 March 1945.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Very intense arty fire was received in the early part of the period in the CASTEL d'AIANO (L6025) - M della SPE (L6126) area, but this slackened off from moderate during the night to slight intensity at the close of the period. There was little enemy contact.

(2) II Corps Sector: During the night there was a considerable increase in patrol activity in the left sector. At 070020A a raiding party of estimated co strength attacked our positions at (L807388). This raid was supported by mort fire and lasted for 3 hours. The rest of the period was reported as quiet with groups of enemy observed moving along the front, the largest of which consisted of 40 men moving N vic (L882361) at 071800A. Arty was slight and scattered consisting of mixed calibers with 8 rounds of hv in the left div sector. Light vehicular traffic was observed on Hwy 9 with no directional trend. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 274)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Artillery: At 071348A an undetermined number of either 75mm or 105mm shell fell on Hill 1005 (L628241) - az to enemy guns 20°. 2 abandoned 105s at (L548222) in good condition but with no breach locks destroyed by our patrol. Inf CP reported a large cal gun believed to be dug in at (L61002723). Enemy arty and mort fire heavy at (L597247) at 071845A, at (L6024) at 072030A, at (L60962538) at 072100A, and at (L618264) at 072400A. Fire continued intermittently at these points and others throughout the night and raised to a frequency of 2 rounds per minute between 072300A and 072400A at (L597247). An OP (L60282505) received 10 rounds of arty fire at 080420A. At 081100A ground CP observed hv morts or 105s at (L61752805) gun flashes at (L608278); 2 or 3 SP guns at (L618275); enemy and suspected field pieces in TORRE IUSSI (L62052720); and field piece at (L623277).

(2) Aviation: Unidentified plane heard overhead frequently throughout night.

(3) Engineer: At 081000A it was reported that the enemy had blown road at (L629294).

(4) Infantry: Yesterday afternoon road running E and W at (L602295) had much foot and vehicular traffic. Patrol to (L635256) found 12 - 15 unoccupied dugouts and shelters E side of M SPICIONE (L633247); equipment left behind by Germans indicated speedy withdrawal. Patrol to (L649244) moved along high ground from CASTELLA (L648240) to (L642243), where 2 MG dugouts and several foxholes (all unoccupied) were found; also found unoccupied OP at (L645245), and abandoned MG position at (L649244). A brief exchange of MG fire was reported by observer at (L60282505) from vicinity of (L608256) at 080420A. OP at (L558226) heard several mtcd vehicles moving vicinity (L543257) at 080400A. Enemy MG located vicinity (L609264). At 081045A enemy troops were observed concentrating in RANOCCHIO (L5326). Morts were observed in SERRA SARZANA (L61952700) and a suspected mort position was seen at (L615277). At 080900A there was movement on road from (L591299) to (L599296) consisting of 10 to 15 men moving N, and 2 motorcycles moving S.

3. WTCORRELLANOUS.

a. Weather Outlook for 9 and 10 March: Scattered low clouds during night hours, becoming broken at dawn. Broken low clouds throughout day. Broken middle clouds in morning hours, becoming scattered in afternoon. No precipitation. Visibility 5 - 6 miles in haze except for scattered areas of valley fog restricting visibility to less than 2 miles during early morning hours. Minimum temperature 29 - 32°.

b. Civilian Reports: 6 Germans in house at (L544236) and suspects 2 platoons at (L542235). Germans billeted in houses in and around RISA A1 RISCIA (L539232);

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they arrived in that area on evening 6 March and were still there evening 7 March.

- c. New Booby Trap: On 22 Feb 1945, civilian Venturi Marino, resident of PANIGALE (L642300), when leaving his house saw an object which appeared to be a red cigarette. He picked it up and lost three fingers from his right hand. He stated that the object exploded as soon as he picked it up off the ground and did not have time to perceive the nature of the object, but it appeared to be a red cigarette. He did perceive, however, that the object was not made of paper but of wood plastic or some similar material, and was constructed somewhat larger and thicker than a cigarette, more similar to a fountain pen, and closed at both ends. The civilian stated that he did not have time to examine the object further, since it exploded as he turned it over in the palm of his hand. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 374)
- d. Deception by Simulated Tank Movement: A tank officer PW states that a current deception ruse in the German Army is to drive one or two tractors up and down behind the lines to give the impression of a tank concentration. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 374)
- e. Enemy Defense Overlay, See Appendix "A".

f. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 071300A	= 1682
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 071300A to 081300A	= 15
Total	= 1697

4. WEAPY CAPABILITIES:

- a. No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 19, 7 March 1945.

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From: 081330A Mar 1945  
 To: 091330A Mar 1945  
 Hq, 10th Mountain Div  
 Gaggio Montano, Italy  
 Dated: 091600A Mar 1945

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Rpt No. 18, 6 March 1945.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Moderate arty, mort, S/A, and AW was scattered throughout the sector. Short security patrols made no enemy contact.
- (2) II Corps Sector: The night was generally quiet in the center sector but the enemy showed increased sensitivity on both flanks. Our company sized raid reached its objective (L907336) and was stopped there by intense arty and mort fire. Much movement and noise observed generally along the RWNO River. There was no increase in activity during the late morning. Small groups of enemy were observed and fresh digging was reported in the east sector. Another PW confirmed evacuation of VERGATO (L6925) bridgehead. The Corps front remained quiet during the afternoon. Hostile arty was slight for the entire period except for the previously mentioned intense fire on our night raid. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 275.)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Arty fire estimated at 105 cal fell at (L626849) at 090430A; AZ to enemy guns: 150; flash-sound interval: 7 seconds. Fire from 105 or 150mm arty was received at (L619257) from (L65053010) during the night. Flash-sound interval: 14 seconds. Fire of 150 or 170mm cal was received at (L61432523) on AZ of 346°, time of flight: 5 or 6 seconds.
- (2) Chemical Warfare: At 081540A, the enemy smoked the road at (L597814). They also smoked the town of ALBERTO (L608261), at 081845A.
- (3) Infantry: At 081445A on road running NW-SE through (L602302), 2 ambulances and a small group of foot troops were seen moving SE, and 2 motorcycles moving NW. At 081545A, considerable mort and MG fire was received at (L587261). A ground observer reports that a house at (L60502875) appears to contain both armed civilians and Germans. At 081850A, 3 rounds of mort fire fell at M TERMINALE killing one man and wounding another. Patrols to MT MONTELO (L565257), SPICCHIO (L631255), M BULVEDERE (L653243) made no enemy contact and observed no enemy. Heard S/A and AWs firing at (L647254). Probable enemy OP has been located in house at (L597280). Last night, an 81mm mort was observed at (L530224). An unestimated number of Germans are at POLIDORI (L586200). Traffic heard on road at (L640267) at 091200A. Patrol to CASIGNO (L644259) made no enemy contact.
- (4) Signal: A light was seen at (L629251) which flashed 5 times in 5 minutes.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather Outlook: Weather steadily improving on 10 March. No precipitation. Scattered cloudiness increasing to broken clouds on 11 March. Visibility 6 to 8 miles. Minimum temperature 30 to 33 degrees.

b. IPW Interrogation Report: See Appendix "A"

c. Civilian Interrogation Report: See Appendix "B"

d. Enemy Defense Position Overlay: See Appendix "C"

e. Photo Interpretation Report: "See Appendix "D"

f. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 081330A: 1897

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 081330A to 091330A: 2

Total: 1706

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. The enemy is capable of:
- (1) Counterattacking our present position at any point with a force up to Bn in strength.
  - (2) Defending from his present front line.

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- b. PW reports, study of recent aerial photo coverage, reports of civilians entering our lines, and ground observers' reports indicate the possibility that the enemy has withdrawn somewhat and is establishing a new defense line arching to the NW, N, and NE of our present front line. MONTESE (16524) has apparently been evacuated, and newly reported mine fields at (1638251), (1640255), and (1635262) are possible indications that the new enemy line is somewhat to the rear of these points. During the past two days, there have been no indications that the enemy has strengthened his forces in our sector; engineers recently attached to his front line companies are possibly there to assist with demolition work and mine laying - another indication of defensive operations.
- c. Capability (2) is favored.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945

IFW REPORT NO. 28

PW's: 13 prisoners were processed and interrogated from 070600A to 081200A March 1945. All of them were willing to talk and were cooperative. 18 of these 13 PWs were deserters who had been away from their units anywhere from a few hours to 5 days.

Units: 1st Co, 721 Regt                      3d Co, 71st PGR                      1st Co 15th PGR  
 17th Co, 721 Regt                      11th Co, 71st PGR                      4th Co Mt Tng Bn "Mittenwald"  
 4th Btry, 232 Arty Regt                      7th Btry 232 Arty Regt                      9th Btry 232 Arty Regt

Unit Strength and Disposition: 17th Co, 721 Regt, is in position at approximately (L566246). PW stated that on their left (W) was a Mountain unit.

PW from Mittenwald Bn stated that the 5th Co was in position along the crest of SERPETO (L561247). The 1st Co of this Bn has about 30 men left in it, since about 2 squads had been held in reserve at the trains when the Co made its counter-attack on M della TORREACCIÀ. The 2d Co has only 20-25 men left in it. PW from 1st Co 721 Regt stated that his Co was 30 men strong when it withdrew to CASTELLUCCIO di MOSCHEDA (L522201) on 4 March. He also stated that 741 Regt was in line in that sector. The 1st Bn of 721 Regt licked its wounds and gathered up its remnants on 4 March and organized one unit of 150 men strength. They went into the line on the E flank of 741 Regt. PW from 11th Co 71st PGR had deserted his unit 5 March when the unit was in position at approximately (L608268).

Artillery: PWs from 3d Bn 232 Arty Regt stated that their Bn moved from the MONTESE-SALTO area to ZOCCA. They stated that the Italian 75mm gun which they have in their batteries is used as a roving gun, although they do not like to use it since the gun has a large amount of dispersion and is not accurate. The 7th Btry lost one gun (damaged) by air attack and one gun slid off the road and turned over during the movement. They did not know whether this gun had been recovered. Both of these guns were 160mm hows. The 9th Btry also only has two guns left, both 180mm hows. PW from 9th Btry stated that his Btry was supposed to move again from ZOCCA which he learned from Italian civilians. When questioned about this, he said that the Italians always know those things before they did themselves. PW from 7th Btry stated that his Bn had only fired one CB mission in about 3 months when they fired 80 rounds. His Btry lost 2 Btry commanders in the last week. He also said that they had 1 hour per week propaganda instruction during which they had been told that PWs on the Western Front had been badly mistreated by the Americans and even used as cannon fodder. The PW from 4th Btry 232 Arty Regt reported that his Btry left from near MASPERO on the evening of 3 March to go to VILLA d' ALANO. They pulled their guns of which there are only 2 left, with oxen from MASPERO via MONTEPECCHIO to MONTESE and from there to their destination. The 5th Btry has only 1 gun left, since they lost the other 2 guns from our CB fire on 1 March. The 4th Btry had 80 rounds of am left in the Btry when our attack began on 2 March and have received no am since then. PW from 7th Btry stated that 3 trucks loaded with am for that Btry were hit and exploded by an air attack, on the road from MONTESE to ZOCCA.

Personalities: 71st Regt CO                      Col Walther  
 1st Bn CO    Capt Wedemeier  
 3d Co CO    1st Lt Eberhardt. FPN: 29119 D  
 232 Arty Regt  
 4th Btry CO    2d Lt Hansen  
 721st Regt  
 1st Co CO    1st Lt Lutze  
 17th Co CO    2d Lt Kersing

Locations: A minefield consisting of 10 Teller mines and an unknown number of Shuh mines was laid during the night of 6-7 March along the road from (L562246) to (L565245).

Miscellaneous: a. The CP of 1st Bn 71st PGR was bombed and the house was set afire. Everybody in that house ran out and scattered over the area.

b. One Polish PW stated that he had arrived around noon 7 March from a replacement unit at VERONA from where he had come with a group of 240 replacements who were all Poles. They came in 2 Cos of 120 men each. 3 of these men were assigned to 1st Bn 15 PGR.

c. The commander of 1st Co 15 PGR was killed and the Lt who then took over the Co was wounded around 4 March.

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d. PW from Mittenwald Bn stated that the commander of the 4th Co thought that the men from the Engr Plat had taken off to the rear into the hills somewhere when he found out that they were not at their positions anymore. (Note: The whole plat deserted to us).

e. PWs from 7th Btry 232 Arty Regt told that every month they had to sign a statement that they had been informed that the families of deserters would suffer the following treatments: -Confiscation of all property, confiscation of all income, withholding of all mail. They said that this practically puts them "out in the street" and at the mercy of the Nazis and the Gestapo.

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 8

Preamble: 7 civilians came to our lines coming from MONTESPECCHIO (L514243) where they had been living for the past three months. They left MONTESPECCHIO at 0400 hours, 7 March 1945 and travelled the following route: Along Fso DARDAGNOLA (L510233) stream, M della RIVA (L530224), MALANO (L530220), 1 LAZZARI (L540212), ALBARELLI (L546207), ORNO (L549212). 7 other civilians left S MARTINO (L540257) at 1800 hours, 6 March and travelled cross-country through MUCIANO (L528247), mill at (L541223), MONTESFORTI (L554223) where they arrived this morning. 8 other civilians came to our lines coming from the vicinity of CASSANO di MIZZO (L549238). They left this morning at 0500 hours passing in the vicinity of MASERNO (L551228) and arriving at MONTESFORTI at about 0600 hours.

These 22 civilians did not observe any German troops or installations during their trip into our lines, with the exception of 2 German guards at M della RIVA (L530224) on the morning of 7 Mar. These guards allowed the civilians to proceed their way. The only information of military value that could be obtained is the following:

At the present time there are no enemy troops located at MONTESPECCHIO. 2 or 3 arty pieces (cal unknown) were heard firing from near (L521257) on the evening of 6 Mar 1945. Civilians were unable to pinpoint these positions but their approximate location was definitely confirmed.

3 underground shelters about 3 yards square and 3 yards deep located at approximately (L539259), a few yards W of the cemetery. Whether these shelters are now occupied is unknown.

Other civilians reported that the road RAVOCCHIO (L533267) - VERIGA (L532309) has been prepared for demolition at (L524270) on March 5.

German troops who are believed to man outposts are billeted in the following houses: 8 soldiers at (L545235), 20 at (L542234), 5 at (L547229), unknown number at (L533227) (C GAVINELLO), unknown number with telephone at (L535230).

These troops arrived in the area on the evening of 6 March; they all carry either the edelweiss or the oak leaf insignia.

6 March 1945 - About 150 German soldiers are located at the mill at (L553240).

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Appendix "D" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 21.

Photo Interpretation Report No. 25

Sortie: 1. 682A207 dated 8 Mar 1945

2. 12PR419 dated 7 Mar 1945

Area Covered: 1. Battle strip over front lines from VERGATO (L6925) to CASTEL d' AINO (L6025).

2. Block covering area from SESTOLA (L4230) to VERGATO (L6025) including PAVULLO (L4732) and ZOCCA (L6033).

General Note: Photographs of 7 and 8 March have shown a definite increase in minor defense positions along the hill mass from BACCA DEI RAVARI (L6127) to the NE, across M PIGNA (L6328), M STIETE CROCI (L6423), M MANTINO (L6629), (L6730), (L6830), the slopes of M MOSCA (L6930), M RALICCHIO (L7230), and joining with the previously reported positions in square (L7330) and to the E. To date there has been little evidence of any increase in activity to the W of BACCA DEI RAVARI.

A number of demolitions have been found along the road from BACCA DEI RAVARI, around ROCCA DI ROFFENO (L6327) to CUREGLIO (L6628), and on to VERGATO (L6925). The Road N from MONTESE (L6524) also has been demolished in two places in the (L6524) square.

I. Defenses Extracted From G.I.R. No. R-224.

FIELD ARTILLERY  
Positions Occupied

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	87IIISE	L74033123	3 probable light inf guns	12PR422		
2.	86IIISE	L63763448	Probable light or medium gun.	12PR419		
3.	98IIVW	L61672994	Probable single light gun	"		
4.	97ISE	L54042085	Single light inf gun	"		
5.	87IIISE	L72133186	Single light gun	682A207		
6.	98IIVW	L73263060	Two light inf guns	"		
7.	97IFE	L54762486	Probable 2-3 light gun btry	12PR433		

Positions Unoccupied

1.	98IIVW	L62872820	Previously reported 2 gun light btry has now gone.			
2.	98IIVW	L59602736	Previously reported single light gun has now gone.	12PR419		
3.	97ISW	L44311889	Same.	"		
4.	98IIVW	L65972459	Previously reported 2 gun light btry has now gone.	"		
5.	98IIVW	L73273060	Two inf guns can no longer be seen	12PR435		
6.	87IIISE	L59623405	Delete SP gun previously reported	12PR433		
7.	98IIINW	L65022814	Two gun light btry now gone	"		

Anti Aircraft Defenses - Positions Occupied

1.	98IIVW	L58053123	3 gun LAA btry	12PR419		
2.	87IIISW	L66563237	3 gun LAA btry	"		
3.	86IIISE	L63763458	Previously reported as unoccupied, this 3 gun LAA btry is now occupied.	"		

MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	87IIISW	L64513458	Track activity around 2 large camouflaged objects sited in line in field.	12PR419		
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ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

1.	97IINW	L42482369	Bridge blown, temporary bridge in use.	12PR419		
2.	97IFE	L56832432	Road cratered.	"		
3.	98IIVW	L60422620	Road cratered.	"		
4.	98IIVW	L63032745	Road demolished.	"		
5.	98IIVW	L64212706	Road demolished.	"		
6.	98IIVW	L69052730	Road demolished.	"		
7.	98IIVW	L68352690	Road demolished.	"		
8.	98IIVW	L68422527	Road culvert demolished.	"		

II. ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

1.	98IIVW	L62433031	6 wps pits around EO house	"	4101	D844
2.	"	L62022717	Possible mort position	"	3103	F653
3.	"	L62402768	Line of wps pits or fox holes	"	3102	E938
4.	"	L62552758		"		to F244
4.	"	L63902869	Mort position	"	3101	F362
5.	"	L63852867	MG position	"	3101	F360

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6.	98IIVW	L66363125	Series of foxholes or wpn pits	12PR419	3098	A965	
7.	98IIVW	L67723099	MG position	"	3096	D838	
8.	"	L67807098	MG position	"	3096	D928	
9.	"	L67873100	Digging and track activity	"	3096	D839	
10.	87IIISW	L68003360	Excavation, possible dugout under construction.	"	4137	B827	
11.	"	L58263345	Possible MG position.	"	4137	C434	
12.	"	L59383365	Dugout	"	4137	D165	
13.	"	L59303362	3 wpn positions on ridge	"	4136	D264	
14.	"	L59603405	MG position	"	4136	D248	
15.	"	L60133482	Trench	"	4135	B938	
16.	98IIVW	L70513058	MG position	682A207	3138	C743	
17.	"	L70803110	MG position	"	3137	D147	
18.	"	L67903002	Hospital	"	3145	E153	
19.	98IIVW	L63852876	Dugout and trench	"	3154	D747	
20.	"	L638287	Several new wpn pits	"	3154	D644	
21.	"	L62002785	2 probable mortars	"	4124	D049	
22.	"	L61052805	EO houses	"	4127	C720	
23.	"	L610279	Bivouac or stores area	"	4127	D026	
24.	"	L61452755	2 mortars	"	4127	B338	
25.	86IIISE	L57003530	EO house, trench on E side	12PR419	4168	D347	
26.	"	L56963600	EO houses, small trench at rear	"	4169	E042	
27.	"	L56693531	MG position	"	4169	D288	
28.	"	L56783480	Trench	"	4169	M462	
29.	98IIVW	L72303022	MG position with dugout to rear	682A207	4108	C928	
30.	"	L72403030	" " "	"	4108	C336	
31.	"	L72503030	" " "	"	4103	C236	
32.	"	L72007012	MG position	"	4104	C441	
33.	98IIVW	L65053090	MT and track activity near these enemy occupied buildings.	"	4154	D424	
34.	98IIVW	L68083108	2 wpn pits	12PR419	4065	C345	
35.	"	L67703090	MG position with trench and dugout	"	4066	B459	
36.	"	L67453105	Wpn pit	"	4066	B366	
37.	These positions appear in the area where there have been previously reported						
	9 MGs and 2 dugouts:						
	98IIVW	L66983002	MG position with dugout in rear				
		L66912990	" "				
	98IIVW	L67083012	2 MG positions with trenches leading back to dugout in rear				
		L672303	Group of fire trenches and wpn pits				
		L67153050	2 dugouts				
		L67303050	Dugout and fire position				
		L67353040	Dugout and fire position				
		L67403055	Dugout and fire position				
		L67383050	3 wpn pits				
		L676306	Strong point on hill consisting of about 5 dugouts and associated fire positions, 2 MG positions, and several other wpn pits and fire positions.				
		L67803050	MG position.				
		L67853067	Fire trench.				
		L67853080	3 wpn pits	12PR419	4065-66		
		L68003050	MG position				
38.	98IIVW	L668298	Track activity in the woods to the west of the probably enemy occupied buildings.	12PR419	4067	D661	
39.	"	L66802995	Series of foxholes at base of hill	"	4067	D258	
40.	"	L65452962	Bunker and possible mortar position	"	4068	C354	
41.	"	L65402870	MG position with dugout in rear	"	4068	E644	
42.	"	L65502870	Fire position	"	4068	E846	
43.	"	L65602865	Fire position	"	4071	E948	
44.	"	L62752825	2 dugouts	"	4078	C761	
45.	"	L61552762	Series of foxholes along ridge.	"	4073	C567	
	<u>Anti Aircraft - Positions Occupied</u>						
4.	98IIVW	L61962945	2 possibly 3 light AAA	12PR419	4100	E550	
5.	87IIISW	L66283185	3 light guns AA btry	"	4097	E242	
6.	86IIISE	L57703430	3 possibly 4 light AA in previously unoccupied positions.	"	4172	B059	

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Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie	Print	Temp
				No.	No.	Ref.
1.	97INW	L55652435	4 light AA gun btry, now unoccupied	12PR419	4078	
2.	"	L55602300	4 light "	12PR419	3079	
				<u>Engineer Intelligence</u>		
1.	97INW	L55702499	Road demolished, 3 large craters	12PR419	3109	D441
2.	"	L55862475	Road cratered	"	3109	E142
3.	"	L55882439	Road now cratered where previously reported prepared for demolition.	"	3109	F239
4.	98IVNW	L65752826	Road demolished where previously reported prepared for demolition.	"	3068	B344
5.	"	L65622835	Road demolished	"	3068	B041
6.	"	L65562829	Road cratered	"	3068	A940
7.	98IVNE	L67322770	Section of road demolished	12PR433	3076	E045
8.	"	L67622755	Section of road demolished.	"	3076	E553

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\* From: 091330A Mar 1945  
\* To: 101330A Mar 1945  
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\* Gaggio Montano, Italy  
\* Dated: 101600A Mar 1945  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- A. Enemy Front Lines: Patrols along the right end of the IV Corps front verified photo intelligence and civilian sources that the enemy was preparing a defensive line to prevent a further development of our threat in the direction of BOLOGNA. A captured map, calling the new defenses the GHERGHIS KHAN Line, substantially agreed with the reported buildup of enemy occupied positions and mined areas. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 276)  
Opposite us, the enemy front lines are: MONTEFORTE (L565221)-MONTESE (L568244)-MONTUCCIO (L565258)-(L590266)-ROFFENO (L639267)-(L668270).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The period was quiet except for scattered mortar and arty fire; and although security patrols were active, only one enemy contact was made.  
(2) II Corps Sector: The only exceptions to a quiet night were 2 short fire-fights at (L831281) and (L741277). All other patrols reported no contact and arty during this period was slight and harassing. The tenor of enemy activity remained unchanged throughout the day and only scattered small groups of enemy personnel were observed and taken under fire. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 276)

B. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Armor: A tank motor was heard warming up an estimated 4000 yds N of (L603251); trucks were moving NW at (L565230); and tracked vehicles were reported heard at (L609266).  
(2) Artillery: OP reported 1 150mm or 170mm gun, supplies, am, and enemy occupied positions at LA TRAPPOLA (L617299), 1 hv field piece or SP gun is suspected of being at TORA di IUSSI (L63052720), and another at (L581299). There are 3 dummy gun positions at (L54502365), (L54542369), and (L5459-2373). PI reported that in the last 2 or 3 days, 2 AA batteries have appeared near ZOCCA (L6033) on the main road. At (L583352), is a 3, possibly 4 hv AA gun btry, and at (L60003185), a 2 hv AA gun btry. Arty fire fell on M PIEROTTO (L636262). A camouflaged object, possibly an am dump, has been observed at (L567243).  
(3) Engineers: Ground OP reported 2 dummy or unfinished mine field, 300 by 50 yds, in center of fields at (L54652352) and (L54652353); and road at (L630275) blown up. Patrol sent to investigate mine field at (L636262) and ROFFENO (L639268) reported mine field clearly marked extending 200 yds N along side of trail from (L635260) and 200 yds SE from same point. S of ROFFENO is clear; N, unknown.  
(4) Infantry: Ground OP reported a group of enemy occupied buildings and suspected supply and strong point at LA STERILLE (L601293); hv traffic and mvmt of foot troops in both directions on road from (L604299) to (L600302) TORA di IUSSI (L62052720) definitely occupied by enemy; suspected enemy CP on Hill 883 (L638267); 2 MG positions a side of house at (L54202347). Patrol to (L547220) reports small am dump 75 yds NW of bridge at (L548219) unknown number of enemy on ridge at (L543227), and civilians encountered on patrol state SW end of bridge at (L548219) is mined. Patrol to (L555227) reports no enemy seen. Patrols to (L544253), (L565241), and (L556235) made no enemy contact. Patrol to M PIEROTTO (L636262) saw lights at CASIGNO (L643258) and at (L623267) and (L635266) but made no enemy contact. Patrol heard enemy MG near (L629262) but made no enemy contact. Delayed reports show that a security patrol to (L57902585) contacted a 12-man enemy patrol at OZELCOA and was met by mortar, MG, and 8/A fire; another patrol found a vacant dugout at (L59102645) but made no enemy contact; and a third patrol heard an undetermined number of enemy digging at (L582262). An inf OP at (L559237) saw mortar firing at (L561237) and (L566243) at 100330A.

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(5) Signal: Patrol to (L633258) observed 2 red parachute flares in direction of M della SPE (L616263).

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Weather Outlook: On 11 and 12 March, steadily lowering visibility. No rain or snow. Overcast in valleys will begin to dissipate at dawn becoming scattered clouds. Only low clouds over mountains. Visibility 2 to 4 miles in haze in valleys, improving to 5 miles by noon; in mountains, 6 to 8 miles. Minimum temperature warming, 30 to 35 degrees. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 276)
- b. EW Interrogation Report: See Appendix "A"
- c. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "B"
- d. Enemy Defense Overlay: See Appendix "C"

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 22.

IPW REPORT NO. 23:

PWs: 13 PWs came through this PW cage and were interrogated. They were all willing to talk and all of them were deserters.

Units: 3d Co 1043 Regt  
 3d Co 71st PGR  
 9th Co 15th PGR  
 2d Co 114th Rcn Bn  
 15th Co 71st PGR

One PW's unit could not be identified properly, since he had no papers on him and spoke no German, only Russian.

Unit Strength and Disposition: 3d Co 71st PGR has about 45 men. The Co CP is in the mill at (L577261). The 15th Co, 71st PGR is about 60-70 men strong of which only 1 platoon of about 20 men was put into the line so far. This unit is on the Western flank of 71st PGR at approximately (L575260).

2d Co, 114th Rcn Bn is about 40 men strong and is in position at approximately (L660244), (3 days ago). Then the unit withdrew N of MONTESE. PWs heard that a Mt unit was on their left (Mittenwald Bn?).

Organization and Weapons: 2d Co 114th Rcn Bn is organized into 2 platoons of 3 squads each. There is 1 LMG per squad. There is also one AT squad in the Co which is equipped with bazookas or Panzerschreck.

3d Co 71st PGR has 2 platoons of 3 squads each (7 men per squad). There is one LMG per squad.

Personalities: 114th Rcn Bn CO  
 2d Co CO

Maj Braune APO 34520 A  
 2d Lt Behrens APO 34520 C

Miscellaneous:

A. PW from 3d Co 71st PGR stated that a squad of Engineers arrived the night of 8 March at their positions to lay mines and trip flares. This squad was then supposed to stay in positions, but according to PW, they had not even laid the mines yet.

B. Squad leader of 2d Co 114th Rcn Bn had been playing in a regimental band until about 6 weeks ago when he was put into the line as squad leader without any training whatsoever.

C. PW from 15th Co 71st PGR, who only arrived here on 5 March, stated that he saw the barrel on a travelling carriage of a 210mm howitzer. The other man who came with him claims that he saw the trail of this gun also and that it was damaged. They saw all this at ZOCCA. These PWs also reported the 71st Regt CP to be at ZOCCA.

D. These PWs also said that they had come directly from BOLOGNA on the night of 4-5 March. They had been there in rest and stated that the city was full of German soldiers. Outside of the railroad station and the area around it which is completely demolished there is not much damage done to the city. There are still 7 street car lines running.

E. PWs from 3d Co 1043 Regt knew of a minefield in the vicinity of where they were captured. But their description was so inadequate that it was impossible to locate this field on the map. (They were held to point it out on the ground). They also stated that the road on the E side of BOCCA ROFFENO had been prepared for demolition and possibly been blown already at approximately (L642270).

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Appendix "B" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 23.  
Photo Interpretation Report No. 26

Cortina: 12PR433 dated 8 March 1945  
 682A209 dated 9 March 1945

Area Covered: 1. A block from front line at VERGATO (L6926) NW to PAVULLO (L4833)  
 2. A block over forward positions west of highway No. 64 at VERGATO (L6926)

I. Defenses Extracted From G.I.R. #225.

Anti Aircraft Defenses - Positions Occupied

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	87IIISW	L65963707	Probable 3 gun IAA btry	12PR433		
2.	"	L58303520	Camouflaged 3-4 gun HAA btry with 2 subsidiary 2 gun HAA btrys	"		
3.	"	L62413156	2 gun IAA btry by house	"		
4.	98IVNW	L61883137	"	"		
5.	87IIISW	L60863181	"	"		
6.	98IVNW	L62432922	3 gun IAA btry cited in dual purpose role.	682A207		

Positions unoccupied

1.	98IVNW	L59652970	Previously reported 3 gun IAA btry has now gone.	"		
2.	"	L61322965	"	"		
3.	"	L61442979	Previously reported 2 gun IAA btry has now gone.	"		

Military Activity

1.	98IVNE	L75343019	Camouflaged emplacement	12PR435		
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II. Defenses Extracted From G.I.R. #226

Field Artillery - Positions Occupied

1.	97INE	L53242349	1 position at this previously reported 3 gun field btry is now occupied	682A209		
2.	98IVNW	L60173115	Comparison with previous cover reveals 2 camouflaged objects which are thought to be medium guns	"		
3.	87IIISW	L65983178	5 Nebelwerfer positions with 2 emplacements. Probably occupied.	"		
4.	98IVNW	L62742822	Possible camouflaged single light gun	682A209		

Positions Unoccupied

1.	98IVNW	L67402820	Previously reported 4 gun field btry now unoccupied.	12PR437		
2.	97INE	L54762302	Previously reported 3 light field gun btry has now gone.	682A209		
3.	98IVNW	L62042843	Previously reported 3 gun field btry has now gone.	"		
4.	"	L61572994	Previously reported single gun has now gone.	"		
5.	"	L68853263	Previously reported possible 3 gun field btry has now gone.	"		

Anti Aircraft Defenses

1.	87IIISW	L62413155	A third gun is now seen at this previously reported 2 gun IAA position.	682A209		
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III. Additional Defenses:

Field Artillery - Positions Occupied

1.	98IVNW	L58612851	2 light inf guns	682A209	3196	D930
2.	98IVNW	L58612862	Camouflaged object on minor road, probable tank, or SP gun.	"	3196	D934

Anti Aircraft Defenses - Positions Occupied

1.	87IIISW	L66593190	Three gun IAA btry	12PR433	3054	A557
2.	98IVNW	L60003185	2 gun IAA btry probably 37MM	"	4038	B253

Positions Unoccupied

1.	87IIISW	L66673190	3 gun IAA btry now unoccupied.	12PR433	3054	
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Minor Defenses and Military Activity

1.	98IVNE	L67513100	Digging activity, possibly series of wps pits under construction.	"	3053	E747
2.	87IIISW	L68003230	Enemy occupied house, wps pits & small trench in arc around S side.	"	3052	B844

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Pinpoint</u>	<u>Type Defense</u>	<u>Sortie No.</u>	<u>Print No.</u>	<u>Stamp Ref.</u>
3.	97INE	L54812643	Enemy occupied house surrounded by wpns pits.	12PR433	3066	B440
4.	"	L53752700	Digging activity around previously reported wpns pits.	"	3067	B439
5.	"	L53213680	Series of wpns pits NE side of	"	3068	BC47
		to L53402552	RANOCCHIO.	"		to B854
6.	"	L53052555	2 MG or fire positions.	"	3068	B744
7.	"	L53112666	MG or fire position	"	3068	B545
8.	87IISW	L60613275	2 wpn pits	"	3011	F060
9.	98IWNW	L63003098	MG positions	"	4058	D556
10.	87IISW	L66583320	Digging activity.	"	4054	B157
11.	97INE	L55602588	One of 3 previously reported camouflaged objects is now gone, leaving shell-like pit.	"	4089	C454
12.	"	L55502578	2 wpns pits	"	4089	C450
13.	98IWNW	L58923075	MG position	"	4039	C850
14.	"	L60383132	Wpn pit	"	4038	C760
15.	"	L60453132	Wpn Pit	"	4038	C863
16.	"	L59753192	Wpn pit	"	4038	B145
17.	"	L59773188	Wpn pit	"	4038	B146
18.	"	L58372870	2 probable morts	682A209	3196	D139
			<u>Engineer Intelligence</u>			
1.	97INE	L53602868	Road bed fallen away, probably due to landslide.	12PR433	4068	A656

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 G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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 \* From: 101330A Mar 1945  
 \* To: 111330A Mar 1945  
 \* Hq, 10th Mt Div  
 \* Gaggio Montano, Italy  
 \* Dated: 111600A Mar 1945  
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NO. 22.  
 MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY, 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
 a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Report No. 22, 10 March 1945.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General Summary:
- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Enemy arty fire during the period was moderate and scattered. No patrol contact with the enemy was made.
  - (2) II Corps Sector: A generally quiet night was punctuated by scattered patrol contacts and slight, harassing arty fires. Outstanding contacts were two small scale patrol raids with mortar and AW support which were repulsed. Some hv cal arty fire fell in the left sector and Nebelwerfer and propaganda shells were reported in the right sector. Slight enemy activity was observed during the late morning but 8 new entrenchments were seen along road near (L643304) which had been dug during the night. In the afternoon, hostile arty fire became extremely slight and other enemy activity was also equally reduced. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 277)
- b. Operations of Component Elements:
- (1) Artillery: Four rounds of arty fire of undetermined cal at (L648246) fell at 1430A. Approximately 87 rounds medium and light arty fire fell on our positions NE of MONTSE (L5524) and in M della CASTELLARA (L6225) sector. Patrol found enemy 105mm how at (L668236) and much am in draw N of Hill 802 (L654545). (There is a suspected gun position at (L660252).
  - (2) Infantry: WOP reports enemy OP at (L647287). OP reports enemy mort at (L625272) and MG 2000 yds on AZ 340 from OP at (L625249). Patrol found fish charge with wire attached on Hill 826 (L665237), enemy am in house at (L668236), 7 enemy observed digging at (L655255) with Italian labor. Patrol to (L583261) set ambush but saw no enemy along road that the enemy had previously travelled.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.  
 a. Weather Outlook: Scattered cloudiness on the 12 and 13. No precipitation. 6 to 8 miles visibility. Minimum temperature 37 to 40 degrees.

b. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 091330A	- 1706
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 091330A to 101330A	- 8
	Total - 1714
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 101330A	- 1714
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 101330A to 111330A	- 2
	Total - 1716

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:  
 a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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\* From: 111330A Mar 1945  
\* To: 121330A Mar 1945  
\* Hq. 10th Mt Div  
\* Rocca Pitigliana, Italy  
\* Dated: 121600A Mar 1945  
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NO. 24.

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: ROFFENO-MUSIOLO (L640267), SUSANO (L677274), M PERO (L688376), VERGATO (L697258).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Very quiet period with slight arty and mort fire falling in our sector. Our patrols were active and observed some enemy activity but made no enemy contact.
- (2) II Corps Sector: Patrol clashes occurred in the west sector and the rest of the Corps front was quiet during the night. A small-scale attack on our positions vicinity (L772273) at midnight was repulsed with S/A and arty fire. Patrols made enemy contact vicinity S ANSANO (L8631) and SPERNI (L7027) and our raiding party occupied houses at (L830282). At 110430A 3 or 4 AP bombs were dropped, with no damage reported, in (L9132) square. In the late morning 40 enemy were observed marching N on Hwy 64 vicinity (L806370). New wire on hill vicinity (L969331) and fresh digging vicinity SPICCHINERI (L9634) were reported in the afternoon. Enemy arty fire during the entire period was slight and scattered harassing.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Aviation: An enemy single-engine plane, identified by insignia, flew to within 3 kilometers of IL MONTE (L630246) from the NE at 111810A, then banked and returned NE.
- (2) Artillery: Estimated 105mm how believed to be at (L62852820). 8 shells of undetermined cal fell at (L634237) at 111920A. 12 rounds Nebelwerfer fire was received at (L6025) at 111940A; location of launcher undetermined. 2 shells of unknown cal fell at (L630247) at 112300A. 4 rounds medium arty fell near (L622252) at 120210A. Air OP reports 1 enemy gun (medium cal) at (L633314).
- (3) Infantry: Ground OP at (L623253) reported enemy digging in at (L622273), (L628277), and (L620274). At 111600A our arty fired on enemy personnel estimated Co strength at (L63652750). An inf OP reported hearing vehicular movement from vicinity MONTESE (L5524) northward at 112315A. At 120020A 4 rounds mort fell at (L622248). Patrol to (L625240) received mort fire from TORRE IUSI (L628273). Our OP reports suspected enemy OP at (L565255). 5 rounds mort fire received at (L652237).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather Outlook: No precipitation. Scattered low clouds at 2000 feet, scattered middle clouds at 14000 feet and scattered high clouds above 20000 feet. Visibility 1 to 3 miles improving to 4 to 6 miles by noon with haze. Minimum temperature 35°.

b. Civilian Interrogation Report: See Appendix "A"

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 111330A	- 1716
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 111330A to 121330A	- 5
Total	1721

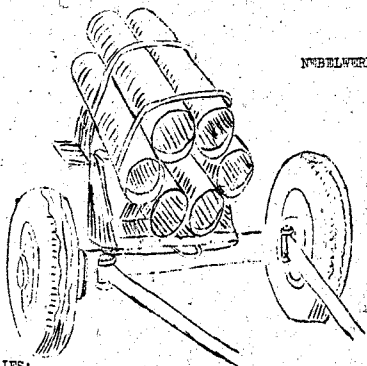
d. Nebelwerfer (Rocket Projector): The German 15 cm. Nebelwerfer "41" was designed primarily as a smoke projector but is now used mainly as arty. It consists of 6 barrels, each of 15 cm cal, arranged in a manner similar to the chambers of a revolver. It is mounted on wheels and fitted with a split trail. The barrels are open at both ends. The projectiles are of the rocket type and the weapon is electrically fired. The separate barrels fire at intervals of one second each. Barrels may be fired individually also. It is

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very effective when heavy concentrations of arty are desired because of the large number of projectiles that can be fired from a btry of Nebelwerfers. They are usually disposed on a line and the range is from 3500 to 4000 yards.



NEBELWERFER "41"

**4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:**

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 24.

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 11:

Problejo: 23 civilians left MONTESU at 120530A March and came to our lines travelling along the following route: MONTESU (L5624) - EL OTERO (L572344) - CAMPO del SOL (L573236) where they encountered American troops. On the morning of 11 March, 4 civilians were wounded by the explosion of 2 anti-personnel mines at (L553241), along the main path immediately N of the mill. No German troops have been seen in MONTESU for the last 8 days with the exception of 2 or 3 soldiers who enter the town every night to obtain some food from the civilian houses. The civilians interrogated confirmed the mortar and MG positions at approximately (L568362). (Reported in Civilian Interrogation Report No. 10, Dated 10 March.)

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 \* From: 121330A Mar 1945 \*  
 \* To: 131330A Mar 1945 \*  
 \* Hq: 10th Mt Div \*  
 \* Rocca Patigiana, Italy \*  
 \* Dated: 121600A Mar 1945 \*  
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 MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.
  - a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 12 Mar 1945.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.
  - a. General Summary:
    - (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The period was quiet except for scattered mortar and arty fire. Our patrols were active but only one enemy contact was made.
    - (2) IV Corps Sector: During the generally quiet night no patrol contacts and only normal enemy movement was reported. MG fire and digging was observed on the east flank and MG fire was reported, vic VERGATO (L6925) and SALVARO (L7327). In the morning, slight inf activity in the center sector was engaged by our arty. The Corps front was quiet toward the end of the day. Enemy arty fires were light and scattered throughout the period. (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 279).
  - b. Operations of Component Elements:
    - (1) Armor: A reliable civilian reports that 2 tanks are located in houses at (L617299).
    - (2) Artillery: OP reports a 75mm gun located in house at (L539244). Two rounds mortar fire fell in CASTEL D'AIANO (L608257) from NE at 122100. What is believed to be a German sound pick-up (flash bang) set for artillery detonations found buried flush with soil at (L575236) at 121230A. A civilian whose reports have been reliable, stated that 3 hvy guns are at (L612294) and 6 more hvy guns at (L610287).
    - (3) Infantry: OP report groups of 1 or 2 men observed at interals on MT BOLGARO (L594381). Patrols to (L673288), (L628288), (L627259), (L631281), (L634264), (L601287), (L606263), and (L604263) made no enemy contact. Patrols set ambushes at (L594264) and (L591257) made no contact. Some mortar fire was received vic (L573235) at 130720A. Patrol to MONAURIGALLA (L550237) ran into 8 man enemy patrol and withdrew after a fire fight in which it is believed that 2 enemy were wounded. A patrol to (L682259) made no enemy contact.
3. MISCELLANEOUS.
  - a. Weather Outlook: no precipitation. Clear at beginning of period with scattered low clouds at 2000-3000 feet during the morning. Scattered high clouds during the afternoon, dissipating after dusk. Visibility 6 miles. Minimum temperature 38 degrees.
  - b. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "A".
  - c. Civilian Interrogation Report: See Appendix "B".
  - d. PW's:
 

PW's captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 121330A	- 1741
PW's captured by 10th Mt Div period 121330A to 131330A	- 3
PW's captured by 10th Mt Div period 121330A to 131330A	Total 1724

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- E. German Security Instruction: The picture reproduced below is a sample of German security instruction. To you it means, "Shhh! The enemy is listening". It is reproduced in stamp size for sealing letters, in poster size for posting on telephone orderlies' desks, etc. The enemy thinks we are listening - let's not disappoint him. You can "listen" by turning in promptly all documents, equipment and materiel you find.



4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- A. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 25.

Photo Interpretation Report No. 27

Sortie: 1. 12PR446 dated 10 Mar 1945  
 2. 682A210 dated 10 Mar 1945  
 3. 12PR454 dated 11 Mar 1945

Area Covered: 1. Blocks over forward areas from VERGATO (L6926) to PAVULLO (L4733).  
 General Note: Several new trenches and fire positions were revealed along the high ground to the S and E of TOLE (L6530), extending from Hill 807 (L6630) across to M. CROCE (L6630) and joining with previously reported defense positions in the vicinity of RODIANO (L6830).

1. Defenses Extracted from G.I.R. No. B-227 and No. B-228.

FIELD ARTILLERY  
Positions Occupied

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	98IVNW	L6C933130	Emplacement probably occupied by a light gun			
2.	87IIISW	L62033196	Two probable light field guns, camouflaged			
3.	98IVNW	L68612852	Probable single inf gun			
<u>Positions Unoccupied</u>						
1.	86IIISE	L53763441	Delete previously reported camouflaged gun			
2.	98IVNW	L64773033	Three gun light btry can no longer be seen			
3.	87IIISW	L66523292	Three gun light btry has now gone			
4.	98IVNW	L62152718	Three gun light btry has now gone			
5.	97INE	L54762486	2-3 gun field btry has now gone			
6.	87IIISE	L67523338	Two gun field btry has now gone			
<u>Anti Aircraft Defenses - Positions Occupied</u>						
1.	86IIISE	L55043402	A 4th gun is now seen at this previously reported 3 gun LAA position			
2.	98IVNW	L61952944	Four gun LAA btry			
3.	87IIISW	L62233180	Single LAA gun			
<u>Positions Unoccupied</u>						
1.	87IIISE	L70003219	Three gun LAA btry has now gone			
2.	87IIISW	L62413155	Three gun LAA btry has now gone			
3.	87IIISE	L67303306	Two gun LAA btry has now gone			
<u>MINOR DEFENSES</u>						
1.	87IIISW	L61833700	Five weapon positions			
2.	"	L615363	Six small weapon positions			
3.	"	L61543614	Small weapon position.			
4.	"	L61703627	Small weapon position.			
5.	"	L619361	Four small weapon positions			
6.	87IIISE	L69603698	Crawl trench			
7.	"	L69933728	Crawl trench			
8.	"	L70123733	Crawl trench			
9.	"	L70253738	Crawl trench			
<u>ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE</u>						
1.	86IIISE	L54303555	Road bridge over stream prepared for demolition			
2.	"	L54413492	Road bridge over stream prepared for demolition			
3.	97INE	L54872285	Road cratered by bomb			
4.	98IVNW	L59042713	Road bridge demolished			
5.	98IVNE	L68662567	Road bridge demolished			
<u>ADDITIONAL DEFENSES</u>						
<u>ANTI AIRCRAFT</u>						
1.	87IIISW	L59203188	Two LAA in field, camouflaged	12PR454	4042	D446
<u>MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY</u>						
2.	98IVNW	L60243024	Trench and digging activity on hill	"	3041	B125
3.	86IIISE	L56723597	Three weapon pits S of buildings	"	4011	E352
4.	"	L57203605	Several PAD trenches and digging activity about these buildings	"	4011	E566
5.	87IIISW	L58553720	Weapon pit	"	4009	D637
6.	"	L58643731	Weapon pit	"	4009	D540
7.	"	L584376	Several trenches in vicinity of these buildings	"	4009	C838
8.	98IVNW	L65423013	Fire trench still under construction	"	4087	B030
9.	"	L65703031	Fire trench	"	4087	A637
10.	"	L66053058	Fire trench	"	4087	A550
11.	"	L666806	Digging activity and weapon pits	"	4087	A660

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Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp
12.	98IVNW	L66252977	Two mortar positions - the surrounding area appears to be used as bivouac area	12PR454	4087	C548
13.	98IVNE	L67573100	A line of objects, probably stores, along this trail in an area where digging activity has previously been noted	"	4086	B163
14.	98IVNW	L61352870	A line of weapon pits on this little knoll	"	3057	D438
			<u>Engineer Intelligence</u>			
15.	97INE	L52882802	Road prepared for demolition	692A210	4042	E635
16.	"	L51722716	Bridge over F. PANARO has been damaged and a bypass constructed with a military bridge over the wet gap, at (L5170-2720)	12PR454	4075	B119

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 25

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 9

Preamble: Six civilians arrived at our lines from RIVA DI BISCLIA (L539232) at 0700A, 9 Mar 1945. Two other civilians also arrived coming from S. MARTINO (L540257) after traveling the following route: CHIAVAZZO (L539224), CASSANO DI MEZZO (L549238), crossing the road at (L555230), IOLA (L566219).

The following military information was obtained:

About 500 German Alpine troops arrived in the area of RIVA DI BISCLIA (L539232) during the nights of 7 and 8 March 1945. At the present time these troops are billeted in the town and in the houses at (L545230) and (L549235). These troops are under the command of a German captain. These troops had come from the SW vicinity of CASTELLUCCIO DI MOSCHEDA (L523202). These troops bore the appearance of having come from the front line because they were all covered with mud. They only carried small arms.

An unknown number of German troops located at FOLIDORI (L537200).

Allied arty hit the house at (L537228) at 1600A, 8 Mar 1945 killing one German and wounding three others.

One 81mm mortar observed at MO DELLA RIVE (L530224), at about 50 yds S of the mill and immediately S of the stream, 1800A, 8 Mar 1945.

No German troops have been observed at S. MARTINO (L540257) since 5 Mar 1945.

Two arty pieces (caliber unknown) were heard firing from the area of (L545273) between Hills 821 and 758, on the morning of 8 Mar 1945.

3-4 arty pieces (caliber unknown) observed firing from the vicinity of PALAFELLO (L514271), at about 0600A, 9 Mar 1945.

One 20mm AA MG located in the immediate vicinity of bridge at (L537293), just S. of the PANARO river, 7 Mar 1945.

The curve of the road at (L559250), just about 20 yds S of the small bridge has been prepared for demolition for a length of 70 yds.

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\* Com: 131330A Mar 1945  
\* To: 141330A Mar 1945  
\* Hq 10th Mountain Div  
\* Rocca Pitigliana, Italy  
\* Dated: 141600A Mar 1945

NUMBER 26 -

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 12 Mar 45

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Entire period quiet with very slight artillery. Our patrols again were active, but made only one enemy contact which drew S/A fire from the enemy.

(2) 1st Inf Div Btry: Patrol to (L541817) had no contact but civilians said enemy were digging in that vicinity. Abandoned ammunition and helmets found by patrol at (L542220). Patrol heard noises of horses and men vicinity (L519187). MG fire was received from (L504180) and (L501181). Enemy observed (L540312) by ground CP. Enemy CP located at (L518180). (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 280)

(3) 51st Cav Reg Sadrn: MG fire reported from SUSANO (L6727) at 122340A. S/A fire received at (L574256) at 130135A. Enemy movement observed vicinity (L719298) at 131445A. Dugout, believed to be enemy CP, observed at (L697278). (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 280)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Artillery: At 131440A 5 rounds of fire estimated to be Nebelwerfer fire fell at (L629250) on an asimuth of 360° to enemy weapon. A Polish deserter, from 7th Btry, 232 Arty Regt, stated that a damaged 150-mm how is camouflaged with tree branches at (L590270). He further stated that the 9th Btry has suffered many casualties. Partisans report 4 enemy guns and 60 men in vicinity of GRIZZO (L519273) on 13 March.

(2) Engineers: A PW reports that a bridge at (L568248) has been blown. Civilian sources indicate a mine field at (L549228), a possibly mined house at (L568228), and heavily mined road junction at (L569244)

(3) Infantry: Our patrols to (L623265), (L635255), (L649255), (L568244), (L680245), and (L599265) encountered no enemy. Four or five enemy fired upon our patrol at (L579254) with burp guns. Our patrol withdrew with no casualties. A PW stated that there are 2 mortars at (L575273). Civilian interrogation revealed that a MG manned by 5 Germans is at (L575255). An enemy CP at (L572256), enemy in houses at (L565258), 2 81-mm mortars at (L546239) and (L557257), enemy on Hills 747 (L54602325) and 736 (L5462344), and 20 Germans are manning positions in houses at (L573256) and (L569257).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. The CP of the 1st Co, Mittenwald Bn, is in a dugout at (L568257) a PW stated.

b. Civilians report that the Germans are forcing civilians to evacuate the vicinity of MOUNT MONTELO (L5626) and MOUNT SUFFONE (L568253).

a. PW Interrogation Report No. 31 - See Appendix "A"

b. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 12 - See Appendix "B"

c. Photo Interpretation Report - See Appendix "C"

d. PW Interrogation Report No. 32 - See Appendix "D"

a. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 131330A - 1724  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 131330A to 141330A - 4  
Total 1728

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 26, 14 March 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 31:

PW's: 3 PW's were captured who all three had deserted in one way or another from their units.

PREAMBLE: All three prisoners were willing to talk. However they were very un-informed since two of them had been away from their unit since 5 March 1945 and the other had only been with the unit for the first 5 days.

UNITS: 11th Co, 71st PGR, 29th PG Division  
1st Co, 114th Ren Bn, 114th Division

UNIT STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION: 1st Co, 114th Ren Bn, is in position at approximately (L555242). PW from this Co was on a ten-man patrol, which got fired on by our troops and was dispersed. During this action he ran away and was subsequently captured. The patrol was sent to Hill 759 (550239) to determine whether it was occupied by our troops or not.

PW believes that the 2nd Co of his Bn is to the WSW of the 1st Co.  
1st Co strength is about 70 men and the prisoner stated that this was the strongest Co in the Bn.

PW's from 11th Co, 71st PGR, has been away from their unit since 5 March and were unable to give any information about the present strength and location of the Co or any other unit of their Bn.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW from the 1st Co, 114th Ren Bn, stated that his Division had given orders to conduct more patrolling than had been done previously. He said that his unit sent out patrols quite frequently now, almost every day or every other day.

b. PW also stated that on 11 March he saw a platoon of Engineers from the 114th Division Engineer Bn in MONTES. As far as he knew this platoon was stationed right in the town and he assumed that they were installing demolition charges, and possibly booby-traps.

Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 26, 14 March 1945

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 12:

PREAMBLE: 4 Civilians were interrogated who had come through the lines from PIAIROLO di SOPRA (L573263) and POSSESSIONE (L575247). The information obtained from them can be considered as fairly reliable.

- ✓ 4 Germans stationed at Mno. di GEA (L575256) on 8 March.
- ✓ 5-6 Germans with one LMG are at PIAIROLO di SOTTO (L577262).
- ✓ 6-6 Germans with one LMG stationed at house at (L58752735), in center of the curve of the road.

- ✓ 1 LMG with crew located at (L59992710).
- ✓ 1 LMG with crew located at (L590206).
- ✓ 1 radio with operators located at approximately (L593267) in a house.
- ✓ The bridge at VILLA D'ALIANO at (L594274) is prepared for demolition.
- ✓ The bridge at la MOLINELLA (L601266) is still intact and no demolition charges were observed.

No Germans are reported in VILLA D'ALIANO. Civilians stated that in the sector from VILLA D'ALIANO to Mno. di GEA there were about 150 Germans all total spread throughout the area in the various houses at the foot of the mountains.

- ✓ 3 or 4 mortars are located at (L560256), manned by Mountain troops (Mittenwald Bn?).

- ✓ 2 LMG's located at approximately (L572252).
- ✓ A minefield of 5-mines is reported to be at (L576282).
- ✓ A second-hand report states that about 100 Germans arrived at house at (L559244) during the night of 11/12 March.

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Appendix "C" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 26, 14 March 1945

**PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. 28**

Sorties: 12PR459, 12 March

Area: Block over forward area, VURGATO (L6926) and MONTESE (L5524)

**A. FIELD ARTILLERY**

87 III SW L64508320 - Comparison with previous cover shows three light field guns sited along a main road with a fourth emplacement unoccupied. (12PR459/3123/D641)

**B. MINOR DEFENSES**

97 I PE L56042585 - 1,(?)2 mortars (12 PR459/3086/B952)  
 " L56052540 - A line of foxholes along the ridge running NW-SE. (12 PR459/3086/D149)  
 " L55712545 - Weapon pit (12PR459/3086/C440)  
 " L55722547 - Weapon pit (12 PR459/3086/C441)  
 98 IV NW L64102865 - A group of 6 or 7 dugouts (12PR459/3058/D638)  
 " L51722780 - A group of foxholes on the north slope of the hill (12PR459/3055/B842)

**C. ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE**

86 II SE L56873473 - Road curve prepared for demolition (12PR464/3203/A642)  
 " L56753480 - Road & culvert prepared for demolition (12PR464/3202/A943)

Extracted from G.I.R.R. 229

98 IV NE L66942619 - Heavy mortar  
 87 III SW L62023208 - Probable heavy mortar

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Appendix "D" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 26, 14 March 1945

IPW REPORT NUMBER 32

PW's: 3 deserters came through our lines at SASSOMOLARN.

PREAMBLE: All three PW's came together; one of them was a Feldwebel and was very well informed and willing to cooperate.

UNIT: 1st Co, Mt Trng Bn "Mittenwald"

UNIT STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION: The 1st Co occupies the sector along the slopes from (L566253) and (L571259). The Co strength is about 80 men. The Co is adjoined to the Right (SW) by the 2nd Co which has a strength of about 80-100 men. To the left of the 1st Co (NE) is the 71st PGR, 29 PG Div.

LOCATIONS: 1 LMG at (L570252), 1 LMG at (L571255), 1 LMG at (L571259), 1 81-mm mortar located at approximately (L570262). A minefield of about 30-40 3-mines has been laid at approximately (L573252).

WEAPONS: The 1st Co has a total of 6 LMG's, 2 81-mm mortars and 2x20-mm AA guns, and 1 HMG. Only one of the mortars is employed in the line at present and the AA gun crews are used as Infantry at the present time. The AA guns and the other mortar are with the Co trains about 5 Km South of PAVULLO.

PERSONALITIES:

1st Co, CO	Lt Steindl
2nd Co, CO	Lt Gastl
Bn CO	Maj Ruchti

MISCELLANEOUS:

a. PW stated that his Co was sending out patrols of 3-4 men strength about every other day mostly to the area around POSS'ESSIONE (L575247) and il CERRO (L572244).

b. The morale in the unit is very low. Almost all of the men want to desert and are waiting for our patrols to come there. PW said he believed that nobody would fire a shot if our patrols would come to their positions.

c. PW stated that they had to sign a statement saying that from now on officers would inspect and control all positions and bunkers and see that they are built properly and manned properly. If they find fault with anything they see the NCO in charge will be tried by court-martial and can in a serious case be shot.

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ROCCA PITIGLIANA, ITALY  
Dated: 151600A Mar 1945

NUMBER 27 -  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
A. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 12 Mar 1945.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

A. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Period relatively quiet with moderate enemy artillery and mortar activity. Our patrols again probed enemy positions, but only one patrol made enemy contact which resulted in two friendly casualties.
- (2) 1st Inf Div BEF: Patrol to (L566215) found abandoned enemy ammunition. Civilian reported enemy and mortar at (L530285). Patrol to TRIGNANO (L4818) received mortar fire from (L483178) and (L481178). Patrol saw enemy activity at (L536215). Enemy aid men observed CAPLA IL MONTE (L5119) after our Arty had shelled the area. Air OP directed fire on movement observed near house at (L461804). Enemy reported digging positions vicinity (L519196). Patrol found abandoned S/A and ammo in houses vicinity (L532217). Positions vicinity of House (L532217) possibly occupied at night. Patrol observed small groups of enemy at (L522218) and (L537219) and at 141530A received mortar fire from (L528209) to (L526204) and from (L537219); suffered 11 casualties from the action. Civilian reported enemy CP at (L477227) and in houses at (L526201), (L527204), and (L529208). VIGNALE DI SOPRA (L5126) and GAI TO (L4827) and VERIGA (L5331) reported by partisan to be enemy strongholds. Enemy CP's reported at CORNE (L4822) and CARNEYALE (L5224) and ammunition dump at (L535296). (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 281)
- (3) 81st Cav Recon Sadrn: MG heard firing vicinity railroad station in VERGATO (L6925) at 140305A silenced by mortar fire. Ambush patrol at (L683262) made no contact. 5 enemy observed vicinity (L719298) at 141000A. Enemy CP observed in house at (L683252). 3 enemy observed going north on trail vicinity (L676280) at 141010A. 4 enemy near burning house vic (L693269) engaged by Arty. (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 281)

B. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 3 rounds of Arty, caliber unknown, fell at (L620258); 6 rounds fell at (L653222); undetermined number of rounds fell at (L566219); 63 rounds fell at (L584243); 39 rounds fell at (L567235); 60 rounds fell at (L62102583). Several gun flashes were observed by our Air OP at (L596342). Air OP also reports a 4 gun Btry at (L543280) and a undetermined number of light weapons at (L543246).
- (2) Engineers: Our patrol to CASIGNO (L642259) reported that the town is deserted and the rubble is blocking the road; and the bridge at (L64952550) is in good repair; also the road at M di UBALDO (L643-255) is damaged, but a by-pass has been constructed.
- (3) Infantry: Our active patrols stated that they saw 3 mortar flashes on an azimuth of 40° from (L644253) and distance of 1000 yards. They heard and saw no movement in CASIGNO (L643259) or in M di UBALDO (L64255). One of our patrols made an enemy contact at (L601266). Enemy wounded two of our men, one of whom is missing. Patrols to (L575252) and (L606266) received mortar fire, but made no enemy contact. Patrols to draw at (L577260) heard digging, believing position to be at (L564263); also heard an estimated 4 or 5 enemy patrol at (L629254). On road between (L650259) and (L649261), our patrol found 2 German bunkers, unoccupied, and an enemy rifle, clean and loaded. Our listening post at (L51352635) heard movement, pulled trip flare and saw 2 enemy between the post and the top of HILL 935 (L617264); under the flare 17 additional enemy were counted, who were withdrawing because of the flare. Mortar and artillery fire

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was brought to bear on the enemy. Patrol observed Hill 705 (L662241) and vicinity saw no enemy activity. Patrol to (L675247) made no enemy contact; they were told by a civilian that the enemy had pulled out of POSSESSION (L676249) and placed positions on west side of Hill 663 (L672250). Another civilian stated that the enemy is dug in a position at (L635274). Our OP at (L603251) located a MG emplacement at azimuth of 5°, 1500 yards distant. At 180230A about 600 rounds from a machine gun located in SPRTTTO (L660267). Mortar fire received in vicinity of (L662224) at 141500A; 3 enemy observed at (L6352510), from which position our troops received mortar fire during the period. Our artillery fired a mission at (L6493033) where enemy were observed along the road. Vehicular movement was heard at PULLANA (L605274) and along trail vicinity (L622281); 6 vehicles moving and heard vicinity (L602294); OP at (L630246) heard vehicles moving at azimuth of 45°.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "A"

b. PWs, total:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 141330A	1721
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 141330A to 151330A	0
Total	1721

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 27, 10th Mt Div, 15 March 1945

PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT NUMBER 29:

Sortie: 602A213, dated 12 March 1945

Area covered: Strip over front lines from VERGATO (L6925) to MONTSE (L6524)

I - Defenses extracted from G.I.R. #230, dated 14 March 1945

A. MINOR DEFENSES

1.	87 III SW	L66003865	Section Position	682A215
2.	"	L66033907	"	"
3.	"	L66603935	"	"
4.	"	L66003945	"	"
5.	"	L67053965	"	"
6.	"	L65743950	"	"

B. MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	98 IV NW	L59502803	Series of weapons pits	682A213 - 3117 - D953
2.	"	L58702753	Two weapons pits	" 3117 - F132
3.	"	L5863866	Series of Wpn pits	" 3230 - D638
4.	"	L59932798	Camouflaged object	" 3116 - E149
5.	"	L59052807	T.A. on ridge top	" 3116 - E353
6.	"	L59082306	MG position	" 3116 - F552
7.	"	L61002750	Trench	" 3112 - E937
8.	"	L60952748	Possible dugout on N slope of ridge with trench leading to MG position on forward slope.	" 3112 - E536
9.	"	L63062768	Trench with possible fire position.	" 3107 - D250

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 ROCCA PITIOLIANA, ITALY  
 Dated: 161600A Mar 1945

NUMBER 28 -

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD  
 a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 12 Mar 45.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: A quiet period was passed with the exception of occasional artillery fire and some sniper fire. Patrol activity was maintained, but no enemy contacts were reported.
- (2) 1st Inf Div BFF: It was reported at 0600A that patrols to (L513187), (L553212), (L505180), (L508179), (L531190), and (L525188) made no contact. After our elements delivered MG fire on an enemy patrol (5118) it withdrew. (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 282)
- (3) 81st Cav Recon Sqdn: At 150010A an enemy patrol which tripped a flare at (L684246) was scattered by our fire. An enemy mortar at (L679270) which fired on our forward elements at 142050A was silenced by our artillery. 5 enemy observed in building at (L67802725) about 1100A were engaged by our arty. MG fire was received from base of M PERD (L6827) at 1200A and a MG firing from (L685262) at 1200A and a MG firing from (L685262) at 1300A was engaged by our Arty. 1 round of 81-mm mortar fell at (L701227) at 1615A. 2 men, believed to be enemy, were seen vicinity (L646269) at 1640A. (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 282)

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b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) ARTY: Moderate Arty fire fell in our sector during this period. At 151625A 20 rounds of undetermined caliber artillery fell at (L590235) and at 161550A 7 rounds fell at (L632251). From an azimuth of 360° 15 rounds of medium artillery fell at (L617264). Our patrol to (L608261) reported that an artillery piece is on a 34° azimuth from (L608260). Our air OP reported that an enemy gun is sighted at (L61732990); a 3 gun Btry at (L61853010); a gun at (L61702910); and an enemy gun position at (L616299), upon which our artillery got 6 target hits. A heavy gun at (L62923105) and a 3 gun Btry (105-mm) at (L534312) were reported by a civilian. 30 to 40 rounds of Arty and mortar fire fell at (L506252) destroying one MIO TD.
- (2) ENGINEERS: Our patrol to (L570247) spoke to civilians in IL CERRO (L568243) who confirmed previous report of buried mines at cross road there. Patrol was also informed by a civilian that there are mines in the road at LA TORRE (L565346). One of our patrols found road cratered twice and bridge out at (L661243).
- (3) INFANTRY: Persistent sniper fire was received on MOUNT DELLA SPE (L6126) throughout the early part of the period. A civilian reported that there were 7 enemy in house at SERRA BARZANA (L61902700). Artillery was brought to bear upon the house. Our OP located a mortar at (L544257); 5 or 6 enemy dug in at house (L567248); 2 enemy mortars at (L557253) near house; and an OP at (L522244). A civilian stated that there are 2 HMG and a German Hq at BALDIOLO (L553290); an enemy OP in church on M BOLGARO (L594282); 1 HMG and OP at RINOLA (L589272). Our patrols to (L591261) - (L573256) - (L578247) - (L570247) and (L603284) made no enemy contact. One of our patrols met an enemy 30-man patrol as our patrol was going N from (L639249). Our patrol, being out-flanked, withdrew and mortar fire was placed on the enemy position. A patrol, which found 12 pack saddles and a quantity of 88-mm ammunition in a house at POLAZZI (L576241), was told by a civilian that the Germans are 300 yards NE of LA TORRE (L565346). The trucks along (L558251) - (L565271) - (L660255) - (L660257) - (L66245) - (L655259) - (L655250) - (L663240) - (L661243) were checked by a patrol and no enemy were found, but evidence of recent occupation and fox holes along route were seen. A patrol reports a MG position on a 330° azimuth and 600-800 yards from (L608260) and a heavy mortar on a 27° azimuth from (L608260) at about (L613265). Random movement of vehicles was heard by a patrol on road vicinity (L634269) between 160200A and 160230A. Patrol to (L649253) heard mortar fire and Burp gun fire coming from E side of M FINOCCHIA (L55250); also heard

an unidentified patrol 200 yards from them. Patrol at (L621262) heard a MG at 45° azimuth and two motor vehicles along road going E at (L531265). Reported mortar activity was as follows: 5 rounds fell at (L568235) between 152040A and 152055A; 10 rounds fell vicinity (L568228) at 152125A; 15 rounds fell at (L568257); 6 rounds at (L616265).

- (4) SIGNAL: A German signal code book was captured on Hill 920 (L615259).
- (5) MISCELLANEOUS: A civilian reported a supply depot at (L581293) and a large ammunition depot at PRANAZZI (L609314).

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- E. Photo Interpretation Report: See Appendix "A"  
 F. Enemy Defense and Mine Overlay: See Appendix "B"  
 G. PWs

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 151330A - 1721  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 151330A to 151330A - 0  
 Total 1721

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 28, 10th Mt Div, 16 March 1945

PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT NUMBER 30

Sortie: 12 PR 479, dated 14 March 1945

Area covered. A block between VERGATO (L6926) and PAVULLO (L4833) covering MONTMST (L5624)

I - Defenses extracted from G.I.R #231, 15 March 1945.

A. MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	871118	L70773330	to Series of fire trenches	12PR479	3087	0355 to
		L70223332				B244
2.	"	L70213316	MG Position and crawl trench	"	3087	B541
3.	"	L65663028	MG Position and crawl trench	"	3093	B849
4.	"	L 65603043	Crawl trench	"	3093	B956
5.	"	L65883039	Crawl trench	"	3093	B656
6.	"	L65923053	Weapon position	"	3093	B560
7.	"	L66023084	Weapon position	"	3092	0360
8.	"	L63422791	MG position and crawl trench	"	3097	D658

B. ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

1.	981VNW	L63752759	Road prepared for demolition	"		
2.	"	L63092748	Road bridge demolished	"		

II - Additional Defenses

A. MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	981VNW	L63402670	Minefield, approx 20-25 rows	682A213	3059	D353
2.	"	L63602365	Minefield, Approx 15 rows	"	3059	E053
3.	"	L63352655	Minefield, Approx 4 rows	"	3336	D146
4.	971NE	L66512498	Dugout with MG position	"	3336	E058
5.	"	L66682534	MG position	"	3336	D559
6.	981VNW	L57002550	Dugout or bunker	"	3334	C953
7.	"	L57162548	MG position	"	3334	D646
8.	"	L57282570	Probable occupied emplacement	"	3334	E550
9.	"	L57282570	Three weapon positions	"	3095	B642
10.	981VNW	L66132746	Dugout or bunker	"	4054	E141
11.	"	L66302746	Dugout or bunker	"	4054	E442

Good quality photo cover of 14 March 45 disclosed two new positions containing 5-6 light guns in the areas south of ZOCCA (L6033) and north of TOLE (L6530). One position containing 2 light guns in the area south of ZOCCA was reported unoccupied. The net gain in known photo positions was 3-4 light guns. In addition three 1-gun positions were located by sound ranging in the area between ZOCCA and TOLE and air OPs located a 4-gun battery firing from the vicinity of BERTOCCHI (L5528). (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 28)

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 Hq 10th Mountain Div  
 ROCCA FITIGLIANA, ITALY  
 Dated: 171600A Mar 1945

NUMBER 29 -  
 MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENERGY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Line: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 13 Mar 45.

b. Units in Contact:

- (1) Location and disposition of elements of the 232 Infantry Division are tentative and flexible since regrouping is in progress. The battalions are not expected to be at normal strength.
- (2) Changes in Enemy Defense Overlay, G-2 Periodic Report No. 23, 10 March 1945, are as follows:
  - (a) Remnants of 1045 Regt removed from square (L5426).
  - (b) 129 Fus Bn moved from (L6336) to vicinity (L6329)(1).
  - (c) 2nd Bn, 15 PG Regt moved from (L6128) to (L630270).
  - (d) Some elements of Mittenwald Mt Bn (L565290), 14th Engr Bn (L555-255), 14th Rcn Bn and 1st Bn, 721st Regt, are probably disposed between MONTELIO AND MONTESSE.

2. ENERGY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The Mountainers' sector was subjected to moderate to heavy artillery fire during this period, particularly in area (L6126) which received 70 rounds of 105-mm fire during a 45 minute period. Our patrols continued to comb enemy positions for information and prisoners.
- (2) 1st Inf Div Eff: Early in the period patrol to Hill 759 (L558233) and C LAM (L641233) reached their objective without contact. Patrols to the following points also met no enemy: Hill 846 (L532193), (L532-215), (L538198) and MANSIANI (L546230). A patrol received S/A and mortar fire on Hill 732 (L546229) from direction of RONCALE (L541229) and Hill 712 (L541234). Another patrol went to (L605129) and Hill 741 (L538186). Patrol to MARNE (L507183) drew MG fire in Vic of Hill 738 (L507129). 3 casualties were reported. In the morning 6 men were observed around the house at (L461204) and some enemy were seen moving between the church and houses at (L540212). In the afternoon enemy soldiers were seen moving around at (L542268). (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 283)
- (3) 81st Cav Reg Sqdn: A Rcn patrol to (L675257), (L668256), (L669255), (L672254), (L673251), and (L675252) returned at 16000A and reported no enemy contact. Our ambush patrol fired on an estimated 9-man enemy patrol at (L694250). After a short exchange of S/A fire the enemy retired sustaining 3 or more believed killed or wounded. Advance outpost received enemy MG fire from (L696256) and bazooka fire from (L696253) at about 2300A. At 0006A 3 flares were observed in front of our position at (L413246). At 163300 S/A, MG and mortar fire were directed at a 3-man enemy patrol vicinity (L684244); search was made of the area but no wounded or dead were seen. Enemy movement was observed at Point 614 (L6462985) at 1245A. Approximately 25 rounds of 81-mm mortar landed in the general vicinity of SERRA DI GATTO (L684244) believed firing from (L683274). An enemy MG was observed firing from (L673277). (Source: IV Corps, G-2 Periodic Report No. 283)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: In the vicinity of (L6126) 70 rounds of 105-mm fire were received during a 45 minute period. At 16200A 8 rounds of 105-mm artillery fell at (L603246) from a back azimuth of 50° and other 5 rounds same caliber fell at (L604245) from a back azimuth of 20 to 25 degrees. Between 162256 and 170200, 20 rounds of 81-mm fire was received at (L6126). 6 rounds of 105-mm artillery landed at (L603251) at 162025A; and between 162300A and 162215A, 15 rounds medium artillery landed near MARANO (L6219). In the area at (L616-264) 12 rounds of undetermined caliber artillery fell.



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- (2) ENGINEERS: A civilian, who came through our lines seeking medical aid for his daughter who had been injured in a mine explosion at (L64202554), stated that the area and buildings at (L642256) are mined and booby-trapped and the German have evacuated that area 10 days ago.
- (3) INFANTRY: Mortar and scattered sniper fire was received throughout the period on our positions on MOUNT GRANDE D'AIANO (L6826) and MOUNT DELLA SPE (L6126). Two enemy MGs, one at a azimuth of 10 degrees from an estimated range of 1500 yards and one at a azimuth of 55 degrees from estimated range of 900 yards, were located by our OP (L603251). This OP also saw 10 enemy in CA DEL CONTE (L610255). An enemy patrol composed of 5 or 6 men was observed moving E to W at 170530A by our OP on M VALBURA (L645245). Sounds like mules and heavily loaded vehicles moving in the direction of (L654253) were heard by patrols to (L653254) and (L633254). 3 or 4 vehicles, believed to be horse-drawn, moving N on road at (L55643489) were reported by our Arty observer. It was learned through civilian interrogation that there is a German Co CP in ARDO (L656271); 50 Germans in positions on both sides of the stream NW of MOUNT BALGARO (L595282) and 80 Germans, under the command of a captain, are in houses at (L601282) and that German Mountain troops were seen in BORTOLONO (L575253). These civilians further stated that 10 or 12 days ago troops N of CASTEL D'AIANO were being replaced by troops of unidentified units, including some SS men. Our patrol to Hill 766 (L598265) and our ambush patrols at (L63602495) and (L626269) made no enemy contact. Our patrol to (L582262) received MG fire at (L583262) which wounded 2 of our men and forcing the patrol to withdraw. A patrol to (L573256) received MG fire at (L573255) and (L577257).
- (4) TANKS: Air OP reported an enemy tank at (L540260). Our artillery was brought to bear upon it and 6 possible hits were reported.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Photo Interpretation Report No. 31: See Appendix "A"
- b. Military Information received from Partisans and Civilians: See Appendix "B"
- c. IPW Report No. 33: See Appendix "C"
- d. Total PWs
- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 161330A.         | - 1721     |
| PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 161330A to 171330A | - 2        |
|   | Total 1723 |

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945

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PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT NUMBER 31

Sortie: 12 PR 485, dated 15 March 1945

Area: Block between VERGATO (L6926) and PAVULLO (L4833) covering MONTESE (L5624)

I - Defenses extracted from G.I.R. #232

- A. FIELD ARTILLERY - Positions Occupied
1. ~~87INE~~ L54912807 Single light infantry gun 12PR485
  2. ~~88IVNW~~ L58682742 Possible 2 gun light battery "

1. ~~87INE~~ L53242349 Positions Unoccupied  
Previously reported 3 gun light btry 12PR485  
now gone

B. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES - Positions Unoccupied

1. ~~86IISW~~ L47383210 Previously reported 3 gun light btry 12PR485  
now gone

C. MINOR DEFENSES

1. ~~86IISW~~ L47213253 to 5 weapons positions 12PR485  
~~L47878868~~
2. " L47903885 2 weapons positions 12PR485
3. " L47918229 to 5 weapons positions 12PR485  
~~L48003222~~
4. ~~87INE~~ L47753185 to 5 weapons positions 12PR485  
~~L48023176~~
5. " L48223189 4 weapons positions 12PR485
6. " L48463190 to 4 weapons positions 12PR485
7. " L48703160 to 5 weapons positions 12PR485  
~~L48803165~~

D. ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

1. ~~87INE~~ L51752718 Road bridge damaged (Diversion and military crossing 70 yards north of this bridge previously reported) 12PR485

II - Additional defenses

A. MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

1. ~~88IVNW~~ L62362860 Two square excavations, probable dugouts 12PR485 - 4179 - E442
2. ~~88IVNW~~ L61832731 Possible mortar position " 4156 - B137
3. ~~87IISW~~ L62703258 Dugout with trench leading to fire " 3183 - C834  
positions
4. ~~87IISW~~ L56382545 Two weapons positions " 3064 - B926
5. " L53408371 MG or fire position " 3060 - C730
6. ~~87IISW~~ L58503500 Series of weapon pits " 4032 - E342
7. " L58413900 3 weapon pits " 4031 - E629

B. ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

1. ~~87INE~~ L47592942 Road prepared for demolition " 3051 - D523
2. ~~87IISW~~ L58503660 " " " 4030 - B730
3. ~~86IISW~~ L55403440 " " " 4026 - B945

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 29, 10th Mt Div, 17 March 1945

MILITARY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PARTISANS AND CIVILIANS

1. Four civilians were wounded by the explosion of 2 anti-personnel mines along the main path N of the mill at approx (L563241).
2. Civilian confirms previous report of 2 81-mm mortars on the NE slope of Montello in the vic of (L568260). (PI comment: 1, possibly 2, mortar positions can be seen at (L56052558)).
3. Civilian confirms previous report of one MG at approx (L572257) on the main path about 150 yards NW of Braina (L573256). (PI comment: cannot confirm)
4. Germans were seen at Mac di Cea (L575256). 5-6 Germans with LMG are at Pajarolo di Sotto (L577262).

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5. 5-6 Germans with one HMG billeted in house at (L58752725) in center of the curve of the road.
6. 1 HMG with crew located at (L59992710). 1 LMG with crew located at (L596266). (PI comment: cannot confirm)
7. One radio with operators located in a house at approx (L593267).
8. The bridge at Villa D'Aiano at (L530274) is prepared for demolition. (PI comment: this bridge has been demolished.)
9. The bridge at La Moignella (L601266) is still intact and no demolition charges were observed. (PI comment: confirmed)
10. No Germans are reported in Villa D'Aiano (L594374). Civilians stated that in the sector from Villa D'Aiano to Mae. di Gio (L575256) there were about 150 Germans in the various houses at the foot of the mountains.
11. 3 or 4 mortars are located at (L560256) manned by Alpine troops (Mittenwald Bn.). (PI comment: weapons positions can be seen at (L563256))
12. 2 LMGs located at approx (L572252). (PI comments: not confirmed)
13. A minefield of S-mines in the area at approx (L576252). (PI comment: Cannot confirm)
14. Civilian states that about 100 Germans arrived in area at (L559244) during the night of 11/12 March.
15. Two guns (149-mm) located in the area S Lucia (L132125), Liana (L129121). About 10 Alpine soldiers of the Monte Rosa Div man these guns.
16. Four guns (caliber unknown), truckdraws were put in position in Fantini (L526293) in the entrances of the stone sheds attached to the houses. The trucks are parked next to the houses and are camouflaged with tree branches. 30 to 35 Germans were seen with these Arty pieces. (PI comment: Three, possibly four, anti-aircraft guns can be seen at (L52402986))
17. One AA gun (caliber unknown), in position at Fantini (L526293) was hit by Allied shelling. (PI comment: See note 2)
18. One LMG in position and with a crew of about 7 Germans located approx 150 m N of the road in the vic of (L643272). (PI comment: MG position can be seen at (L6442750))
19. One LMG in position on the N slopes of Rocca di Roffena at approx (L639271). (PI comment: Possible weapons pit or MG position can be seen at (L64032712))
20. Two piles of Arty ammunition, camouflaged with branches, on both sides of the road, 10 m South of the road junction at approx (L608318), and two piles at about 100 m SW of the La Fogna in the vic of (L609321) and one pile at about 150 m SW of the La Fogna in the vic of (L608320). These ammunition piles are approx 2 m in height and 5 m in length and one meter in width. (PI comment: cannot confirm, wooded areas would facilitate concealment)
21. Both shoulders of the road at approx 400 m W of Pradellina (L654266) are mined with approx 10 AP mines placed 2 m apart. (PI comment: Not confirmed)
22. The areas W and E of the road at approx 20 m S of Molino Pierotto (L636262) are mined with an unknown number of AP mines placed at intervals of 90 cm.
23. AP minefields at 300 m SW of cemetery (L633262) and immediately S of the houses of Roffena (L635267). (Further details unknown). (PI comment: Minefields can be seen at (L63402670), (L63602665) and (L63352655).)
24. Approx 60 Germans digging shelters immediately N of road in vic of (L634284). (PI comment: Shelters can be seen at (L63402800) (L63452817) (L63452830) (L63582815))
25. German CP and a large kitchen in the Monastery of La Braglio at approx (L628217). Approx 7 horse drawn carts load food at sunset every night, two of these carts going towards Santa Lucia (L632287), and two going towards Montalto (L598299). Destination of other three carts unknown. This monastery was previously occupied by Nuns, but evacuated the building when the Germans moved in.

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Appendix "C" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 29, 17 March 1945

IPW REPORT NUMBER 36

PW's: 2 deserters who came to our lines at (L652253) (L623253) respectively. (MONTEMINISTRO).

PREAMBLE: One PW was ascertained from his unit on 5 March 1945. His knowledge and the information he was able to give are of no value. The second one, a Polish deserter, was a willing talker and very cooperative, but due to lack of accuracy in his information his statements can only be considered fairly reliable.

UNITS: 6 Btry, 232 Arty Regt, 6 Co, 15 PGR, 29 PG Division.

UNIT STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION: The 6th Co is dug in along the road in the LE VILLE (L632269) area. PW does not know length of Co sector but states that 9th Co is on its right flank, 5th or 7th Co on its left. The 8th (heavy) Co is approximately 1 mile to the rear. The 6th Co has a strength of about 50 men.

LOCATIONS: 6th Co CP in house at (L634269) S of road. Wire and mine obstacle across trail at approximately (L634267). A wire is strung across trail about 10 in. above ground. Mines of unknown type and number are laid on both sides of trail.

WEAPONS: The 6th Co has a total of 5 LMG, 1 LMG in each squad. Each squad leader has 1 Panzerfaust, the platoon leader has 2 (1 of them carried by the messenger).

ORGANIZATION: The 6th Co has 2 platoons; one of them has 3, the other one has 2 squads.

PERSONALITIES: 6th Co, CO - Lt Brunner

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MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Relief: PW heard from food carrier that entire 29 PG Division is going to be relieved on the 17th or 18th of March. An Italian unit is said to take its place. The former rest area near ST GIOVANNI is being prepared for billets.

b. Artillery: There is no Arty OP with 6th Co CP. PW was not seen any arty pieces in his sector.

c. Tanks: PW was neither seen nor heard any tanks since he left the ST. GIOVANNI area; believes tanks did not move into this sector.

d. Replacements: 6th Co was not received any fresh replacements while in rest area; 3 men came back from hospitals.

e. Patrols: 6th Co sends out a patrol every night between 2300A and 2400A. One squad is always at Co CP; this squad is furnishing the men for the patrols.

f. Morale: PW states that 75% of men are fed up with war and cannot see a reason for going on fighting. In pop talks, officers stress the point that they are not fighting for Italy but for Germany, that the FO Valley's agricultural products are vital for the further existence and fighting capabilities of the German Army.

g. Reports: The 6th Co CP was hit by mortar on 16 March 1945. Three casualties resulted. Co was strafed repeatedly during our last operation but suffered no casualties.

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To: 181330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
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Dated: 181440A Mar 1945

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By Auth: CG 10th Mt Div  
Initials: TH  
Date: 18 March 1945

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NUMBER 30  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD  
a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 12 Mar 45

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Enemy ground activity was relatively quiet; moderate artillery and mortar fire, with some MG and S/A fire, continued to harass our forward sector. Our reconnaissance and ambush patrols were active, which resulted in two of our patrols being fired upon.
- (2) 1st Inf Div BFF: Unusual number of flares observed until midnight. Enemy activity heard vicinity (L519190) harassed by our rifle grenade fire. Patrol clash reported at (L659160). S/A fire heard vicinity 0 MICHELINI (L5321). Several enemy observed at cemetery vicinity (L523197) and 7 enemy seen entering house at (L530194). Civilians report Germans on M DELLA RIVA (L5322) and at C VEDRACCIO (L5122). 2 vehicles and 6 men reported vicinity house at (L532293). MG, mortar and personnel observed vicinity (L549220) and digging at (L522295) reported by Air CP. 4 aid men observed entering woods at (L497195), and 1 man entering house at (L487125). Several enemy and 2 MT observed at (L507289). CP at (L554223) observed enemy foot movement, estimated Bn strength, moving north near LT TSE (L4923) at 171410A. At (L490209) several enemy observed organizing positions and at (L482183) several enemy moving among houses. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 284)
- (3) 81st Cav Reg Sain: MG fire observed from crest behind RAPPOLO (L67-25) at 170215A. 2 enemy seen in flare-illuminated area vicinity (L679239) at 170250A. Vehicle heard at SUSANO (L678273) at 170325A and vicinity SPZZOLA (L6829). LMG heard firing from vicinity east of AFRICA (L6925). Small explosions heard at (L686257) followed by whistle signals. Scout car observed at SUSANO (L672) at 171150A. 4 rounds 81-mm mortar fell at (L666235) at 171650A. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 284)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Sector again subjected to moderate artillery fire. Approx 206 rounds of medium caliber artillery fell in the general vicinity of MOUNT GRANT D'ALIANO (L5826). During a 24 hour period 265 rounds of mixed artillery fire was received in area (L578234) and (L583233) from the direction of MONTELLO RIDGE (L5625). Civilians report that several large guns are being moved to ROCCA MALATINA (L584379) and that there are artillery positions at MONTFORTORE (L631301), FONTANA (L631299) and at CRATE (L631306). Ground CP located one 105-mm How at (L5900529750).
- (2) Engineers: One of our patrols found newly laid S-mines at (L577254). Civilians stated that there are mines at TORRE LUSSI (L621273) and a mine field at RJ at IL CERRO (L568243), which had been reported previously.
- (3) Infantry: Our patrol, which was sent to (L5622373) to investigate two burning buildings there, stated that the civilians told them that the Germans intend to and are burning all buildings in that area. They were also told that there are many Germans in MONTSE (L5524). These Germans, in groups of 25, are dug in the basements of homes and come out only at night in quest of food. Other civilian sources reveal that until last night only 2 enemy were at ROFFENO MUSIOLO (L636267); 40 more were moved in last night; that there is a large enemy garrison at I POMONIO (L613297); that there are 7 enemy at SERRA SARZANA (L621269); and that the nearest large enemy garrison is at S. LUCIA (L632285). Enemy dug in on forward slope of MONTELLO (L568259); no enemy in front of a line from MONTSE (L5524) NE to PARAVENTO (L565249) along 25 grid line 7 to (L5925), other civilians stated. Ground CP reports a new uncamouflaged dugout at (L584278).

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Patrols to (L575239), (L610266), (L604259), (L644246), (L638254) (L633261), (L633254); and (L588267) made no enemy contact. Our patrol to (L577254) found freshly laid mines there. The patrol was discovered at that point by an unknown number of enemy who fired at them with rifle grenades. There were no casualties. One of our reconnaissance patrols received MG and S/A fire at (L625266) which resulted in 4 friendly casualties. It is believed that one enemy was killed by our returned fire. 41 rounds of light mortar fire fell vicinity M D'ELLA SPR (L6126) between 171214A and 171250A. 12 or more enemy were seen at (L60622735) at 171410A.

- (4) Tanks: Air OP reported more than 2 enemy tanks at (L588284) on road at 181145A. Corps artillery fired on tanks.
- (5) Miscellaneous: Artillery was placed on (L635267) where a number of trucks were heard by our patrol. Motor movement could also be heard on azimuth 0° from (L603251) at 180145A; and at 123306A motor movement was heard in vicinity of (L613276). Ground OP reported heavy vehicle tracks in field at (L584278) and 23-ton trucks, troop carriers, poorly camouflaged, at (L57902655) and (L58152645).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Military Information received from Partisans and Civilians (with PI comments): See Appendix "A"
- b. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 14 (with PI comments): See Appendix "B"
- c. IPW Report No. 34: See Appendix "C"
- d. Enemy Disposition Overlay: See Appendix "D"
- e. Total PWs

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 171330A	→ 1723
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 171330A - 181330A	→ 2
Total	1725

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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MILITARY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PARTISANS AND CIVILIANS (with PI comments)

1. There is a German MG in position at approximately (L569251) immediately SE of road, manned by about 5 Germans and camouflaged with branches. (PI Comment: MG position can be seen at (L56682532).
2. 1 MG in position at RJ at approximately (L562245). (PI Comment: Possible MG position can be seen at (L56182450).
3. About 20 Germans are manning positions in vicinity of houses at (L575256) and (L569257). (PI Comment: Positions can be seen in this area as follows - dugout or bunker (L57002550), MG position (L51152520), IG position (L57102548).

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CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 14 (with PI comments)

Preamble: A total of 25 civilians who had come to our lines from the vicinity of VILLA D'AIANO (L596272) and MONTESE (L558245) were interrogated and the following military information was obtained. These civilians were all long time residents of the above areas and their information may be considered fairly reliable.

There is a mine field (T-mines?) located between GALVANA (L631262) and Mo PIEROTTO (L635262). (PI Comment: Mine fields can be seen at (L63502620), (L63502620), and (L63702610).

The main path from Mo PIEROTTO to SORG. SOLFOROSA (L640252) has been mined on both sides. These mines are believed to be AP mines.

A German Co CP located at Mo ARDU (L656271).

One MG position located in the house at approximately (L640267).

There are about 30 Germans occupying the houses at (L555246) on 13 Mar 1945. These Germans are manning one MG and one mortar position, which is in the vicinity of the house. (PI Comment: Cannot confirm).

About 50 Germans (unidentified unit) are in position on both sides of the stream NW of M. BALGARO (L595282). These Germans are in slit trenches with an unknown number of MGs (5 were observed), 14 Mar 1945. (PI Comment: Weapons positions and military activity can be seen at MONZONE (L58482800) and at (L591281).

German sentinels were observed in the vicinity of the houses at (L594276), immediately North of VILLA D'AIANO. About 6 Germans were occupying the houses at (L599269), 14 Mar 1945.

About 10 German soldiers with telephone communication in the house on Hill 726 (L596304), 14 Mar 1945.

About 70 German soldiers are billeted in the houses of MONTALTO (L591299). Civilians also observed there a small number of trucks, 14 Mar 1945.

There are about 80 German soldiers (unidentified unit) in the houses at (L601282). These troops arrived on 9 Mar and are under the command of a Captain. They have telephone communication.

A German CP located in the house at M. RIGHETTI (L603291). There are about 10 soldiers and one Captain at the CP.

One Arty piece (caliber unknown) in position near the house about 800 yds NE of BELLINO (L598308). (PI Comment: 2 guns, possibly mediums, can be seen at (L602311).

Three Arty pieces (caliber unknown) are located at (L597312) on the main path immediately South of the road, (L597311) and (L599312). (PI Comment: Cam. object can be seen at (L598312).

One Arty piece (caliber unknown) located immediately South of BERTI (L593309) between Hill 730 and Hill 701. (PI Comment: Not confirmed).

The bridge at (L601320) was prepared for demolition on about 1 Mar 1945. (PI Comment: Confirmed).

Four 81mm mortars located on the northern slope of M. GRANDE D'AIANO (L586262), 14 Mar 1945. (PI Comment: Weapons positions can be seen at (L58502656), (L58522660), (L58502668), and (L58622670)).

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German soldiers are occupying the houses at approximately (L562245). A camouflaged ammo dump located on the road at (L545302), 13 Mar 1945. The road at (L549306) has been prepared for demolition. (PI Comment: Confirmed).

The road at (L569244) between the two houses, was blown up by the Germans on 3 Mar 1945. AP mines have been placed in the debris, and also to the West of the house at (L568244) for a distance of about 60 yds. (PI Comment: Blowing of road confirmed).

A German outpost located at PARAVENTO (L564248) with telephonic communication.

A German OP located on the crest of MONTELLO (L565258).

A group of Germans were observed at CA. BORTOLINO (L575253). These soldiers were identified as mountain troops. Each soldier bore the edelweiss insignia, both on arm and cap.

AP mines have been scattered in the area on the western slope of Hill 778 (L566249), among the woods.

Most of the civilians coming from North of CASTEL D'ALINO state that about 10 or 12 days ago there was a change of troops in that sector, the infantry troops being replaced by unidentified units. The majority of observed troops among the new units were engineers (pioneers). A small number of SS men were also observed. The civilians were unable to give any information concerning the identification of these new troops other than that mentioned above.

The information concerning artillery was given by 2 women who were unable to describe the guns but they were certain of their existence and location.

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 30, 10th Mt Div, 18 March 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 34

PW's: 2 deserters came through our lines at (L583255).

PREAMBLE: Both PW's could only give very vague information. There were a number of discrepancies in their statements due to the fact that one of them was a replacement that joined the unit only 2 days ago.

UNIT: 1st Co, 1st Trng Bn "Mittenwald".

UNIT STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION: The 1st Co line runs E and W of house (L572256); 1 squad is E of road, rest of Co W of it. One PW heard that a 3d Co of a PG Div is approximately 400 yds to the left. The 2d Co "Mittenwald" is to the right of 1st Co. PW's did not know the whereabouts of other Cos of Bn. The 1st Co has a strength of about 80 men including 40 new replacements.

LOCATIONS: The 1st Co CP is in house (L572256).

WEAPONS: Co has 6 I MG; 1 I MG in each squad. There are no AT weapons in Co.

ORGANIZATION: Co has 2 platoons of 3 squads each.

REPLACEMENTS: On 14 Mar 1945, Bn received 240 replacements. Of those, 40 came to 1st Co, 30 to 2d Co, and the remainder had not been distributed yet. The replacements came from MUGLIA near TRIESTE where they had received extensive training in mountain fighting. PW's believe that the entire training unit came down but do not know whether a new unit was being trained. Most of the replacements are young men between the ages of 18 and 20, but 20 out of the 240 are older men - some 38 years of age.

RELIEF: According to PW's, the unit (entire Bn) is scheduled to be relieved on the 17th or 18th of March. It is to undergo a 10 day's training period with the new replacements. PW's did not know who is to relieve them.

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## G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr 181330A Mar 1945  
To: 191330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
ROCCA FITIGLIANA, ITALY  
Dated: 191600A Mar 1945

NUMBER 31 -  
PARA: C.S.G.S. 4229, IZLY 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD  
a. Enemy Front-Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 12 Mar 45.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Artillery and mortar fire continued to fall in our sector with the bulk of it falling on MTDALLA SFE (L6126). Our patrols made no enemy contact; but an enemy patrol infiltrated to our outpost on Hill 488 (L658244) and killed one man and withdrew before effective fire could be brought to bear.
- (2) 1st Inf Div BEs: S/A fire received by patrol vicinity Pt 572 (L4618). Lights observed in FIOCCHI (L5118). Small groups of enemy reported moving about vicinity (L485292) between town and cemetery. 20 enemy observed moving northwest at (L539232). (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 285)
- (3) 81st Cav Recon Squad: 10-man enemy patrol engaged at 180330 vicinity (L691236). S/A fire heard in area forward of (L655245) at 180430. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 285)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: The enemy continued to harass our troops on MTDALLA SFE (L6126) with their artillery. An undetermined number of WP shells fell on our outpost patrol vicinity of CASIGNO (L645259) during the latter part of the period. A German 105-mm How at (L58752855) was reported by our OP.
- (2) Engineers: Patrol heard 4 enemy believed to be laying mines at (L57852545). Air Op reports roads are blown at (L603261), (L580272), and (L58902728).
- (3) Infantry: Patrols to (L579242), (L627270), (L623286), (L579253), (L582232), (L582239), (L566235), (L601267), (L576248), (L575242), and (L612267) made no enemy contact. A patrol heard MGs firing from (L589278) and (L59152765). Enemy patrol observed at (L634248). One of our outposts on Hill 488 (L658244) was contacted by an enemy patrol. 1 member of outpost was killed. Air Op reports unknown number of enemy dug in at (L655314), 66 rounds of mortar fell in area (L6126).
- (4) Signal: Flares and lights were reported during the night in road net and area vicinity VILLA D'ALINO (L594274), BOCCA DEI RAVIARI (L620278), and ROFFENO MUSIOLLO (L637269).
- (5) Movement: Vehicular movement reported during the night in road net and area vicinity VILLA D'ALINO (L594274), BOCCA DEI RAVIARI (L620278), and ROFFENO MUSIOLLO (L637269).

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Civilian statements: Civilians contacted by patrols on missions stated that from vicinity (L622268) Germans have pulled back 1000 meters; large number of Germans in MONTOLINO (L575253); trails and roads NW of house at (L579253) are heavily mined; tank daily occupies firing position in draw at (L579253); 30-40 Germans in BRUINA (L573255); large amount artillery on reverse slope MONTELLA (L587268); Germans do not occupy inner position of MONTELLA (L5524), but approaches have been heavily mined; AW are dug in around buildings and big guns are on and behind MONTELLA (L587268); there are no Germans in CRADA (L574247).

b. Military Information received from Partisans and Civilians (with PI comments): See Appendix "A"

c. Civilian Interruption Report No. 15 (with PI comments): See Appendix "B"

d. Total PWs

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 181330A 1725

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 181330A to 191330A 1725

Total 1725

## 4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 24, 12 March 1945.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No: 31, 10th Mt Div, 19 March 1945.

MILITARY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PARTISANS AND CIVILIANS (with PI comments)

1. Two 81mm mortars in the vicinity of (L568260), on the NE slope of MONTELLA. Civilian was told by another civilian that in the same area there were 4 other mortars in position. (PI Comment: One, possibly two, mortar positions can be seen at (L56772580) and at (L56082585)).
2. One MG at approximately (L572257), on the mule-path about 150 yds NW of BRADIA (L573256). (PI Comment: MG position can be seen at (L57152548), occupied emplacement at (L57352570)).
3. One German gun (caliber unknown) manned by about 6 Germans, and camouflaged with oak branches, is in position about 50 meters E of path at approximately (L513244). (PI Comment: Cannot confirm; wooded area makes detection from air difficult).
4. Four guns (caliber unknown), truck-drawn, were put in position in FANTINI (L626293) in the entrances of the stone sheds attached to the houses. The trucks are parked next to the houses and are camouflaged with tree branches. 30 to 35 Germans were seen with those arty pieces. (PI Comment: Three, possibly 4 dual purpose guns can be seen at (L62402926)).
5. One AA gun (caliber unknown), in position at FANTINI (L626293) was hit by Allied shelling. (PI Comment: See Note 4 above).
6. One LMG in position and with a crew of about 7 Germans located approximately 150 meters E of the road in the vicinity of (L643279). (PI Comment: MG position can be seen at (L6442750)).
7. One LMG in position on the N slopes of ROCCA DI ROFFENO at approximately (L639271). (PI Comment: Possible weapons pit of MG position can be seen at (L6402712)).
8. The areas W and E of the road at approximately 20 meters S of MOLINO PIROTTO (L636262) are mined with an unknown number of AP mines placed at intervals of 90 cm. (PI Comment: Confirmed).
9. AP mine fields at 300 meters SW of cemetery (L633265) and immediately S of the houses of ROFFENO (L633267); further details unknown. (PI Comment: Mine fields can be seen at (L63402870), (L63602868) and (L63352853)).
10. Approximately 60 Germans digging shelters immediately NE of road in vicinity of (L634284). (PI Comment: Shelters can be seen at (L63402800), (L63452815), (L63452830), and (L63582815)).
11. Civilian confirms previous report of two 81mm mortars on the NE slope of MONTELLA in the vicinity of (L668280). (PI Comment: One, possibly two, mortar positions can be seen at (L66052858)).
12. The bridge at VILLA D'ALINO at (L594274) is prepared for demolition. (PI Comment: This bridge has been demolished).
13. The bridge at LA MOLINELLA (L601266) is still intact and no demolition charges were observed. (PI Comment: Confirmed).
14. Three or 4 mortars are located at (L560256), manned by Alpine troops (Mittenwald Bn?). (PI Comment: Weapons positions can be seen at (L56062540)).
15. One 81mm mortar located at the entrance of a shelter 5 meters E of CASA SORETTA at approximately (L546233). Approximately 15 German Alpine soldiers are billeted in this house. (PI Comment: House is at site of now unoccupied 2 gun light btry and probably enemy occupied. Track activity evident in area. Mortar position cannot be seen).
16. After bombing by Allied planes in the area of CASA MORELLANO (L547230), the three 105mm guns that were located there displaced on the same date to the vicinity of CHIOZZO at approximately (L520272). (PI Comment: Guns cannot be seen in CHIOZZO (L520272) area on cover, 14 March 1945).
17. A mine field is located between CASA LEFORE (L547235) to CASA MONSIANO (L547230), width of which is 100 meters. (PI Comment: Possible mine field can be seen in area from (L54552329) to (L54762320)).
18. Road is destroyed N of LA MOLINELLA (L601267) for distance of 25 meters in order to block Allied traffic. (PI Comment: Only demolition on this road is at (L60422619), which is S of LA MOLINELLA).
19. Three mortars in position on the N slopes of MONTELLA at approximately (L565259). (PI Comment: One, possibly two, mortars can be seen at (L56082585) and at (L56772580)).
20. Two 20mm AA guns on road bank at approximately (L536295). (PI Comment: There is a 2 gun AAA btry at (L53802956)).

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 31, 10th Mt Div, 19 March 1945.

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 15 (with PI comments):

PREAMBLE: 3 civilians, 2 from VILLA D'AIANO (L596272) and 1 from MONTALTO (L501299), arrived into our lines at CASTEL D'AIANO on 17 Mar 1945 at 0800A. These civilians have been living in their respective areas for the past 3 months and were able to give the following military information which can be considered fairly reliable.

A German CP is located in the mill at approximately (L578261) with telephone communication. In the same area at (L578262) there are about 25 Germans billeted in the houses of PALAROLO DI SOTTO. These soldiers go into position every evening with 2 mortars and 1 MG at approximately (L577261) - 15 Mar 1945. (PI Comment: Cannot confirm -- wooded area would facilitate concealment of positions).

On 4 Mar 1945, about 15 arty pieces arrived in the area of MONTALTO (L501299). These arty pieces had just come from the front and on the 6 Mar 1945, 4 of these guns were damaged by Allied arty. On the night of 6-7 Mar 1945, 13 of these pieces left MONTALTO going toward ZOGGA (L605330). On 8 Mar 1945, the 2 remaining guns (believed to be 75mm) were observed in position on the western side of the house at (L613293) and on the road at approximately (L612293). These guns are manned by about 14 German soldiers who are billeted in an underground shelter directly under the house at (L61352935). (PI Comment: Cannot confirm guns at (L612293) and (L612293) on cover of 15 Mar 1945).

1 MG position at approximately (L637270). Soldiers manning this position are living in a dugout directly behind the position - 17 Mar 1945. (PI Comment: Large trench and considerable activity can be seen at (L63652694)).

On 8 Mar 1945 about 40 German soldiers were observed building underground shelters on the western side of the road at approximately (L636284). They were also observed making a clearing in the river bed just E of the road and shelters. (PI Comment: The following positions can be seen in this area -- (L63452832) - dugout with mortar position, (L63402815) - dugout with mortar position, (L63502820) - MG position, (L63602815) - 2 dugouts, (L63402802) - 2 dugouts).

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 ROCCA PITIGLIANA, ITALY  
 Dated: 201430a Mar 1945

NUMBER 32 -

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

## 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: (L560215), (L568232), (L566243), (L569250), (L574-254), (L580255), (L583250), (L590265), (L605264), (L617270), (L627266), (L642-267), (L671271), (L695255).

b. Changes on the 10th Mt Div Front: Interrogation of prisoners from the 114th Lt Div and 29th Pz Div indicates that the enemy is busy regrouping his units all along our front. The identity of units with which we have been in contact is being maintained, but the component parts are now considerably under strength. As an example, prisoners from 3d Co, 741 Inf Regt, revealed today that their company now has no more than 6 men. When ever conditions will permit, PWs state that companies and battalions are being withdrawn from contact, and filled with personnel that may be available. Air Corps soldiers are used as fillers in inf units.

While this indicated regrouping goes on, it will be difficult to determine division, regimental, or even battalion boundaries, for relieving units will probably take positions in line without respect to sector boundaries of their parent unit, as our contacts during the past week have indicated.

At present there is no reason to believe rumors that divisions presently in contact will be relieved in our sector.

## 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Patrols were very active during the night resulting in the capture of many prisoners. Several enemy installations were located. M della SPE (L6126) once again was the center of medium arty and mort barrages.
- (2) 1st Inf Div BE: Enemy observed in house at (L618242). Patrol observed enemy at (L550236). Enemy aid station reported in house at (L484198). Small groups enemy observed moving about at (L459207), (L460204) and (L466206). (Source: IV Corps Per. Rpt. No. 286)
- (3) 51st Cav Rcn Sqn: Small group of enemy vicinity (L679239) engaged by our morts, MG and S/A at 182300a. 7 rounds mort fire fell in CASONE (L6825) at 191730a. 2 enemy observed vicinity (L68602615) at 191700a. (Source: IV Corps Per Rpt No. 286)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Antitank Units: Air OP reports AT gun pits at (L64282933).
- (2) Artillery: There are arty pieces (cal unknown) at (L575283) and (L596342). During the night arty of medium ferocity fell on M della SPE (L6126). Patrol at (L667257) received 4 rounds of arty fire. Air OP reports 3 enemy guns at (L64763025); at (L65502934) 3 gun pits; 6 gun pits, 50 to 100 yds apart, from (L66602908) to (L66662902) at 201230a.
- (3) Engineers: Patrol to (L675257) reported a mine field extending from (L58002565) to (L58002580) protected by hv mort and MG fire. Bridge at (L643257) destroyed.
- (4) Infantry: Enemy occupied building at (L568267). There are dugouts at (L582288), (L582293), and (L574281). Mort fire received on M della SPE (L6126) throughout night. Our patrol to (L645259) established OP and reported: enemy OP at ROFFENO (L638268) and dugouts on ridge directly above; received 25 rounds mort fire. Patrol to (L667257) was pinned down by 40 rounds of mort fire for 45 minutes. An enemy patrol penetrated our lines as far as (L592265) but was driven off by our mort fire. Our inf OP at (L582242) reported hv MG fire from az 351 at range of 1000 yds. OP at (L569226) reported MG and S/A firing at az 360 - range about 900 yds. Our patrol to (L563263) made no enemy contact but heard S/A fire from (L585265), motor movement going N at (L596270), and saw 3 HDV moving NE at (L595274). Patrol to (L627269) was fired on by enemy, and returning

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the fire, report 8 enemy killed. Patrol to (L607267) searched houses and set ambush, but an enemy patrol of 5 or 6 men became aware of our trap and evaded our patrol. At 200500A OI reported eight enemy entering a car at SAN MARTINO (L641257), moved along road NW to MANOCCHIO (L632267), parked the car and entered one of houses. Another ground OI reported mortar position in house at (L609269); MG position at (L607268); house at (L608268) and at (L612269) occupied by enemy. Our artillery took these targets under fire. OI reports enemy OI at (L641270). Air OI reports considerable digging at (L64643002).

- (5) Signal: Red flares seen in same area as MG and S/L firing reported above.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Civilian report: A civilian who came into our lines at 191400A reported seeing an enemy mortar at (L573264).

b. Supply: A possible supply dump was seen at (L631275). At 200320A our artillery set 10 enemy supply trucks on fire moving on road at (L6632790).

c. Letter from an Italian civilian (smuggled into our lines) - See Appendix "A".

b. Photo-Interpretation Report No. 32 - See Appendix "B".

c. IIV Report No. 35 - See Appendix "C".

d. Almanac: (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 286)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
20 Mar	0619	1827	1032	0104
21 Mar	0616	1828	1122	0208
22 Mar	0616	1829	1215	0303
23 Mar	0614	1831	1317	0350

e. Photo cover of 18 March 45 revealed 4 new locations totalling 2 medium guns and 5 light guns in the vicinity of ROSOLA (L5830), ZOCCA (L6032), M FIGNA (L6328) and north of TOLE (L6530). An additional position containing 2-3 light guns near LA CA (L6433), changed from suspected unoccupied to occupied. Three positions totalling 4 light guns in the ZOCCA, M FIGNA, and TOLE areas were reported unoccupied. The net gain in guns in known photo locations totaled 2 medium and 3-4 light pieces. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 286)

e. Total PWs

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 191330A	1725
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 191330A to 201330A	26
	1,751

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

e. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 10th Mt Div, 20 March 1945.

The following letter was smuggled into our lines on 19 March by an Italian now living in enemy held territory.

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To the American Headquarters:

I, the undersigned (name deleted), make the following statements to the above Headquarters concerning the knowledge that I possess of German troops.

When about to enter the house of CALVANA di SOPRA (L631262) together with my son (name deleted), I was halted by 4 Germans who were armed with both pistols and hand-grenades. They told me to keep silent and to not pass in that vicinity anymore.

In ROFFENO MUSIOLO (L635267) there are no Germans. Enemy troops are located in the following houses: LAVACCHIO with an CP, CASA SINIBALDI and VILLE di SOPRA, (these three houses are all located in the vicinity of (L634270); MONTE di ROFFENO (R ca di ROFFENO (L636273)), STRADA (L633278), S LUCIA (L633286) in the vicinity of the church, FORNACE delle TORICELLE (Hill 637 at (L639266), TAVOLE (L629261), FRASCARO (L633249), CUCCOLOTTO (L631292), Ca NUOVA (L659331), MONTEVENTO (L638329), FIANAZZI (L653317 or L640334), CASONE DI VEDETOLA (L641294), VEDETOLA (L642293), Ca DELLE GATTE (L610261).

I was told this morning that the artillery pieces which were formerly at FANTINI (L626293) have been transferred to Ca NUOVA (L659331). As far as I know there are no German soldiers at CASIGNO (L643259) or immediately South of town. It seems there are a few Germans stationed at IL PALAZZO (L646262), CASA USIERI (?), SERRA (SARZANA) (L620270), SERRATONE (L644263), LAMARI (L638278).

I do not know if there are mines in the vicinity of CASIGNO (L643259). From MO PIEROTTO (L636262) to ROFFENO MUSIOLO (L6326) there are no mines on the road; mines are located in the town of ROFFENO MUSIOLO; on both sides of the road to SERRONCO (L63267) there is a mine-field which extends for a distance of about 2000 meters. Mines are placed along the secondary road which leads from my house to the church.

On Wednesday and Thursday some Germans were searching for food. People say that they were very much afraid of encountering English or American troops. Everyone here is awaiting you anxiously for the liberation from the German yoke.

I swear that the above statements are the truth, I remain,

(signed) (name deleted)

March 16, 1945

Translator's note: All coordinates mentioned in the above translation have been inserted by the IPW office with the aid of a civilian who was a resident of the areas mentioned.

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 10th Mt Div, 20 March 1945.

PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. 32

Sortie: 12 PR 496, dated 18 March 1945

Area: A block over forward area from Highway 64 at VERGATIO (L6922) to PAVULLO (L4732)

I - Defenses extracted from G.I.R. No. R23B, 19 March 1945

A. MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	671115W	L68413700	Building possibly used by enemy as Divisional CP; ground sources report building used as such	12 PR 496
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B. ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

1.	66111W	L64552645	Road demolished	12 PR 496
2.	66111E	L647409	By-pass and road constructed by previously reported demolished bridge	12 PR 497

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II - Additional Defenses

<u>A. FIELD ARTILLERY</u>			
1.	8711ISE	L67463145	3, possibly 4, light gun Btry 12PR496/4063/2454
<u>B. MINOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY</u>			
1.	97INE	L56772580	1, possibly 2, mortar positions 12PR479/4101/0764
2.	"	L5452329	In view of ground reports a poss- " 3107/4836 to
		L54762320	ible minefield can be seen in " 3039
			this area.
3.	"	L53952605	Stores along road 12PR496/4142/2459
4.	"	L56002464	Crawl trench 12PR496/3141/2244
5.	"	L56262572	3 weapon positions 12PR496/3140/D143
6.	"	L56782594	2 mortar positions 12PR496/3140/D760
7.	98IVNW	L59552769	MG position 12PR496/3135/E554
8.	"	L59622843	3 small excavations on N slope of M BALGARO, possible mortar positions 12PR496/3135/C964
9.	"	L62323071	3 weapon positions 12PR496/3129/C943
10.	"	L60603125	Crawl trench around group of houses 12PR496/4086/E249
11.	"	L53962706	Trench on peak of ROCCADI ROFFENO, probable OP 12PR496/4060/D741
12.	"	L64452806	MG positions 12PR496/4059/C860
<u>C. ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE</u>			
1.	97INE	L649306	Road prepared for demolition 12PR485/4092/E532

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Appendix "C" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 10th Mt Div, 20 March 1945

IW REPORT NO. 35

IWs: 26 prisoners were processed and interrogated from 0100L to 0900L, 20 March 1945. One of them was a deserter who had been away from his unit for 11 days and had no information of value. All of them were cooperative; they were taken prisoner by patrols; most of them showed open satisfaction with their fate.

UNITS: 14th Co, 1045 Regt, 232 Div 11th Co, 741 Regt, 114 Div  
 6th Co, 15 PGR, 29 IG Div 12th Co, 741 Regt, 114 Div  
 3d Co, 741 Regt, 114 Div 16th Co, 741 Regt, 114 Div

UNIT STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION: The 6th Co, 15 PGR, is in position along road in the LE VILLE area (L631268). IWs do not know length of Co sector. They had manned outpost approx 1 mile in front of Co position. The 3rd Co, 741 Regt, was in position E of houses (L569250) and represented the right flank of 1st Bn. Co front is approx 1000 yards long. IWs' statements were not in accord as to adjoining units to the right of 1st Bn; 2 IWs stated that the 114 Rcn Unit forms the right flank. To the left of the 3d Co is the 1st Co; the 2d Co was still held in reserve. The 3d Co to which 28 men were attached from 3d Bn on 18 March had a strength of 35 on 19 March (23 of those were taken prisoner). The 1st and 2d Co are approx 40 men strong.

LOCATIONS: The 6th Co CP is in one of the houses at (L631268). There is a mine belt of unknown length and width and undetermined types S of mill MO IEROTTO (L635261).

WEAPONS: The 3d Co, 741 Regt, had 4 LMG and 2 bazookas on 19 March.

REPLACEMENTS AND RELIEF: On 18 March 50 men from the 3d Bn, 741 Regt, were attached to the 1st Bn. The 3d Bn went into a rest and is suppose to receive replacements. The 1st Bn also was to receive replacements and the 50 men were to return to 3d Bn. The 2d Bn had not arrived yet in the line, but was due on 19 March. According to statements by most IWs their unit relieved the "Mittenwald" Bn, the destination of which was unknown to all IWs. The 741 Regt was replaced by the 1044 Regt in the CASTELLUCCIO (L5220) area on 18 March.

PERSONALITIES: 11 Co Co Lt HOLMELANN AFO 43061 B  
 12 Co Co Lt WENDLAND AFO 43061 C  
 16 Co Co Lt SLINGER AFO 48089

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\* From: 201330A Mar 1945  
 \* To: 211330A Mar 1945  
 \* Hq 10th Mountain Div  
 \* MOCCA PITAGLIANA, ITALY  
 \* Dated: 211430A Mar 1945

NUMBER 33 -  
 MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 20 Mar 45.
- b. Units in Contact: 1st Bn of 741st Regt moved into line at (L567252). The rest of the Regt probably in vicinity of S MARTINO (L544257). Elements of 1044th Regt of 232nd Inf Div probably moved into line opposite BEF in vicinity of CASTEL-NUCCIO (L523202).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Our patrols continued to penetrate deeply into enemy territory and made some contact. Moderate arty and mort fire fell on the h della SPE area (L6126).
- (2) 1st Inf Div BEF: Patrol of 10 enemy observed at (L510185) and an OP was reported in house at (L521243). Patrol received MG fire from houses at (L513187) but advanced to capture 1 MG; withdrew after receiving intense MG fire from (L513187) and (L511191). Patrol reported house at (L471177) enemy occupied. Patrol received intense MG fire from (L502185) and (L498184) and mortar fire from (L499168). Patrol at (L508182) drew S/A fire and hand grenades and was fired on by MG at (L508182) and (L505183). Patrol reported enemy at (L517193). Patrol to Hill 747 (L5423) drew rifle grenade fire from dugout, and captured 2 PWs near Hill 808 (L5523). Civilians report enemy at (L445158) and (L434157) and that position at (L452169) was reinforced by 50 men. 2 enemy observed entering house at (L493181). (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 287)
- (3) 81st Cav Recon Sqn: MG firing from N of Pt 473 (L6823) silenced by our arty at 200200a. MG firing from (L679273) silenced by our arty at 201015a. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 287)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Anti-Aircraft Artillery: There are 20-mm gun pits at (L537289).
- (2) Artillery: 12 rds of estimated 105-mm fire fell in (L6126) square between 192400 and 201320a. Moderate concentrations of arty and mort fire fell on our forward positions vicinity h della SPE (L6126).
- (3) Engineers: Air OP reports that road crater at (L620273) has now been repaired; there are craters on road CASTEL D'ELIANO (L609257) to VILLA D'ELIANO (L596271).
- (4) Infantry: 3 men were seen digging (L621273) at 201455a. At 201430a a Jerry patrol was noted at (L654257), but withdrew when fired upon. At 201345a 2 men were seen digging at (L560393). At 201135a 25 rounds mort fire fell at (L6126). At 201200a Inf OP reports possible mort position at CORNELLO (L586252) with OP in house on hill 866 (L567256). Patrol to (L598264) sighted vehicles and personnel near VILLA D'ELIANO (L593273) and engaged enemy with 81-mm mort fire from 202307a - 202317a. Patrol searched C.I.V.Na (L621381) and houses at (L546259) and (L628257); no enemy seen. S/L and L/W fire received from emplacement vicinity (L630256); fire fight ensued. Patrol to (L637253) searched houses at (L637256), (L541266), and (L635255) and found them empty; enemy MGs reported near (L535256) and (L632267). Patrol to (L591254) and (L590254) contacted no enemy. Patrol to (L573249) saw no enemy on hill 778 (L669250). Patrol Hill 767 (L661245) engaged enemy 50 minute fire fight with no casualties reported on either side. Patrol to (L669252) reached II PALAZZO (L544266) where it was an undetermined number of enemy in a fire fight. Enemy used MGs, MPAs and hand grenades; no our patrol withdrew with 2 friendly wounded. Patrol to P. ROSSIGNO (L654266) observed 3 enemy at (L642259) but made no enemy contact. OP observed 5 enemy digging at possible mort position at (L579273) - our mort fire scattered the enemy.

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- (5) Trucks: A tank moved into S MARLINO (L5425) at 202100L. Air OP reported a tank dug in at (L589319).
- (6) Movements: Vehicles, some tracked, moving on roads between MONTESE (L5524), ZOCCO (L5525), and S MARLINO (L5425). Patrol to (L624264) heard trucks moving both ways on road between SERRA SARZANA (L6227) and TORRE IUSSI (L62272).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Photo Interpretation Report No. 33; See Appendix "A"  
 b. Civilian Report: A civilian reported that 28 demolitions had been completed along road from (L679243) to (L682274); that houses at (L679273), (L678273), and (L676277) had been booby-trapped; and that charges had been placed at (L673-273) and (L674276).

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 201330A	- 1751
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 201330A to 211330A	- 0
Total	1751

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 33, 10th Mt Div, 21 March 1945.

PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. 33

Sortie: 12PR499, dated 19 March 1945

Area: A block from VERGATO (L6926) to PANANO (L4418).

I - DEFENSES EXTRACTED FROM G.I.R. NO. R236, 20 MARCH 1945

- A. Minor Defenses
1. 87IISW L60952268 1, possibly 2 mort positions
- B. Engineer Intelligence
1. 98IVNW L61852744 Rd cratered
2. 97ISW L46532087 Rd bridge prepared for demolition
3. " L47022176 " "

II - ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

- A. Field Artillery
1. 87IISW L64743610 Possible 2 gun Btry (light) 12PR499/3186/4556
- B. Antiaircraft
1. 87IISW L62824623 2 AA/MG positions " " 4462
- C. Minor Defenses and Military Activity
1. 98IVNW L58982091 Gun object in pit along rd, possible " 3192.2533
2. " L65963108 tank or SP gun " "
3. " L62452845 Trench " 4176/E848
4. 97INE L58782476 Digging activity " 4169/B337
5. " L62702491 Fire trench " 4160/E648
6. " L50322455 MG or fire position " " E348
7. " L55442540 Digging activity, possible dugout " 4159/E937
8. " L55442540 under construction " "
9. " L55442540 mort position " 4156/D430
10. 98IVNW L58732116 Trench " 2091/D344
9. " L62452845 Series of 3 wpa's positions " 2096/C452
10. " L62452845 Trench w/MG position " 4036/D945
- D. Engineer Intelligence
1. 87IISW L59063307 Road prepared for demolition " 4191/F148

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 211330A Mar 1945  
To: 221330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
BCCGA PIZIGLIANA, ITALY  
Dated: 221330A Mar 1945

NUMBER 34 -  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4239, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD  
a. Enemy Front Lines: No Change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 20 Mar 45

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

- a. General Summary:
- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: The tempo of enemy arty and mort fire on our forward positions was stepped up during the night. M della SPE (L6126) continued to receive the bulk of it. Our patrols observed enemy activity and positions throughout the period.
  - (2) 1st Inf Div BEF: Enemy observed vicinity (L519190). Mort fire was slight during the night. Civilians reported CP in mill of MULINO DEL LEO at (L506246). 3 men moving about vicinity (L459204) and 3 men vicinity dugout at (L542353) observed during afternoon.
  - (3) 81st Cav Rcn Sqdn: 2 enemy observed during morning at (L584265). 3 rounds 81-mm mort fire fell vicinity (L68852270) at 211640A. 2 enemy seen near church at LISERNA (L6928) engaged by arty.
- b. Operations of Component Elements:
- (1) Armored forces: Outpost reports 2 tracked vehicles at (L585285) at 212230A.
  - (2) Artillery: Mixed arty and mort concentration fell on M della SPE (L617264) and in the vicinity of (L571237). 23 rounds arty and mort fire fell in (L5723) square between 211700A and 220500A. 3 hr shells fell vicinity (L573233) at 220345A. Believed to come from SALTO vicinity (L549282). At 211845A 30 rounds mixed by arty and mort fire received at (L594255) from vicinity (L585288).
  - (3) Infantry: Considerable enemy activity reported vicinity YERICA (L531309) during the afternoon and night of the period. Patrol to (L653258) made no enemy contact. When enemy activity was heard at (L637245), an ambush patrol was set, but no contact was made. In the vicinity of FEMATICCIA (L611263) chopping and digging was heard by our patrol, also movement of probably enemy heard in vicinity of (L608261) and enemy MG firing at (L603268), At (L599263) enemy bunkers were noted by a patrol. A patrol reported 8/A and AW firing vicinity (L570252), and sounds of digging vicinity (L577254). 8/A fire from enemy in building, vicinity (L571250), AW fire from house vicinity (L569249) and field (L574261), was directed at one of our patrols. 30 rounds of suspected Nebelwerfer fire fell vicinity (L594256) from vicinity (L584280) at 220020A. OP reported enemy dugout at (L62152755).
  - (4) Signal: At 212250A blinker lights at BACOLINO (L572053) and BRANA (L573256) appeared to coincide with firing by enemy. Our ambush patrol to (L653258) saw white flares set up about 700 yards N of position at 220145A and 220230A, and upon return noted red and white flares accompanied by MP firing from same vicinity.
  - (5) Movements: At 212355A our patrol heard a vehicle moving at (L586286); and movement of trucks N of BARGARO (L570252) between 212400A and 220330A. At 221200A a truck was seen moving at (L633271); our arty scored 3 hits and left truck burning. Inf OP reports a German ambulance, drawn by horses or mules, with 3 Germans. The 3 Germans went into house at (L58912744) and came-out with 2 Italians who carried supplies from ambulance to bunker at (L590277).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. OSS Report with PI comment: See appendix "A"
- b. Report on the Paravento Combat Patrol: See appendix "B"
- c. Photo Interpretation Report No. 34; See appendix "C"

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d. Civilian Report: Indicates 20 enemy located at (L572252), enemy OP at (L564256), enemy GP at (L565240), MG position at (L564246), OP in tower at MONTESE (L557245); and that enemy has moved into woods and buildings vicinity (L570249), (L574248), (L570250), (L565246), (L568246), (L565244), (L567245), and (L559244); and that road between (L557245) and (L564246) is mined.

e. PI Report: Suspected hospital vicinity (L586309).

f. Arty Photo Coverage: 20 March coverage revealed 2 single gun positions in the MONTESE (L5524) and MONTEFOLIGNANO (L5230) areas. A 2-gun medium position in (L6633) square and a 2-gun light position in the CERROLIO (L5628) area were reported unoccupied. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 288.)

g. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 211330A	- 1751
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 211330A to 221330A	- 0
Total	- 1751

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 Mar 1945.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 34, 10th Mt Div, 22 March 1945.

PHOTO INTERPRETATION  
 OSS REPORT WITH PI COMMENT

1. 17 March - There is a German position (OP) at approximately (L624263). (PI Comment: Weapons positions can be seen at (L624263).)
2. 12 March - The following bridges are prepared for destruction: PONTE del FRUGNETO (L447274); PONTE LEO (L457197); PONTE VAL di SASSO (L462254). (PI Comment: Can only confirm bridge at (L462254) prepared for demolition.)
3. 15 March - Road already prepared for destruction at approximately (L527268) has been mined again with additional 15 TNT cases placed about 10 meters apart. (PI Comment: Road at this point (L527268) is prepared for demolition.)
4. 17 March - Road at approximately (L619274) is prepared for destruction with about 30 arty shells placed 5 meters apart. (PI Comment: The road has been blown at this point.)
5. 17 March - The bridge at (L631275) has been destroyed. (PI Comment: Confirmed)
6. 17 March - 2 guns (75-mm) 15 meters apart are in position at approximately (L632286) near the houses of SANTA LUCIA. (PI Comment: The 3 gun lt. btry that had been in this area is now gone.)
7. Germans are preparing trenches and emplacements in the M OMBRARO (L619366) and M CORONE (L598365) areas where a concentration of troops is noticed. (PI Comment: Considerable digging and activity can be seen in the M OMBRARO area (L619366).)
8. About 20 caverns and trenches constitute the defense of the road intersection at (L597342). (PI Comment: MG position can be seen at (L596340). considerable digging activity on M GERPIGNANO (L603341).)
9. At (L477328) NW of PAVULLO many motor vehicles and armored cars are hidden in the pine woods which is between two houses 80 meters apart on Route 12. (PI Comment: Stores dumps can be seen in this area.)

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 34

REPORT ON THE PARAVENTO COMBAT PATROL  
(Night of 19-20 March 1945)  
Company I, 87th Mountain Infantry

- Mission: To capture German prisoners in front of our sector.  
Objective: 4 houses NE of PARAVENTO on Hill 778 (L569249) 1800 yds in front of our lines.  
Composition of Patrol: 1 officer, 29 EM. Patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, aid man, 300 radio operator (German speaking), interpreter (Italian speaking), messenger. Two rifle squads (one reinforced with extra B&R and one Sub-machine gun plus two-man Bazooka team).  
Plan of Supporting Fires: (Ten minute box barrage to isolate objective)  
81-mm Mortar Platoon: To fire in two draws West of CANELLO (781). Two Batteries of 1125 Armored Field Artillery Battalion (Armored 105-mm): To fire ridge Southeast of MONTELLO from 866 on West to three houses (737) on East. Two Platoons of 4.2 Mortars: To fire targets at Lzo Di CEA (588) Ca di BORTOLINO, and BRAINA to Northeast of objective.  
Planning and Conduct of Patrol:  
19 March - Reconnaissance patrol covered route as far as rendezvous area.  
1300 - Warning order received from Battalion.  
1430 - Patrol leader, assistant platoon and squad leaders briefed by Battalion S-2 and Battalion Commander.  
1500-1530 Study of objective and route from OP by Battalion S-2, platoon leader, assistant platoon leader and squad leaders (from 1530 until dark, objective and vicinity was under constant surveillance from OP. Patrol members briefed by squad leaders from OP.)  
1630-1730 Patrol leader coordinated fire plan with Artillery Liaison Officer and Battalion fire control officer; received late information on enemy situation and mine fields.  
1900 - Final meeting of platoon with assistant platoon and squad leaders; patrol given mission, objective and tentative attack plan.  
1930-2100 Patrol moved out through lines, across country using three-man mine detecting detail to prod all roads, lanes and draw. (Engineer tape used to mark cleared areas for patrol.) Patrol halted in defoliated area  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from objective and two squad leaders sent out to make left and right flank reconnaissance and observe possible enemy locations; 2 men detailed to protect right flank from possible enemy action from house: (L571250) (rendezvous point designated to patrol).  
2200 - Based on squad leaders' reports from both flanks, enemy found to occupy houses at Hill 778 as well as forward slope SE of MONTELLO (just N of objective and dominating it). Patrol moved across draw and into position along hedgerow 150 yards down ridge from objective (East) by 2225. Final plan formulated: attack at 2300 (beginning of artillery concentration); reinforced squad to move rapidly to position right and rear of objective, about 50 yards out with mission of catching escaping Germans and in event of fire fight, shooting into second story windows and countering enemy enemy fire from North and West of objective; balance of patrol to attack up ridge (without firing unless fired upon) and capture Germans in right three houses (Civilians believed to occupy left or South house as result of observation during afternoon). Whole patrol to assemble rapidly at rendezvous point as soon as houses cleared.  
2245 - Patrol crept to within 75 yards of objective.  
2300 - Artillery, mortar concentrations started. Attack jumped off and without firing or resistance of any kind all houses were cleared of Germans, who were quickly frisked for weapons.  
2315 - Final rounds of Artillery and mortar fell. Patrol arrived at rendezvous point with 23 Germans. Patrol organized for return, Germans searched.  
2330-2400 Patrol rapidly returned via same route, with prisoners.

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 34 (Continued)

COMMENTS ON PATROL

1. Jerry caught completely by surprise; no alarm given and no weapons fired. Believed he had no sentries alert.
2. Box Barrage pinned down all possible counter-action, and covered noise of attack and withdrawal.
3. Continuous observation and reconnaissance from 1500 on and reconnaissance patrol of the previous night gained maximum information of route and enemy situation, determined final plan and gave men confidence in success of mission. This careful advance planning and aggressive execution of the plan by all concerned, resulted in thoroughly confounding the enemy and made possible the efficient and brilliant success which resulted from this operation.

NOTE: Map of Patrol activity is attached to report.

Appendix "C" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 34.

PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT No. 34.

Sortie: 12 PR510, dated 20 Mar 1945.

Area: A block between VERGATO (L6926) and FAYULLO (L4833) covering MONTESE (L5624).

I - DEFENSES EXTRACTED FROM G.I.R. NO. R237, 21 March 1945.

A. Military Activities

1. 86IISE L561323 Military activity in form of trackage and scrub 12PR510

B. Engineer Intelligence

1. 98IVNW L65472047 Road demolished 12PR510

II. ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

A. Antitank Defenses Positions Occupied

1. 87IISW L6278665 2 Possible AA/MG positions " /4185/0144  
 2. 87IISE L67453960 3 LA Gun Btry, reoccupied " /4180/D957

Positions unoccupied

1. 87IISE L67503805 3 LA Gun Btry, now unoccupied " "

B. Minor Defenses and Military Activity

1. 87IISE L67603780 Digging activity 12PR510/4180/F054  
 2. " L68303947 Trench " /4179/0358  
 3. 98IVNW L68643095 Hospital " /4151/0951  
 4. " L57503860 MG Position " /4114/3440  
 5. " L57493583 Weapons position " /3116/0549  
 6. " L57492476 MG Position " " /5641  
 7. " L57492469 Possible Mort Position " " /7040  
 8. 97INE L58362030 2 short trenches " /4078/4848  
 9. 98IVNW L63402738 In view of ground reports, 2 possible dugouts " /4068/D065  
 10. " L63702730 Possible Dugout " /4067/D343

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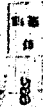


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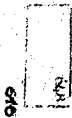


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Coord. 562A)

(Indicating point (X) on map by  
principal landmarks & surrounding area)

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\* From: 221330A Mar 1945 \*  
\* To: 231330A Mar 1945 \*  
\* Hq 10th Mountain Div \*  
\* ROCCA PITIGLIANA, ITALY \*  
\* Datot: 231330A Mar 1945 \*  
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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229; ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No Change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 20 Mar 45
- b. Units in Contact: 1st Bn, 741 Regt, on forward slopes of MONTELO, vicinity (L568256); 2nd Bn, 741 Regt, in vicinity PARAFENTO (L565248); 114<sup>th</sup> Recon Bn in vicinity DOGOLA (L553249). Locations of units of 721 Regt still in question; Mittenwald Mt Bn in training probably S MARTINO (L544257).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Our forward positions were harassed by mortar and arty fire all during the period. Much enemy activity was observed by our patrols and OPs.
- (2) 1st Inf Div, BEF: Patrols (L466168) and (L518187) reported no contact. 1D enemy observed digging vicinity (L558196). (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 289)
- (3) 81st Cav Recon Sqn: MG fired on our patrol vicinity (L68502618) at 212230A. Mortars fired on our forward elements from vicinity M PERO (L6827). MPs were observed firing from behind M PERO. 6 enemy engaged by our arty vicinity (L67982807) at 220950A. Enemy movement vicinity MG emplacement at (L67982807) engaged by arty at 22151545A. Enemy near mortar or gun position vicinity (L686275) engaged by arty at 221400A. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 289)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) artillery: New type shell crater at (L550230) after last night's shelling; 6 to 9 foot across, 3 to 4 foot deep, sloping into a center core hole 3 to 4 foot across.
- (2) aviation: German observation plane flying W over (L580232) at 221840A.
- (3) Engineers: Enemy detonated 5 mines near (L57852580).
- (4) Infantry: Ground OP reported 5 trucks under trees at (L66452792); our arty fired on them; improvements on enemy dugouts at (L5877-2783); suspected MG at (L63122761) covering bridge at (L631275); enemy mortar at (L57852790); suspected enemy CP at (L60102816). 2 of our flares tripped, 1 in front of M VALBURA (L6424) and 1 in front of M BELVEDERE (L6524) - 1 German seen running away. Patrol to (L626269) heard enemy digging along road at (L617269). Enemy patrol of approximately 6 men was seen moving N around SERRA SARAZZA. Patrols to (L638256) and (L633264) made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L57702545) at 222200A received MG fire from (L577255); heard enemy building bunker or road block; while moving through mine field received 9 rifle grenades. Patrol to (L57852580) engaged in 25 minute fire fight - fired on by 4 MGs and received sniper fire during withdrawal. Patrol to (L564244) received SA fire from LATONRE (L563246); town was on fire result of preparation, all houses searched but no enemy found. Patrol found building including Pt 721 (L625266) clear of enemy; Pt 695 (L627269) is enemy occupied. OP reports enemy mortar at (L592277). Our OPs report there is an enemy OP at (L523241), and another at (L608271). Air OP reports enemy CP at (L533307).
- (5) Signal: Our patrol to (L57852580) sighted enemy flares.
- (6) Movement: HDV were moving S and E between (L617269) and SERRA SARAZZA (L620270).

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3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Civilians Reports: 4 guns are located in ORIAZZA (L51952730). Civilians entering our lines at (L588242) from BRAINA (L574255) state: on 210100A Germans ordered evacuation of BRAINA and MONTELO (L565258); AP mines located on main path E of CA DE BRITOLINO (L572253) and along stream bed running E and parallel to main path; 1 HMG and underground shelter at (L56402565) manned by 4 Germans. 1 LMG and underground shelter at (L56402565) manned by 3 Germans. Many morts vicinity (L565295); at 230850A 2 Krauts were seen vicinity (L549261); there is a probable unoccupied gun position at (L61622850); 200 Krauts are dug in between BEGU (L61742808) and GATTI (L610280); enemy arty observed firing from (L5840-2832); enemy CP at (L55312901); btry of arty at (L55802650); hv arty pieces at (L56882844); morts and MGs at (L54752749); a cave 300 meters S of MONTESE (L559-244) will hold 300 persons, and has been used by enemy recently. A large number of unidentified persons at (L565259).

b. arty Photo Coverage: Photo cover of 21 March 45 revealed two new enemy arty positions containing 2-3 light guns in the vic of DRAGODENA (L6230). 6 pcs containing 9 light guns in the area south of ZOCOA (L6033) were reported unoccupied or suspected unoccupied. With the disappearance of the light guns mentioned above from the immediate front of BEF-10 Mt Div, there now are no photo confirmed locations below the 30. Northing, and it is believed, in line with the general defensive policy adopted by the enemy following our recent successful attacks, that all enemy field pieces have been withdrawn to more secure locations. This belief is further supported by the fact that there have been no new sound or air OP locations during recent days, as compared to the great number of such locations which were disclosed immediately following our advance. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 289)

c. Almanac: (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 289)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
23	0614	1831	1317	0350
24	0612	1832	1418	0430
25	0610	1833	1520	0502
26	0608	1834	1622	0532

d. Evacuation of Civilians: Civilians evacuated for screening often want to return to their homes to pick up members of their families left behind. Since the movement of civilians in forward areas is forbidden, military personnel have to accompany them on such return trips. Time will be saved and confusion avoided if families are evacuated intact. Commanders will take action to see that when civilians are evacuated no members of the household are left behind.

e. IPW Report No. 36 - See appendix "A"

f. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 16 (with PI Comments) - See Appendix "B"

g. Photo Interpretation Report No. 35 - See appendix "D"

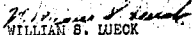
h. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 221330A	- 1751
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 221330A to 231330A	- 1
Total	1752

i. Enemy Plans for Continued Resistance - See Appendix "C"

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945

  
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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 35, 10th Mt Div, 23 Mar 45

IPW REPORT NO. 36

PI: 1 doctor was picked up by the 87th Mt Inf Regt at approximately (L569247).  
PREDICABLE: PI was on a 9-man patrol which was sent out about 1 km from their positions. PI deserted while on this patrol, and was fairly well informed and cooperative.

UNIT: 7th Co, 741 Regt, 114th Division

UNIT STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION: 7th Co is disposed along the slopes of Mt SEARETO (L560247) with a strength of about 50 men. Adjoining the 7th Co to the West is the 8th Co, to the East the 1st Bn of 741 Regt. Adjoining the 8th Co to the West is the 114th Gen Bn. The 6th Co was so badly mauled during the first 2 or 3 days of its commitment that it is not yet ready to go into the line again. 9th Co which is the REG Co is distributed over 7th and 8th Co. Likewise the 10th Co, although PI does not know where they are in position. The 10th Co has 2x75-mm Inf Hows and about 2 or 3 mortars.

UNIT MOVEMENTS: The 1st and 2nd Bn of 741 Regt which are now in the line were relieved in their previous positions by elements of 1044 Regt on 16/17 March. They then proceeded to this area and relieved Mt Tng Bn "Mittenwald" on the night 19/20 March. PI did not know where the MILTENWALD Bn had gone to.

MINES: PI stated that they had been told that practically all the trails paths and roads in front of their positions were mined. He did not know exactly where any of the mines were located and what types of mines had been employed.

LOCATIONS: 7th Co Cp is under a house in a bunker at approximately (L562247).

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. PI stated that up until now they had been sending out a patrol every night and he assumed that this practice would be continued. The patrols consist mostly of 1 Feldwebel, 2 Unteroffiziers and 5 or 6 men. The patrols leave their positions between 2300 and 2400 hrs every night and go usually out about 1 or 2 km.
- b. 7th Co is commanded by 2nd Lt BOEK and the Bn is commanded by Capt MEISERKURT.

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 35, Hq 10th Mt Div, 23 Mar 45

Civilian Interrogation Report No. 16 (with PI Comments)

1. A large wine-field extending from houses at (L635256) to the road directly west. (PI Comment: Extensive winefields can be seen in the approximate area described)
2. The road at (L643272) was blown out on March 6 for a distance of about 100 yds. Roads were also blown at (L657284) and (L657283). (PI Comment: Confirmed)
3. One bunker manned by unknown amount of Germans located about 60 yards N of the crest of R ca DI ROFFENO (L639270). (PI Comment: Bunker can be seen at (L63702728))
4. 2 bunkers located just S of road at (L636274) and (L637274). (PI Comment: Confirmed)
5. MG positions and anti-tranches on the SE slope of M FIGIA (L638287). (PI Comment: Confirmed)
6. 4 bunkers and MG positions on the W slope of Hill 868 (L634282). (PI Comment: Confirmed)
7. 2 bunkers immediately N of secondary road at (L627282) and another just S of the road. (PI Comment: 2 bunkers can be seen at (L62752825))
8. 1 bunker w/position just W of road at (L633277). (PI Comment: Trench can be seen at (L63192768))
9. 2 dumps (kind unknown) located at (L597536) and (L596536). These 2 dumps are also in underground shelters and well camouflaged. (PI Comment: A possible stores dump can be seen at (L598335))
10. MG positions which are heavily camouflaged are located at (L56152460), (L56652498), and (L57202515). (PI Comment: Confirmed)

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Appendix "C" to Periodic Report No. 34, Hq 10th Int Div, 25 Mar 45

ENEMY PLANS FOR CONTINUED RESISTANCE

(While the reports on this subject cannot be considered conclusive, the volume and persistency of the information received on the subject cannot be overlooked. There is a close analogy between the intelligence received on this subject, and that received on V-weapons in 1943 and 1944. In the case of the V-weapons, early reports indicated little more than that the enemy was preparing a secret weapon, while the original reports on this subject indicated the general idea of a plan for a National REDOBT. The later reports on secret weapons became more specific and on the nature of the weapon, more precise, just as in this instance the definitions of the area to be used as the REDOBT, the plans for underground activity, and the preparations being made are more clearly outlining the enemy's plans. In both instances the enemy has done his utmost to prevent intelligence from reaching the Allies. The following article draws together the threads of the latest information received on the subject of enemy plans for continued resistance.)

HITLER has often expressed the determination to fight to the last. While there may be some question as to whether the FUHRER personally will survive the debacle following the collapse of his Armies, there is little question but that the arch criminals of the Nazi Party, along with the SS, the SD, and others implicated in the crimes of the present German government, are planning to fall back into Southern GERMANY and AUSTRIA in one last desperate attempt to wear out the Allies and escape the fate they deserve.

1. SUMMARY. The Nazi plans for continuing resistance take the following outline.

a. The war criminals and those who could not possibly operate undetected in Allied occupied territory will retire into the REDOBT, which will be defended by SS troops. Here the enemy leaders will attempt to hold out in the mountains against Allied troops, and by directing underground activities and partisan bands against the occupying forces hope to revive German nationalism after the Allies tire of occupying the REICH. The hope that the Allies might quarrel among themselves also is included in this plan.

b. A carefully organized resistance movement utilizing all known forms of subversive activity will operate in Allied occupied territories. This underground activity will be carried on by Nazis who will assume new identities to protect them from detection by the Allies. These new identities will be acquired by bi-lingual Nazis taking the identification of foreign workers in GERMANY who have died or been disposed of, and by those who do not speak a second language assuming the identity of untainted Germans who have been killed in air raids. This underground will engage in the murder of Germans who cooperate with the Allied forces, thus instituting a reign of terror against those who attempt to assist in the restoration of democracy in GERMANY. By utilizing the SORZENNY technique employed in 150 Panzer Brig, the underground will go into American or other Allied uniforms and sabotage Allied installations, commit outrages against civilians to turn Germans against the occupying powers, and engage in activities calculated to turn one Ally against the other. The underground will be controlled from the REDOBT through a carefully compartmentalized cell system so that the discovery of one cell by the Allies will not jeopardize any large proportion of the underground. Financial support and supplies for both the REDOBT and the underground will be furnished by Nazis already sent out of GERMANY into other countries under assumed identities specifically for this purpose.

c. Partisan bands will wage guerilla warfare on the Allies in the areas of the REICH best adapted for this purpose. These bands will be modeled on the French Maquis and the Russian and Yugoslav Partisans, whom the Nazis discovered by experience to be very effective. These groups will also be supplied and directed from the REDOBT. Their areas of activity will include such regions as the BLACK FOREST, ODENWALD, VOGELSBERG, and in the GIANT Mountains and BOHEMIAN Highlands.

Supplementing these underground activities will be a continuation of National Socialist ideology kept alive by promoting religious, political and military thinking with Nazi ideas. This will take advantage of the natural resurgence of German patriotism and nationalism brought about by being occupied by foreign powers. The Nazis hope to take advantage of discontent brought about by the inevitable food shortage in the wake of the war following the disruption of transportation and distribution facilities, the housing shortage, and unemployment caused by the destruction of German industry. The revival of Nazism will be aided and abetted by the Nazis who have already been planted abroad and who will use every facility for arousing sympathy for the defeated GERMANY, and will endeavor to cause dissension and disagreement among the United Nations, particularly in regard to the treatment of the REICH.

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2. PREPARATIONS. The exact preparations by which the enemy is implementing his plans for continuing resistance are difficult to determine precisely. From the information available, it appears that the enemy is moving the files of key offices into the REDOUBT, preparing bomb-proof shelters and houses, erecting some fortifications to supplement the natural terrain features, installing telephone and telegraph systems, and possibly building underground power plants.

There have been conflicting reports concerning the movement of key government offices into the area. According to reports from SPAIN, the Spanish Embassy in BERLIN was moving to either MUNICH or SALZBURG. The Foreign Ministry was also reported as moving to SALZBURG, as well as the Air Ministry, and bomb-proof buildings were reported as being prepared to house them. HIMMLER has been reported as moving his headquarters to VORARLBERG, where provisions were ordered for 100,000 men. MUSSOLINI is stated to have moved his entourage into the area, and there are even indications that some of the Quisling governments supported by the Germans may be moving into the final refuge. REIBENTROP and GOERING also have refugees in the area, and HITLER has BERCHTESGADEN. Of a more sinister nature is the report that certain of the high-ranking prisoners which the Germans hold are to be moved into the REDOUBT, where they will undoubtedly be used as hostages. Among those mentioned as being taken to the area are the King of the Belgians, General MEYLAND, BLUM, REINAUD and the son of Marshal STALIN (a PW). One report also stated that high-ranking Allied military prisoners of war might also be taken into the area as hostages. As would be expected, a considerable number of reports have been received designating BERCHTESGADEN as the center of the REDOUBT, and speak of preparations being made in that area. It is general knowledge that HITLER's hide-out possesses great "bomb-proof" chambers, and is well protected by anti-aircraft guns.

The preparations being made for the underground movement include a screening of the members of the Nazi party by the GESTAPO. Several reports indicate that two lists are being drawn up. The first list includes the names of those Party members known to be 100 per cent loyal to the cause. These are divided into units or cells under local leaders with responsibility directly to the central party office. The members of one cell are not known to the members of other cells. These Nazis are being schooled in the activities of underground espionage and sabotage, and wireless operators are being trained, particularly among members of the HITLER YOUTH. The second list of Party members being prepared by the GESTAPO are the members considered as "politically unreliable." This list will be allowed to fall into the hands of the Allies, according to some reports, thus presenting a facade of coverage.

The training for partisan warfare is being directed by HIMMLER, who has had printed a booklet on the subject entitled "Anweisungen fuer Klein- und Partisanenkrieg." This book is reportedly a very complete guide to the methods used by the Maquis and eastern Partisans. It includes the method for establishment of strongpoints including hospitals and chemical laboratories, for forging papers, printing plants for the publication of underground newspapers, and radio stations. Instructions are issued for the establishment of secret arms depots, and methods described for using weapons for either sabotage or guerrilla warfare. Special schools have been established, according to reports, to teach partisan warfare, where films and experienced officers demonstrate the methods so successfully used against the Germans. Women are supposed to play a large part in the German plans for partisan warfare, being able to escape detection more easily than a man, and thus considered valuable for use as couriers and spies. Women are also more fanatical.

3. LOCATION. There have been a great variety of reports concerning the location of the great national REDOUBT. However, the center of the area appears to revolve around BERCHTESGADEN and SALZBURG, with the salt mine regions around the latter being utilized as underground supply depots, power plants and factories. The location places the area selected to the S of MUNICH - the home of Nazism - and the place selected for the files of the Nazi Party according to many sources. The southern border of the area is along the Swiss and

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Italian frontiers, while the eastern border encompasses part of the Austrian TYROL. The area by nature is well suited for a last-ditch battle with narrow mountain passes and difficult terrain giving the defenders the advantage. The places most frequently reported as being the center of activity are BREGENZ, RHEIN-ILL, ARLTZERG, ILLER VALLEY, LEOCH VALLEY, TOELZ-INNERBRUCK, the Valley of the INN, KITZUEHL, SALZBURG and BERCHTESGADEN. No coherent picture of a defense network emerges as yet from the reports available. Fortifications appear to have been built in the RHEIN-ILL gap, and around BERCHTESGADEN, while the ILLER and LEOCH Valleys emerge as storage areas. As to the methods of fighting the enemy will cmply in this area, the best reference is to the activities of the French Maquis in the HAUTE-BOVOIE region.

There are two versions of the exact delimitations of the area. The first allegedly came from a member of HITLER's staff and describes a REDOUBT of roughly oval shape with the contours touching the following localities: BREGENZ, IMENSTADT, FUESSEN, SA. LBRUG, BAD TOELZ, ROSENHEIM, SALZBURG, BAD AUSSEE, MARRAU, HOCHGOLLING, KATSCHBERG, LIENZ, CORTINA, BOZEN, STEVIO. The second version allegedly comes from a wall map seen at the headquarters of Wehrkreis XVIII at SALZBURG. The area shown on this map encompassed: HOHER YFEN, OBERSPIDORF, FUESSEN, UNTERAMMERGAL, KOCHEL, BAD TOELZ, GAUND, NIEDERASCHAU, THEISENDORF, FREILASSING, SECKIRCHEN, SCHARFBERG, DACHSTEIN, HOCHGOLLING, GROSS-GLOCKNER, GROSS VEDUEICER, BRENNER, ZUCKERHUELL, NAUDERS, SILVETTA, SOESA, PLACK, LICHTENSTEIN. A glance at the map will show the strong defensive potentialities of this area, bordered as it is by chains of lakes and mountains.

There is a strong possibility that the plan for the REDOUBT envisages an outer and inner ring of defense. The location of the REDOUBT near the Swiss and Italian frontiers has a double advantage. KESSELRING's troops in ITALY will be able to retire northward into the ALPS and protect the southern defenses of the area. By being located near the Swiss border the Nazis will be in a position to maintain contact with their agents in SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, SPAIN, ITALY and scattered throughout the world, and should the REDOUBT collapse a quick exit by the leading characters through SWITZERLAND would be in the script.

4. TROOPS: The enemy at this point does not have sufficient forces to man the REDOUBT, in addition to fighting the war on both fronts. A source of unknown reliability very recently reported that Field Marshal MODEL opposed holding the ODER River line in the E while trying to protect the Northern plains of GERMANY in the W, because it would not leave sufficient troops to garrison the great national REDOUBT. If this report is true, it indicates that certain of the war criminals, such as MODEL, are already thinking about the manpower question in the light of garrisoning the last stronghold. A prisoner added some light to the subject by stating that the enemy intends to put ten SS Divs and fifteen assorted Divs in the REDOUBT. It is interesting to note in conjunction with this report that a considerable proportion of the SS Divs on the Eastern Front are on the Southern sector in a good position to fall back on the REDOUBT, while the two SS Divs remaining in the W are also located on the southern part of the front. At the end of Feb reports indicated a considerable proportion of enemy troops in the ALLGäu, some as reserves, some from camps, and others recruited by the SS. Whether these are being concentrated as the garrison or as part of the replacement system is unfortunately impossible to determine. Other reports indicate that the SS troops are replacing WEHRMACHT troops in the region. Unfortunately the volume of intelligence reports coming from the region makes it impossible to draw any conclusions as to the extent to which the enemy is at present garrisoning the REDOUBT.

5. SUPPLIES. According to one report the enemy has concentrated two years of supplies in the area, but that the Nazis hope to negotiate before that period elapses. It would appear unlikely, although not inconceivable,

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that under present conditions the enemy could spare sufficient supplies for the area to last more than a period of weeks or a few months. Other statements indicate a plan to move out all non-essential personnel from the region, leaving behind only farmers who can produce food for the supply of the garrison. One report received in Feb stated that machines and power plant equipment usually earmarked for the interior of GERMANY have been sent instead to the VORARLBERG and TYROL. VORARLBERG power plants have been ordered to retain a reserve supply of machines and tools in addition to normal stocks. Tinned food supplies and meat were reported arriving in the neighborhood of SALZBURG for storage in mountain depots, and cucumbers can no longer be sent to the interior of the VORARLBERG except in transit, with points S of the ARLBERG railway closed open for transit purposes. The authenticity of these reports is naturally open to question.

6. CONCLUSIONS. There is strong evidence that the Nazi Party leaders and the war criminals are planning a "Valhalla of the Gods" in the BERCHTESGADEN region, and that the Nazi Party is already planning the underground movement to restore German nation-ism after military defeat. It is logical to presume that the original enemy leaders will opt to go down fighting in their mountain-cyrie rather than submit passively, inasmuch as they have very little future to look forward to once the German military machine is crushed. It remains to be seen how much of the Army following the example of the 1920 FREIKORPS will assist them in this fanatical last stand, and to what extent preparations of the REICHSF and for Partisan warfare have progressed. (Source: I/ Corps Periodic Report No. 289, dated 23 March 1945)

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Appendix "D" to Periodic Report No. 35, Hq 10th "t Div, 23 Mar 45

PHOTO INTERPRETATION EFFORT NO. 35

Scrtie: 12PR520, dated 21 Mar 45

Area Covered: Block between VERGATO (L6926) and PAVULLO (L4833) covering MONTESE (L6624)

I - WIDOR DEFENSES AND MILITARY ACTIVITY

1.	66LSE	L6903526	Trench with MG or fire position	12PR520/4191/D761
2.	97INE	L69053035	Trench with two MG positions	" 4197/F445
3.	87IISW	L60943372	Two occupied emplacements	" 4148/D439
4.	98IVNW	L60343905	Mortar Position	" 4109/E441
5.	"	L69153686	Two weapons positions	" 4112/F462
6.	"	L68823343	Trench	" 4114/E667
7.	97INE	L66272496	Mortar Positions	" 4116/D537
8.	"	L60452535	Series of weapons positions	" 4117/B048
9.	98IVNW	L63402764	Dugout	" 4066/D948
10.	"	L63063720	Two weapons positions	" 4066/F344

II - DEFENSES REPORTED BY ATR PHOTO SECTION, T.E.R.

1.	97INE	L60742390	Two fire positions
2.	"	L60663305	One fire position
3.	"	L61123113	Three fire positions
4.	"	L62023316	Two fire positions
5.	"	L64002555	Three Wpn Fire
6.	"	L6283374	Two possible mortars
7.	"	L65423612	Possible stores area
8.	"	L65602330	Possible mortar positions

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 20 Mar 45.  
b. Units in Contact: 334th Inf Div, 756th Regt  
1st and 2d Bns, located in vicinity of ROCCA ROFFENO (L6327)

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Scattered enemy positions and movements were reported throughout the period during which moderate enemy arty harassed our forward positions. A fire fight took place between one of our patrols and a strong enemy position in a group of houses.  
(2) 1st Inf Div, REF: Patrol observed positions near and drew fire from house near (L465168). Patrol to CAMPORIBALDO (L4917) drew MG fire and hand grenades; engaged enemy with mortars. Patrol received fire from MARNE (L5018). MG fire and grenades were received from FANTETTI (L5018) by patrol which later drew fire from house near (L504179) and MG fire from Point 741 (L5018).  
(3) 1st Cav Recon Squadron: 10 rounds of mortar fire fell at (L696247) at 230330A. Patrols to AFRICA (L6925) and Pt 311 (L6824) made no enemy contact.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Yesterday afternoon M della Spe (L6126) received the majority of the 109 rounds of arty which fell. Moderate arty continued to fall throughout the night but lessened to slight this morning and forenoon. An enemy gun at (L567242) and enemy vehicle at (L608295) destroyed by our arty. 2 to 3 field pieces definitely located at (L545273). 2 new gun emplacements reported at (L661312); around the houses are many foxholes.  
(2) Aviation: At 240007Z, hostile aircraft was reported over area and red warning was given.  
(3) Chemical Warfare: Inf OP at 1845A observed 2 smoke pots at (L576257).  
(4) Engineers: 50 yards N of an old blown footbridge at (L617273) is a new footbridge. A new mine field was found at (L656264); mines were wooden.  
(5) Infantry: Patrol to (L606260) set an ambush, but made no enemy contact. Enemy activity between house at (L579272) and draw at (L58022760) was noted. Reports from JPs indicate: Dugouts or arty positions near (L578291) (L586305), (L581289); enemy OP at (L578291); enemy dugout at (L675306). Air OP reports suspected CP at (L621304) was taken under fire by our arty; at 231610Z at (L671322) 8 to 10 men with a HDV heading N. Another patrol reports: 4 enemy dugouts at (L57702545) and (L57902545); last night there were 4 men in 2 of the dugouts; 1 was empty, and men were heard moving in the 4th; outer defenses are trip flares and mines. Patrols to (L574249), (L579254), (L599267), (L585264), (L628255), and (L638254) made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L60502599) observed 4 enemy digging at (L605260). Patrol to (L616270) investigated houses at 781 (L612269) where they were engaged with enemy in fire fight. Enemy sprayed entire area with S/A and AW fire and threw hand grenades, our patrol suffered 3 casualties, 1 killed and 2 wounded. Patrol continued on its mission and reported the following: Heard enemy chopping and digging at (L616270), (L615272), and (L613273); fresh vehicle tracks at (L617268). Patrol to (L656264) made no enemy contact. OP saw 1 German set up a 3 foot stake with a large disc in vicinity (L583287) and disappear in house in PONTE (L585290). OP reported 3 enemy at (L632278), 1 carrying a Red Cross flag and 1 a stretcher. Enemy activity reported at house at (L61622702). At (L614274) are 2 new occupied trenches.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Civilian Statements and Reports: Supply point at (L568267); arty positions at (L55352900) and (L568284). Another civilian coming into our lines at (L585242) from SECCA TICOLA (L557274) reports: 2 arty pieces, believed to be 75mm hows, observed firing night of 20 Mar from woods 200 yds E of le ROVINE (L548275); personnel manning these hows are billeted in the houses at le ROVINE.

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(3) Commanding Officer: Generalleutnant Helmuth Bockle

Born 1893, in Lubahn (Danzig-Westpreussen Province)

Served in World War I and in Freikorps Lyck at the end of the war. From there he went to the Landpolizei, later back into the army on absorption of the police force in 1935.

In 1939, he commanded a battalion in 21st Regt (Inf) and, in 1942, an inf regt in the Rzhev sector of the Russian front, where he was awarded the Ritterkreuz for repulsing an attempted enemy breakthrough.

In Dec, 1943, he commanded 134th Grenadier Regt in the 44th Inf Div. About this time he was promoted to Generalmajor and assumed command of the 334th Inf Div. More recently (date not known) he was promoted to Generalleutnant.

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 231330A - 1752  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 231330A to 241330A - 4  
Total - 1756

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 21, 9 March 1945.

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 33, 20 Mar 45.
- b. Units in Contact: 334th Engr Bn -- Identified from documents taken from dead enemy.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: MOUNT della SPE (L6126) area again received the largest portion of the moderate enemy arty and mortar fire received during the period. Patrols inflicted casualties upon the enemy in two fire fights.
- (2) 1st Inf Div BFF: Patrol drew MG fire from (L480180) and (L483186). Patrol drew MG, SJA, rifle grenade fire and hand grenades from Pt 741 (L5018) and MG fire from (L502185). Patrol received mortar fire from (L508183) and (L513186). Patrol received intense MG fire from (L510186), (L515186), and (L507182) but, using hand grenades, closed with the enemy and took 3 PWs. Afternoon patrol observed 3 enemy near (L513187).
- (3) 81st Cav Rcn Squadron: Quiet night. Patrols to (L675260) and (L684268) made no contact. Arty engaged 2 enemy near (L683366) at 2410A and 10 enemy entering house at RAZOLA (L6625).

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Air OP reported 2 new gun emplacements at (L661312).
- (2) Armor: Enemy tank at (L544258) fired on by our arty.
- (3) Infantry: 2 new trenches dug and occupied 24 Mar at (L614274). OP located camouflaged dug in positions approximately 20 feet long at (L63352790) (near road); observed 4 enemy leaving road carrying a stretcher. Inf OP reported enemy OP in church at (L632268). OP reports fresh dirt or digging at (L60002878); suspected OP at (L60952712); 2 dugouts at (L60632720); 3 dugouts at (L60752715) to (L60952715); 1 dugout at (L60502885). Patrols to (L603264) (L605260) (L57702525) and (L630266) made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L614268) Hill 781 met stubborn enemy resistance of 11 Germans, killed all 11 Germans and took documents from a S/Sgt who was from 3d Co, Pioneer Bn, 334 Div. Patrol suffered 2 casualties - 1 slightly wounded, and 1 missing. Patrol to (L571250) ran into 6 man enemy ambush (L575248) killed 3 of enemy in fire fight that ensued. Patrol suffered no casualties - continued on mission and reported: A MG at (L569231) another at (L572252); new construction work at (L574250). OP (air) reports a new trench 50 feet long at (L63312654), considerable new digging on MT della CROCE (L648288) and MT PIONA (L638288), and 6 AA guns at (L622296). Another long trench has been discovered at (L65423018).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 20: See Appendix "A".
- b. IPW Report: See Appendix "B".
- c. Photo Interpretation Report No. 36: See Appendix "C".
- d. Details of Panzer-faust "60": See Appendix "D".
- e. New Enemy Insignia: Recent information states that at (L598334) a road sign bearing the following insignia was observed: An olive-green circle inside of which was a dull green palm tree against a background of natural wood; the palm tree was crossed by a diagonal shaft tipped with a small triangle. This is possibly a sign indicating the presence of the 334th Signal Battalion.
- f. Captured Documents: One Way to Prolong War: Statement of Officer PW, 2 Pz Div, captured SCHLADT (Germany) 10 Mar: "If American troops who captured me hadn't used my map to start a fire, you would have found them, details on next German defensive position, route of withdrawal, and location of Div bridge across MOSELLE River." (Source: 76 Inf Div G-2 Periodic Report 45, 11 Mar 45)

E. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 241330A	- 1756
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 241330A to 251330A	- 0
Total	- 1756



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E. Civilian Reports: No enemy in PIADellino (L654266) and no enemy at M. ARDU (L656270); small group of enemy at CANAVETTA (L64302735); 20 to 25 enemy at LAMARI (L637277); enemy building bunkers on road (not shown on map) between M. DOZZONE (L6428) and SERPEGLIACCHI (L6327); holes prepared for mines in road approximately 100 yards N of SERRATONE (L644263) also dugout. Three civilians who came into our lines at LE BARRI (L573230) at 0800A, after coming from near MONTESE, reported the following: 2 BMG positions located in vicinity of house at (L55862459), one mort position at (L55252475); 4 mortar positions at (L536243); 50 Germans in houses at SAN MARTINO (L640257); an officers' mess located in house at (L53872564); a CP commanded by a Col located at M di LEO (L496246); the mule path running from MONTESE to CA LAMA (L561234) has been mined with AP; a platoon CP commanded by a Lt at (L559243) in a house with a LMG position nearby; the areas around the houses of PARELLINO (L654266) and MOLINO ARDER (L656271) have been mined; the fields on both sides of the road which leads from SERRETTORE (L642267) to PIRVE ROSSEMO (L651275) have been mined with AP; most mine fields are still marked with German danger signs. A civilian observer reports the following: A 75mm gun at (L63363090); 6 medium arty pieces at (L61063130); several heavy mortars at (L60752950); several medium arty pieces at (L61782888); 2 tractors covered with straw at (L62532928); and 1 arty piece of unknown caliber at (L629292). 2 squads of enemy were at 251155A seen entering buildings at (L668265).

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Preamble: 5 Civilians came into our lines in the vicinity of LE BORRE (L573230) coming from the area of MONTESE (L5544). They entered our lines at about 1100 hours 24 March and were able to give the following military information.

March 22: 2 MG positions located in the immediate vicinity of the house at (L55862459).

March 22: 1 Mortar position at (L55252475). 4 mortar positions located between the house CA di GNOCOCO (L55548433) and the stream bed just E. The 15 Germans who man these positions are billeted in the houses of CA di GNOCOCO.

March 22: About 50 Germans (unidentified unit) are occupying the house at S MARTINO (L540257).

March 22: An officer's mess located in the house at (L53872564). About 5 officers eat at this mess.

March 22: A German CP believed to be commanded by a Colonel is located at MO DI LEO (L596246).

March 22: AP mines have been placed along the mule-path which runs from MONTESE to CA LAHA (L561234). All paths in the vicinity of (L554240) have been mined.

March 22: A German OP commanded by a Lt located at (L559243). A IMG position was observed in the immediate vicinity of the house.

March 22: The areas around the houses of PRADELLINO (L654266) and MO ARDU (L656271) are heavily mined. The fields on both sides of the road which runs from SERRETONE (L642267) to PIVE ROFFENO (L651275) have been mined. Almost all of the mined areas S and E of ROFFENO MUSIOLO (L635266) are still marked with German danger signs and wires.

Appendix "B", 10th Mt Div G-2 Report No. 37, 25 Mar 45.

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PWs: 4 prisoners were processed and interrogated who were all four deserters. All four were very cooperative but their information was very limited. The 2 PWs from 8th Co of 741st Regt had no information at all to offer.

Units: 8th Co, 756 Regt, 334 Division

8th Co, 741 Regt, 114 Division

Unit Movements: 756th Regt 334 Division was pulled out of the line at MOLLA about two weeks ago. They were then sent to DOZZA where they stayed for 2 or 3 days, and then went to CASTEL S PIETRO. Here again they stayed for about 3 or 2 days and then marched to BOLOGNA and further on along Highway #9 (VIA EMILIA). PWs did not remember any other names of the towns they had passed on their way here after having come through BOLOGNA, but they did say that they had come through another small town right after which they had turned off Highway 9 to go S and into the mountains again. This may presumably be the road leading from CASTELFRANCO S into the BOLOGNA and ZOCCA road. They arrived in their present positions during the night of 20-21 March, where they relieved a PG unit. PWs state that their whole regiment came down here and they believe that the rest of their Division was coming into this sector too if they had not arrived here yet. However, they had heard nothing definite about that and their statements to this effect were purely their own assumptions.

Unit Strength and Disposition: 8th Co, of 756th Regt, strength is about 65 men (combat strength). They are in position at approximately (L635276), the 7th Co to their left and the 6th Co to their right. The 1st Bn is supposed to be to the left of the second Bn. The 5th Co is on BOCCA ROFFENO (L639271) where they also have an OP for the Inf hows. The 8th Co has 5 81mm morts, two of which are Italian and 3 German. PWs say that the Italian mortars had more range than the German mortars. The 8th Co has also about 4 or 5 HMGs.

Personalities: CO 756 Regt - Lt Col Denisch CO 8th Co - 2d Lt Hensch

Miscellaneous: a. PWs said that when they were relieved at the MOLLA front they first thought that their division would go to Germany because they knew that two divisions had been pulled out of Italy already and sent to Germany.  
b. Before they went into position in this sector they were told that they were facing Negro troops who were very cruel to prisoners. They were told of several brutal mistreatments which colored troops were supposed to have afflicted to prisoners on the Western Front. The prisoners said that they were told these stories to scare them so that they would not desert. (Both PWs were Poles). c. On the second night in position in this sector their unit sent out a raiding party of 47.

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men to make a raid on a house which had been raided previously (the night before) by our troops, expelling the Germans from this house. However, when the party got to this house, they found it empty and returned unsuccessful. a. PWs stated that their unit had offered a prize of 100 cigarettes and a bottle of liquor to any soldier who would bring in an American prisoner. They said that the unit facing them were mostly volunteers wearing a special insignia on their sleeves by which they could be identified. g. The prisoners said that their unit was full of old men and men who had diseases of all kinds, heart diseases, frozen off feet from the Russian front, etc., and that they were not strong at all. There are also a lot of non-German personnel in this unit such as Poles, Czechs, etc.

Appendix "C", 10th Mt Div G-2 Report No. 37, 25 Mar 45.

Photo Interpretation Report No. 36

Area Covered: 1. A block between VERGATO (L6926) and PAVULLO (L4833) covering MONTESE.

Sortie: 1 - 12PR529 dated 22 Mar 45  
2 - 12 PR536 dated 23 Mar 45

I. Anti Aircraft Defenses

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
1.	87IIISW	L62223180	2 light AA guns can now be seen where 1 was previously reported	12PR529	4094	D258

II. Minor Defenses and Military Activity.

1.	97INE	L55402530	Increased buildup of wpns positions in this area, 13 can now be seen	"	3100	D355 to D064
2.	"	L55532540	Digging and track activity	"	3099	C060
3.	"	L56482661	Digging and track activity	"	3098	B447
4.	"	L56622699	Mortar position	"	3098	A858
5.	"	L56822599	Dugout on reverse side of crest with possible fire position on ridge top.	"	3098	D548
6.	98IVNW	L58742803	Dugout	"	3095	B645
7.	"	L60732900	Dugout	"	3093	D058
8.	87IIISW	L67683341	Dugout	"	3084	D842
9.	"	L68533870	6 wpns pits	"	3083	D248
10.	98IVNW	L58882968	Mortar position	"	4098	C949
11.	"	L66622849	Dugout	"	4024	C659
12.	"	L60712730	Wpns pit	"	4064	D362
13.	"	L60692725	Dugout	"	4064	D261
14.	"	L61402743	MG position	"	4063	D354
15.	"	L65482963	3 dugouts can now be seen where 1 previously reported.	"	4058	E247
16.	87IIISE	L70603325	2 dugouts can now be seen attached to previously reported trenches.	"	4052	C354
17.	87IIISW	L60383581	Series of wpns pits	12PR536	4153	E441
18.	97INE	L53782306	Dugout	"	3130	F650
19.	"	L55502517	Dugout	"	3127	E153
20.	98IIINW	L59022806	Trench	"	3121	C442
21.	87IIISW	L61543210	Bunker	"	4116	C350
22.	97INE	L51982500	Trench leading to bunker	"	4130	C947
23.	"	L52002554	Series of small pits along road, possible stores.	"	4130	to D342
24.	98IVNW	L66232803	Four wpns pits	"	3025	B439

Appendix "D", 10th Mt Div G-2 Report No. 37, 25 Mar 45.

PANZERFAUST "60"

Description - The Panzerfaust consists of a large hollow charge HE grenade and a projecting tube.

1. Grenade - This consists of a large head and a cylindrical body terminating in a tail to which are attached four spring steel stabilizing fins. The body contains a base fuse and a booster. German claims state that it will penetrate 8 inches of armor plate.

2. Projector - This is a simple tube in which is located a propellant charge contained in a wadded cardboard container held in position by a set screw. On the

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opposite side to the set screw is an igniter situated below a flash hole. On top of the tube is a simple mechanism for firing. It consists of a release button, firing pin and spring and safety catch. There is also a folding sight.

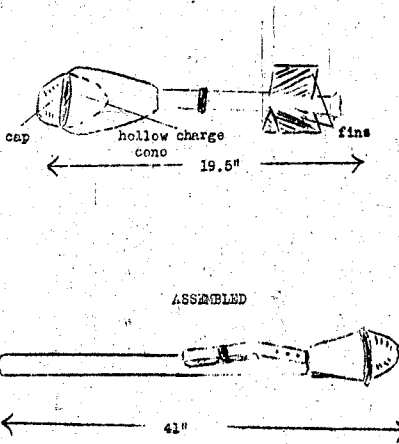
3. Action - The grenade is armed by unscrewing the tail and inserting the booster and fuse, open ends facing each other. The trail is then replaced. The fins are wrapped around the tail and the grenade inserted into the tube. The pressure of the fins against the sides of the tube serves to retain the grenade in position.

The tube is held under the right arm, the left hand supporting the forward part. Aiming is accomplished by aligning the sight, placed vertical to the tube. There are three sightholes: One for 44 yards, the middle one for 66 yards, and the highest one for 88 yards.

To fire, depress the release button, thus allowing the striker to go forward. The tube cannot be used a second time. On discharge, a sheet of flame up to six feet long comes from the rear end of the tube. Great care must be taken that the flame and bits of wadding do not hit the firer or anyone standing behind him. The danger zone extends up to thirty feet. There must be a clear space (i.e. no earth, stones, or wall) for the flame at least six feet behind the tube.

Specifications: Length of tube - 31.5 inches  
 Length of grenade - 19.5 inches  
 Weight of grenade - 6.62 pounds  
 Effective range - 33 yards.

Note: In comparison, the Rocket Launcher 2.36 M1, penetrates slightly in excess of 3 inches of homogeneous armor plate at all ranges. Extreme range is 650 yards.



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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 251330A Mar 1945  
To: 261330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
POCCA PIRIGLIANA, ITALY  
Dated: 261600A Mar 1945

NO. 38

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 20 Mar 45.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Enemy mortar and arty activity were very slight yesterday afternoon; but during the evening and last night, we received intense fire in our center and left sectors. No patrol contacts were made.
- (2) 1 Inf Div, B&F Sector: Patrol heard enemy near CAPLA JE MONTE (L6119). Patrol observed movement of 30 enemy from O VIGONI (L4718); to TRIGNANO (L4718). Enemy patrol which approached GURULSTOCIA (L4615) at 242145A withdrew when observed. MT noises were heard at 241900A near RIVA DI BISCLA (L5323) and at 242135A near ARANECCHIA (L5426). Patrol to O CAMPIDELLI (L5220) captured 8 PWs. 6 enemy were observed in the morning near (L483270). 2 enemy reported near houses at (L524187).
- (3) 81 Cav Rcn Sq Sector: Enemy mortar observed firing near (L698275) at 250430A. Ambush patrol at FRICA (L6925) reported no contact. Patrol found trenches at (L683262) and heard enemy patrol vicinity (L683263). Patrol heard activity in house at (L682264). Wire and dugout reported near (L675267) and wire with suspected mines at (L675272). At 251600A enemy OP vicinity (L686273) taken under fire. 2 new dugouts reported near (L685266) and (L688265). 5 rounds light mortar fire vicinity RAZOLA (L6625) fell at 251420A.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Gun at (L543271); personnel at (L671293); 2 guns at (L58302744); personnel at (L533308). 733 rounds medium arty fire and 110 rounds mortar fire were received during the night; of this, 126 rounds arty were received on M della SPE (L6126) from 251852A to 251855A. In our left sector, the intensity of shelling rose sharply at 250100A, but after 250110A, the entire sector became quiet. There is a suspected gun position at (L63692713); personnel in house at (L67602751).
- (2) Infantry: Following locations were observed: Enemy mortars at (L64042650); enemy vehicle at (L57312878); personnel at (L59182807); mortar at (L61662811); OP and trucks at (L62063164); OP at (L608273); mortars at (L583298); working party at (L59062897); mortars at (L582279); 8 Germans moving around house at (L591284); OP at (L667379); personnel at (L648288) and (L570295). These targets were taken under fire by our arty. A heavy combat patrol to VERZERA (L597267) made no enemy contact, and civilians in VERZERA stated that Germans only came there occasionally to outpost the buildings. OP report: 1 enemy among houses at (L609264); enemy mortar at (L56122936); personnel at (L538270); camouflaged gun position in ARPECCHIA (L545259); 4 enemy seen at (L616265).
- (3) Movement: Considerable motorized and horse drawn traffic was seen at (L52583010) prior to dark, most of it going S; vehicular traffic was also heard at (L665282) at 252240A.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather: Scattered to broken clouds above 1,000 feet with scattered clouds at 3,000 feet forming by noon and clearing by dusk. Visibility 3 to 4 miles in haze and light fog during early morning hours becoming 6 to 8 miles later in the day. Minimum temperature 40 to 43 degrees. - 27 Mar.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
26	0608	1834	1622	0532
27	0606	1836	1722	0557
28	0605	1837	1822	0621
29	0603	1838	1922	0643

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b. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 21:

Preamble: 6 civilians, 4 from CA BERRETTA (L565256) and 2 from the vicinity of VILLA d'ALANO (L592273), arrived into our lines at about 1000 hours 25 March. All the military information which they were able to give is the following:

A German SP gun was observed on about 20 Mar on the road at approximately (L58502765) in the immediate vicinity of the two houses.

2 MG positions manned by about 10 German soldiers are located in the vicinity of the house at (U5922735).

1 MG position located just SW of the church at (L59022742).

About 20 Germans occupying the houses at CA BERRETTA (L565256). A sentinel is on guard at all hours on the road which passes between the two houses. March 23.

About 6 enemy occupied bunkers are located on the NE slope of the Hill 927 (L661256), March 23.

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 251330A - 1756

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 251330A to 261330A - 0

Total - 1756

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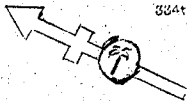
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3 civilians came into our lines at (L585242) and (L575244) reported the following: Germans building bridge and using mill near GEA (L575257); lots of activity and Germans at (L575256); 6-7 Germans in SPIGNOLA (L569250); draw near (L576250) is mined, mines on road between GEA (L575257) and BOROLINO (L573253); several mortars on rear slope of MONTELO (L565258); bunker with 7-8 men 10 yds from RJ at (L567250); AA gun approximately (L563256); mines in SPIGNOLA at (L56852496); 20 Germans in BRAINA (L572256); new troops arrived 3 days ago live in house at (L51284); btry of arty at (L551284); MONTELO BLUEP is location of several enemy mortars (L565257); OP at church on MONTELO (L564248); mines in draw above SPIGNOLA (L569250); mines on road from SPIGNOLA to BARTOLINO (L572853). Civilian taken at (L575235) reports all houses in and around MONTESE (L5534) to be evacuated of civilians by 241200A. Civilian also reports ammunition dump at (L531274); dugout (L632281); 2 75mm (L609296); 2 75mm (L5943026); 3 half trunks used for towing wps (L62202915); 2 guns (L634302); 2 tanks (L61362986); villages occupied by Germans at (L63212854), (L63742870), (L62362844), (L621272).

b. 334th Inf Div:

(1) Organization and History: This div was formed in the autumn of 1943 and was sent to Lucania in Dec of the same year, where it was subsequently destroyed. Reformed in SW France in July and Aug 1943, the div moved to Northern Italy in Nov and was stationed on the Ligurian Coast until the end of Dec 1943. It was sent S at this time to take over the Orsagna sector from the 65th Inf Div, and remained in line against Eighth Army throughout the winter. After the Allied breakthrough of the Gustav Line, the div was committed against French Troops in the Pico-San Giovanni Sector. Elements were subsequently thrown into the beachhead battle in the last days of the Allied breakout. After the fall of Rome, the div withdrew N and was identified NE of Perugia in Aug 1944. Early in Sep 1944, it was moved west of Florence into the sector vacated by the 29th Panzer Grenadier Div. At this time it defended the Prato-Bologna Axis during the fighting in the Gothic line. At the end of the month it was shifted east to the M Battaglia sector where it was the principal participant in the series of counter-attacks on that feature. At the end of Feb 1945, the div sector was extended further to the S. The div arrived on our front March 21, 1945. Elements left Imola on 17 Mar, 1945 and arrived Rocca Roffeno on 21 Mar 1945. They received replacements in Imola most of which were men returning from hospitals.

Organization: CG - Gen Lt Boehlke  
 CO - 754th Inf Regt - Obst Ortlieb  
 CO - 755th Inf Regt - Obstlt Voas  
 CO - 756th Inf Regt - Obstlt Donich  
 CO - 334th Army Regt - Obst Heidrich  
 1334 SP Pn  
 334th Engineer Bn Rome station (Wcr IV-Dresden Area)



Division Emblem

(2) Location of Elements: The appearance of the 334th Inf Div on our front will necessitate a certain amount of shifting of enemy units in our area. Inasmuch as it is believed that this division has probably arrived to relieve the 29th Panzer Grenadier Div, changes in the disposition of enemy units in the area of Rocca Roffeno (L639271) are to be expected.

Enemy units to our front are deployed from left to right in the following order: 1044th Inf Regt at CASTELLUGGIO di MOSCHEDA (L522202) Mittenwald Bn is probably in a training area at S MARTINO (L541257). 2d Bn of 741st Regt of 114 Jr Div is in line at (L563247) 1st Bn of 741st Regt of 114 Jr Div is in line at (L567253) 3d Bn of 71st PGR is in line at (L578262) 1st Bn of 71st PGR is in line at (L504265) 334th Inf Div - Elements of the 756th Regt of 334th Inf Div are probably replacing Bns of the 15 PGR in ROCCA ROFFENO sector.

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ROCCA PIETROGLIANA, ITALY  
Dated: 271600A Mar 1945

NO. 39

MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 32, 20 Mar 45.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: During the night, slight arty and mortar fire fell on our forward positions; but otherwise, the entire period remained quiet.
- (2) 1 Inf Div, BFF: Patrol near SASSO DELLA OCA (L5219) found booby trap. Patrol near (L546221) met 30 civilians who said enemy had forced them to evacuate their houses which are in enemy positions farther N. Patrol to LEFORE (L5423) received MG, mortar and arty fire. At 260930A 15 enemy with wounded men on 2 horses observed moving N vicinity (L523241). (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 293.)
- (3) 81 Cav Rcn Squadron: Patrol observed 2 enemy vicinity (L68252616) at 252300A and heard 2 explosions believed to be bazooka shells near AFRICA (L6825). At 252300A, patrol heard 3 enemy near (L684262). Patrol observed 1 enemy near building at SUSANO (L6727) at 252400A and heard enemy in building at (L679273). 4 rounds mortar fire from SPEZZOLA (L6826) fell near (L696247) at 261140A. (Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 293)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Engs: Ground OP reports that the road at (L64222700), previously cratered, has been repaired and made ready for use.
- (2) Inf: Ground OP reports: 2 trenches about 20 feet long near a house at (L633266) did not see them yesterday; small group enemy seen vicinity house (L641255). Sporadic MG fire received on position NE VALSURA (L648245). Arty OP at (L60272504) reports MG located in haystack at (L60882700), 2 dugouts nearby. At 262000A, a W-E movement of 20 trucks seen at (L666277). Patrol to (L619266) made no enemy contact. Patrol to (L629262) saw a 9-man enemy patrol at 270030A; but did not make contact.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Photo Interpretation Report No. 37: See Appendix "A".

b. Partisan and Civilian Rpt: At (L68982624) 1 German in house; 4 houses occupied by Germans at (L62662740); 2 MGs in culvert on road behind houses at (L64052670). 2 Civilian boys were picked up by our 1st Bn 86th Mt Inf who stated: There are 3 or 4 tanks at (L584280); 50 Germans billeted in VILLA d' ALANO (L595274); a MG at (L590277); 9 or 10 Germans at (L597266). 2 civilians entered our lines near CASTEL d' ALANO (L6025) at 261100A, from CERRETI (L585267). They reported: 6 Germans occupy house at CA di RIGONE (L577267), 15 Germans occupy houses at (L585268). MG located at (L58912745). 3 additional MGs located at (L590278); manned by 20 Germans who also occupy houses in C CHIESA VECCHIA (L592378). On 26 March, 15 merts, 60mm and 81mm observed vicinity (L576278). All houses area of OST di RIVELLA (L576279) occupied by Germans. A CP and switchboard located at CA di CANOBI (L575283). N slope of MONTE NUVLETTI (L597266) mined with AP mines. CP located at SEMELANO di SOPRA in house at (L585284). Tank observed firing from (L585281) 24 March. 3 additional tanks firing from N slope of Hill 738 at (L590282) 25 March. During night of 24-25 March, there was a change of troops in area W of VILLA di ALANO (L598271). Civilians who entered our lines at CASTEL d' ALANO (L6025) at 270700A, confirmed the report of change of German troops in the area of VILLA d' ALANO (L5927) on the night of 24-25 March. They also report a MG position in house at (L588273), and state that a German CP at (L575283) was destroyed by WP shells on 24 March.

c. Overlay, Enemy Defenses and Minefields: See Appendix "B"

d. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 261330A.	- 1756
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 261330A to 271330A.	- 1756
	Total - 1756

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e. Partisan Reports with PI Comments:

21 Mar - 1 MG position manned by 2 or 3 Germans, with an underground shelter at (L56122515) just W of the secondary road. Previous report located this MG at (L572257).

21 Mar - 1 MG position manned by 2 or 3 Germans, with an underground shelter at (L56402565).

PI Comment: No recent photo cover.

22 Mar - 1 German mort is in position at approximately (L557256) about 5m E of the brook. Another mort is in position about 30m S of the above-mentioned mort. About 20 cases of am are sheltered under the bridge at (L556256).

PI Comment: 2 probable mortars at (L55652560).

22 Mar - 3 German mortars (81mm) are in position in emplacement made with stone, wood, and branches, at (L543247), about 20m apart.

PI Comment: Cannot confirm.

22 Mar - A German mort (81mm) is in position at approximately (L553248), immediately NW of a shelter dug in the mountain. Am for this mort (about 20 cases) has been hidden under grapevines at (L553248).

20 Mar - A German mort (81mm) camouflaged with branches is in position at approximately (L535244) about 100m E of CA 41 040000.

PI Comment: Cannot confirm.

(Source, IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 293)

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Appendix "A"

Photo Interpretation Report No. 37

Sortie: 12PR545 dated 24 March - 682A233 dated 25 March - 682A236 dated 25 Mar.  
Area Covered: A block over front lines between VERGATO (L6926) and PAVULLO (L4833) covering ZOGGA (L6033).

I. Minor Defenses and Military Activity.

Item Sheet		Type Defense		Sortie No.	Print No.	Temp Ref.
No.	No.	Pinpoint				
1.	98IVNW	L61812853	Occupied Vehicle Pit	12PR545	3104	D849
2.	"	L61882800	2 Mort positions	"	3104	E940
3.	"	L61502881	3 MG or fire positions	"	3104	C446
4.	"	L61312879	Dugout	"	3104	C441
5.	"	L651311	Series of wpas pits	"	3099	D751
6.	98IVNE	L674282	Series of wpas pits	"	3062	E054
7.	98IVNW	L606296	Track activity	"	4101	E638
8.	"	L607293	Track activity	"	4101	F237
9.	"	L63003108	Crawl trench with MG or fire position	"	4098	E547
10.	"	L62983120	Wpa pit	"	4098	E149
11.	"	L64862886	Dugout	12PR545	4064	D554
12.	"	L65302880	Dugout	"	4064	E282
13.	"	L62702820	Mort position	"	4086	E648
14.	97INE	L53093045	2 mort positions	12PR536	3165	E258
15.	"	L53732537	Possible mort position	682A236	3033	D446
16.	"	L518253	Digging activity	"	3037	E036
17.	98IVNW	L64432753	MG position	682A233	4006	B432
18.	"	L64002718	Dugout	"	4007	E938
19.	"	L637274	2 dugouts	"	4007	D822
20.	"	L636273	2 dugouts	"	4007	E222
21.	"	L61452746	Dugout with crawl trench to MG position	"	4013	D016
<u>II. ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE:</u>						
1.	98IVNE	L68982893	Bridge prepared for demolition	12PR545	3060	E356
2.	"	L69702941	Bridge, prepared for demolition	"	3059	E859
3.	97INE	L55992562	Bridge, prepared for demolition	682A236	3030	D446

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.  
a. No change. See G-2 Report No. 32, 20 Mar 45.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Slight enemy arty fire fell during another quiet period.
- (2) I Inf Div, BEF: Night patrols made no contact; mortar fire was moderate. At 270250A enemy patrol captured our OP at Hill 931 (L5522).
- (3) 81 Cav Rcn Sq: 30 rounds mortar fire fell during night. 5 Enemy observed by patrol at (L683251). 30-man enemy patrol ambushed at (L682268), estimated 8 casualties inflicted. 3 Enemy observed near (L69052570). 8 Enemy reported moving SE at (L594257). Movement and voices heard in houses at (L695256) and at (L69552570). Mortar fire observed from (L693269) and MG fire from (L677267). At 271150A several enemy engaged by arty near (L68752651). 10 rounds mortar fire fell at (L682264) at 271522

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 6 rounds of arty fire reported on MONTESINISTRO at (L622233) at 1625A. 5 rounds 75mm arty landed at (L602243) at 281258A.
- (2) Infantry: Patrol to (L631268) received long-range MG fire; made no enemy contact. OPs reported: Enemy in house at (L604275); MG near SERRETTO (L660258); fire and explosion seen near (L594282); believed to be ammunition dump blown up by our arty. Occasional MG bursts were noted from (L626277) and (L632278).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 22: See Appendix "A"

b. Photo Interpretation Report No. 38: See Appendix "B"

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 271330A - 1756  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 271330A to 281330A - 0  
Total - 1756

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Appendix "A" to 10th Mt Div G-2 Periodic Report No. 40  
Civilian Interrogation Report No. 22:

Preamble: 2 civilians, aged 15 and 12, came into our lines in the vicinity of CASTEL d'AIANO (L6026) at about 1100 hours 26 Mar coming from GERBETTI (L585267) and were able to give the following information:

The houses at CA di RIGONI (L577267) are occupied by 6 Germans. 15 other German soldiers are occupying the houses at (L58452677). A patrol leaves from the latter house every evening.

1 MG position was observed at (L588273) in the immediate vicinity of the house. 3 other MG positions manned by about 20 Germans located N of the cemetery at (L590278). These Germans also occupy the houses of CHIESA VECCHIA (L592278). 25 Mar

About 15 mortars (60 and 81mm) were observed at (L576278) on the 23d March. All the houses near OSTERIA di RIVELLA (L575279) are enemy occupied.

A German CP and switchboard commanded by a Captain located at C Canobbi (L575283). On 24 Mar Allied WP shells landed near the houses and caused a large fire. Civilians were unable to tell how much damage was done.

Trip wires attached to hand-grenades are located on both sides of the streams R CANELLA and R RIVELLA from VILLA d'AIANO (L594273) NW to OSTERIA DI RIVELLA (L5727) AP mines are located on the northern slope of M NUVOLETTI (L596264).

A German CP (believed to be commanded by a Colonel) located at SANELANO DI SOPRA in the house at (L585284). Mar 19.

A German tank was observed firing on the road at (L585281). 24 Mar. This tank has been firing from the same position since Mar 19, always at night. 3 other tanks were observed firing from the northern slope of Hill 738 at (L590282). 25 Mar.

Civilians state that on the night of 24/25 Mar there was a change of troops in the areas W and S of VILLA d'AIANO (L593273).

Preamble: 6 civilians from CHIESA VECCHIA (L592278) and 8 others from PULLANO (L605274) entered our lines at CASTEL d'AIANO at about 0700 hours 27 Mar. They gave the following information:

1 MG position located in the immediate vicinity of the house at (L60282726). These civilians confirm the 3 MG positions previously reported N of the cemetery at (L590278), and pinpoint them as follows: 1 against the southern wall of the cemetery at (L5892776), 1 in the house at (L59082778) and the 3d in the house at (L59162778). A N/Sgt is in command of the troops manning these 3 positions.

One MG position manned by 5 Germans located in the house at (L588273). These civilians could not confirm the existence of the 15 mortars reported at OSTERIA di RIVELLA (L576279). They knew of only 1 mortar in this vicinity, and one MG position located about 100 yds N of the house at (L577279).

These civilians were able to confirm the location of the German CP at G CANOBBI (L575283). They also claim that this CP was hit by WP shells on 24 Mar, and that the houses were completely destroyed.

The change of the German troops in the area of VILLA d'AIANO was also confirmed.

Appendix "B" Photo Interpretation Report No. 38

Sortie: 682A236 dated 25 Mar 1945

Area Covered: A block over front lines between VERGATO (L6926) and PAVULLO (L4833) covering ZOCCA (L6033).

I. Field Artillery:

Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie	Print	Temp
				No.	No.	Ref.
1.	98IVNW	L61253044	Possible light inf gun	682A236	3131	D049
<u>II. Minor Defenses and Military Activity:</u>						
1.	97INE	L55462541	mort position	"	3030	D136
2.	"	L56282590	2 mort positions	"	3029	E050
3.	"	L564259	3 wpns pits	"	3029	E551
4.	98IVNW	L631258	trench	"	3017	E948
5.	"	L633257	trench	"	3017	D645
6.	98IVNE	L67212579	Dugout	"	3010	E028
7.	"	L67282592	Dugout	"	3010	E434
8.	"	L68902557	Dugout with trench leading to MG position	"	3007	E059
9.	97INE	L51202848	Crawl trench leading to MG position	"	3094	E831
10.	98IVNW	L66602844	Crawl trench leading to MG position	"	3063	E538
11.	"	L58802817	2 mort positions	"	3078	D325
12.	"	L65202875	Crawl trench leading to MG position	"	3065	C850
13.	98IVNE	L71382857	Trench with 2 MG positions	"	3064	E638

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Item No.	Sheet No.	Pinpoint	Type Defense	Sortie	Print	Temp
				No.	No.	Ref.
14.	98IVNE	L71083030	MG position	682A236	4054	B355
15.	98IVNW	L62322934	Wpna pit	"	4071	C454
16.	"	L62222934	Wpna pit	"	4071	C855
17.	"	L63103004	2 wpna pits	"	4070	B428
18.	"	L63382988	2 wpna pits	"	4069	C038
19.	"	L63752960	MG position	"	4068	C550
20.	"	L63923000	2 mort positions	"	4068	C036
21.	"	L605303	7 dugouts possibly more under construction	"	3133	D644
22.	"	L63993000	MG position	"	3126	D427
23.	"	L64093005	Mort position	"	3126	D830
24.	"	L64512970	Dugout	"	3125	D321
25.	"	L64602980	Dugout	"	3125	E024
26.	"	L65623036	Dugout	"	3123	E844
27.	"	L65823040	Dugout	"	3123	E041
28.	"	L65593060	2 mort positions	"	3123	D352
29.	87IIISW	L62783168	2 MG positions with crawl trenches	"	4128	C240
		to L62933161	and a series of wpna pits around previously reported enemy occupied buildings.	"		to D336
30.	"	L62103293	Crawl trench with MG position	"	3189	D532
31.	"	L63373273	Dugout	"	3187	E319
32.	"	L63403280	Dugout	"	3187	E520
33.	"	L63533281	Dugout	"	3187	E822
34.	"	L67623320	Digging activity	"	3178	D955
35.	87IIISE	L72723780	Series of wpna pits	"	4292	D324
		to L72893791		"		to D624
36.	"	L72923746	Wpna pit	"	4292	D245
37.	"	L72603780	2 wpna pits	"	4293	C326
38.	"	L72593792	Wpna pit	"	4293	C324
39.	"	L72823770	2 wpna pits	"	4292	D631
40.	"	L72753768	wpna pit	"	4292	D733
41.	"	L67213651	Trench with MG position	"	4360	D031
III.	<u>Engineer Intelligence:</u>					
1.	98IVNE	L70552800	Bridge demolished	"	3055	D130
2.	98IVNW	L588304	By-pass under construction E of bridge	"	4078	C418

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 281330A Mar 1945  
To: 291330A Mar 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
ROCCA PITIGLIANA, ITALY  
Dated: 291600A Mar 1945

NUMBER 41 -  
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4229, ITALY 1:50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD
  - a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 36, 24 March 1945.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD
  - a. General Summary:
    - (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Enemy arty increased sharply during the past 24 hours, with moderate to heavy mort and arty fire falling in our sector.
    - (2) 1 Inf Div. REF: Enemy patrol near Hill 991 (L563202) withdraw after tripping flare and entering minefield. Patrol sent to investigate made no contact. Patrol to I SORDI (L542217) made no contact but received MG fire near LAZZARI (L540218). Several enemy were observed during morning on Hill 583 (L495178). OPs directed arty on 35 enemy vic (L430204) at 281530A and on enemy-occupied houses at (L545237) and (L440198) during afternoon. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 295)
    - (3) 81 Cav Rcn Sq: Patrol engaged 5 enemy vic (L583253). Exchange S/A fire heard vic SUSANO (L678274) at 280450A and east of VERGATO (L5925) at 280500A. Arty during afternoon engaged enemy activity vic (L677305). (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 295)
  - b. Operations of Component Elements:
    - (1) Artillery: 52 rounds of arty and mort fire fell in the general vic of M GRANDE D'ALIANO (L5826) and BASSO BALDINO (L5725) and 118 rounds of arty and mort fire fell on other forward positions. Our ground OP reported suspected gun position at (L556284).
    - (2) Aviation: At 281610A OP at M NUVOLETTI (L59382642) reported an enemy observation plane over that point. From 282210A to 282400A an unidentified med aircraft was reported circling over M SPICCHIONE (L630-249).
    - (3) Infantry: Air OP at 281515A reported 2 German ambulances parked at building (L557251); building not marked with red cross. At 281730A 1 MG at (L63842695) fired at our liaison plane, our plane directed arty fire on it and it ceased firing. Ground observers reported unusual amount of civilian activity at (L642259); at 281858A enemy MGs firing from (L572261) and (L565259); at 282005A enemy MG at (L6279-2755) neutralized by our arty; at 2030A 2 enemy MGs firing from (L588-268) and at 2035A morts firing from (L578274) toward M GRANDE D'ALIANO (L586262); at 2020A 1500 yds from front of SASSO BALDINO (L5625) a flare was observed at azimuth of 5355 mils from (L58402428) accompanied by S/A fire, mortar fire, and 3 large explosions; light inf gun suspected at (L5987729419); enemy bunker at (L63552825); suspected enemy CP at (L64052710); Red Cross flag that has been on house at (L67983070) for 7 days gone this morning; enemy OPs at (L62182786), (L61602768), (L61482760), and (L61482700); a 200 yd trench running NW to SE (L652-292); 2 dugouts believed to be night MG positions at (L61482760); a green camouflaged position between house and road on Hill 744 (L6236-2634), 1 German being seen there.
    - (4) A 5 truck convoy on road vic (L664279) was fired upon by our arty.
    - (5) PI reported 1 heavy mort at (L5968728434) and 1 at (L5966228364) and 2 heavy morts at (L5884728114).

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3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. A civilian stated that there are morts at (L628267) and (L63042642).
- b. Overlay, Enemy Defenses and Minefields: See Appendix "A" (This appendix supercedes Appendix "B" of G-2 Periodic Report No. 39, 27 March 1945.)
- c. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 23 (with FI comments): See Appendix "B"
- d. Total PWs:  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 281330a - 1756  
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 281330a to 291330a - 0  
Total 1756

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Appendix "B", 10th Mountain Division G-2 Periodic Report No. 41, 29 March 1945

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 23 (with FI comments)

Proemle: 18 civilians who came from the vicinity of VILLA D'ALANO entered our lines at about 0900 hours 28 March at CASTEL D'ALANO. They gave the following information of military value.

2 MGs located in the two houses at (L58972677). Both MGs are facing M NUVOLETI (L594264).

A German CP with a captain and a 2nd Lt is located in the houses at (L5915-2690). Civilian claims that this CP was going to be moved because it had already received direct shell fire.

Heavy MG and mort fire has been heard for the last 3 nights coming from M BALGARO (L594282). (FI comment: Positions in this area can be seen at the following points: 2 MG positions at (L59052806), 2 mort positions at (L58802816), and 3 possible mort positions at (L59632845)).

A German CP with a radio-transmitter is reported to be located in a house at approximately (L591281).

16 German soldiers commanded by a Lt are billeted in the houses at (L5893-2743), on the southern side of the road.

3 MG positions located at approximately (L599270). These positions are about 100 yds NE of the main road and 80 yds north of the stream bed. These positions are manned only at night and they are about 100 yds apart from each other. (FI comment: Area described is well cratered; cannot confirm MG positions).

1 MG located at approximately (L598276). This MG is in position among the large rocks in that area. (FI comment: Possible MG position can be seen at (L59562768).)

A German CP with a Lt and 17 soldiers is located at (L59792747). There is also a kitchen for 40 men at this CP.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

\* From: 291330A Mar 1945  
\* To: 301330A Mar 1945  
\* Hq 10th Mountain Div  
\* ROCCA PITIGLIANA, ITALY  
\* Dated: 301600 Mar 1945

NUMBER 42 -

MAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY 1:25,000 sheets 86 II SE, SW; 87 III SW, SE; 97 I NE, SE, SW, NW; 98 IV NE, SE, SW, NW; 97 II NE, SE, SW, NW; 98 III NE, SE, SW, NW; 105 I NW, NE.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 36, 24 March 1945

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: During another quiet period the area around M NUVOLETTI (L5926), MOUNT DELLA CASTELLANA (L6224) and SASSO BALDINO (L5725) was shelled by med cal enemy arty fire and some mort fire. None of our patrols made contact with the enemy.
- (2) 1 Inf Div, B&F: Patrol to (L508182) drew MG, mortar fire and hand grenades from (L505181). Patrol to (L492177) received MG fire from (L496178). 10 enemy observed near house vicinity (L545235). OP observed activity vicinity house at (L546345) at 291350A. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 296)
- (3) 81 Cav Bcn Sq: Patrol drew MG fire from (L687266) at 290130A. 8 enemy observed near dugout vicinity (L675306) at 291400A. 6 rounds mort fire fell at (L672233) at 291610A. 5 enemy observed moving southwest vicinity (L674247) at 291720A; patrol sent to intercept. (Source: IV Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 296)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 52 rounds arty fire fell on M NUVOLETTI (L5926) and SASSO BALDINO (L5725) and other 54 rounds of med cal arty fell on MOUNT DELLA CASTELLANA (L6224) and SASSO BALDINO (L5725). Between 0830A and 1100A 16 rounds of med arty fell at (L585242).
- (2) Engineers: A demolished road at (L64202695) and large empty excavations at (L63322805) were reported by our air OP.
- (3) Infantry: A patrol to LA MOLINELLA (L6026) found the houses there unoccupied and learned from civilians that the Germans had evacuated 3 or 4 days ago. Ground OP reported a Red Cross flag in church steeple at (L581293) and also a mort position nearby at (L579294). Patrol to (L589249) made no enemy contact, but found 2 bodies in house at POSSESSIONE (L573248); bodies had been stripped of all identifications. Listening post at SPIGICCO (L631255) heard MG fire from C.L.LANA (L631261) at 292300A. A patrol to SERRA SARZANA (L619270) was halted by enemy arty and returned without making any further contact. Our OP reported 10 or 12 Jerries digging at (L58053355) and 5 more digging at (L634288); possible enemy position at (L57023369); Red Cross flag and ambulance near church at (L581287); 3 ambulances at (L63422820).
- (4) Movement: One of our patrols heard vehicular traffic at (L644277) at 300100A.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. A Partisan reported that he saw several enemy arty pieces being emplaced at (L59102965) on 28 March.

b. Civilians reported that they had been ordered to evacuate VILLA D'ALANO (L5927) and that the road from VILLA D'ALANO to CASL DEL COSTA (L584278) was to be mined.

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 291330A	- 1756
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 291330A to 301330A	- 0
	Total 1756

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Hq 10th Mountain Div  
BOCCA PITIGLIANA, ITALY  
Dated: 311330A Mar 1945

NUMBER 42 -  
MAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY 1:25,000 sheets 98 IV NW, SW; SE, NE; 97 I SE, SW, NE;  
87 III SW.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 36, 24 Mar 45.  
b. Units in Contact: Units to our front are deployed from left to right at the following probable locations:

- 2nd Bn, 721st Jr Regt is probably at (L520203)
- 1044th Inf Regt is in line at (L520203)
- Mittenwald Mt Bn is still at 8 MARTINO in training area and may possibly be absorbed by the 114th Jr Div
- 114th Rcn Bn is probably at (L552250)
- 1st Bn, 721st Jr Regt, is probably at (L554248)
- 1st Bn, 741st Jr Regt, is at (L565253)
- 2nd Bn, 741st Jr Regt, is at (L562247)
- 3rd Bn, 71st Pz Regt, is probably at (L578253)
- 1st Bn, 71st Pz Regt, is probably at (L603257)
- 756th Inf Div CP is probably located at (L620300)
- 5th Co, 756th Inf Regt, is probably at (L628272)
- 8th Co, 756th Inf Regt, is at (L635275)
- 7th Co, 756th Inf Regt, is probably at (L645273)

All arty locations mentioned on overlay accompanying Periodic Report No. 30, 18 March 1945, are to be regarded as doubtful locations at present.

Indications are that elements of the 29th Sd Division have withdrawn to a reserve area NW of BOLOGNA.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div Sector: Enemy arty and mort fire continued to harass our forward positions during the period. Our raid in the west sector met heavy resistance from MGs, morts, and S/A fire.
- (2) 1st Inf Div, B&F: Enemy patrol attempting infiltration vicinity CAPLALL MONTE (L5319) at 302120A driven off by arty. Patrol received MG fire vicinity (L504180) and (L501181). Patrol to (L530190), (L525192), (L523191) made no contact and civilians there said no enemy had been seen for several days. Patrol received MG fire from (L4974794) and mort fire from (L499192). OP reported enemy digging positions vicinity houses on Hill 528 and 510 (L4519 square). OP observed 10 enemy vicinity (L502187) at 301400A. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 297)
- (3) 81 Cdn Pz Bn Sg: Patrol to AFRICA (L6825) made no contact. Patrol to (L68552) drew intense MG fire and returned at 300530A. MG firing reported from vicinity VERGATO (L6925) at 300315A. 3 rds mort fire fell vicinity (L688250) at 301540A and 5 rds at 301700A. 10 enemy observed at (L623220) at 301535A engaged by arty. (Source: IV Corps Periodic Report No. 297)

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: 7 rounds of arty fire fell on M DELLA CASTELLANA (L631-241). 16 rounds of mort and arty fire fell in the vicinity (L569226). 21 rounds of mort and arty fell in vicinity of (L568241). Air OP reported a gun firing at (L6150290); our arty was brought to bear with good effect.
- (2) Air Force: An unidentified aircraft approached our lines from the NE at 201120A vicinity (L6123). It is believed what is believed to have been a C-47 and a P-51. A P-51 (L5342.8) located a minefield at (L635255).

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- (4) Infantry: A probable enemy OP at (L637287) and an undetermined number of enemy were observed by ground OP. Patrols to (L634258), (L643-258); and (L627259) made no enemy contact. An enemy heavy MG is reported to be at (L570247). Air OP reported MG and dugout at (L572259) with suspected OP near dugout. One of our patrols made contact with the enemy and came under heavy MG fire at (L585266), also long range MG fire from house at (L586270), believe 2 enemy to be killed and our patrol suffered 3 casualties.
- (5) Movement: Horses heard running on road at approximately (L625274) at 302250A. Our arty was brought to bear upon a truck convoy at (L594-274).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Civilian Statements: Civilians who entered our lines vicinity CASTEL D'AIANO (L6025) reported that a camouflaged tank was observed firing from (L585277) on 29 March; 2 mort positions manned by 12 Germans at (L578279); 1 LMG and mort at (L578-283); 1 mort and bunker at (L575275); 12 Germans occupy house at (L594264); 3 arty pieces observed firing from vicinity M CASACCA (L582303) on 28 March; 20 Germans occupy bunkers and positions at (L593279).

b. Civilian Interrogation Report No. 24: See Appendix "A"

c. Military Information received from Partisans and Civilians (with PI comments): See Appendix "B"

d. Total PWs

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 301330A	- 1756
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 301330A to 311330A	- 9
Total	1765

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. The enemy is capable of:

- (1) attacking our present positions for the purpose of regaining key terrain features or diverting our plans for future operations.

b. Discussion

As a result of our recent offensive the enemy was compelled to call upon part of his mobile reserve, the 29th PG Division, to plug the gap left by the badly mauled 232d Inf Div and the 114th Jaeger Division. As the front again became quiet, the remnants of these two divisions were withdrawn from the line to reorganize and receive replacements. In the meantime a new division, the 334th Inf Div, appeared on our front evidently to relieve the 29th PG. PWs from the new division identified one of the three regiments, the 756th, in our sector on 24 March. An increase in movement coupled with increased artillery fire on our front lines during the 26th and 27th of March indicated further relief. Since then information has been received indicating the presence of the 29th PG Division northwest of BOLOGNA.

This shift in dispositions results in the 334th Division being employed in our east and central sectors and elements of the 114th Jaeger Division confronting our west sector.

For the past two weeks the enemy has been improving positions on the high ground generally along the 27 and 28 Northings. New defensive works have been prepared and extensive demolitions and minefields have been installed along our entire front. This indicates his attitude toward a determined defense and a delaying action in case of our further advances.

Bearing these indications in mind and considering that the heavy companies of the 334th Division are lacking in support weapons, it is not likely that the enemy can launch an attack of more than one battalion and he probably will limit his offensive action to strong patrols and raids.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 43, Hq 10th Mt Div, 31 March 1945

CIVILIAN INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 24

**PREAMBLE:** 10 families consisting of about 100 persons entered our lines at CASTEL D'ALLANO at about 1000 hours, March 29. They had left from the areas surrounding VILLA D'ALLANO (L5927). German troops did not halt these civilians as they made their way toward our lines even though they were constantly observed. They were unable to furnish much information because for the past three weeks they had been living in shelters due to the heavy Allied artillery. They did however confirm most of previous reports and were able to give the following.

About 10 German soldiers are occupying the house at (L565255). These Germans are manning 3 MG positions which are in the immediate vicinity of the house.

A German outpost and MG located in the house at (L63292710).

In the area between TAVOLE (L629281), S MUOLA (L532286) and STRADA (L634278) many underground shelters and slit trenches have been built. These positions are all enemy occupied.

About 6 Germans are occupying the house at (L58112544). 15 Germans commanded by a Lt and with telephone communication are occupying the house at (L58252659).

A German CP with a switchboard located in the house at (L57942877). 3 arty pieces (cal unknown) were observed about 50 yds SW of this house and just west of the main path. According to civilian's description these guns are believed to be AT pieces.

About 10 bunkers and shelters are being constructed in the stream bed at approximately (L581285).

All houses on both sides of secondary road which leads from C DI RIGONI (L578266) to VILLA D'ALLANO are enemy occupied. Germans occupying these houses remain indoors during the day; all activities are carried on at night.

In the early morning of 29 March a pioneer squad with demolition material arrived in the house at approximately (L596260).

The German troops occupying the positions to the North and West of M NUVOLETTI (L594264) (estimated to be a company) have had three reliefs in the past three weeks. The last relief taking place on the 28 March.

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Appendix "B" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 43, Hq 10th Mt Div, 31 March 1945

MILITARY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PARTISANS AND CIVILIANS WITH PI COMMENTS

North of the houses at approximately (L628306) are two well camouflaged shelters dug in the mountain slopes. A light tank and some vehicles are parked in those shelters. (PI comment: Two dugouts or shelters can be seen at (L62823052)).

3 75-mm guns are in position at approximately (L646339), about 100 m N of CASA CANTINI. The guns are about 15 m apart. (PI comment: Three objects plus tracks and digging activity can be seen here - the position appears to be a likely one)

2 88-mm guns, about 10 m apart, are in position at approximately (L647346), 20 m N of CASALI, in the vicinity of a haystack. (PI comment: This is site of now occupied 3 gun light AA battery.)

A heavy caliber gun, believed 170-mm gun, formerly in position at CASA MURANI, (L659365) was moved to approximately (L658377) on the 20th of March after it had been strafed by Allied planes. The Quaker guns were put in the position of CASA MURANI. The position at approximately (L658377) is about 20 m N of the church of Fagoggia. The gun is camouflaged with branches and the position is covered with camouflage net. (PI comment: Heavy gun can be seen at (L65853768))

2 88-mm guns are in position, about 10 m apart, at about 30 m E of CASA SAN GIUSEPPE, at approximately (L625324). (PI comment: two gun light AA battery can be seen at (L6253250))

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1. ENEMY SURRENDER AT CLOSE OF PERIOD  
 a. Enemy Front Lines: (A55048), (A55049), (A570080), (A570042), (A550035), (A550078).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: Our patrols on both sides of Lake Garda have made some enemy contact; while we captured RIVA (A5504) at the N end of the lake. Expert enemy demolition work continued to slow our progress.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Artillery: Some light caliber arty fell near TORBOLE (A5702) yesterday afternoon.

(2) Aviation: At 011315B an underground factory for the manufacture of airplane parts was discovered near TORBOLE (A5702). It extends about one mile underground and employs 500 workers. The manager was ordered to keep all personnel present until the military took over.

(3) Engineers: At 301420B German engineer supply dump of about 5 warehouses containing air compressors, tools, and all sorts of hardware equipment located at CAVACASSELLI (F4355). The bridge at (A590080) was blown at 301640B. At 301855B air OP reported road blown at (A540-018). Shore of LAKE GARDA, from (A554039) to (A558035); reported to have mines in it. Road blown at (A54100X) and (A538997). At 011320B the shore road at (F471948) and (F503948) was reported demolished. Shore area Demolition mines at (F503946) and in the tunnel at (F496-936).

Infantry: At 301538B RIVA (A5504) was taken. At 301634B we took M BRIGATE (A578041). At 301715B partisans were reported in control in VOLINO (F485932), CAFFIONE AL GARDA (F475899), PROCONI (F458899), PISGASIO (F467906), and CARDILOLO (F451892). There are Germans in houses at (F4748894) who will surrender to Americans but not to partisans. 100 Germans were reported with S/A and 40 vehicles at (F455-904) but would not surrender. Yesterday afternoon our 8-man patrol started from (F544947) and went to (F569953) where 33 Germans were seen walking S on road. At (F585941) 12 more were seen and 30 more at (F582933); all were going S carrying personnel equipment. Germans refused to surrender and we killed two before withdrawing. At dusk yesterday a building was burning at (A618007). Patrol to (F565922) and (F525893) and vicinity made no enemy contact. One of our companies landed without opposition at (F533980). Our troops near LIMONE (F510-966) had contacted at 011320B partisans who were in immediate contact with SS troops.

(5) Movement: At dusk yesterday an enemy vehicle was seen going N at (A596995).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 012400B - 022400B. Broken low clouds during day causing continued showers. Visibility poor.

b. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 301330B 9905  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 301330B to 011330B 208  
 Total - 10,113

c. Civilian Report: Civilians believe no organized enemy force is operating on high ground between ADIGE RIVER and LAKE GARDA, and S of F91 Northing. They say area vicinity (F565921) has been used for observation by enemy parties recently and was a center of former training activity.

d. IPW Report No. 46: See appendix 4A.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 68, 28 April 1945.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 71, 1 May 1945

IPW REPORT NO. 46:

PWg: Capt Haug and 72 other PWs were taken in the vicinity of TORBOLE (A578023).

Unit: PWs were from "Battle Group Seitz."

Organization: This battle group is commanded by a Col Seitz and is subdivided into smaller units of about bn and co strength. One of these bns was commanded by Capt Haug and had a strength of about 600 men. Capt Haug had about 13 officers under him who arrived more or less one after the other and who were used by him as co and platoon leaders. The units were made up entirely of stragglers from the PO RIVER who had been picked up by MPa and were organized into these battle groups. One officer, a Lt Funk, marched with about 50 men N on Highway #12. Near MARCO (F678-990) they were stopped by a MP road block. They had to wait about two hours until some trucks arrived and took them to TORBOLE (A578023). There they met Capt Haug and were put into the line immediately.

Miscellaneous: a. None of the PWs knew where Col Seitz's CP was located, but they all agreed that it was in the vicinity of ARCO (A585080) because Capt Haug stated that it took his messengers on foot a maximum of 2 - 3 hours to make the round trip under shell fire.

b. Capt Haug stated that he had strict orders to hold out to the last. He reported to Col Seitz that his unit was getting very weak, asked for reinforcements which did not arrive. He believes that they were to hold their positions so that other troops could get out of the Adige Valley to the N before being cut off by us.

c. None of the PWs had had any news from any other front or from home for about 10 days. Most of them agreed that it was useless to fight any longer, but stated that they had orders to hold and that they (especially the officers) had to carry out those orders.

d. The group of about 600 SS troops which was previously reported in the area of (F4792) has now moved along the road from PRABONF (F459898) to approximately (F448950). They cannot proceed any further with their vehicles because the bridge at (F449335) has been destroyed by Allied bombing. They throw the vehicles into the Compiene River E of the road.

e. 3 Italian civilians who left Munich on 2<sup>d</sup> April arrived at MALCESINE (F5291) on the evening of 29 April. They travelled via INNSBRUCK, BRENNER PASS, BOLZANO, TRENTO, ROVERETO, RAGO across a mountain trail to MALCESINE. They stated that the railroad from GARFISCH S to 1<sup>st</sup> km S of the Brenner Pass is out of order. From BRENNER to BOLZANO they travelled on a convoy of 6 trucks which were 1/2 loaded with arty and S/A ammunition. The convoy stopped at BOLZANO. On 28 April they saw 3-4 SP (uns (75mm ?) going S on the road from ARCO (A585080) to RAGO (A58274) about 3 km N of RAGO. They also heard from other civilians that there were artillery pieces in position in the vicinity of RAGO on 29 April. In the vicinity of TRENTO they observed 5 - 6 arty pieces, believed to be 75mm (?) going S at 27-28003 April.

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\* From: 011330Z May 1945  
 \* To: 021330Z May 1945  
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 \* Vic MALCESINE (F509995)  
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NUMBER 71 -

MAPS: G.S.S.S. ITALY 1:50,000 sheets 35 I, II; 36 III, IV, 21 III, IV.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: (A590093), (A585082), (A570101).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: The enemy has been forced from the plain at the N end of LAKE GARDA. Small pockets of by-passed enemy resistance are being mopped up throughout the division sector.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

- (1) Artillery: Yesterday afternoon TORBOLD (A5702) received intermittent arty fire estimated to be 80mm. Our patrol saw heavy enemy arty pieces N of TRUNTO (A540037). 3 enemy 75s at (A603125) were fired on by our arty at 021000Z.
- (2) Engineers: Our patrol reports road cut at (A543016). Enemy blow road cut (A600125) at 020930Z.
- (3) Infantry: In a fire fight at (F425515) at 011450Z one of our FA Batteries used arty pieces as direct fire weapons on enemy positions and took 72 PWs. Recon patrol to (F571932) saw 6 enemy at (F572939) at 011500Z. Our patrol to (A595029) yesterday afternoon made no enemy contact. SS personnel from (A540994) are reported to have raided houses at (A501097). There are enemy road blocks at (A531132), (A531-129), and (A532134). Enemy CP at (F57069327) spotted by our CP at (F575948) at 021100Z.
- (4) Signal: At 011830Z a large enemy radio station was found intact in RIVA (A5504).
- (5) Tanks: Our air CP saw an enemy tank at (A635186) at 020915Z and another enemy tank moving N at ARCO (A585075).
- (6) Movement: At dusk yesterday considerable enemy traffic was noted going in and out of VRO (A606125) along the road N of town. Between 020600Z and 020900Z our air CP saw much movement of vehicles and personnel N out of VRO (A606125) and much movement at (A578347) N and E into TRUNTO (A7734). Much movement on bridge at (A639204) at 020915Z. 25 enemy vehicles and 75 personnel seen going N at (A577240) early this morning. Our air CP saw many enemy horse-drawn vehicles at (F57069329) at 021200Z.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 021200Z - 021200Z. Multi-layered clouds breaking up 020000Z becoming scattered tonight. Very good visibility except during showers.

b. Outlook (24 hours): Cumulous clouds with scattered rain showers. Good visibility.

c. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 011330Z	10,113
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 011330Z to 021330Z	199
Total	10,312

d. Partisan Reports: Coordinate squares (A5008), (A5007), and (A6006) have been cleared of enemy. Partisans also report there are 200 enemy and 1 88mm gun near (A530049). Bridge blown at (A590070).

e. Patrol Discovery: Our patrol along the W shore of LAKE GARDA from PIAZZA (F4248) to RIVA (A5504) found great quantities of enemy machines, lathes, tools, airplane parts, guns and other ordnance equipment in tunnels along the shore road.

f. Trip Interrupted: When our MPs in MALCESINE (A5190) stopped 2 German trucks and 3 German cars early this morning on a routine check as to why the vehicles had not been turned into ordnance as ordered, they didn't know they had interrupted the party of 4 German officers, 1 mistress, and about 30 armed German soldiers from BRUNO (F0467) to the SPINER PASS. They directed the Germans to the final forward point of their journey - our Divisional PW camp.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 69, 29 April 1945.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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\* To: 031330B May 1945  
\* Hq 10th Mountain Div  
\* Vic MALCESINE (F509995)  
\* Dated: 031600B May 1945

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MAPS: G.S.G.S. ITALY 1:50,000 sheets 3 I,II,III,IV; 4 III; 35 I, II; 36 III, IV; 21 III, IV.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: (V315135) east along the Austrian border to L'ALTISSIMA (V7362).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: At 031330B all German forces in Northern Italy surrendered unconditionally to the Allied Forces. In our sector there has been no enemy contact during the period.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Artillery: Our patrol reported 15 enemy and several field pieces at (A607019) early yesterday afternoon. German gun was seen being manned at (A605021).

(2) Engineers: Enemy blew road at (A606021) and (A606020).

(3) Movements: OP reported seeing 30 Germans with several horse-drawn vehicles moving along road on N side of LAGO di IOPPIO (A6001) at 031730Z.

(4) Supply: 70000 rounds of enemy 75mm, 20mm, 81mm mortar, and assorted S/A ammunition found in large dump at (A570050) yesterday evening. An oil storage dump, with an estimated 40,000 gallon capacity, discovered at (A570038).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 032400B - 042400B. Overcast clouds at 5000 to 12000 feet decreasing to scattered during night. Middle and broken cloudiness on 4 May with scattered showers during the afternoon. Visibility good.

b. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 031330B	10,318
PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 031330B to 031330B	54
Total -	10,366

c. German Hospital: There is a German hospital with 300 patients at GARDINI di SOTTO (F32074).

d. PI report: Demolitions along the road appear on photo cover dated 030400B at (A605022) where sections of the mountain were blown down on the road for approximately 300 feet and at (A607021) where craters have been blown for approximately 300 feet. In between the demolitions are 2 craters 30 feet across.

e. PI Report No. 47: See Appendix "A".

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

The enemy is capable of

a. Defending his present front line.

b. Fighting a delaying action from the Austrian border to a new defensive line within the Austrian redoubt.

Discussion:

With the capitulation of the German forces in Italy, the enemy front line has automatically moved E to the Austrian border. It is possible that the enemy may make a determined stand there, centered around the mountain passes, or he may fight a delaying action to some new defense line further within Austria. In either case he will use the remnants of numerous deactivated divisions, as well as a few relatively intact units, to make his last stand. Since these are now retrained into the Redoubt from all directions and in uncertain quantities, it is not possible at this time to make an estimate of their defensive strength. A determined resistance is certain, unless Germany capitulates completely.

The possibility of resistance on the approaches to Austria from pockets of enemy who have not learned of the capitulation, or who choose to continue the fight, must not be overlooked.

Conclusion:

Capability b is favored.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Report No. 73:

IRM REFUGEE PG. 47

REs: Maj General Hans Georg Hildebrandt and about 400 other PWs were processed and interrogated. Most of them were captured by partisans or previously by other German troops and were misled somehow to this sector.

REs: PWs were from all different units drifting in from all directions. Maj Gen Hildebrandt was commanding the 100th Liaison Detachment with the Italian forces, mainly with the San Marco Marine Infantry Division. He stated that he had been taken prisoner already in Sicily and a General Janni had conferred there with an officer from 8th Army about their escape. They belonged to the Ligurian Army. They were then told to proceed to GENOVA and later on the way they met another officer leading them who then told them to go to GENOVA. At CAPRINO (55078) their conveyance was halted because all the bridges were blown. They stayed there over night and tried to continue their journey but were held when they were fired upon and stopped by partisans who then turned them over to a CP patrol. Gen. Hildebrandt stated that unless he was captured Germany had lost the war, mainly due to lack of armament and equipment and manpower. He was an old army officer of 1918. He stated that he had no information as to how far the Allied forces in Italy had progressed. When questioned as to how long he thought the fighting would last, he stated that it would be over by the evening of 4 May.

Another PW who had just come out of a hospital and was a straggler due to an injured leg, stated that he had seen some SS troops in the vicinity of GARGANA, who had been guarding Mussolini's Headquarters. He stated that originally there had been almost a rest there but that some of these troops had left earlier and the others had gotten stuck there because all of the tunnels and roads had been blown.

No prisoner had any idea of any intention of the German forces in this sector, whether they would continue to fight or to where they would withdraw. A PW from the organization Foot stated that he had seen 4 very large bunkers at (A768240) with their entrance to the N. He also stated that he knew of some bunkers which had been built by another unit of the Foot organization in the vicinity of VENTURA near the Brenner Pass.

REs: a. General Hildebrandt stated that the last time he had seen Gen von Vietinghoff was 27 April. However, he made the statement after the interrogation.

b. Several of the prisoners had heard of some peace offers which were supposed to have been made by Germany to the Allies. However, they had not heard anything definite about it; their knowledge was only in the rumor stage.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: Non-existent.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: Organized enemy resistance in our sector has ceased. Our patrols contacted elements of the 51st Mt Corps and elements of the 14th Panzer Corps who desire to surrender to us.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 041200Z - 051200Z. Overcast skies with intermittent rain showers. Visibility fair. Clouds will break for a short time during the afternoon of 5 May. Outlook for 6 and 7 May - scattered to broken clouds with showers. Min Temp during period 37°F.

b. Enemy Methods:

Hurry-Up Discharges: XVIII US Corps reports having found two examples of a document which bears out information previously received from PWs to the effect that units are issuing discharges wholesale to their men in an effort to get them home and avoid our PW cages. The document is a typewritten Entlassungs Bescheinigung (discharge paper) with blank spaces provided for the writing in of the name and birthdate of the man to be discharged. (Source: Fifth Army G-2 Periodic Report No. 605)

a. Fact Victory: PWs stated that when Allied planes bombed the area of W11 013 (L6127) it caused comparatively little damage, as the houses bombed in that area were not occupied at the time. However, the strafing attacks which continued during the day (16 April) caused a considerable number of casualties and demoralized the troops, especially after the COs of 5th and 7th Cos, 75th Inf Bgt were killed. (PWs claim that a fire bomb hit the Medical Collection Station of 2A Bn, 75th Inf Bgt, at (L61280C), killing several soldiers and wounding eight others. PWs also claim that many houses were set on fire as a result of this bombing.) (Source: Fifth Army G-2 Periodic Report No. 605)

b. Informational data on SS Troops will be found in appendix "A".

c. French CIC Agent Report: The following information was reported by a French CIC Agent: BOLZANO is the big German resistance spot for ITALY - about 30,000 German troops were reported 2 days ago around this town. In FRANCO, about 20,000 Germans are reported. Lt Col SOUR, SS, is chief of this area. He keeps with him former SS and Paratroopers and sets up combat groups. Agent has seen about 10 88-mm and 30 44 guns from BOLZANO to ROVERETO. BOLZANO is the center of all the German CIC for ITALY and FRANCE. Chiefs of the French Gestapo are located there. Road to BREITNER PASS supposed to be mined every 300 yards from the BREITNER down to 20 miles south of the BREITNER PASS.

f. Total PWs:

PWs captured by 10th Mt Div prior to 031330B - 10366  
 PWs captured by 10th Mt Div period 031330B to 041330B - 61  
 Total 10427

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

Inasmuch as the unconditional surrender of the German forces under Col General Heinrich von VITTINGHOFF also includes enemy forces in western AUSTRIA, no enemy front as such exists in our sector. Resistance can now only be expected from isolated units which have not learned of the surrender or who are unwilling to abide by the capitulation order.

In Austria, the capability of the enemy to defend a mountainous area often re-

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ferred to as the "KIDGURT" must be considered. Enemy plans for eventually defend-  
ing the KIDGURT center have been indicated in numerous reports from fairly reliable  
sources. Inasmuch as WIMMER's name has appeared in many of these reports it is to  
be expected that the KIDGURT center will be defended mainly by SS troops. (See  
Appendix "A".)

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 73, 10th Mt Div, 4 May 1945

SS (SCHWARZKOPF)

SS Administration is divided into 19 districts (SS Oberabschnitte) which  
correspond to the political geographical division called Wehrkreise. Each dis-  
trict is commanded by a senior SS officer.

Types of SS Units:

General SS (Allgemeine SS) is composed of members who continue their regular  
employment and serve as volunteer political soldiers in their spare time.

Waffen SS was formed at the outbreak of the war from SS service troops which  
were under the direct command of HIMMLER.

SS Death's Head formations (Totenkopfverbände) were organized primarily to  
guard concentration camps.

Waffen SS:

The Waffen SS is organized into SS Divisions which serve in the field like  
any other combat division. Our latest information shows that the following SS  
Divisions have been identified.

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| <p>a. <u>Panzer Division</u><br/>Leibstandarte "Adolf Hitler"<br/>Das Reich<br/>Totenkopf<br/>Wiking</p>           | <p>Hohenstaufen<br/>Frustenberg<br/>Fедerland<br/>Hitler Jugend</p> |
| <p>b. <u>Mountain Division</u><br/>Prinz Eugen, Nord, Bosnian</p>  |   |
| <p>c. <u>Infantry Divisions</u><br/>Polizei, Lettland, Galizien, Nordland, Götz von Berlichingen, Reichsführer</p> |   |
| <p>d. <u>Cavalry Division</u><br/>Kavallerie</p>   |   |

These Divisions have equipment corresponding to similar types of divisions in  
the regular army and operate in the field under army command, but are usually given  
more or less independent missions. Most of the SS Divisions have been heavily en-  
gaged and have suffered considerable casualties. The growth of the Waffen SS has  
been so great that it is sometimes regarded as a fourth arm of the services on an  
equal footing with the army, the navy, the air force. WEINFICH HIMMLER is Commander  
in Chief of all SS Forces.

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MAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY 1:50,000 sheets 3 I, II, III, IV; 4 III; 35 I, II; 36 III, IV; 21 III, IV.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: Non-existent.  
 b. Units with Which We Are Negotiating: 14th Army.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) During the Day: The Germans are organizing their units and getting them into assembly areas in preparation for final distribution. Our liaison parties have been sent out to contact the Germans and to protect them from Partisan activities. Clashes between Partisans and German forces were stopped. Our forces have reached the Austrian border S of NAUERS without opposition and the border has been sealed.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: Forecast: 052400B - 062400B. Broken clouds increasing to overcast in the morning with rain showers in the mountains. Visibility 6 - 8 miles tonight decreasing to 4 - 5 miles during morning. Outlook: Continued cloudy weather. Minimum temperature 48 - 50 F.

b. German Guard: We sent one of our companies (motorized) to guard and protect the headquarters and encampment of General von Vietinghoff with orders to keep Partisans out of the area.

c. Road Report: The LAGO di LUDRO road is badly blown, and the estimated time for repairs is 40 to 61 days. A bridge cannot be constructed as the blow is on a curve.

d. Information on German Units: Our Co in ROVERETO reports situation well in hand. There are two German bns in an assembly area with a third on the way. The Germans (as of 042055B) had not turned in their weapons but were awaiting orders from their high command before so doing. Partisans reported at 042100B that 1000 German Parachute trs in PERSING and LA VICO, S of LUDRO, were fighting with Partisans, but would probably surrender to Americans. German General and 200 - 300 SS trs at MOLVENO wished to surrender to Americans.

e. Liaison Report: Our liaison party contacted Gen Lemelson, 14th German Army, at 042230B. He is prepared to group his command, minus the 1st Para Corps, by 7 or 8 May and to move them to any final assembly area. The General has about 10,000 trs under his command. The Divs of the 14th Army are 8th Mt, 65th Inf Div, 305th Inf Div, and 94th Inf Div, and 51st Mt Corps (at SAN LORENZO). The 26th Panzer Div is just S of BOZZANO. All of the Panzer Corps is at TRENTO. The 51st Mt Corps consists of the 90th PG Div, 184 JG Div, 148 Inf Div, and the 232 Inf Div. Our liaison party reported that there is plenty of food and no need of medical attention, but gasoline for transportation is required.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 73, dated 4 May 1945.

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• From: 061830Z May 1945  
• To: 061830Z May 1945  
• Rq 10th Mountain Div  
• Vic: "ALOUXINE" (750995)  
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HAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY 1:50,000 sheets 3 I, II, III, IV; 4 III; 35 I, II; 36 III, IV; 21 III, IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS AT CLOSE OF PERIOD  
a. Enemy Front Lines: Non-existent.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: The assembling and disarming of surrendered German troops continued without opposition.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 062400Z - 072400Z. Broken high cloudiness, scattered middle clouds with few low clouds. Visibility 6 - 8 miles. No precipitation. Min temp 46° F. Outlook: Cloudiness will increase with light rain in latter part of 8 May.

b. Contact at Border: Our force ran into the rear of the 19th German Army at the Austrian border. The Germans were being pushed back by elements of the 7th Army, 6th Army Group, and would not allow us to cross the border without opposition as negotiations for surrender were still going on with General Brooks. We contacted the German General and it was agreed that each unit would post sentries at the border. There are 3000 Germans in the rear of our force which are being evacuated in case of trouble with the 19th Army.

c. Troop Disposition: Two Czechoslovakian officers were questioned at our CP concerning location and disposition of troops. There are about 10 kms totaling 3000 men disposed along the ADIGE RIVER from AVIO to MONTAGNO. They have no weapons or transportation. All troops are ready to move at any time.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 73, dated 4 May 1945.

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MAPS: G.S.G.S., ITALY 1:50,000 sheets 3 I, II, III, IV; 4 III; 36 I, II; 36 III, IV; 21 III, IV.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: Non-existent.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: Assembling of elements of the XIV German Army continued, with major units dispersed already in assigned areas.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Location of Major Elements of 14th German Army: (As of 071200B May; all coordinates are from sheets 2 and 3 1:50,000)

51 Mt Corps (Corps Troops)	(566873)	MOLVENA
90 Panzer Grenadier Div	(577320)	CIFFO
114 Jaeger Div (Elements)	(582673)	SERRAQUEROB
334 Inf Div (Elements)	(587677)	VILLANO
148 Inf Div (Elements)	(588481)	CARACAZONE
90 Panzer Grenadier Div (Elements)	(585084)	POSTAL
232 Inf Div and Corps Troops (Elements)	(588066)	ORZALE
14 Panzer Corps	(577617)	MATTARELLO
94 Inf Div	(576510)	ESSENELLO
8 Mt Div	(575318)	FRAGLIANO
66 Inf Div	(577235)	TRIMFO
305 Inf Div	(575226)	VEVA
1st Para Corps	(583022)	S CRISTOFORO
1st Para Div	(583077)	LEVICO
4th Para Div	(586315)	COMPREGHIPRI
26 Panzer Gren Div	(589663)	LAIVES

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 72, dated 4 May 1945.

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Hq. 10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
ZIRACCO (C492248)  
May 1945

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX to accompany FIELD MESSAGE No. 23.

Maps: ITALY G.S.G.S. 1:100,000 Sheets 25, 26; 14, 14A

## 1. The JUGOSLAV ARMY

### a. Composition:

Believed to be composed of some 50 divisions, with an over-all strength of about 400,000 men. There is evidence that the Yugoslav Army is being reorganized on the Russian model, which entails the disbanding of Corps Hq and subordination of divisions direct to Army Hq. (This has already been largely effected in the case of 4 Army in VENEZIA GIULIA). The average strength of divisions varies between 5,000 - 8,000 men, except in the case of 4 Army where they average 7,000 - 10,000 men; the main weapon of the divisions is still the rifle and the light automatic, and there is believed to be no artillery heavier than 15-in within the divisions. 4 Army is known to have an artillery brigade which is reported to consist of 10x150mm hows, 20x86mm, 25x106mm hows and 80 pack 75mm hows with about 20 anti-tank guns, 57mm. Other armies probably have similar artillery brigades. The only tank brigade known to be in existence (with about 60 Stuarts) is also with 4 Army, and it is believed to have had losses in the battle for TRIESTE. The Yugoslavs must, however, have acquired considerable quantities of German equipment as a result of the recent surrender of Army Group Southeast. No estimate is available as to how much artillery has in fact fallen into Yugoslav hands, but the Germans had very few tanks and probably none larger than Mk III and IV. Since most of the Yugoslav heavy weapons are captured ones or supplied by British and American forces, the ammunition will be a limiting factor. We have no evidence as to what extent Russian weapons and stocks have been supplied to the Yugoslavs.

The morale of the Yugoslav Army against the Germans has been generally high. But recent experiences in SLAVONIA show that the Army is not really trained or equipped for pitched battles or for positional warfare. On the whole, it is probably still primarily a skilled and well-trained guerrilla force, though the Russians are likely to exercise an important influence in reorganizing the previous partisan divisions into regular army formations.

### b. DISPOSITION

See attached overlay.

### c. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

4 Army, which attacked up the Dalmatian coast with 7 divisions and captured SENJ, FIUME, and ISTRIA, is now almost entirely concentrated in VENEZIA GIULIA, with Hq in TRIESTE. Its divisions are among the best in the Yugoslav Army, but even so they are under-equipped. It has been joined here by IV Corps from the POSTUMIA area and IX Corps from the TOLMINO area and now numbers about 120,000 men. VII Corps in the LJUBLJANA area is also under its command. 4 Army's present task is the occupation and consolidation of gains in VENEZIA GIULIA as far west as the ISONZO; though there has been some infiltration across the river, this is believed to be more in the nature of small parties bent on foraging for food rather than a deliberate attempt to extend the sphere of the ISONZO; it is not believed to exceed 2,000 though there are considerable numbers of armed Slovene villagers west of the river who would undoubtedly join up with the Yugoslav troops if mischief were intended. The administration of VENEZIA GIULIA is now mainly in the hands of the Yugoslav Army.

In the area of 4 Zone (Jugoslav-Austrian frontier) there is only one strong division of five brigades which moved across the border and had elements in YOKER-MARKT. Yugoslav aims as expressed by a Yugoslav officer were to occupy that part of Austria south of the line VILLACH-WOLFFBERG-SEE-KLAGENFURT. A staff officer said to be from Tito's Army HQ told 8 Army on 11th that, as the Yugoslavs were at present in insufficient strength to occupy this area, they would withdraw back to the frontier. This was done the following day, but 37 Mission appreciates that they intend to build up their strength and then to return. Such reinforcement should soon be available from 1, 2, and 3 Armies advancing from the south. The collapse of German resistance has freed these armies, and 3 Army is already reported in VEREDIE, while 10 Corps (detached from 3 Army) entered JAGGER on the 24th. The situation at HARBOR is not known. Supervision of surrendered German personnel will undoubtedly tie up considerable numbers of the Yugoslav Army, but even so there is no reason why reinforcement should not be immediately available to 4 Zone.

#### d. SUPPLY SITUATION

At the moment, little definite information is available on the Yugoslav supply picture. It is believed that Yugoslavia itself can provide only very limited supplies. How much the Yugoslavs may have been able to build up from what they have received from the Allies and to what extent they are being supplied by the Russians, if at all, is not known. Equipment, ammunition and PCL has undoubtedly been captured from the Germans, but the German supply situation in Yugoslavia is thought to have been critical and it seems improbable that large stocks of German ammunition and PCL have fallen into Yugoslav hands. However, the two most important German dumping areas in Northern Yugoslavia, ZAGREB K59 which is by far the most important, and LJUBLJANA D31, are now both in Yugoslav hands. In conclusion, it is believed, but as indicated above on the basis of only scanty information, that the Yugoslavs do not have sufficient supplies to support sustained large-scale operations by a force adequately equipped with all types of weapons; supplies to support guerilla type operations for a considerable period are probably available.

#### e. POLITICAL HISTORY

Prior to World War I, the general areas of VENEZIA GIULIA were a part of the Austrian Empire. It now contains a large percentage of Serbs and Italians and a relatively small percentage of Austrians and other nationalities. The Italians are particularly strong in the cities of TRIESTE and Fiume where they are responsible for the development and improvement of these port cities. Italians, Austrians, and Yugoslavs all have justifiable claims to this area.

#### f. SUMMARY

(1) The Yugoslav forces have just finished a tough campaign and have not yet had much time to reorganise. The 4 Army still must be considered a guerilla army and is unlikely to offer prolonged resistance in open combat. In the past, the tactics of this unit has been to strike and then fade away from the Germans. It is apparent that if action is to be taken, such action should be taken as soon as possible before the Yugoslav forces have time to reorganise and build up.

(2) The Yugoslavs have not yet been able to absorb the considerable quantities of German equipment which they must have taken as a result of the recent surrender. Any delay on our part will allow them time for reorganization and training with new weapons. The acquisition of this equipment may necessitate a change of tactics inasmuch as it would not be advisable to continue the "fade away" tactics and thus abandon much valuable equipment. The state of training, particularly with regard to artillery, is believed to be based on the pre-1939 doctrine of the

regular Yugoslav Army. It is further believed that the number of trained personnel available for open or organized combat is limited. With regard to the ammunition situation, there is probably a shortage and no facilities for re-supply inasmuch as nearly all artillery is either lend lease or captured equipment.

(3) Another factor which favors prompt action on our part is that the Yugoslavs have not yet been able to redeploy the 1, 2, and 3 Armies which were engaged in attacking north towards the Austrian border. A considerable part of these armies are now required to guard German personnel but this commitment should not preclude the move of some divisions to VENEZIA GIULIA. At this moment there is no evidence of such movement. We, however, cannot be certain of getting early intelligence of any such move. Prompt action on our part may possibly forestall any large-scale moves from central Yugoslavia.

(4) The Russian attitude on this operation is not known. No Russians have yet been contacted in VENEZIA GIULIA. However, the longer we postpone action the more likely we are to encounter Russian troops with the resulting possibility of "Incidents."

It is known that Tito recently visited MOSCOW. There is a possibility that Tito's recent operations have at least an unofficial sanction from MOSCOW. In all probability, the Russians are waiting for the Anglo-American reaction to Tito's occupation of parts of Italy before showing their hand.

There is no reason to suppose that the Russians have any desire to pick a quarrel provided we act at once. However, if we fail to take a firm stand, the Russians are almost certain to give tacit approval to Tito's operations.

### 5. CONCLUSION

The Yugoslav Army is a potentially large fighting force, but it is still primarily trained only in guerrilla tactics. Lack of equipment, shortage of supporting weapons and a probable limited stock of ammunition are likely to prevent the Yugoslavs offering any sustained resistance in open battle. It must be recorded, however, that 4 Army in VENEZIA GIULIA contains some of the most experienced Yugoslav divisions. On the surface, relations at present appear to be as cordial and quiet as can be expected in the face of two rival powers who are trying to occupy the same area, but the possibility of minor complaints being misinterpreted and developing into "incidents" is obviously great.

Prompt and firm action on our part is desirable. Action, if taken now, with considerable force and a firm attitude will have the military advantage of striking before the Yugoslav forces have time to reorganize and consolidate their occupation and will have the political advantage of settling the issue prior to the development of many more complications.

### h. ORDER OF BATTLE

See Annex A.

### 2. PARTISAN GROUPS

a. GARIBOLDI Partisans (Pro-Yugoslav Italians). 3000 Garibaldi owe allegiance to Tito and regard themselves as part of the Yugoslav Army. It is reported that the rank and file are beginning to tire of this allegiance. They are scattered in small numbers in all villages W of the ISONZO up to TACLAMENTO. The Garibaldi may be identified by the wearing of a red scarf or a red star on the cap.

b. The OSOPPO (Pro-Italian) Partisans, are an Italian group numbering about 4,500 and are spread throughout the area. They cover the route UDINE-TREVISO, as well as the western side of the lower ISONZO, and are reported as well disciplined, courageous fighters. They may be identified by a green scarf or a green star on the cap.



c. OTHER PARTISAN GROUPS.

There are many other groups of partisans with sentiments of varying color and political aspects of many shades. In the event that hostilities should open, all civilians will have to be treated with suspicion since anyone is capable of taking up arms in the support of guerrilla warfare.

3. NON-PARTISAN YUGOSLAVS.

a. MIHAJLOVIC CETNIKS, also known in SLOVENIA as BLUE GUARD who collaborated with enemy against Partisans as part of SLOVENE DOMOBRANCI or Home Defense and NOT part of German Armed Forces. Leaders Major KARL NOVAK and VOJVODA JEVIJEVIC both closely associated with Italians and Germans. General DRAZA MIHAJLOVIC not in this area. Predominantly Serbs.

b. Serb volunteer guard formed in German occupied SERBIA under guise of NEVIC Government and later withdrawn with German forces to VENETIA GIULIA under command of Colonel KOSTA MUSICLI.

c. Slovene WHITE GUARD originally formed in SLOVENIA by reactionary Slovene Clerical Party to oppose partisans and supplied and equipped by Italians and later Germans for police and garrison work. Incorporated in Sep 43 into Slovene DOMOBRANCI under German control. Leaders Colonel RUFNIK, Colonel PETERLIN, Colonel KOKAL and Colonel KREN. Some members forcibly recruited by Germans. Bishop HUNDI in ROME is one of their leaders.

d. Croat USTASE and DOMOBRAN, remnants of Quisling Croat forces under PAVELIC. USTASE are fanatical party militia responsible for atrocities in CROATIA and DOMOBRANS conscript Croat Army. BLACK GUARD.

e. Also possible that members of Quisling PAVELIC Government also in this area having escaped ZAGREB. Recently attempted to surrender to Allies but offer rejected and Yugoslav Government informed.

4. GENERAL SENTIMENT OF POPULATION.

The ETHNIC Line runs generally down the ISUNZO as far as GORIZIA, thence due south to SISTRANA. East of this line the country is pro-YUGOSLAV, and in the event of hostilities the population would be hostile and easily induced to start traditional guerrilla warfare. West of this line, the country is pro-Italian, even though Slovene speaking in parts. The infiltration of pro-YUGOSLAV elements in the shape of both regular troops and GARIBOLDI Partisans is not considered a grave potential danger.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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 • To: 101300Z May 1945  
 • Hq 10th Mountain Div  
 • RIVA (A5504)  
 • Dated: 101600Z May 1945  
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MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000, 35 I, II; 36 IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: The concentration of German troops for evacuation continued, with most new units grouped being from Corps and Army Hq.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 102400Z - 112400Z. Scattered high clouds during night with scattered low clouds at mountain top level in morning. Scattered cumulus clouds forming in afternoon, dissipating at night. Visibility 6 - 8 miles in haze throughout day. Max temp: 82°; Min temp: 56°. Outlook: Similar conditions will prevail throughout 13 May.

b. Patrol Reports: Six partially destroyed guns at M della PARTE (F625892) with approximately 400 rounds of ammunition. There are many small arms and ammunition at MONTE TESORO (F534718). Six 88mm AA guns and fire control instruments, including radar, were found at S MARIA NEGRAR (F605613) at 091920Z.

c. Location of Major Elements of 14th German Army: (As of 091300Z May 1945. This list is a correction of list in 10th Mt Div G-2 Report dated 8 May 1945.)

51 Mt Corps (Corps Troops)	(A6532)	MOLVENO
90 Panzer Gren Div (Elements)	(A8583)	POSTAL
114 Jaeger Div (Elements)	(A9172)	SETTAQUERCE
334 Inf Div (Elements)	(A8777)	VILPIANO
	(A8974)	TERLANO
148 Inf Div (Elements)	(A8581)	GARGAZZONE
232 Inf Div (Elements)	(A8974)	TERLANO
14 Panzer Corps	(A7716)	MATTARELLO
94 Inf Div	(A7609)	BESENO
8 Mt Div	(A7418)	ROMAGNANO
65 Inf Div	(A7723)	TRENTO
305 Inf Div	(A7625)	VELA
1st Para Corps	(A8620)	S CRISTOFORO
1st Para Div	(A2116)	LEVICCO
4th Para Div		1 km S of S CRISTOFORO
26 Panzer Gren Div	(A9563)	LAIVES

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change.

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\* RIVA (A5504)  
\* Date: 111600B May 1945  
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MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 35 I, II; 36 IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) 10th Mt Div: All German troops in our area are concentrated in designated areas and are awaiting orders for evacuation.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 112400B - 122400B. Clear at night with few clouds forming at 1500 to 2000 feet in afternoon and dissipating at night. Visibility 5 - 8 miles in haze. Min temp 5C. Wind: Similar conditions on 13 and 14 May.

b. Strength Report of 10th German Army as of 9 May 1945 (These are the troops which are ready for evacuation and are awaiting orders: See Appendix "A").

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change.

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 79, dated 11 May 1945.

STRENGTH REPORT, 14th Army (German): 9 May 1945

Unit	Officers	Enlisted	Location
<u>Army Units</u>			
Army Staff	110	289	Fai
Spectral Staff Friderici	14	34	S. Michele, Zppan
Sp. Staff - Gen Strecker	6	28	Mezzo Lombardo
<u>ARMY ENGINEERS</u>			
7th Corps Bn	11	391	Mezzo Corona
19 Fortification Staff			Caldaro
189 Bn (Co and Elements			
of 200 S	1	88	Mezzo Corona
44 Bridge Co	1	97	Bozen
<u>Army Signal</u>			
524 Signal Regt	31	857	Fai, Andalo, Mollaro, Magre, Cortaccio
593 Signal Unit	2	50	Bruneck
<u>514 Korück</u>			
Mixed Elements	18	414	Termino
G. 14 Mt Bridge Unit	3	77	Cortina
Mixed Elements	7	83	Mezzo Corona
Mixed Elements	28	719	Laives
Mixed Elements	22	632	Bronzolo
Mixed Elements	13	683	Auer
Mixed Elements	10	381	Egna
Mixed Elements	2	92	S. Michele
789 Bavarian Bn			
541 MP Staff	3	15	Bozen
6-1 MP Unit	3	84	Bozen
<u>Medical Units</u>			
500 Staff San Bn		35	Giriano
3 Field Hospital		100	Brixen
134 Field Hospital		100	Tircio
607 Field Hospital		100	Ortisei
697 Field Hospital		122	Trento
678 Field Hospital		100	Siusi
643 Field Hospital		100	Pergine
643 San Troop		140	Lana
502 Med Transportation Unit and			
642 Ambulance Platoon		275	Trento, Brixen, Coss- ensease
<u>Veterinary Units</u>			
606 Horse Hospital	11	359	S. Paolo
1/503 Horse Collecting Point	1	48	Batol
5-1 Horse Park	5	173	Tramino
5-1 Horse Park	5	177	Mezzo Lombardo
3/606 Horse Transportation Unit	1	26	Giriano

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Corps Troops	67	676	Pergine
Attachments	23	766	Pergine
<u>1st Parachute Division (Jg)</u>			
1st Parachute Jg Regt	24	444	Levico
3 Parachute Jg Regt	29	523	Levico
L.W. Jg Regt, Neupen	2	236	Levico
Div Troops	58	1571	Levico
Div Troops	2	153	Rigaleano
4 Parachute Jg Regt	34	1022	Caltonazzo
Div Arty	25	410	Castelazzo
<u>4th Parachute Jg Division</u>			
Staff	10	23	1 km S of Cristoforo
10 Parachute Jg Regt	13	132	Battaro
11 Parachute Jg Regt	11	262	Bigolo Battaro
12 Parachute Jg Regt	13	373	S Caterina
Div Arty	16	373	Pergine
4 Grenade Thrower Bn	9	270	Garzole
4 Pz Jg Bn	3	177	Laives
4 Flak Bn	2	54	Battaro
4 Field Ersatz Bn	8	238	Susa
Russian Bn Attached	18	670	Tenna Ischia
361 Flak Bn Attached	14	207	Pergine
C. T. Bohmler	278	1098	Borgo
<u>14 Pz Corps</u>			
Staff	32	195	Mattarello
Corps Troops	72	1159	Mattarello, Perlagio
<u>65 Inf Div Staff</u>	11	45	Campo Trento
145 Gr Regt	4	191	Campo Trento
146 Gr Regt	4	157	Campo Trento
147 Gr Regt	5	170	Campo Trento
Div Arty	22	333	Campo Trento
65 Fus Bn		51	Campo Trento
65 Engr Bn	4	324	Campo Trento
165 Signal Bn	2	71	Campo Trento
165 Field Replacement Bn	5	195	Campo Trento
Security Regt	8	162	Campo Trento
165 Arty Regt Elements	2	100	Levico
<u>305 Inf Div</u>			
Staff	17	128	Vela
578 Gr Regt	12	298	Vela
577 Gr Regt	16	421	Vela
578 Gr Regt	5	188	Vela
Div Arty	27	515	Vela
305 Engr Bn	3	153	Vela
305 Fus Bn	2	140	Vela
305 Replacement (Field) Bn	4	103	Vela
Security Regt	6	203	Vela
<u>8th Mt Div</u>			
Staff	1	83	Romagnano
Security Plat, etc.	2	149	Romagnano
256 Mt Regt	23	501	Romagnano
297 Mt Regt	25	505	Romagnano
1057 Recon Bn	6	100	Romagnano
157 Pz Jg Bn	4	107	Romagnano
1057 Mt Arty Regt	22	663	Romagnano
Mt Engr Bn	11	149	Romagnano

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Army Transport

513 Transport Staff	4	6	Sella
223 Transport Staff	4	63	Andriano
214 Transport Staff	1	66	Shrambach
927 Transport Staff	3	86	Terlano
12 Transport Unit	2	41	Lana
114 Transport Unit	1	31	Laives
684 Transport Unit	1	18	Klausen
Q. 2 Q. Pz Repair Staff 780, 805,			
807 Transportation Record Group		16	Blumenau
784 Cycle Park & 121 Watch Repair	3	37	Vintz
64 PW Cage	4	3	Auer

Postal Units

6 Central Post Office	8	43	Stersing
626 APO	13	28	Stersing
610 & 786 APO	6	10	Terlan
686 APO	3	11	Campo di Treno
788 APO	3	11	Laives
480 Admin Supply Hq	10	63	Eppan
541 Clothing Supply Admin	3	16	Vilpin
517 Butcher Co	2	33	S. Paula
561 Army Repair Hq Staff	9	24	Talo, S. Paula
822 Repair Staff	4	9	Auer
593 Transport Bn	16	316	S. Paula, Tramin, Gangassone, Terlano

926 Staff & 1st Security Bn	8	210	Auer, Eppan
147 & 573 Transportation Bn Repair 4		190	Auer
A. Emergency Transport "		45	Corbacio
977 Fuel Ration Hq	1	13	Auer
577 & 626 Munitions Ration Hq	1	37	Auer, Caldaro
816 Repair Bn	2	149	Neumarkt

26 Pz Div

Staff & Attachments	29	160	Laives
26 Pz Regt	56	1171	Egna
9 Pz Gr Regt	26	587	Egna
67 Pz Gr Regt	21	630	Broncolo
26 Pz Support Bn	10	419	Maso Stavic
51 Pz Jg Bn	9	142	S Giacomo
93 Pz Arty Regt	53	1038	S Maurizio, Bozen
304 Heavy Flak Bn	11	293	S Giacomo
93 Pz Engr Bn	7	306	Montagna
93 Pz Signal Bn	12	301	Laives
93 Field Repair Unit	1	38	Laives

Division Security Units

	53	948	Area, Bozen
<u>Various Attachments</u>			
Various Attachments	113	1671	Laives
Various Attachments	41	1307	Broncolo
278 Inf Div Attachments	1	250	Laives
278 Inf Div Attachments	8	602	Brixen

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1st Parachute Corps Staff

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1057 Mt Signal Bn	9	147	Romagnano
Field Replacement Bn	4	33	Romagnano
Security Troops	10	182	Romagnano
L. W. Bn z.b.v. 7 Attached	5	90	Romagnano
216 Student-Pz Bn Attached	18	401	Romagnano
<u>94 Inf Div</u>			
Staff	13	48	Beseno
Security Plat, etc	2	62	Beseno
267 Gr Regt	6	70	Nomi
274 Gr Regt	15	351	Beseno
276 Gr Regt	13	267	Rovereto (/)
194 Fus Bn	4	65	Nomi
194 Pz Jg Bn	10	198	Pomarolo
Div Arty	23	591	Villa Legerina
194 Engr Bn	2	93	Beseno
194 Signal Bn	11	129	Beseno
194 Field Replacement Bn	7	182	Pomarolo
194 Security Regt	18	291	Volano
194 Med Detachment	7	244	Villa Legerina
C. T. Panther Turnkp Attached	2	102	Mattarollo
907 & 914 Student Brig	14	283	Magro
<u>105 Flak Regt (Mot)</u>			
Staff	11	103	Fai, Masodiavigo
86th Flak Bn (Light)	12	117	Magre
99 Flak Bn (Light)	19	454	Beseno
750 Flak Bn (Light)	27	606	Mezzo Lombardo & Mezzo Corona
851 Flak Bn (Light)	16	284	Pressano
914 Flak Bn (Light)	21	516	Volano
11/5 Flak Bn (Mixed)	25	374	Magre, Torner, Auer, Neumarkt, Beseno
1/261 Flak Bn	20	331	Neumarkt
163 Flak Bn (Hoavy)	18	252	Tioni
203 Flak Bn (Hoavy)	21	451	Laag
584 Flak Bn (Hoavy) & Elements of			
167th	23	488	Beseno
103/7 Transp Unit	1	16	Masi Ai Vigo
<u>51 Mt Korps</u>			
Staff	37	200	Molyeno
K. N. A.	11	257	Molyeno
Special Staff Ewringmann & Staff Hebe	23	77	Torlano
<u>90th Pz Gr Div</u>			
Elements	12	98	Campo Lomaso
Elements 200th Bn	12	241	S Lorenzo
Elements 361 Bn	3	158	Ponte Al Archs
Elements	3	94	Postal
<u>114 Jg Div Elements</u>	24	544	Settequeros
<u>272 Inf Div Elements</u>	6	343	Torlano
<u>148 Inf Div Elements</u>	20	306	Gancassone
<u>331 Inf Div Elements</u>	43	817	Vilpiano, Torlano
51 Mt Div Arty Commander	1	63	Cormes
451 Arty Commander	3	8	Spornaggiore
988 Arty Bn	8	209	Sporninore
764 Arty Bn	12	182	Sporninore
998 Arty Bn			N of Auer

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659 Arty Bn	3	90	Mezzo Lombardo
307 Flak Bn (Heavy)	4	148	Magre
116, 117, 118 March Strys	3	138	Mezzo Lombardo
64 & 70 Observation Bn	12	288	Mezzo Lombardo
518 & 520 Meteor Plat	1	67	Mezzo Lombardo
537 Velocity Measurement Unit	1	6	Mezzo Lombardo
C. C. S. Mezzo Lombardo	3	39	Mezzo Lombardo
3/XXX Defense Hq	1	57	Mezzo Lombardo
15 Technical Bn	3	91	Mezzo Lombardo
3 Rwy Engr Regt Staff	5	23	Mezzo Lombardo
3 Rwy & Bridge Engr Regt	3	58	Donno
87 Rwy Engr Staff	1	12	Cunova
Wehrmacht Task Force	4	6	Mezzo Lombardo
527 Home Guard Bn (Elements)	4	25	Mezzo Lombardo
" " " " "	2	27	Roncatort
" " " " "	2	73	Trento, Verona
" " " " "	1	33	Brixen, Bozen

Recapitulation

	Officers	EM
Army Units	872	18,379
1st Parachute Corps	672	9,584
14th Pz Korps	565	12,115
105 Flak Regt	214	3,886
51 Mt Corps	271	4,796
Total	2,594	48,760

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To: 121330B May 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
RIVA (A5504)  
Dated: 121600B May 1945

NUMBER 80 -

MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 35 I, II; 36 IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

- (1) 10th Mt Div: All German troops in our area are awaiting orders for evacuation in designated areas.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 122400B - 132400B. Clear at night with few clouds forming at 3000 to 4000 feet in afternoon dissipating at night. Visibility 6 - 8 miles in haze. Max temp: 84°; Min temp: 56°. Outlook: Similar conditions on 14 and 15 May.

b. Strength Report of 14th German Army as of 10 May 1945: See Appendix "A".

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change.

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Captain, Infantry  
Asst AC of S, G-2

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Appendix "A" to G-2 Periodic Report No. 80, dated 12 May 1945.

STRENGTH REPORT OF 14TH GERMAN ARMY AS OF 10 MAY 1945.

<u>Assembly Area</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>
CERMES	232 Inf Div & 51 Arty CO	818
GARGAZZANO	148 Inf Div (Elements) & 593 Trans Bn	657
VALPIANO	334 Inf Div	878
TERLANO	Special Staffs	196
SWTTOQUERCE	114 Jg Div (Elements)	568
S. MAURIZIO	93 Pz Arty Regt & Miscellaneous	1104
BOLZANO	Mixed MPs and Miscellaneous Staffs	259 plus
S. GIACOMO	51 Pz AT Bn & 304 Flak Bn	476
LAIVES	Mixed Units	3605
CALDARO	Mixed Munitions Hq	38
BRONZOLO	514 Koruck & mixed elements	2677
STADIO	26 Support Bn	459
TERMEVO	514 Koruck & mixed elements	1818
MONTANNA	93 Pz Engr Bn	313
EGNA	26 Pz Regt & Elements 514 Koruck	1010
MAGRE	907 & 915 Student Brigade	502
SPORMINORE	988 Arty Bn & Elements	427
PAI	14 Army Staff, 524 Sig & Attached Units	1391
MEZZO LOMBARDO	750 Flak Bn & Miscellaneous Units	1882
MEZZO CORONA	736 Construction Bn	585
PRESSANO	851 Flak Bn	313
TRENTO	65 Inf Div & Mixed Elements	3858
VELA (Area)	305 Inf Div, Arty & Units	2240
ALDENO (Area)	8th Mt Div & Units	2745
MATTARELLO	14 Pz Corps Troops	1562
VATTARO	4 Para Div	1216
SUSA	4 Replacement Bn & Hospital	1163
PERGINE	1 Para Corps	4002
ISCHIA	4 Para Russian Bn	687
S. CATERINA	12 Para Regt	671
CALDONAZZO	4 Para Regt & 4 Para Div Arty	1706
LEVICO	1 Para Div (-)	2951
ROVERETO (Area)	94 Inf Div & Units	4317
VEZZANO	105 Flak Regt Scattered	1868
L'ALVERO	51 Mt Corps Staff	505
LOMASO	90 Mtz Div & Technical Bn	594
TIONE	163 Flak Bn	379
BORGIO	TF Bohmler	1522
Scattered,	Miscellaneous Units	6255
		Total - 59155

This table can be used in conjunction with Appendix "A" G-2 Periodic Report No. 79, dated 11 May 1945. The above table includes only major units.

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\* To: 131330B May 1945  
\* Hq: 10th Mountain Div  
\* RIVA (A5504)  
\* Dated: 131600B May 1945  
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NUMBER 80 -

MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 35 I, II; 36 IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary

(1) 10th Mt Div: All German troops in our area are concentrated in designated areas and are awaiting orders for evacuation.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather and Visibility: 132400B - 142400B. Clear at night with few clouds forming at 3000 to 4000 feet in afternoon dissipating at night. Visibility 6 - 8 miles in haze. Max temp: 84°; Min Temp: 56°. Outlook: Similar conditions on 15 and 16 May.

b. Redoubt Report: The hospital city of MERANO, on the road to RESIA PASS, is at the present time the resting place of 12,000 wounded German soldiers and approximately 3,000 service troops under the command of Major General Seuffert and under the immediate jurisdiction of the Feldkommandant, Major Heineman. Of these, 5,000 lightly wounded, 110 officers, 580 non-commissioned officers, and about 2,000 service troops can be moved on 48 hour's notice, but transportation for only 500 can be furnished by the German command. The former resort town is also a fertile hunting ground for intelligence agencies; both the Japanese and the Manchurian embassies have been found here, as well as a secret radio station; the gestapo headquarters, and certain notables such as Jean Luchaire, former Minister of Information and Propaganda in Petain's government. There are also numerable storehouses of essential war supplies and loot from Italy and other European countries to the North. Merano has all the earmarks of a typical REDOUBT city.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. No change.

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WILFRED S. DAVIS  
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• From: 131300B May 1945  
• To: 141330B May 1945  
• Hq 10th Mountain Div  
• RIVA (A5504)  
• Dated: 141600B May 1945

NUMBER 81 -  
MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 35 I, II; 36 IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

A. General Summary:

(1) General Summary: All German troops in our area are concentrated in designated areas and are awaiting orders for evacuation.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Weather and Visibility: 142400B - 152400B. Clear at night with few clouds forming at 3000 to 4000 feet in afternoon dissipating at night. Visibility 6 - 8 miles in haze. Max temp: 84°; Min temp: 56°. Outlook: Similar conditions on 16 and 17 May.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

A. None.

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\* From: 161320B May 1945  
\* To: 161330B May 1945  
\* Fq: 10th Mountain Div  
\* DISTRIZANO (F2959)  
\* Dated: 161600B May 1945  
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NUMBER 83 -  
MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 47 I, II; 48 III, IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary

(1) 10th Mt Div: We are continuing preparations for the receipt of German troops now concentrated in their initial assembly area.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather: Visibility: 162400B - 172400B. Scattered high clouds above 20,000 feet with few nimble clouds increasing to overcast. Possible showers. Visibility 5 - 7 miles in haze. Min temp: 50° F.

b. Counter Intelligence Situation from 161130B - 161130B May 1945: In the morning of 16 May 1945, two men in civilian clothes were stopped at a partisan road block at PESCIERA (F415E). Brought to the CIC office, they were identified after interrogation as German deserters, one having left the 362d Replacement Bn at MOLINELLA, BOLOGNA, on 22 Feb and the other deserting on 23 April from an Alarmgruppe in MANICOVA. When stopped, both men were going north with the intent of returning to their homes in the Tyrol.

A check of the town of DESTUZANO (F2959) shows that all important political suspects have been taken to BREGOLA for processing and trial by the Erescia Committee of Liberation. No subversive trends have been noted with the situation generally quiet.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. None.

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Date: 17 May 1945

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 161300Z May 1945  
To: 171300Z May 1945  
Eq 10th Mountain Div  
DESENZANO (F2959)  
Dated: 171800Z May 1945

NUMBER 84 -

MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 47 I, II; 48 III, IV.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD  
a. No change.

2. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE  
a. No change.

3. MISCELLANEOUS  
a. Weather and Visibility: 172400Z - 182400Z. Scattered high clouds at 20,000 feet. Few low cumulus clouds. Visibility 8 - 10 miles in East. Min temp: 52° F. Outlook: Similar conditions on 19 May with increased cloudiness.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES  
a. None.

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\* Date: 18 May 1945 \*  
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\* From: 171330B May 1945 \*  
\* To: 181330B May 1945 \*  
\* Hq 10th Mountain Div \*  
\* DEWENTZAN (F2989) \*  
\* Dated: 191300B 1945 \*  
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NUMBER 85 -

MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 47 I, II; 48 III, IV

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

A. General Summary

(1) 10th Mt Div: The 10th Mt Div has been relieved of the guarding of German troops by the 442d Regt. As of 181200B May.

2. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

A. No change.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Weather and Visibility: 182400B - 192400B, Scattered high clouds and no precipitation. Visibility 8 - 10 miles in slight haze. Min temp: 54°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

A. None.

*August A. Kastner*

AUGUST A. KASTNER  
Captain, Infantry  
Asst AC of S, G-3

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Date: 19 May 1945  
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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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From: 191330B May 1945  
To: 191330B May 1945  
Hq 10th Mountain Div  
DESIZANO (F2959)  
Dated: 191600B May 1945  
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NUMBER 86 -  
MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 47 I, II; 48 III, IV.

1. TRENDS OF OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD  
a. No change.
2. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE  
a. No change.
3. MISCELLANEOUS  
a. Weather and Visibility: 192400B - 202400B. Increased cloudiness throughout sector with possible showers in the mountains. Visibility 6 - 8 miles in haze. Min temp: 54°.
4. ENTRY CAPABILITIES  
a. None.

*191600B*  
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Captain, Infantry  
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221300B May 45

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Date: 22 May 1945

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No. 87.

Maps: GSGS, ITALY 1:100,000 14, 14A, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

At the close of the period no trouble or incidents were reported in the areas occupied by our troops.

2. JUG OPERATIONS:

The Tito Slovenian Army units were reported by the local Slovenian Army commander in TARCENTO (CA036) to be located at the following towns: BERGONA (C5541), CIVIDALE (C5522), UDINE (CA019), PILLERO (C6550), CAFORETTO (C6739), and TARVISIO. All the Slovenian units reported are small, the major forces being in the process of withdrawing to Yugoslavia, according to the Tarcento Commander. There are approximately 30 soldiers garrisoned at TARCENTO reportedly guarding German equipment for Tito.

The Tarcento Commander reported that a band of former SS men, bandits, etc. (15-60 men), known as Banda Spolero, is reported to be operating between CIVIDALE (C5522) and the NE border. It is under no command and is a part of remnants of the Germans.

An Italian from the vicinity of CAFORETTO (C6739) brought a notice of his draft by the Yugoslavians to the CP of Co I, 87th Mt Inf, and then took off for the hills to avoid the draft. A translation of the order follows:

"From the Kobarid District Command of National Defense. We invite you to inform Command \_\_\_\_\_ that he is to report to District Command of National Defense within 24 hours in order to be mobilized. His food will be provided for. He is to try to red on his transgressions by joining the right cause. Death to Fascism. Freedom to the people." Signed by the District Commander.

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

a. Garibaldi Partisans. Identified by red scarf around neck. Part of Fucilli Tagliamento Division with headquarters at Udine. The Fucilli Tagliamento Division consists of three brigades: one, the Anita Garibaldi Brigade, within the 2d Bn, 85th Mt Inf area, is broken down as follows:

130 men - TARCENTO (CA036).

160 men - TRICSELIO with the remaining men at NELLISO and SAVORGNEANO.

The Anita Garibaldi Brigade Headquarters is located in TARCENTO.

b. Osoppe Partisans. Identified by green scarf around neck. 3d Division headquarters is located at TRICSELIO. The Division consists of 5 brigades, four of which are disposed as follows:

1st Brigade - REANA

6th Brigade - TARCENTO (400 men) Hotel Albergo Centrale.

7th Brigade - CIVIDALE (C5522)

8th Brigade - C. S. (C6343)

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The approximate strength of this division is 4,500 men, and is under the unified command known as Union Garibaldi Osoppo located at UDINE. This command has control of both the 3d Osoppo Division and the Picelli Reggimento Division.

49 Slav Partisans, armed but friendly, reported at CAVE DEL FREDIL (06761) want only to return to work. 16 Slav Partisans are at PRETTO DI SOTTO (06957) under arms. Partisans' Hq believed to be at PLEZZO (06550). Several Slav Partisans at FREDIL (06758) have been told to report to PLEZZO but refused to leave their homes and request our protection. It is reported that the people in the 07th Mt Inf area are friendly but that Yugoslav Partisans recent presence of our troops and British troops.

4. COMPLERIKT LIT. REF:

No change.

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C.G. 10TH M DIV.  
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Date: 23 May 1945

FROM: 231201B  
TO : 231200B  
HQ 10TH M DIV  
231300B May 45

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Hq. 88.

Maps: 3565, ITALY 1:100,000 14, 14a, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

During the period the Yugoslavian army forces in our sector continued to withdraw Eastward with no trouble or incidents reported. A new type of Fascist Partisan band has been reported in this area.

2. JUG. OP. ACTIONS:

Approximately 1,000 Yugoslav forces moved from ROLLINO (C7932) area to PLZZO (C6650). These forces were identified as a portion of the XVI Brigade of the XXXI Division and were commanded by Capt Joseph Sagredin.

Approximately 200 Yugoslavs are in area between BERGOGLI (C655411) and along road to point at (C610405).

At 221100E May the 1st Bn, 87th Mt Inf road block at PLZZO (C6650) reported a party of 25 Yugoslav forces moving N to get ammunition, with the intention of returning. Large groups of Yugoslav forces are passing through the 87th Mt Inf area to the north from Highway 55 and then along Highway 54.

All Yugoslavians in uniforms have left to N of the SO Northside zone. Bridge at PALLA RICCIO (C5319), formerly guarded by the Slavs, is now guarded by the Ceppo Partisans. The Yugoslavs formerly had 500 men in CIVIDALE (C6522) but moved with much ammunition to GORIZLA (C7005) the past few days.

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

A. Fascist Partisan Band "SPOLARCO". An investigation by our agents, after information received from Partisans on 21 May, showed that there is a band of approximately 30 persons led by Spolero Olindo, a former member of the Guardia Nazionale Repubblicana, in the vicinity of FREDIS (C4929). The band is composed of Fascists, German soldiers, Cossacks, and Slavs who are believed to be hiding in the hills around FREDIS. The members of the band are armed with small arms, wear civilian clothes and black masks, and travel in groups of from 5 to 10 men. One group was seen on 19 May at ATTILIS (C4633). The intentions of the band are unknown at the present, but it is believed the main purpose is to escape capture by Allied forces. On 17 May an Italian farmer chopping wood about 1 1/2 KM NE of FREDIS was fired upon by masked men, presumably members of the Spolero Band. An immediate search by Partisans netted nothing.

B. Garibaldi Partisans. FUBBI is the leader of the units Garibaldi Brigade, located in TROCENATO (C4036). At TRICESIMO (C3930) the Enrico Totti Bn of the Anite Garibaldi Brigade is located at L. Villa under the leadership of LEBERTO. At FREDIS (C4929) there are two units of the Garibaldi Partisans: one, a unit of the Picelli Tagliamento Divisione, has 20 men who patrol town. The other unit has 8 men under Picolini Guido. The CP is at the Cad Carabinieri Building; they do police work in connection with the Carabinieri. Hq for this area is in CIVIDALE (C6522) commanded by Fumagalli Lucio. There are about 200 men on active duty,

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-nd about 400 more could probably be recruited in an emergency. The 200 active members are disposed as follows: PREPOTTO 10; LEROSO 16; PRINARI COO 20; ORZANO 40; TORIANO 18; PLESTIANO 20; CIVIDALE 80. Another local headquarters is at SAN LEOARDO (C6325). There is a Bn Hq in S. FILARO (C6026) with 55 men and a company CP located in PULIHO (C6031) with 43 men.

c. Osoppo Partisans. NELLO is leader of the 6th Brigade, 3d Osoppo Div. TRI-CESINO (C6930) is the location of the Hq of the 3d Osoppo Div and part of the 1st Brigade, 3d Div. MARINO is the leader of 137 men in that area. TITI heads 27 men from the 4th Brigade, 3d Div. et RIVOS (C4529). Lt ATTILIO (C4633) is the Attinus Bn, with 85 men under GOBO. Lt NELVIS (C4384), the 1st Brigade, composed of 50 men, does patrol work under its leader SANI. The bridge at PONTE S. QUIRINO (C5924) is patrolled by Osoppo Partisans. The Partisans at the local headquarters in CIVIDALE claim to be 238 men strong but maintain they could muster 1000 men if necessary from the area. The 388 men in the CIVIDALE zone are located as follows: PONTE S. QUIRINO (C5924) 47; S. LEOARDO (C6325) 37; TRIBILLI di SOTTO 30; PREPOTTO 34; PRINARI COO (C6319) 30; CIVIDALE 10; and GRUPPIGNANO 10.

Osoppo Partisans say they have been forced to attend meetings held by Tito's men near CAPORZETTO (C6739). They say the meetings are designed to convince the people in that vicinity that TRIESTO and the southern Austrian provinces should belong to Yugoslavia. Other Osoppo reports: The Garibaldi brigades have communist leaders and many communist men; many Italians in those brigades have become cool towards Tito since his recent claims on Italian and Austrian soil, and that in case of a showdown, over half would fight for Italy and the leaders and remainder would fight for Tito.

d. Partisan Situation in the CAVE del PREDIL - PLEZZO area. On 21 May our agents interviewed Mira Hribjcn, Commissar of Tito's Yugoslav Partisans in the area, who stated that he has 40 Partisan Police at CAVE del PREDIL (C6762) (status of police is similar to the Italian CCRR), and 160 Yugoslav soldiers in the CAVE del PREDIL and MARVISIO (C6868) area. The commandant in this area, Lampe Ciril, is at present in GORIZIA (C7207).

At MARVISIO there are 80 Osoppo Partisans with whom Tito's men are not in accord, and who are accused of having collaborated previously with the Germans and of having several fascists among them - which accusations are made by the Commissar. An attempt to disarm the Osoppo group by the Partisans of Tito's forces was stopped by the British troops in MARVISIO.

The Commissar further stated that in the hills around GORIZIA a small number of Mihailovich's Yugoslav troops are in hiding. He also claims that in CAVE del PREDIL there are approximately 30 fascists, who were not arrested by Tito's Partisans because of British intervention. According to Max Ciopi, of the PLEZZO (C6650) Yugoslav Police, there are 60 Yugoslav Police in PLEZZO.

Practically all of the Tito Partisans in this area are Yugoslavs from this immediate section, except the leaders, who came from Jugoslavia. The situation at present is generally quiet with the Yugoslavs in the CAVE del PREDIL and PLEZZO area at least outwardly friendly.

#### 4. COUNTERRINTELLIGENCE

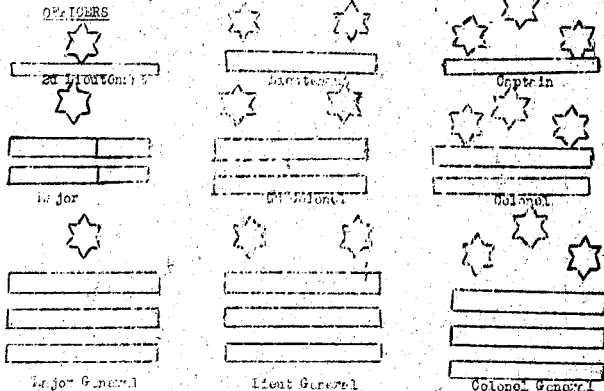
At CIVIDALE (C6522) there are 25 persons, now in jail, who were arrested because of their Fascist records or collaboration with the Germans: GON Ruggiero (a racialist GNR); GON Fedele (a fascist propagandist); and SPILLERO Gino (GNR) fled CIVIDALE to RADDIS (C4929) and M. ATTINIS, where they are believed to be collaborating with 30 fascists who have fled there from other areas.

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**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The Yugoslav Army Uniform. The present-day Yugoslav Army, which has grown from the armed guerrilla bands that came into existence after the Axis invasion in 1941, does not wear a standard uniform. He may be clothed either in the British battle dress, in something resembling the Russian uniform, in an improvisation of German military clothing, or in something completely nondescript. However, his cap will bear the insignia of the red star, and his badge of rank will be worn as follows:

- NOAs (badge worn on the sleeve)
- Squad Leader (Corporal) - One Silver Star
  - Junior Leader (Deck Sgt) - Two Silver Stars
  - Leader (1st Sgt) - Three Silver Stars
  - Senior Leader (Master Sgt) - Three Silver Stars over a silver bar.



These insignia, which are in gold, are worn on the right lower sleeve. In addition, officers also wear gold collar-patches, as below:

**JUNIOR OFFICERS**

**SENIOR OFFICERS**



**MILITARY COMMISSARIES**

Commissaries now carry the same badge of rank as Officers in the Army, with the difference that the stars are on the scribe and not above it. In addition, the collar-patches have two thin red stripes.

*William S. Dulck*  
 WILLIAM S. DULCK  
 Lt Col, G S C  
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HQ 10TH MT DIV  
2413008 May 45

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Maps: GSGS ITLY 1:100,000 14, 14a, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

The period passed without incident. Several concentrations of Partisan groups were reported throughout the Division sector.

2. JUG OPERATIONS:

At BREMTO di SOPRA (C8926), there are 10 Yugoslav police armed, but they had acted as such during the war. They have a small arsenal at BREMTO di SOPRA.

The 10 men receive their orders from police chief, Konec Danile, in PLEZZO (C6650). There is a garrison of Yugoslav soldiers in SARCENTO (C4038).

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

There is a Partisan Bn Hq at LITILIS (C464332). The disposition of the Cos of the bn is as follows: 1 co at LITILIS, 1 co at RACOMIISO (C479307), 1 co at R.VOSL (C455291); there is a 10 men OP at SUBIP (C494353), which sends out contact patrols daily to check with a group of Yugoslavians known to be in the vicinity of BERGOGLI (C555411) and extending to a point at (C610405). The Partisans have been in contact with these Yugoslavs and are expecting their withdrawal from the area today or tomorrow.

22 armed fascists are in the vicinity of CLAP (C612325), and within the past two weeks have been known to fire on vehicles on the road between LITILIS and FALDIS (C4929). (See G-2 Periodic Report No. 88; Para 3.)

Cpt Lempe Cyril, Commandant of Tito's Yugoslav Partisans in the OVA, dol PREDIL - ERVISIO (C6868) area, informed one of our agents that on 23 May he was called to ERVISIO by the CO of a British Brigade and was told to leave the area with his Partisans. Cpt Cyril stated that he is an army officer and does not recognize this order because it did not come through Yugoslav channels. Geribridi Partisans. Colonel Kullo of the Brigade Hq in SARCENTO (C4036) says AFRATO (C3826) is a Bn Hq; BILLERO (C3837) is a Co Hq with 46 men.

FRADIELIS (C4347) is a small garrison commanded by Bruno who is also commander of a small garrison at MUSI (C4947) where there are 140 small arms, mostly British weapons. VANZONE (C3349) has 20 men; OSPEDALETO (C3245) has 30 men; GEMONA (C3343) has 70 men; LITIGLI (C3449) has 80 men; SAIPIARDENCHA (C3839) has 23 men who said they were instructed by radio to disarm by Orlando Vidoini on June 7. There are 650 men in Colonel Kullo's Brigade. Five loaded MGs were seen in BILLERO belonging to a company of the Caproni Bn, Geribridi Partisans.

B. Osoppo Partisans. The following information was obtained from Colonel Achille Felone Gaitone, commander of the 8th Brigade: OSOPPO (C2941) is Hq of 3d Brigade, 3d Division; at SANJONE CORNELI there are 30 men; VANZONE (C3349) 34 men; OSPEDALETO (C3245) 35; GEMONA (C3343) 199 men; LITIGLI (C3449) 67; MONTALBA (C3540) 30. The Brigade Commander carries small arms for all men, plenty of ammunition and a few arty pieces.

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LIBCO, SPACCOGHE, CUCUTINI, and MARINO are the leaders of the 7 Brigata Osoppo. These leaders reported that a wagonload of small arms belonging to the 7 Brigata was taken to the town of SAN PIETRO (0442202). The bridge at PREDERLACCO (C532192) is guarded by Osoppo Partisans with machine-guns.

There are 100 Osoppo Partisans at GURISCO FORTE (C467578) under the 5th Partisan Div with Hq at PALMEZZO (C245575). There are 60 armed Osoppo at ALTO di RESIA (C467539); there are 74 armed Osoppo at MAGGIO UDINESE (C383582); 30 armed Osoppo at PLLN (C330540). At POMEBA (C455685) and as far as DOGNA (C476622) all Osoppo Partisans have been disarmed and returned to their homes.

4. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

According to Luanig Llois, President of the Committee of Liberation of PLEZZO (C5650), there are 75 members of the Plezzo Police Force, all of them Slovenes in uniform. Virtually all of the male population of PLEZZO has been recruited into the Wehrmacht. Llois stated no collaborators with the Germans, or is serving in a labor bn of 45 men at PLEZZO. Llois states that there are no Germans or Austrians living in the town and that there are no Italian or Kipelovich bands in this section.

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251300B May 45

G-2 REPORT

No. 90.

Maps: GSGS ITALY 1:100,000 14, 14A, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

Some movement of Yugoslav troops was reported, but the period passed quietly without incident.

2. JUG OPERATIONS:

Our TCP at SAGA (C6046) reported 8 heavily armed Yugoslavs going in the direction of CAPORETO (C6739) to pick up a Bn of Yugoslavs and to return with them. At 241405B the same TCP reported 42 Yugoslavs coming from the direction of CAPORETO moving towards PLEZZO (C6650).

The Yugoslav forces reported moving from TOLMENO (C7932) to PLEZZO (C6650) two days ago (See G-2 Report No. 88) were seen moving S and E the next day towards TOLMENO. Yugoslav forces moved supplies N on 23 May from CAPORETO (C6739). Civilians report that all men of fighting age and all horses in the CAPORETO area are being called upon to report to a certain place - who issued the order and the place of reporting is not known. During the night of 23 May the Yugoslavian garrison left TARGENTO (C4036) presumably bound for GORIZIA (C7207). At P. TISCHIS (C523393) civilians say the Yugoslavs had a sizeable anonymous warehouse which was moved out 10 days ago. At 241700B two truck loads of ammunition passed through TCP at PLEZZO (C6650) headed for TOLMENO (C7932).

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

Italian Partisans in the vicinity of S. PIETRO (C6025) and in PULIERO (C6031) are from the 3d Osoppo-Frioli Div, 7th Italian Brigade. One of our patrols to SAVOGINA (C6430) found a group of Italian Partisans commanded by Luigi Massor. They have 2 MGs, 2 50 cal MGs, and 1 mortar. They are from the 7th Brigade of the III Div. This unit also has elements at MASSERIS (C6532).

a. Garibaldi Partisans. It CAVE dcl FREDIL (C6762) there are 16 Garibaldi Partisans whose Hq is at TREVISO (C6868). The Hq consists of one officer and a Co of men. The Garibaldi Partisans have left TUSI (C440471). The Anita Garibaldi Brigade is now in charge of the German winter equipment in TARGENTO (C4036) which was formerly guarded by Yugoslavians. The equipment has been issued to the civilians at the discretion of the Brigade Commander.

b. Osoppo Partisans. The Partisans in PR.DI.LIS (C430435) are Osoppo of the 6th Brigade, Val Torre Bn, with Bruno commanding. The men have 38 individual weapons, 4 MGs, and 1 British Bren. In the town of UCCEA (C542464) 1 platoon of the 6th Brigade, Val Resia Bn, is garrisoned with Clemento Giuseppe local commander. He says the platoon is a "territorial guard against Tito". They have 12 individual small arms. There are 16 Osoppo at STREGNA (C674263).

c. Fascist Partisan band "Spolero". The Anita Garibaldi Brigade Hq at TARGENTO (C4036) says the band has 90 men, 20 MGs, 30 LGs, and 40 L/Ws of

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various types. The bands operate in groups of no less than 10 to 12 each. The band is believed to have been responsible for the killing of 5 Partisans, and possibly 2 English officers at NEVIS (C4334) on or about 17 May. Lt Tomasc, former military commander of T.ROCENTO, has been identified as a member of the band.

One of our patrols was directed to the home of Spolero's wife and family, 2 KM out of REDIS (C4929) towards GARFOLIO (C499272). Spolero's house is being watched constantly by the Partisans, but he has not been in the area for two weeks. His wife is 7 months pregnant, and he is expected in the vicinity to visit her. Partisans are afraid to go past SUBIT (C500352) because of bandit activity. The Brigade Commander of the Garibaldi Partisans at T.ROCENTO stated that the Partisans are ready to go after Spolero upon receipt of orders from their superior command at UDDE.

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No. 91.

Reps: 6595 HELY 1:100,000 14, 14a, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

One incident where our jeep was fired upon occurred yesterday evening, but otherwise the period was quiet.

2. JUG OPERATIONS:

All Yugoslav soldiers were withdrawn from TERCENTO (C4036) on 21 May. One of our patrols was stopped at the bridge at TOLLINO (C7932) at 261100B by guards of Tito's forces and was refused permission to cross the bridge into TOLLINO. The patrol had been crossing the bridge to contact the commander of Tito's troops in TOLLINO. A commissar said that an order had come from higher HQ that American troops would not be allowed to cross the ISONZO River.

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

a. Garibaldi Partisans. The strength of the Garibaldi Brigade in TERCENTO (C4036) is 252 men commanded by ZAINA, Italo.  
b. The Osoppo brigade in TERCENTO has 78 men commanded by PICO, Giovanni.  
c. Fascist Partisan Band "Spolero". At 262015Z one of our jeeps was fired on by S/L and L/W at (C469399). There was an Italian riding in the jeep who believed the firing might have come from the Spolero Band. Our men returned the fire; there were no casualties.

4. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

The Committee of Liberation in TERCENTO (C4036) is directed by CAUFIN, Guido. At the time of liberation (TERCENTO was liberated on 30 April by troops of the Garibaldi - Osoppo Brigades and troops of the Yugoslav Army) the Committee had compiled a list of 42 persons to be arrested. However, of the group only 26 were jailed, the others having escaped. At present there are seven persons in the town jail, all others having been sent to UDINE for disposition. The actual work of arresting fascists and German collaborators was left to the Partisan Police and as a result the Committee of Liberation is not as well informed of the situation as it might be. The police force of TERCENTO consists of police of the Garibaldi Brigade commanded by FERRI, Mateja. There are 13 men in this force. Carabinieri at TERCENTO are not functioning, as the Committee of Liberation feels that their activity under the Germans has compromised their work in TERCENTO.

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

The following letter, dated 24 May, is from the "Volunteer Corp of Liberty", Command of 3d Division Osoppo to the Command of troops of 12TH LIS concerning "Situation in the valley of BERGOMA C. PORETTO":

"Yesterday I saw men of one of the rebel Tito's bus. They were proceeding in the direction North of Caporetto.

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"At BERGOMA and LONGO and the little towns between BERGOMA and CAPORETO, are left some men over 50 years old. There were women about and with these men. These men are mostly Italians and are forced to bear arms and keep watch for any activities. They are, I know, forced to do this much against their will.

"It is believed that these men of Tito's have orders to guard and control the personnel of these towns, and keep a check on people not belonging or residing in that vicinity.

"They are to spy and capture and report anyone not wanting to serve with Tito's forces.

"There are young men who have escaped from Yugoslavia. Most of them are Italians. They are hiding out in nearby forests and hills. They are awaiting orders from Allied quarters on what should be done with these old men left behind by Tito.

"When Allied soldiers are passing by, or are in their vicinity, Tito's men hide their arms and gather them together after the Allied soldiers pass on.

"These men are prohibited to mingle or be friendly with Allied soldiers. Neither should they take them into their confidence."

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

A Patriot  
(Mado)

*August A. Kestner*  
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HQ 10TH I.P. DIV  
271300B May 45

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No. 92.

Maps: GSGS IT. LY 1:100,000 14, 14A, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

Sector was quiet during the period with no incidents reported.

2. JUG OPERATIONS:

Our TCP at SAGA (C6045) reported that at 251245B 36 armed Yugoslavs passed through the TCP coming from FLEZZO (C6550) going to ALLERACONI. Leader in charge was SERFSO. The unit was equipped with its basic load of ammunition, 35 rifles, and 3 submachine guns.

Lt CALVE del FREDIL (C6761) the political commissar, Capt Cyril, received orders from higher Yugoslav authority to move back into Jugoslavia today. He and one Yugoslav Capt and 50 soldiers are expected to do so. Last night 85 Yugoslavs with 178 horses were bivouached in C.FORETTO (C6739). They had come from the N and were headed for TRUST, which is 50 miles E of GOKIZL (C7207). The men were armed, but the horses were carrying only personal equipment. At 241630B 4 Yugoslav soldiers and 3 Germans, coming from the N and going to TOLIANO (C7932), passed through our TCP at SAGA (C6045) with a truck filled with the following ammunition: 12 boxes hand grenades; 12 boxes signal fuses; 20 boxes German pistol ammunition; 2 cannon charges; 3 MGs; 14 boxes rifle ammunition; 5 boxes Italian hand grenades. At 241650B, at the same TCP, 8 Yugoslav soldiers, with 1 MG and 2 belts of ammunition, passed enroute to TOLIANO (C7932).

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

Garibaldi Partisans. Lt UGORIZZI (C596693) are 20 armed Garibaldis; Lt LEGGIO UDINLESE (C382578) there are 10 armed Garibaldis, and Lt TOLIANO (C246576) there are 70 armed Garibaldis.

4. COUNTY INTELLIGENCE:

No change.

5. ISSUES - FLOUS:

In SELLA (C640396) townspeople are posting the following notices:  
"Liberation of Jugoslavia and this part of Italy - is due to the blood of Jugoslavians and Jugoslavians alone."

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No. 22.

Maps: 6535 ITALY 1:100,000 14, 14a, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SITUATION:

A small flare-up was reported between Osoppo Partisans and Yugoslavs this morning, but otherwise the period was quiet.

2. JUG OPERATIONS:

A comissar of the Osoppo Brigade in CIVITALE (05522) reports that their units were attacked by Yugoslav patriots early this morning at FOLGROSSA (05622), E of CIVITALE, and that at the end of the period fighting was still in progress.

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

a. Osoppo Partisans. Recruiting has been taking place around STREGNA (0574-264). The garrison of Osoppo from STREGNA E to the IUDRIG RIVER (vicinity N - S grid line 58) is now about 100 men. Our motor patrol reports 2 37mm AT guns at MERSE (N of STREGNA) (05426) and an Osoppo bridge block by LMGs at (0583261).

b. Garibaldi Partisans. According to an Osoppo report, the Garibaldi garrisons at IPPERIS (0545170), LEPANICO (0525165), and PIANA C (0540193) have Communist tendencies. There is a garrison of 20 Garibaldi in ~~IPPERIS~~ (054822). There are there are 15 others divided between CAZZANO (04920) and ~~ST. BENEDETTO~~ (04920). This is an Osoppo report. C46785

c. Fascist Land "Spoleto". It has been reported today that two Osoppo bns are working in the Spoleto Land today, one Bn from the H and one Bn from the BARCELONA (04036) area. Six bandits were reported taken by Garibaldi Partisans in the woods near TRIGGIANICO (05641).

4. COMMUNIST ALLIANCE:

Unconfirmed reports in the CIVITALE (05522) area are being investigated to determine if the Yugoslav forces left a system of agents behind to act as spies in the event of Allied - Yugoslav hostilities.

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APO 345, U.S. ARMY

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Maps: 6863 ITALY 1:100,000 14, 14A, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

The sector was generally quiet with only incidents of minor nature reported.

2. YUGOSLAV OPERATIONS:

Yugoslavian Partisans at CAV. del PARDIL (C6761) left yesterday for FOLLIO (C7832) leaving behind 6 to 8 Yugoslavs who live in the town. 27 armed Yugoslav Partisans in German trucks passed our Traffic Control Point at SAGA (C6016) from AIBLL (C605600) en route to FOLLIO (C6016). Two officers and five soldiers, all armed, entered SALLA (C6616), circulated among the people and held small group discussions.

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

At 282900B in TARGENTO (C-036) 2 Italian youths, who were discovered near a Partisan-guarded warehouse, were fired upon by the guards. One of the youths was killed and another was wounded. Partisans claimed the youths were snooping around the warehouse.

6. Garibaldi Partisans. There are 21 armed Garibaldi Partisans at CAPELLI (C68540), and 6 armed Garibaldi at AMARO (C290540).

5. Osoppo Partisans. In an effort to locate the Spoletto Bandit Band, the TARGENTO (C3936) Osoppo Brigade, on 27 May, sent a patrol of 30 heavily armed men up the creek of NILES (C4334) to NOGHERA (C6742) where they made junction with another Osoppo unit from the S. They were unable to locate any bandits and sent another patrol of 30 men into the same area 28 May. A small group of men in the vicinity of N. ZUCCHINI (C-640) was spotted, but they had Partisan accents. It is believed that the bandits carry the accents with them and take advantage of their disguise during the daylight.

The small clash between 30 Tito Partisans and a group of Osoppo Partisans reported in G-2 report No. 93 occurred near the town of SALLA (C66238) between 280630B and 280830B as a result of an alleged effort to press a citizen of SALLA, T. Antonio Salamant, into service with the Tito forces. Another man, Ernesto Gordon, was taken with the Tito men, but Salamant is being questioned by one of our infans. Although Tito's men are reported to have used machine guns (estimated to be three), the only casualty was a wounded cow.

There are 25 armed Osoppo Partisans at AMARO (C290540).

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c. Fascist Partisan Band SPOLLERO. A check into the FAEDIS (C4829) area was made by CIC for evidence of the presence of the Spollero Band with negative results. Local inhabitants believe the band left the area about 23 - 24 May in the direction of PONT-ASSA (C4769):

4. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

No change.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Lt PROSSIMICCO (C5237), the local leader of the Liberation Committee stated that no Yugoslav troops are in his area because the ARICCA River is more or less the dividing line between Yugoslav and Italian influence. The town of LOGNO (C5638) now has few people - all of Slav descent - because, according to reports, the four or ones were taken forcefully by the Yugoslav troops a short time ago. The persons who remain are armed but hide their weapons when one approaches. The PROSSIMICCO leader further stated that STALL (C4840) and LOGGIA (C5561) were likewise robbed of their young men. The people remaining in the three towns have instructions to watch our movements, and under no circumstances to converse with any Yugoslav, Polish, or Italian troops, but to ignore them and remain silent.

A 4.30 AM shot from one of our agents was fired upon at (C672-200). Three shots from the hill to the S landed 20 feet from him. He retreated and found nothing.

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Date: 30 May 1945

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No. 95.

Maps: GSGS ITALY 1:100,000 14, 14A, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY:

The period was quiet with no incidents reported.

2. YUGOSLAV OPERATIONS:

The 87th Mt Inf contact patrol last night saw 500 unarmed men on the highway two miles SW of TOLMINO (C7932) (W of ISONZO River) accompanied by 40 uniformed Yugoslavs. The Capt in charge had orders to take them to TOLMINO. The group had been marching for 60 days. The men wore white pants with black stripes, sandals, and caps and appeared to be Macedonians and Dalmatians.

Yugoslavs report that German bandit patrols are active on the E side of the ISONZO River, one mile E of SAGA (C6046).

The young ladies of CAPORETTO (C6739) have been warned by Tito's men that if they consort with American soldiers - haircuts will be in order, according to civilian reports.

Civilians also report that Tito's Partisans have taken 8 more cows in CAPORETTO without payment.

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

No change.

4. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

In CIVIDALE (C5522), certain members of the Garibaldi Partisans within the past few days have become frightened of being seen in conversation with Americans. Osoppo Partisans state that the Garibaldi Brigade has hidden large quantities of their arms and have warned their men that revealing the location to the Americans means death. A similar situation exists in PREMARIACCO (C5219).

Investigation was made in PREMARIACCO of the reported presence of two Garibaldi ammunition dumps, their existence being confirmed by several sources.

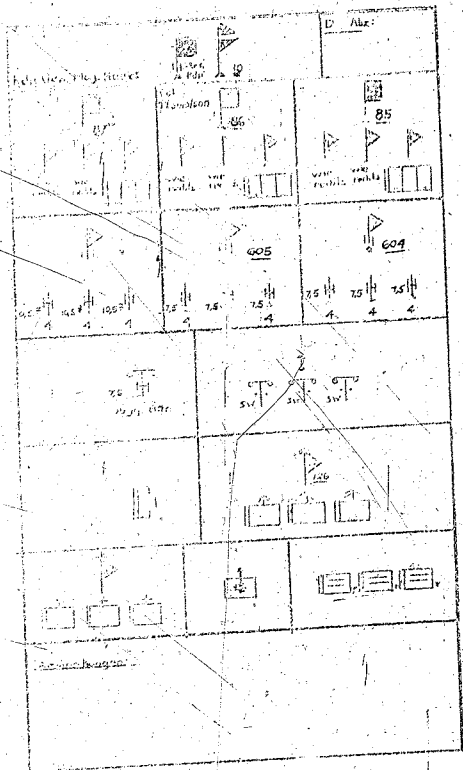
5. MISCELLANEOUS:

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General Report

Maps: GSGS ITALY 1:100,000 14, 14A, 25, 26.

1. GENERAL SITUATION:

Considerable movement of Yugoslav troops and arty pieces was noted in our sector during the period, but no incidents were reported.

2. YUGOSLAV DESERTERS:

At 301600B 100 unarmored "Tito Regulars", well equipped and all armed with automatic weapons, were noted at TREVISO (C7033) on foot. The leader of the group would not reveal from where they had come, but he did state that their destination was TREVISO.

At 301600B 3 pieces of heavy arty (estimated to be 140 or 155mm), truck drawn, were observed coming from the direction of GORIZIA (C7000) en route to S. LUCIA (C6622). 12-14 MGs were noted with each gun. An ammunition dump of 4,000 - 5,000 rounds of shells for the above type guns was being moved by ox-carts to S. LUCIA (C6622) at 301600B.

One of our patrols observed a German 20mm gun manned by Yugoslavs on the highway near GORIZIA (C7000) moving N at 302230B.

Isolated Yugoslav soldiers in uniform have been seen daily in CIVIDALE (C5522). A surveillance of two of them on 30 May revealed they belonged to a "Tito Police Force" Detachment of 7 men located at DOLEGNA (C5915) and depend for orders on a Slovene Headquarters at NEVOLA (C6613). While in CIVIDALE the Yugoslavs contacted a Garibaldi Partisan. One of the two soldiers was carrying an Italian identity card on which his nationality was listed as Italian, although he claimed to be Slovene and was in possession of a permit to carry arms issued by a Slovene Command. The nature of the Police Force at DOLEGNA is not known, no evidence being found, however, to indicate it was exercising police functions.

Recruiting of Slovenes for the Yugoslav Army continues under the direction of the Yugoslav Commissar at PLEZZO (C6550). The Commissar says he is acting on orders of the Yugoslav Army to recruit all men who are of Slovene nationality or who bear Slovene names, and to round up deserters (i.e. persons ordered into service who still have not appeared for induction).

3. PARTISAN OPERATIONS:

There is a decided decrease in both Garibaldi and Osoppo Partisans in the area around TARCENTO (C3936). At NIBIS (C4334) the Osoppo garrison dropped from 60 to 46 in a week. It is reported that as the Garibaldi units move - the Osoppo move likewise in order to keep an accurate check on them. The Partisans in the TARCENTO area apparently have few arms.

4. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

No change.

5. POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE:

Political parties represented in the CIVIDALE Committee of Liberation are the Communist, Christian Democratic, Socialist, and Liberal. The Communist and Christian Democratic parties have the most adherents. Actually, the above parties represent a small percentage of the population, most persons preferring to remain outside of any party until the quality of the leadership improves and party issues

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are more clearly defined. Political activity mainly has been confined to a parading of colors by the Partisans: the green (Gruppo) representing the Christian Democrats and the red (Garibaldi) the Communists. Fear of the Yugoslavs, rather than politics, has been the predominant concern of Italians, the people being held together by this common concern rather than allowing political differences to split them during what they consider "the present emergency".

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UNIT HISTORY

10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION ARTILLERY

Narrative

The 10th Mountain Division Artillery disembarked on the night of the 16th of January at Naples, Italy. On the morning of the 19th the units embarked on LSTs for Leghorn arriving at Pisa on the 24th. The first motor march in the history of the battalions got under way on the 24th to staging area number 3 near Pisa. The units stayed at the staging area for four days, during which time they were reorganized with motor transport and the addition of four (4) 105mm howitzers superimposed upon present organization, departing on the 27th northwards by motor.

The 104th Field Artillery Battalion established its CP at 1600 on the 27th of January at Lizzano in La Lima Valley with the mission of reinforcing the lines of the (16th Field Artillery Battalion. (Annex No. 1)

The 105th Field Artillery Battalion left Pisa on the 28th of January and arrived just before midnight of the same day at Lizzano in Belvedere, (Annex 2). The next day by motor convoy. During the night of the 28th and 29th, positions were occupied with the enemy holding all observation from their vantage points on the Torraccio-Belvedere-Campagna-Eoso hill mass. Registrations were made on the 30th on a building in the town of Cerone and at this time the battalion took over the direct support of the 3rd battalion of the 86th Infantry Regiment.

The 106th Field Artillery Battalion departed from Pisa by motor for Cutigliano on the 29th of January. (Annex No. 1) The battalion was in direct support of the 24th Infantry Regiment holding positions in La Lima Valley, west of Lizzano in Belvedere.

The 107th Field Artillery Battalion departed from Pisa 27 January 1945 and established its CP at Campo Tizzoro at 1200 28 January 1945. (Annex No. 1)

The period 27 January to 13 February was devoted to "battle training" of liaison officers and forward observers and perfection of technique with the battalions, in addition to routine support of infantry patrols and defensive fires.

On the 14th of February the (16th Field Artillery Battalion began moving from its old position. At 1200 on the 15th the battalion CP was established at Vidiciatico. By 2400 of the 16th the battalion occupation was completed. (Annex No. 2)

The 602nd Field Artillery Battalion closed its CP at Lizzano in Belvedere on the 13th. At 1200 on the 14th the new CP was established at Pozza. "Charlie" battery arrived on the 15th. The Division Artillery CP closed at Campo Tizzoro (1599) and opened at Lizzano in Belvedere (15112) at 1200 on the 15th. By the 16th all displacements were completed. (Annex No. 2)

On the 15th the 175th Field Artillery Battalion was attached to the Division Artillery. Its CP was established at Capugnano (155112). (Annex No. 2) On the 16th "Alle" battery of the 1125th Armored Field Artillery Battalion closed its parent unit and attached to the 175th Field

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Artillery Battalion. On the following day, 17 February, the 701st TD Battalion was attached with its CP at Vidicattico (L502139). (Annex No. 2).

The new units dug in and completed their positions by the 18th. All was in readiness for the opening of the first phase of the pending offensive.

At 1900 17 February the 1st Battalion of the 86th Infantry Regiment reinforced by one company began attack on the Campiano Ridge. (Annex No. 2) The 65th was in D/S and the rest of Division Artillery in General Support. The attacking force was composed of five different columns. Forward Observers from 65th and their parties were with each one of the attacking columns. The objective was M. Campiano, Campel Buggo and M. Serracaccia Ridge. By daylight of the 19th the five attacking columns had reached their objectives. Lt. Corham and Sgt. Bennet were with the squad of Infantry which took M. Campiano. Lts Stewart, Motley, Brand and Allen were with the other columns as Forward Observers.

After the ridge was taken, Lt. Corham distinguished himself by adjusting high angle fire within 25 yards of his position, in defense of the objective. For a while, the group on Campiano was hard pressed, having men out of food and surrounded by enemy counterattack. Relief was sent out but it did not arrive for several hours.

The Division was assigned the task of seizing, occupying and organizing to defend the M. Belvedere - M. Della Torraccia Ridge and then prepare for further action on the heights to the northeast. At 2300 on the night of the 19th of February the attack began. (Annex No. 2).

The 604th Field Artillery Battalion was assigned the mission of support to the attacking columns of the 85th Infantry. This assignment was strengthened by the reinforcing fires of the 175th Field Artillery Battalion.

Direct support to the 87th Infantry was given by the 616th Field Artillery Battalion with reinforcing fires from the 175th Field Artillery Battalion.

The 3rd Battalion of the 86th Infantry attacked on the night of the 25th attack, with the mission of seizing Mazzocana and protecting the right flank of the division. One battery of the 175th FA Battalion was in direct support of this action.

One 3 gun platoon of 75mm Howitzer from the 85th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 604th Field Artillery Battalion. The 605th Field Artillery Battalion received 2 platoons from the 86th and the 616th Field Artillery Battalion received one platoon from the 87th Infantry Regiment.

The 605th Field Artillery Battalion displaced on the 22nd of February to a position south of Gaglio Montana (54.55-16.2). "Charlie" Battery, composed of 105mm Howitzers, was left in their old position in the vicinity of Mazzano Belvedere in order support to the 1st Battalion of the 86th Infantry Regiment atop the Pizzo di Caspolo Ridge. The 605th FA Battalion fired its registration and prepared to reinforce the fires of the 604th Field Artillery Battalion.

On the morning of the 24th, the 3rd Battalion 86th Infantry Regiment jumped off once again with Mt. Della Torraccia as the objective. The IV Corps and Division Artillery participated in preparation fire which was

planned by the 604th Field Artillery Battalion. Further personnel and destruction missions followed with many guns silenced and casualties. The enemy at 1656 was observed running north out of Le Fassione (562-199) and heading toward a ravine.

On the 25th Mt. Della Torraccia was seized. Our positions were consolidated and preparations were made to defend them in the face of an expected enemy counter-attack. Defensive fire concentrations were delivered in order to give our Infantry time to dig in.

On the morning of the 26th the enemy attempted his counter-attack at the Mt. Della Torraccia sector in battalion strength. The 605th Field Artillery Battalion now reinforced by its "Charlie" battery was in direct support of the 3rd Battalion of the 86th Infantry Regiment. Lt. Motley distinguished himself by placing artillery fire on the enemy during which he fired approximately 5000 rounds, causing a great many casualties. The enemy literally piled one on top of another. Many of the enemy caught by this devastating artillery and small arms fire surrendered themselves. One German Captain being caught by fire, rounded up the remnants of his company and surrendered.

All communications that the 605th Field Artillery Battalion had with the Infantry was shot out. All requests for fire had to come over one radio set. Pvt. Pfeiffer of Headquarters Battery distinguished himself by operating the set for two hours while under fire. All transmissions were clearly understood.

On the 27th of February, the battalions displaced to positions in the vicinity of Roncole on the road leading north out of Gaggio Montana. The 604th Field Artillery Battalion and the 605th Field Artillery Battalion established their CP's at 567-179. The 616th Field Artillery Battalion set up at 568-177. The 125th established its CP in the same general vicinity, near Crocille (569-168).

New positions during the morning of the 28th of February were directed at enemy gun emplacements and strong points which were giving our troops considerable trouble. The emplacements were in the Mt. Della Torraccia area. Re-distribution was fired for the rest of the day in preparation for the jump-off originally scheduled for the 1st of March.

Period: 1 Feb 45 -0001  
1 Feb 45 -2400

UNIT HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

82820, 830200, 840290, 843295, 847300, 855305, 858310, 870320, 880323  
and 889328.

Units in Contact

The 157th Mountain Division with the 296th and 297th Mtn Regts.

The 5th Infantry Division with the 145th Inf Regt, 146 Inf Regt,  
155 Puz Bn, 155 Engr Bn, 1105 Assault Gun Co, 105 AT Bn, 105 Arty  
Regt, 105 Sig Bn and 155 Field Repl Bn.

Artillery Activity

50 mls were reported for the period.

Remarks

1 PW taken by 351st. PW was from the 157th MTN DIV indicating  
that said division has completely taken over 4th Para Sector.



Period : 0001 2 Feb 45  
2400 2 Feb 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

350th Inf raided Bacchino with the result that our troops suffered 1 man killed and twenty lightly wounded while capturing five men from the enemy. All PWs were identified as members of the 157th Mtn Div.

Artillery Activity

140 rls reported for the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 3 Feb 45  
2400 3 Feb 45

UNIT 2-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

1 PW taken by 351st identified as member of 65th Inf Div.

Artillery Activity

60 rds reported for the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 4 Feb 45  
2400 4 Feb 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Line

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

45 rd. reported for the period.

Remarks

2 enemy guns were engaged. One was in the 86-38 sq and the other was in the 86-33sq. In both cases, the area was reported neutralized.

Period: 5 Feb 45- 0001  
5 Feb 45-2400

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change.

arty Activity

525 (rds reported) for the period.

Remarks

Two enemy guns were engaged, one at 32263028 and the other at 3530-3510. Both ceased firing upon completion of our counter-battery.

Period: 0001 6 Feb 45  
2400 6 Feb 45

UNIT B-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Line

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

95 rds fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

Two four gun enemy batteries were engaged. One battery at 90043684 received many hits in the area but the other in the 90-36 sq did not receive a complete adjustment.

Period: 0001 7 Feb 45  
2400 7 Feb 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

134 rps were reported for the period.

Remarks

Enemy guns were engaged at the following coordinates: 8176-3444, 8225-3353, 8040-3742, and 8389-3600. In all cases, the area was well covered.

Period: 0001-8 Feb 45  
2400 8 Feb 45

UNIT E-2 HISTORY

Enemy front Lines

No change.

Units in contact

No change.

Arty Activity

250 rts were reported for the period.

Remarks

3 enemy guns were engaged at the following coordinates: 8391-3810, 8132-3045 and 8146-3483. In all cases the area was well covered.

Period: \*0001 -9 Feb 45  
2400- 9 Feb 45

UNIT E-2 MICOBY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

180 rps received in the division sector.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions fired.



Period: 0001 -10 Feb 45  
2400 -10 Feb 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

100 rds received in the division sector.

Remarks

Two enemy guns engaged at the following coordinates: 7912-2868  
and 3357-3469.

Period: 0001-11 Feb 45  
2400-11 Feb 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

250 rounds fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001-12 Feb 45  
2400-12 Feb 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

165 rds were reported for the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were reported.

Period: 0001-13 Feb 45

2400-13 Feb 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

83 rds fell in the division sector.

Remarks

A gun engaged at 8071-3276 was believed to be neutralized.

Period: 0001-14 Feb 45  
2400-14 Feb 45

UNIT HISTORY

Enemy Front Line

No change.

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

25 rds were reported for the period.

Remarks

Nothing had been heard from a standing patrol established by the 351st at Barchetta. An attempt to relieve it, resulted in a fire fight in which 3 of our men were killed and four were missing in action. Of the four missing in action, all but one returned later. The original standing patrol consisted of one officer and twelve enlisted men.

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001-15 Feb 45  
2400-15 Feb 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No Change

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

195 rds were reported for the period.

Remarks

One gun at 3539-3169 was engaged. No startling results were reported.

Period: 0001 16 Feb 45  
2400 16 Feb 45

UNIT D-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

64 rns fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Patrol led by Lt. Decker went to Barchetta to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of the sixteen man standing patrol which had been left there some days before. Not a trace of the original patrol was found. All houses were unoccupied. Decker's men suffered two casualties-both walking wounded.

Period: 0001 17 Feb 45  
2400 17 Feb 45

UNIT'S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

Only 12 rds were reported for the period.

Remarks

One run was reported at 3734-3322. The area was well covered.



Period: 0001 18 Feb 45  
2400 18 Feb 45

UNIT 2-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

26 rps fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 19 Feb 45  
2400 19 Feb 45

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UNIT 3-2 ARTILLERY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

33 rds were reported for the period.

Remarks

The Division Artillery fired upon four enemy guns each of which was believed to be of 89 caliber. 4 target hits were reported on an bp located at 8562-3238. Several hits were scored on a gun at 8910-3796.

Period:0001 20 Feb 45  
2400 20 Feb 45

BRITS-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

A deserter from the 12th Str., 105th Arty Regt. entered our lines on the extreme right on the morning of 18th Feb. He was very intelligent, Polish, and had been an observer on an arty OP.

Arty Activity

125 rds were received in the Division sector.

Remarks

Five enemy guns were fired upon but except for one at 8753-3463 no hits were scored.

Period: 0001 21 Feb 45  
2400 21 Feb 45

UNIT SIG HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

24 rts were reported for the period.

Remarks

2 enemy guns were engaged. One was reported at 8753-3463 and the other at 8135-3795. In both cases, the area was well covered.

Period: 0001 22 Feb 45  
2400 22 Feb 45

UNIT 3-2 ARTillery

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No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

20 rds were reported for the period.

Remarks

Counter-battery on an enemy gun located at 3832-3320 caused an explosion in the vicinity of the offending weapon. Only one other gun was fired upon.

Period: 0001 23 Feb 45  
2400 23 Feb 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

Approximately 60 rds fell in the division sector.

Remarks

A target hit was scored on a gun at 3295-3270.

Period: 0001 24 Feb 45  
2400 24 Feb 45

UNIT B-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

40 rns were reported for the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 25 Feb 45  
2400 25 Feb 45

BNF 8-2 HISTORY

See Front Lines

to change.

Units in Contact:

to change.

Artillery Activity

Only 3 FMs were reported for the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.



Period: 0001 26 Feb 45  
2400 26 Feb 45

UNIT 1-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

no change.

Units in Contact

no change.

Artillery Activity

57 mm fell in the division sector.

Remarks

5 hostile guns were engaged but no target hits were reported.  
In all cases the areas concerned were well covered.

Period: 0001 27 Feb 45  
2400 27 Feb 45

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No data.

Units in Contact

No data.

Artillery Activity

75 mm fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 28 Feb 45  
2400 28 Feb 45

UNIT 8-2 MILITARY

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No change

Unit Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

20 rounds were reported for the period.

Remarks

Several counter-battery missions were fired.

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C-3 Report # /

1. Period covered: 22 1800A to 29 1900A 1945

2. Disposition of troops:  
See overleaf

Ground OP:  
See overleaf

Air OP:  
Has not been established

5. Operations	604 km		600 km		61 MI P Pos.	Total M Rds
	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds		
a. Missions						
Btry in pos		0				
Harassing		0		2-57		2-57
Personal		0				
(etc) Reg	3-78	0				3-78
Dh-Pt	3-11	0				3-11
Total	<u>6-89</u>			<u>2-57</u>		<u>8-146</u>

b. Observation						
Air OP					2	
Ground OP	6					
Unobserved						
Total	<u>6</u>				<u>2</u>	

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4. Period covered: ~~15~~ 1800A to ~~15~~ 1800A on Jan 1945

5. Disposition of troops:

    No Change.

Ground OP:

Air OP: See Attached Sheet

3. Operations	Fi. total	604 En.	604 En.	M. En	Total
a. Missions	M En			M En	M Rds
Btry in pos	0	0	1-12	0	1-12
Harassing	0-01	0	0	0-10	0-81
Personal	1-10	1-1	1-1	1-10	15-100
(etc) Reg.	0	0	0-17	0-00	7-140
Destruction	0	0	0	1-14	1-14
<b>Total</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-17</b>	<b>1-14</b>	<b>33-224</b>
b. Observation					
Air OP					25
Ground OP		5	5	10	5
Unobserved		0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report #2

1. Period covered: 30 1800A to 31 1800A 31 Jan 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

No Change.

Ground OP:

See attached sheet

Air OP:

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3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	610 P1 M Rds	Total M Rds
a. Missions				
Btry in pos	0	1-8	0	1-6
Harassing	6-133	9-83	9-67	24-263
Personal	1- 50	2-93	5-83	8-226
(etc) Reg.	3- 51	1-10	2-21	6- 82
Total	10-234	13-172	16-171	39-577
b. Observation				
Air OP				18
Ground OP	7	3	8	21
Unobserved	3	10	8	21
Total	10	13	16	39

4. Miscellaneous:

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31 January 1945

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# 430  
# 431  
# 42  
# 45  
# 47  
605 FA Bn  
# 50  
# 51  
# 52  
616 FA Bn  
# 60 & 61  
# 63

LOCATION

392-070  
405-069  
413-065  
416-065  
432-049  
  
498-133  
494-135  
496-128  
  
404-074  
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S-3 Report # 4

1. Period covered; <sup>Jan</sup> 31 1300A to 1 1300A 1 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

No change.

Ground OP:

No change.

Air OP:

No change.

3. Operations	604 En		61st PS		Total	
	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
a. Missions						
Entry in pos	0	3-22	0	3-22		
Harassing	3-24	6-24	13-141	23-189		
Personal	2-25	1-10	1-12	4-47		
(etc) Reg.	3-45	6-120	6-93	15-258		
Destruction	0	0	2-25	2-25		
Total	8-24	16-176	22-271	46-341		
b. Observation						
Air OP						21
Ground OP	4	8	9	25		
Unobserved	4	8	13	25		
Total	8	16	22	46		

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report # 5

1. Period covered: 1 1800A to 2 1800A 2 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground OP: 605th FA Bn

#51 494-135	#52 491-133	#55 498-152
#50 498-133	#53 505-139	#56 512-163
Air OP:		

No Change

	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	61st BN M Rds	Total M Rds
3. Operations				
a. Missions				
Btry in pos	0	0	0	0
Harassing	4-19	0	8-79	12-98
Personal	0	0	0	0
(etc) Reg	2-20	2-25	3-30	7-75
Neut.			1-19	1-19
Total	6-39	2-25	12-129	20-192

b. Observation

Air OP		2	4	8
Ground OP	2		8	12
Unobserved	4		12	28
Total	6	2	12	28

4. Miscellaneous:

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1. Period covered; 2-1800A to 3-1800A 3 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground OP:

No Change

Air OP:

No Change

3. Operations	No Change	604 Br	611 P1	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Btry in pos	-	-	-	4-12
Harassing	-	4-12	-	-
Personal	-	-	-	9-162
(etc) Reg	1-3	6-91	2-69	1-11
Reut.	1-11	-	2-69	16-185
Total	2-13	10-103	2-69	
b. Observation	-	-	-	-
Air OP	-	6	2	10
Ground OP	2	-	0	4
Unobserved	8	4	0	4
Total	2	10	2	12

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report # 7

1. Period covered; 3 1800A to 4 1800A 4 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

    No change.

Ground OP: 8550-E  
            # 431

377-082

8550-F

#52

494-132

#55

493-152

Air OP:

    No change.

3. Operations

	604 Bn	605 Bn	611 PI	Total
	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
a. Missions				
Smoke <del>4-36</del>	4-36	0	0	4-36
Harassing	0	3-13	2-52	5-65
Personal	0	3-109	0	3-109
(str) Reg.	4-29	9-107	9-77	22-213
Instruction	1-11	0	2-36	3-46
Gen. Liaison	11-155	0	4-114	15-269
Total	20-230	15-229	17-339	52-798
b. Observation				
Air OP	1	0	5	6
Ground OP	19	12	12	43
Unobserved	0	3	0	3
Total	20	15	17	52

4. Miscellaneous:

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G-1 Report # 8

1. Period covered; 1 1800A to 5 1800A 5 Feb 1945
2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground OP:

No Change

Air OP:

No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	61st PI	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Btry in pos	0	1-4	0	1-4
Harassing	1-4	0	0	1-4
Personal	0	11-103	0	11-103
(etc) Reg.	3-17	0	6-70	9-87
Neutralization	6-55	6-92	0	12-147
Total	<u>10-76</u>	<u>18-199</u>	<u>6-70</u>	<u>34-345</u>
b. Observation				
Air OP	0	0	0	0
Ground OP	7	12	6	25
Unobserved	3	6	0	9
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>34</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report # 9

1. Period covered: 5 1800A to 6 1800A 6 Feb. 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground OP: <u>8550-E</u>	<u>8550-F</u>	<u>8550-G</u>	
#431 376-082	#52 492-133	#610 417-052	#613 385-070
#433 (106-059) 394-067	#53 479-120	#611 408-069	#630 403-065
Air OP:		#612 394-067	#631 379-068

3. Operations	60% En	40% En	30% En	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Serv Fruct	0	1- 18	0	1- 18
Harassing	2- 6	0	0	2- 6
Personal	0	5- 31	0	5- 31
(etc) Reg.	4- 54	4- 74	4- 55	12- 183
Neutralization	1- 10	0	0	1- 10
Des truction	2- 23	0	1- 8	4- 31
Total	10- 153	10- 123	5- 63	25- 339
b. Observation				
Air OP	0	0	1	1
Ground OP	8	6	4	18
Unobserved	2	4	0	6
Total	10	10	5	25

4. Miscellaneous:

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1. Period covered: 1940 to 7-1944 7 Feb. 1945

2. Disposition of Group:

No Change.

Ground SF:

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No Change.

3. Description	Code No	Code No	Code No	Other	Total
				Days	# Days
a. Intelligence					
b. Reconnaissance					
C. Reconnaissance					
D. Reconnaissance					
E. Reconnaissance					
F. Reconnaissance					
G. Reconnaissance					
H. Reconnaissance					
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V. Reconnaissance					
W. Reconnaissance					
X. Reconnaissance					
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BL. Reconnaissance					
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CB. Reconnaissance					
CC. Reconnaissance					
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CJ. Reconnaissance					
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CN. Reconnaissance					
CO. Reconnaissance					
CP. Reconnaissance					
CQ. Reconnaissance					
CR. Reconnaissance					
CS. Reconnaissance					
CT. Reconnaissance					
CU. Reconnaissance					
CV. Reconnaissance					
CW. Reconnaissance					
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CZ. Reconnaissance					
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DD. Reconnaissance					
DE. Reconnaissance					
DF. Reconnaissance					
DG. Reconnaissance					
DH. Reconnaissance					
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DJ. Reconnaissance					
DK. Reconnaissance					
DL. Reconnaissance					
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DN. Reconnaissance					
DO. Reconnaissance					
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DS. Reconnaissance					
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FU. Reconnaissance					
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JC. Reconnaissance					
JD. Reconnaissance					
JE. Reconnaissance					
JF. Reconnaissance					
JG. Reconnaissance					
JH. Reconnaissance					

STATEMENT

12. No. of Reports: 1200

S-3 Report # 7 Feb 8 Feb 8 Feb. 1945

1. Period covered: 1200 to 1200A

2. Disposition of reports: No Change.

Ground CP: No Change.

Air OP: No Change.

Der 3: Operations	605 Bn MCs	605 Bn MCs	616 Bn MCs	Other Bn	Total MCs
a. Missions	10	0	1-24	0	2-24
Communicatory	0	3-45	0	0	3-45
Mapping	6-32	4-41	6-76	0	16-149
Personnel	0	0	3-9	0	3-9
Reconnaissance	1-43	0	0	0	1-43
Destination	0	0	0	0	0-0
Erosion	1-49	0	0	0	0-0
Identification	10-143	7-86	10-109	0	27-343
Total	0	0	0	0	0
b. Observation	9	7	2	0	24
Air OP	1	0	2	0	3
Ground OP					
Undetected	10	7	10	0	27
Total					

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S-3 Report # 12

1. Period covered: ~~8 Feb 1900~~ to ~~9 Feb 1900~~ ~~9 Feb 1945~~
2. Disposition of report:

No Change

Ground OP: 8550-E  
 " #42 411-066  
 " #45 412-066  
 " #47 435-047

Air OP:

3. Operations	No Change				Total M Rds
	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other Bns	
a. Missions					
Comorbattery	0	4- 71	0	0	4- 71
Harassing	0	0	0	0	0- 0
Personnel	0	6- 55	0	0	7- 68
Recognition	1- 13	3- 33	0	0	4- 54
Destruction	1- 21	0	1- 4	0	3- 34
Neutralization	2- 30	0	0	0	
Interdiction					
Total	<u>4- 64</u>	<u>13- 159</u>	<u>1- 4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18- 227</u>
b. Observation					
Air OP	0	0	0	0	0
Ground OP	3	9	1	0	13
Unobserved	1	4	0	0	5
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>

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Report of the 1st Air Force

S-3 Report # 13

1. Period covered: 9 Feb 1900 to 10 Feb 1900 10 Feb, 1945

2. Disposition of Aircraft

No Change

Ground #	8550-E		8550-F		
#42	412-065	#52	494-131	#510	517-129
#45	414-067	#53	504-139	#520	504-138
#47	439-047	#54	489-130	#523	512-163
		#55	488-152		

Air OP:

Located at Coordinate: 637-109

3. a.	616 Bn	616 Bn	616 Bn	Other Bns	Total
	Obs	Unobs	Midg		W Rtn
Observed	0	1- 48	0		1- 48
Unobserved	0	0	0		0
Midg	0	0	0		0
Retained	5- 39	7- 88	7- 58		19-185
Postmarked	0	2- 67	1- 3		3- 70
Removal	2- 13	5- 62	0		7- 75
Loss	0	0	0		0
Total	7- 52	15-265	8- 61		30-378
b. Observation					
Air OP	1	1	0		2
Ground OP	6	11	8		25
Unobserved	0	3	0		3
Total	7	15	8		30

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Report of the

S-3 Report #14

1. Period covered 10 Feb 1945 to 11 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of reports

No Change.

Ground CP: 8550-E  
#52 494-131  
#54 479-130  
#55 488-152

Air CP:

No Change.

3. Operations	604 En M Pds	605 Bn M Pds	616 Bn M Pds	Other Pds	Total Pds
a. Missions					
Comharbatory	0	0	13- 67	0	18- 99
Harassing	5- 32	0	2- 25	0	2- 25
Personnel	0	0	1- 04	0	9-171
Registration	3- 29	5-138	1- 14	0	3- 71
Distraction	2- 57	0	2-12	0	7-171
Neutralization	0	5-159			
Interdiction					
Total	10-118	10-297	19-122	0	39-537
b. Observation					
Air CP	0	0	1	0	1
Ground CP	5	8	8	0	21
Unobserved	5	2	10	0	17
Total	10	10	19	0	39

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S-3 Report #15

1. Period covered 11 Feb 1900 to 12 Feb 1800 12 Feb 1945
2. Disposition of troops:

Ground CP: **No Change**

Air OP: **No Change**

3. Operations	600 AM Mkds	600 AM Mkds	616 AM Mkds	Other Bns	Total Mkds
a. Observation					
C. necessary	0	1-8	0	0	1-8
Not necessary	4-56	2-75	10-43	0	16-174
Registration	0	0	0	0	0
Reconnaissance	1-3	5-78	0	0	6-81
Interdiction					
Total	<u>5-59</u>	<u>8-161</u>	<u>10-43</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23-263</u>
b. Communication					
Observed	0	0	0	0	0
Report CP	1	5	0	0	6
Unobserved	4	3	10	0	17
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>

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S-3 Report # 16

Report of the Army

1. Period covered: 12 Feb 1900 to 13 Feb 1901 12 Feb. 1945

2. Disposition of Company

Ground CP: No change.

No change.

Air CP:

No change.

3. Operations:	605 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other M Rds	Total M Rds
a. Missions:					
Cavalry	0	2-31	0	0	2-31
Recon	0	3-78	0	0	3-78
Patrol	1-19	0	0	0	1-19
Recon	0	5-90	0	0	5-90
Patrol	0	0	1-18	0	1-18
Recon	0	1-54	0	0	1-54
Patrol	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>1-19</u>	<u>11-223</u>	<u>1-18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13-290</u>
b. Operations:					
Patrol	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	0	7	0	0	7
Patrol	1	4	1	0	6
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>

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6-3 Report # 18

1. Period covered: 14 Feb 1945 to 15 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of ...

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Ground ...

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Air OP:

No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn M Pds	605 Bn M Pds	616 Bn M Pds	Other Pds	Total M Pds
a. Missions					
Communications					
Manufacturing					
Personnel					
Registration	0	2- 41	0	0	2- 41
Disturbance	0	3- 55	0	0	3- 55
Intelligence	0	1- 19	0	0	1- 19
Interruption					
Total		<u>6-115</u>			<u>6-115</u>
b. Observation					
Asst. OP		6			6
Signal OP					
Unobserved					
Total		<u>6</u>			<u>6</u>

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S-3 Report # 19

1. Period covered: 15 Feb 1900 to 16 Feb 1900 16 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of Ground:

Detected sheet and Overlay.

Ground (G):

No Change.

Air OP:

No Change.

	616 Bn M Pds	608 Bn M Pds	616 Bn M Pds	Other Bns	Total M Pds
3. Control					
a. Communications					
Com. Stationary	No	1-34	No		1-34
Mobile					
Post					
Registration	Firing		Firing		
Distribution	Done		Done		
Log. Function					
Liberation					
Total	-----	-----	-----	-----	1-34
b. Observation					
LIR OP					
Ground (G)		1			
Unobserved					
Total	-----	1	-----	-----	

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Time and date organizations closed old positions.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Btry</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
604 F.A.	"A"	1800	13 Feb
	"B"	1800	13 Feb
	"C"	0700	14 Feb
	CP(Rear)	1155	13 Feb
	CP(Adv)	1155	13 Feb
616 F.A.	"A"	1900	14 Feb
	"B"	1900	14 Feb
	"C"	1700	16 Feb
	CP(Rear)	1030	15 Feb
	CP(Adv)	2000	14 Feb

Time and date organizations opened new positions.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Btry</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
604 F.A.	"A"	2300	14 Feb
	"B"	2325	14 Feb
	"C"	0600	15 Feb
	CP	1800	14 Feb
616 F.A.	"A"	0200	16 Feb
	"B"	0200	16 Feb
	"C"	2400	16 Feb
	CP	1200	15 Feb

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S-3 Report # 20

1. Period covered: 16 Feb 1945 to 17 Feb 1945 17 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of Program

No Change

Ground CP

No Change

Air CP

No Change

3. Operations

a. Missions

Combinatory  
Bombing  
Reconnaissance  
Reg. Mission  
Dest. Mission  
Interruption  
Interdiction

No  
Firing  
Done

616 Bn  
M Pds  
3-84  
1-28  
1-33  
0

616 Bn  
M Pds  
No  
Firing  
Done

Other  
0  
0  
0  
1-26

Total  
M Pds  
3-84  
1-28  
1-33  
1-26

Total

5-145

1-26

6-171

b. Observation

210 CP  
Observed  
Observed

0  
1  
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Total

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1. Period covered: 17 Feb 1800 to 18 Feb 0000 18 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of Ground CP:

No Change

Ground CP

No Change

Air CP:

No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn M Pds	604 Bn M Pds	616 Bn M Pds	175FA Other Bns	Total M Pds
a. Missions					
Communications					
Bombing	0	3-92	0	0	3-92
Personnel					
Registration		8-152	0	1-8	9-168
Destination					
Registration					
Interdiction					
Total		<u>11-244</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1-8</u>	<u>12-252</u>
b. Observation					
Air CP		0			0
Ground CP		8		1	9
Unobserved		3			3
Total		<u>11</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>

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S-3 Report # 22

1. Period covered: 18 Feb 1950 to 19 Feb 1950 ~~19 Feb 1945~~

2. Disposition of troops:

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N. SERRASICCIA - M. MANCINELLO RIDGE.**

Ground CP:

NO CHANGE.

Air CP:

NO CHANGE.

	604 Bn Inf	605 Bn M P Co	606 Bn Inf	175th Inf	Total M P Co
3. Operations:					
a. Missions:					
<del>Harassing</del>	-	14-133	-	6-175	20-308
<del>Patrol</del>		1-64	-	1-21	2-85
<del>Reconnaissance</del>		15-423	3-30	3-24	21-477
<del>Interdiction</del>					
Total	0	30-620	3-30	10-220	43-870
b. Observations:					
Air		0	0	3	3
Ground		16	3	0	19
Total		14	0	7	21
Total		30	3	10	43

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S-3 Report #23

1. Period covered: 19 Feb 1900 to 20 Feb 1900 20 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of Troops:

Inf. Troops holding M. Gotgolesco and Mt. Delvedere Ridge - have taken objective "C"

Ground CP: 164th FA 175th FA  
#60 478165 #70 477-165

Air CP:

	No Change	605 Bn	616 Bn	175 FA	Total
3. Operations:					
a. Missions:		605 Bn	616 Bn	Other	Total
Combat Library	10 <sup>1</sup> -200	M Fds	M Fds	Bus	M Fds
Harassing	-	5-168	-	3-108	8-276
Pursuit	17-340	-	1-30	2-78	20-448
Reconnaissance	4-80	2-6	12-133	1-7	19-226
Distraction	1-20	2-49	2-30	7-302	12-401
Neutralization	45-937	19-1226	7-272	17-440	88-2875
Intimidation					
Total:	<u>71-1577</u>	<u>34-1561</u>	<u>24-494</u>	<u>30-935</u>	<u>165-4557</u>
b. Observation:					
Obs. CP	3	1	0	2	6
Ground CP	45	24	19	7	95
Unobserved	29	9	5	21	64
Total:	<u>77</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>165</u>

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S-3 Report #24

1. Period covered: 20 Feb. 1945 to 21 Feb. 1945 21 Feb. 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

No Change in Artillery.

Infantry troops advanced and took objective "G".

Ground CP:

No Change.

Air CP:

No Change.

3. Operations:	608 Bn M Pds	605 Bn M Pds	616 Bn M Pds	175 FA Other Pds	Total M Pds
a. Missions:					
Company Battery	19-396		2-19	0	
Harrassing	4-67		21-292	9-353	
Parade	3-11		12-483	2-33	
Registration	1-17		3-11	6-73	
Dispersion	7-329		4-99	1-51	
Instruction	11-290		0-0	6-65	
Instruction TOT	0		0-0	15-325	
Total	<u>100-2164</u>	<u>45-1110</u>	<u>42-854</u>	<u>39-922</u>	<u>226-5050</u>
b. Observation					
Air CP	2	1	0	0	3
Ground CP	41	33	22	1	97
Missions	57	11	20	38	126
Total	<u>100</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>226</u>

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S-3 Report # 25

1. Period covered: 21 Feb 1900 to 22 Feb 2001 22 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of Troops

Inf. Troops On Objective "H"

Ground	604 F.A.	605 F.A.	616 F.A.	175 F.A.
#410	5556-192	#51 542-183	#66 523-174	#70 534-166
#421	555-196	#654 461-163		#71 523-178
#431	548-197	#653 473-169		
#432	557-193	#652 481-170		

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	Other	Total
a. Highways	4 Bns	4 Bns	4 Bns	Bns	Bns
Construction	35- 1210	3-153	1-16	1-6	5-175
Rebuilding			24-357	10-612	39-1039
Reconnaissance	39- 1123	4-20	12-407	6-30	25-537
Registration		7-100	2-15		8-460
Disturbance		6-445	7-130		7-130
Logistics			5-224		5-224
Information			1-224		1-224

2323	Total	74-2323	20-768	52-1168	17- 648	163-4907
768	b. Observation	3	1	25	2	6
1168	Visual	55	13	25	13	106
448	Aerial	16	6	50	2	74
4907	Total	74	20	100	17	176

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S-3 Report # 26

1. Period covered: ~~22 Feb~~ 1800 to ~~23 Feb~~ 1945
2. Disposition of troops:

3d Bn 86th Inf will Relieve 2d Bn 85th Inf

Ground CP	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	175th FA
#110	838-183	#510 480-152	#50 556-196	#70 531-179
#111	538-162	520 522-148	51 545-187	71 523-178
#112	557-201	50 555-196	610 520-173	
#120	556-197	51 545-186	613 521-183	
Air OP: #122	557-201	52 481-171	620 508-165	
#130	545-183	53 472-168	622 536-177	
#131	556-191		630 537-160	
			633 521-182	

	No Change	604 Bn M RAs	605 Bn M RAs	616 Bn M RAs	0175FA M RAs	Total M RAs
3. Operations						
a. Missions						
Company battery		3-456	5-915	2-77		10-1448
Platoon		12-442	1-18	40-212		59-672
Platoon		2-801		13-405	10-277	25-1483
Platoon		4-50		6-87		10-137
Platoon		1-63	4-45	3-49		8-157
Platoon		11-1153	3-803	10-309	4-154	28-2419
Platoon			1-6			1-6
Total		<del>39-2565</del>	<del>10-1789</del>	<del>74-1136</del>	<del>15-439</del>	<del>136-3932</del>
b. Observation		3	2	25	1	31
Platoon		14	7	49	8	78
Platoon		16	5	0	6	27
Total		<del>33</del>	<del>14</del>	<del>74</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>136</del>

## 4. Miscellaneous:

605th FA will take over direct support of 3d Bn 86th Inf

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S-3 Report #27

1. Period covered: 23 Feb 1800 to 24 Feb 1800 24 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of troops: Mt Della Terraccia gains extended. Inf moving toward Forno and Le Tane

Ground CP	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	175th FA			
44	525-177	50	555-196	60	526-175	70	531-179
48	539-184	51	545-186	66	536-175		
40	555-196	55	568-192	65	491-141		

Air CP:

No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	175 FA M Rds	Total M Rds
a. Missions					
Comms/Battery	1-24	1-271	3-90		5-385
Harassing	12-600	2-22	34-197	9-592	57-1411
Personnel	-	5-24	6-283	8-193	19-500
Registration	-	-	5-125	-	5-125
Destruction	24-1540	9-1887	7-183	1-15	41-4625
Neutralization	5-397	-	7-155	23-903	35-1300
Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-
Prep For Attack	1-600	-	-	-	1-600
Total	43-3161	17-2204	62-1033	41-1703	163-8101
b. Observation					
Air CP	0	0	0	0	0
Ground CP	29	14	34	2	79
CAF/Artillery	14	3	28	39	84
Total	43	17	62	41	163

4. Miscellaneous: 605th FA closed old CP & moved to New CP (546-161) 22 Feb 21 Feb 1945. Location of new btry positions are as follows: "A" 547-166; "B" 546-164; "C" 578-180; "D" 545-162  
All Air CP's used for Corps Fire.

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S-3 Report # 28

1. Period covered: 24-Feb 1945 to 25-Feb 1945

2. Disposition of units:

Inf. consolidating position on Mt Della Terraccia

Ground OP:	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	175th FA
	#43 525-177	50 554-195	65 491-141	70 531-179
	48 539-184	51 545-185	66 523-176	
	40 555-196	52 568-192		

Air OP:

No Change

3. Operations:	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	175 FA	M Rds
a. Miscellaneous:					
Canteen	-	14-645	6-148	-	20-793
Messing	12-292	4-143	42-224	31-1291	89-1950
Postoffice	-	-	10-205	-	10-262
Recreation	3-22	1-49	3-39	-	7-110
Lack station	-	10-418	10-205	-	20-623
Recreation Club	-	-	4-128	-	4-128
Infirmary	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15-314	29-1255	75-1806	31-1291	190-3818
b. Observation:					
Air OP	0	0	0	0	0
Ground OP	5	11	75	0	91
Discovered	10	18	0	31	59
Total	15	29	75	31	150

4. Miscellaneous:

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1. Period covered: 20 Feb 1800 to 27 Feb 1800A 27 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of troops: 175 F.A. Bn. moved to new positions.  
 Coordinates: "A" Btry (5887-1664); "B" Btry (5887-1673); "C" Btry (5841-1660);  
 "D" Btry (5871-1652); C.P. (5866-1682).

Ground CP: 616 F.A. Bn	616 F.A. Bn
#50 564-196	#55 491-141
#51 541-186	#60 523-177
#52 502-192	

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No Change.

3. Operations	616 Bn		175 FA		Total M Rdn
	M Rds	M Rds	Bns	Bns	
a. Missions	0	0	0	0	0
Cannon Battery	0	0	26-38	16-473	50-652
Harassing	8-141	0	1-3	2-50	3-53
Post and	0	0	0	4-29	5-37
Reconnaissance	1-8	0	1-2	0	4-48
Distraction	3-16	0	1-2	0	4-48
Neutralization	4-165	25-5500	3-24	0	32-5689
Interdiction	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>16-360</u>	<u>25-5500</u>	<u>31-67</u>	<u>22-552</u>	<u>94-6479</u>
b. Observation	0	0	0	4	4
Air CP	4	25	4	0	33
Ground CP	12	0	27	18	57
Unobserved	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>94</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

60% F.A. Bn. preparing to displace to new positions.

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S-3 Report # 30

1. Period covered: 26 Feb 1960 to 7 Feb 1960 27 Feb 1960
2. Disposition of Area: 604 FA Bn, 605th, & 616th FA Bns moved to new positions.  
 See reverse side for coordinates.

Ground (604 FA Bn) 113 552-1564 113 552-177 113 552-184	616th FA Bn Home Active	6175 FA Bn 470 509-203	604 FA Bn #50 554-196 #91 545-186 #52 568192
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No Change.

	604 Bn M F's	605 Bn M F's	616 Bn M F's	175FA Other Bus	Total M F's
3. Operations:					
a. Missions:					
C. Administration	1-25	0	0	0	1-25
Maintenance	0	0	28-58	3-60	31-118
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0
Recreation	3-26	7-115	0	3-18	15-169
Distribution	2-60	0	11-53	2-0	13-113
Reclassification	0	11-204	6-39	0	17-243
Inspection	0	0	0	4-150	4-150
Transportation	0	0	0	10-228	10-228
Total	<u>8-121</u>	<u>17-419</u>	<u>45-150</u>	<u>10-228</u>	<u>81-918</u>
b. Observation:					
Air	0	0	0	3	3
Ground CP	5	18	15	0	38
Subserved	3	0	30	7	40
Total	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>81</u>

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S-3 Report # 31

1. Period covered: 27 Feb 1900 to 28 Feb 1900, 28 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of Trooper:

Closed old C.P. in Lizzano-in-Belvedere 28 1700h Feb 1945.  
 Opened new C.P. in Gaggio Montano (5506-1677) at a same time.

Ground CP:	<u>604 FA</u>	<u>605 FA</u>	<u>616 FA</u>	<u>175 FA</u>
#40 (508-194)	#50 (554-196)	#67 (431-134)	#70 (589-203)	
#43 (516-199)	#52 (568-192)			

Air CP:

	No Change.				
3. Operations	604 In	605 In	616 In	175 In	Total
a. Missions	In Bus	In Bus	In Bus	In Bus	In Bus
Communications	0	3-77	0	0	3-77
Harassing	6-131	0	10-30	0	16-161
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0
Intelligence	6-107	10-169	7-74	7-57	30-407
Disturbance	0	0	0	0	0
Intelligence	0	15-533	0	0	15-533
Intelligence					
Total	<u>12-238</u>	<u>28-779</u>	<u>17-104</u>	<u>7-57</u>	<u>64-1178</u>
b. Observation					
Air CP	0	0	10	4	4
Ground CP	6	10	7	3	26
Unobserved	6	18	10	0	34
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>64</u>

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S-3 Report # 30

1. Period covered: 20 Feb 1950 to 7 Feb 1950 - 27 Feb 1950
2. Disposition of Air Corps 604 FA Bn, (06th), & 616th FA Bns moved to new positions. See reverse side for coordinates.

Ground	604 FA Bn	616th FA Bn	175 FA Bn	605 FA Bn
449	559-184	None	470	554-196
442	525-171	Active		451
443	559-184			545-186
				452
				568192

Air OP:

No Change.

3. Operations	604 FA Bn	616th FA Bn	175 FA Bn	Other	Total
a. Missions	M. Sca	M. Sca	M. Sca	Bus	M. Sca
Comms/Battery	1-25	0	23-58	3-60	1-25
Map/Log	0	0	0	0	0
Personnel	0	0	0	3-18	15-169
Registration	5-26	7-115	11-53	0	13-113
Destination	2-60	0	6-39	0	17-343
Reclassification	0	11-204			
Inspection	0	0	0	4-150	4-150
Reorganization	0	0	45-150	10-228	61-918
<b>Total</b>	<b>3-121</b>	<b>18-419</b>	<b>45-150</b>	<b>10-228</b>	<b>81-918</b>
b. Observation	0	0	0	3	3
Area OP	5	18	15	0	38
Ground OP	3	0	30	7	40
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>81</b>

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Coordinates of new positions.

604 FA Bn

"A" Btry (5736-1784)

"B" Btry (5708-1802)

"C" Btry (5640-1800)

"D" Btry (5700-1769)

C.P. (5676-1790)

C.P. closed at Lizzane in Belvedere 271000A Feb 1945 and opened new C.P. at same time.

605 FA Bn

"A" Btry (57268-18088)

"B" Btry (57450-17647)

"C" Btry (57846-17908)

"D" Btry (57085-18165)

C.P. (58740-18000)

Opened new C.P. 262000A Feb 1945.

616 FA Bn.

"A" Btry (51692-17746)

"B" Btry (58073-17850)

"C" Btry (57807-17825)

C.P. (5680- 1770 )

Opened new C.P. 280450A Feb 1945

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THE 105th AIR DIV ARMY

S-3 Report # 31

1. Period covered: 27 Feb 1945 to 28 Feb 1945

2. Disposition of reports:

Closed old C.P. in Liziano-in-Belvedere 28 1700A Feb 1945.  
Opened new C.P. in Gaggio Montano (5506-1677) at same time.

Ground CP:	COAYA	605 VA	616 VA	175 VA
#40	(568-194)	#50 (554-196)	#67 (431-124)	#70 (589-203)
#43	(556-199)	#52 (568-192)		

Air OP:

	No Change.	605 VA	616 VA	175 VA	Total
		Bn	Bn	Other	
		M Rds	M Rds	Bns	M Rds
3. Operations:					
a. Missions:					
Commandatory	0	B-77	0	0	16-161
Harassing	6-131	0	10-30	0	0
Personnel	0	0	0	0	30-407
Reconnaissance	6-107	10-169	7-74	7-57	0
Destruction	0	0	0	0	15-533
Intimidation	0	15-533	0	0	
Total	<u>12-238</u>	<u>28-779</u>	<u>17-104</u>	<u>7-57</u>	<u>66-1178</u>
b. Observation:					
Air OP	0	0	0	4	4
Ground OP	6	10	7	3	26
Unobserved	6	181	10	0	34
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>64</u>

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*10th Mountain Artillery*  
*Attachment*

At 1700 28 February 1945, Division Artillery Headquarters closed into its new CP in Gaggio-Montana (550-167).

The field artillery battalions on the 1st of March were situated in the vicinity of Roncole near the road leading northeast from Gaggio-Montana. Registrations, harassing and personnel missions were fired on the 1st and 2nd of March. All Division Artillery units were in a state of readiness for preparation fires in support of the postponed jump-off, weather conditions having necessitated a change of date to the 3rd of March.

The division mission as stated in FO #1, Headquarters 10th Mountain Division, 272400A February 1945 was: "10th Mountain Division will attack at 0700, 1 March 1945, to seize, occupy, organize and defend the area bounded by Hill 068 (583214), Hill 928 (567226), Campo Delcote (572234), Mt Grande D'Alano (5826), Castel D'Alano (567256), Bucucco (605244), Pietra Colera (595220), Mt Della Castellana (586222); prepare for further action in the direction of Mt Della Castellana (6224) and Mt Della Croce (6122), and to the NE. Phases (see overlay) are for coordination only; advance boldly, consistent with protection of the flanks."

For the attack on the 3rd, the Artillery Battalions were assigned missions as follows:

The 604th F. A. Bn., with 3 additional 75mm howitzer platoons attached from the 85th Infantry, was assigned the mission of general support and reinforcing the fires of the 605th F. A. Bn. The mission of the 604th F. A. Bn. was to change to direct support of the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment, then held in reserve in the vicinity (583-197), when that regiment was committed. On a change of mission, this was to be directed in support of the 3rd Battalion of the 85th Mountain Infantry, attacking the L (west) flank.

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of the division between the 3rd Battalion, 11th Regiment ~~INF~~, and hill 068 (663214).

The 605th F. A. Bn. was placed in direct support of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment which attacked with two battalions abreast.

The 616th F. A. Bn. was placed in direct support of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment which attacked in columns of battalions.

The 175th F. A. Bn., which continued to be attached to the 10th Mountain Division from the 34th Division, was assigned a general support mission, reinforcing fires of the 616th F. A. Bn.

On 3 March the preparation began at 0640, 20 minutes before the attack began. Each battalion assigned direct support missions had one liaison plane flying continuously over its sector during daylight hours. At 0700 the attack began with the 87th and 86th Mountain Infantry Regiments abreast (87th Mountain Infantry on the right) and the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment in reserve. The 604th F. A. Bn. and the 175th F. A. Bn. fired missions in support of the 86th and 87th Mountain Infantry Regiments on approaches to the initial objectives. When the 86th Mountain Infantry encountered heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire in the vicinity of Iola at 0705, the 604th F. A. Bn. delivered four fire missions in the area, neutralizing enemy positions and allowing the infantry to advance.

Concentrations fired by the 616th F. A. Bn. cleared the way for columns of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment moving up in the Mount Della Vedetta area (664-253). Stiffened resistance to the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment on the approaches to La Borra and Campo Del Sole at 0840 called for fire of personnel missions on enemy troops in those areas by the 604th F. A. Bn. and 175th F. A. Bn. The 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment's advance continued.

Aid to the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment's advance was given at 0942 by fire missions from the 175th in the Mount Della Vedetta area. At 1015 when the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment encountered stiff resistance in the Vedetta area, battalion massed fire was delivered by the 616th F. A. Bn and the 175th F. A. Bn. to neutralize the enemy at (577-222).

Le Borre (575-235) one of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment's objectives received fire from the 604th at 1112. At 1200 the 86th's attacking columns were in position before Hill 916, the eastern approach to Le Borre. The 604th F. A. Bn. and 605th F. A. Bn. opened fire on the hill at 1245 and enabled the infantry columns to advance. One column attacking north-east to Mount Della Croce was supported by massed fires from IV Corps Artillery and 175th F. A. Bn. Throughout the rest of the afternoon and night fire was placed on Mount Della Croce (612-222), Sasso molare (582-243), and Baccucco (666-245) enabling the 86th and 87th to continue advancing.

During the day of the 4th of March fire was continued in support of the Infantry. Mount Grandalano (587-262) in the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment sector was taken under fire by the 604th at 0910. For the rest of the morning fire was delivered by the 604th and 175th on Baccucco (666-245), Castel D'Aiano (603-269) and Della Spe (618-262). In the meanwhile the other F. A. Bns. completed occupation of new positions. At 1940 of the 4th of March the 604th F. A. Bn. displaced to positions in the vicinity of Le Serre (574-232). The 605th F. A. Bn. displaced at 1530 on the same date to the vicinity of Le Iola (566-219). The new 616th position was established at (574-219), in the vicinity of Ginopri, at 1840 of the 5th. The 175th F. A. Bn. remained unchanged. (See list of March 1945).

The infantry continued to push forward on the 5th and 6th taking the 10th Mountain Division objectives of Canolla (L563253), Mt Della Spe (L617264), Mt Della Castellana (L630243), Castel D'Aiano (L607258) and Pietra Colora

(1549223). During the night of the 6th, defensive and harassing missions were fired, while the Infantry consolidated gains and prepared defensive positions.

The 604th F. A. Bn. prepared to displace during the 7th while the 605th F. A. Bn. took over its fire. The 604th F. A. Bn. closed into its new position at 2356, the 7th of March in the vicinity of Le Vegge (618-212).

The 616th F. A. Bn. prepared to displace on the 8th of March. While movement preparations were under way, 605th fired counter-battery missions that had been requested by the 67th Mountain Infantry Regiment. The 616th F. A. Bn. closed into a new position at 0515 of the 9th of March at (590-222). At 0315 of the same day the 605th closed into new positions at (600-221) near the road leading northwest from Croce di Sorta.

The period from 8th-11th of March was spent in firing on targets of opportunity, harassing and defensive fires.

On the 11th of March the 175th F. A. Bn. displaced at 1729 to (635-219) in the vicinity of Palazzo. In the meanwhile, IV Corps had all artillery battalions alerted to fire at 1600 on an enemy 170mm gun located in the vicinity of the 01-29 square. After 5 battalion volleys, routine fires were resumed.

A relief rest period began on the 11th. At that date all assigned Division objectives were taken and a period of rest and re-equipping began. At 0600 the 604th F. A. Bn. displaced to Montecatini to the Artillery Rest Center. The 604th fires were taken over by the 175th F. A. Bn. At 0900 the Division Artillery C. P. closed in at Rocca Pitigliano (612-208). Defensive fires were delivered nightly 11th to 13th of March.

The 604th F. A. Bn. returned from the rest area on 14 March at 1800 and resumed its mission. The 605th displaced to Montecatini for rest at 0600 on the 15th of March while its fires were assigned to the 175th F. A. Bn.

On the 16th of March the 175th F. A. Bn. was relieved from attachment to the 10th Mountain Division Artillery at 1800 with the 1125th Armored F. A. Bn. being attached as of the same time. 1125th A. F. A. Bn. immediately assumed the fires of the 176th F. A. Bn. and 605th F. A. Bn. The 1125th C.F. was closed at (635-219) in the vicinity of Valpiana. Fires on targets of opportunity were delivered on the 16-17 March.

On the 18th of March the 178th Medium Regiment, Lowland, British Royal Artillery established its C. P. at (610-215) in the vicinity of Rocco Pitigliana. Wire communication was established with the 178th at 1728.

616th F. A. Bn. at 0600 of the 19th March displaced to the Montecatini rest area. At 0605 the 605th assumed its original fires relieving the 1125 from this responsibility at 190605 March. The 1125th now assumed the fires of the 616th F. A. Bn. During that evening the Division Artillery Air OP was very active in firing IV Corps artillery on-targets of opportunity. At 1910 the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment on Mount Della Spina reported having received intense mortar and artillery fire. 804th F. A. Bn. fired counter-mortar while IV Corps artillery fired counter-battery. Enemy fire was stopped.

Routine fire missions continued through the 20th and 21st of March. Capt. Brich Johnson of the 178th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, reported as liaison officer with this headquarters on the 21st.

On the 22nd of March the 616th F. A. Bn. returned from rest at 1600. 605th F. A. Bn. was visited by Congresswoman Clare Booth Luce on the same day.

At 0600 of the 23rd, the 1125th F. A. Bn. displaced its "B" and "C" batteries for a rest. From the 23rd to the 28th, artillery activity was confined to routine fire missions. "B" and "C" batteries of the 1125th returned

on the 26th at 1800. "A" battery of the 1125th departed for rest on the same day. On the 27th March, "B" battery of the 616th F. A. Bn. displaced to alternate positions at (599-221) in the vicinity of Pietra Colora. Displacement was begun at 1130 and fire was resumed at 2022 on the same day.

The 604th F. A. Bn. supported patrol actions of the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment on the 29th of March.

"A" Battery of the 1125th returned from rest and closed into position at (644-186) at 1600 of the 30th March. "C" battery, 1125th F. A. Bn. closed into new positions at (637-215) the same day.

On the 31st of March 604th F. A. Bn. and 605th F. A. Bn. participated in fires supporting raiding parties of the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment.

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Period: 0001 1 Mar 45  
2400 1 Mar 45

UNIT HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines 225

825-280, 330-280, 840-290, 843-295, 847-300, 855-305, 858-310, 870-320,  
880-323 and 889/323.

Units in Contact

157th Mountain Division with the following component units:  
296th and 297th Mtn Regts.

The 65th Infantry Division with the following component units:  
145th, 145th Infantry Regts. 165 Fus. Bn. 1165 Assault Gun Co.,  
165 AT Bn., 165 Arty. Regt. 165 Sig Bn and 165 Field Repl Bn.

Arty. Activity

320 rts fired in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 2 Mar 45  
2400 2 Mar 45

UNIT B-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

270 mm fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

1 enemy gun were engaged. Direct hits were scored on two  
guns in the 85-35 square.

Period: 0001 3 Mar 45  
2400 3 Mar 45

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

260 rds fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

There were no observed counter-battery missions



Period: 0001 4 Mar 45  
2400 4 Mar 45

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change.

Artillery Activity

35 mls fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

1 observed counter-battery mission was fired.

Period: 0001 5 Mar 45  
2400 5 Mar 45

UNIT'S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

A change in Division sector found us facing enemy front lines which were approximately as follows:

890-326, 901-330, 910-330, 923-330, 927-324, 930-327, 935-326, 941-327, 945-326, 950-324, 955-325, 960-323, 973-325.

Divisional Composition:

The 1st Div with the following component units:  
1st Lt Col, 1st Bn, 1st Regt. 1st Sigs Bn, 165 Engr Bn 165 Assault  
Bn Co, 165 AF Bn, 165 Arty Regt, 165 Sig Bn and 165 Field Repl.

Activity Summary

1st Div, 1st Bn, 1st Regt.

Period: 0001 6 Mar 45  
2400 6 Mar 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

120 mortar in the division sector

Remarks

Observed mortar activity in the division sector

Period: 0001 7 March 45  
2400 7 March 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

53 rds were reported for the period.

Remarks

3 observed counter-battery missions were fired. In all cases the areas were reported well covered.

Period: 0001 8 March 45  
2400 8 March 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

75 rounds fell in the division sector during the period.

Remarks

3 observed counter-battery missions were fired. 4 hits were scored on a gun in the 93-35 square.

Period: 0001 9 March 45  
2400 9 March 45

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UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery activity

38 rds fell in the division sector.

Remarks

3. observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 10 March 45  
2400 10 March 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

130 rds fell during the period.

Remarks

counter-battery missions were fired. Hits were scored on guns in the 30-35 square.

Period: 0001 11 March 45  
2400 11 March 45

UNIT E-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

Only 23 rounds were reported.

Remarks

5 observed counter-battery missions were fired.



Period: 0001 12 March 45  
2400 12 March 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

73 mls were reported.

Remarks

5 observed counter-battery missions were fired. 2 fires were started and a hit scored on a gun in the 92-36 square.

Period: 0001 13 March 45  
2400 13 March 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

54 rds fell in the division sector.

Remarks

Only two observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 14 March 45  
2400 14 March 45

UNIT 3-2 HISTORY

Sneak Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity : 112 rds reported

Remarks

6 counter-battery missions were fired. 2 hits were scored on a gun in the 38-37 square.

Period: 0001 15 March 45  
12400 15 March 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

29 rds reported for period.

Remarks

4 observed counter-battery missions were fired.  
Hits scored on a gun in the 05-37 square.

Period: 0031 16 March 45  
2400 16 March 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

234 rds were reported.

Remarks

7 observed counter-battery missions were fired, but no startling effects were reported.

Period: 0001 17 March 45  
2400 17 March 45

UNIT 8-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change.

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery activity

No rds were reported.

Remarks

3 counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 18 Mar 45  
2400 18 Mar 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

13 rds reported for period.

Remarks

2 counter-battery missions fired. Hits scored on guns in the 97-37 and 94-35 squares.

Period:0001 19 Mar 45  
2400 19 Mar 45

UNITS 8-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

25 rds reported for the period.

Remarks

3 counter-battery missions were fired. 6 target hits were reported on a gun in the 96-36 square.



Period: 0001 20 March 45  
2400 20 March 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

87 rds fell in the division sector.

Remarks

7 counter-battery missions were fired. 4 hits were scored on a gun in the 89-35 square.

Period:0001 21 March 45  
2400 21 March 45

UNIT S-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery activity

nil  
31 reported.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period:0001 22 March 45  
2400 22 March 45

UNIT 9-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Line

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

40 rds were reported.

Remarks

2 observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 23 March 45  
2400 23 March 45

UNIT HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

25 rds reported for period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions fired.

Period: 0001 24 March 45  
2400 24 March 45

UNIT - 2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Line

Location

Units in Contact

No. of Mks.

artillery activity

39 rds reported.

Remarks

One observed counter-battery mission fired. Fires were started near a gun in the 99-36 square.

Period: 25 March 45-0001  
25 March 45-2400

UNIT B-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

5 rounds were reported for the period.

Remarks

One observed counter-battery mission was fired.

Period:0001 26 March 45  
2400 26 March 45

UNIT 9-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery activity

50 rds fell in the division sector.

Remarks

3 observed counter-battery missions were fired.

Period: 0001 27 March '45  
2400 27 March '45

UNIT C-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Lines

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

14 rls reported for the period.

Remarks

3 observed counter-battery missions were fired.



Period: 0001 28 March 45  
2800 28 March 45

UNIT 8-2 HISTORY

Enemy Front Line

No change

Units in Contact

No change

Artillery Activity

8 rds reported for period.

Remarks

No observed counter-battery missions were fired.

There were no reports to submit for 29, 30 and 31 March  
because of the fact that the unit was in the rear - no activity.

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S-3 Report # 31

1. Period covered: 1 Feb 1900 to 1 Mar 1900A 1 Mar. 1945
2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground CP:	<u>604 Bn</u>	<u>616 FA</u>	<u>175 FA</u>
	40 (500-100)	None	No
	443 (555-10)	Active.	Change.

Air CP:

No Change.

	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 FA	175 FA	Total
3. Operations:				Other	
a. Air ops:	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	Bns	M Rds
- G. Laboratory	0	10-485	0	0	10-485
- Messaging	9-113	0	0	15-132	24-245
- Personnel	2-31	0	0	0	2-31
- Registration	1-12	2-27	0-74	0	11-119
- Neutralization	0	7-253	0	0	7-253
- Interdiction					
- Total	<u>12-142</u>	<u>10-765</u>	<u>0-74</u>	<u>15-132</u>	<u>54-1133</u>
b. Observation:					
- Air CP	2	0	0	0	2
- Ground CP	3	12	3	1	23
- Unobserved	3	7	0	14	29
- Total	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>54</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

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Hq. 10th Mt. Div Arty.

S-3 Report #33

1. Period covered: 1 Mar, 1800 to 2 Mar, 1800A ~~2 Mar,~~ 1945
2. Disposition of troops: Inf. Preparing for attack

Ground OP:	604 F A	604 F A	616 F A	175 F A		
#43	558-192	#52	568-192	#60	559-203	589-203
40	555-199			65	559-203	
				67	598-193	

Air OP: No change

3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other Bns	Total M Rds
a. Missions					
b. Battery		4-131			4-131
Reparator	10-173				10-173
Personnel	5- 30		1-15	3-13	6-45
Regimentation	6- 22	4-70	10-107		23-272
Destruction		1-57		6-10	7- 97
Neutralization		7-326		2-73	9-399
Intimidation					
Propaganda		1-50		6-50	7-100
Total	<u>21-285</u>	<u>17-634</u>	<u>11-122</u>	<u>17-176</u>	<u>66-1217</u>
b. Observation	2	2			4
Air OP	5	10	11	11	37
Ground OP	14	5		6	25
Unobserved					
Total	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>66</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

All F A Bns. in readiness for preparation.

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H & I REPORT  
No. 104th Artillery

S-3 Report # 34

1. Period covered: 2 Mar 1900 to 3 Mar 1901 3 March 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

Inf on A, B, C, D, E, F & G Objectives. Preparing to attack H & I objectives.

Ground CP	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	175th FA		
#41	599-202	#52	568-192	#60	559-203	589-203
	43			65	559-203	
				67	599-193	

Air OP:

No Change

3. Operations	604th FA M Rds	605th FA M Rds	616th FA M Rds	175th FA Observer Bus	Total M Rds
a. Missions					
Cannon Battery					
Repositioning	39-711	-	10-391	20-328	69-1420
Repositioning	3-109	-	4-111	-	7-220
Registration	2-22	-	8-123	1-2	10-147
Desynchronization	2-72	-	8-152	3-189	13-353
Resynchronization	14-1367	45-3335	6-160	-	65-4862
Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation	1-1168	-	13-1276	44-1572	58-4016
Total	63-3463	45-3335	49-2223	68-2031	222-11018
b. Observation					
Air OP	2	0	0	0	2
Ground CP	30	45	37	2	114
Unclassified	30	0	12	66	108
Total	62	45	49	68	224

4. Miscellaneous: Air O.P used to fire Corps artillery Missions.

616th FA preparing to displace to vicinity Cinepri (574-219)

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S-3 Report # 35

1. Period covered: 3 Mar 1900 to ~~4 Mar~~ 1800A 4 March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: Inf. Dug-in on front line positions.  
P.A. Bn. Improving positions and in readiness for preparation.

Ground	604 FA	605 FA	616 FA	175 FA
#41	589-202		"A"574-220	589-203
43	589-192		"B"574-217	

Air OP: No change/

3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other Dns	Total M Rds
a. Missions			2-120		2-120
Communications					
Personnel	17-168			6-175	23-343
Representation	7- 74	50-4500	1- 15	1- 6	59-4685
In preparation	5-109		5- 75		10-184
Neutralization	1-2377		2-60		3-2437
Interdiction				88-1978	88-1972
Preparation			2-465		2-465
Total	30-2728	50-4500	12-735	95-2153	187-10106
b. Observation					
ASG OP	2	0	0	0	2
Ground OP	11	24	5	1	41
Unobserved	17	26	7	84	144
Total	30	50	12	85	187

4. Miscellaneous: Air O P used to fire Corp Artillery Missions.

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3-3 Report # 88

1. Period covered: 4th March 1945 to 5th March 1945

2. Disposition of units:  
Inf. Has taken all objectives. Inf. and Arty. Prepared to repulse possible counter attack.

Ground CP:	604 P.A.	616 P.A.	616 P.A.	175 P.A.
	572-227	559-208	559-208	5710 508-227
	559-208			
	572-227			

Air CP: No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn P.A.	605 Bn P.A.	616 Bn P.A.	175 C Coy Bns	Total P.A.
a. Missions					
Company	5-20	2-22	5-70	5-	112
Battalion	4-226	5-155	1-42	5-70	15-591
Platoon	6-255	5-155	5-155	5-245	21-1301
Section	1-5	6-118	1-5	7-45	15-174
Detachment					
Reconnaissance	14-877	2-1280	15-1987	6-1225	42-3369
Intelligence					
Preparation	1-1524				1-1524
Total	18-2374	22-1286	26-2229	22-2225	104-8020
b. Observation					
Air CP	1	0	1	0	2
Ground CP	12	15	13	11	41
Unobserved	15	7	12	17	51
Total	28	22	26	28	104

4. Miscellaneous: 604 P.A. Bn, 605 P.A. Bn, 616 P.A. Bn. Have displaced and closed to new positions. (See Attached sheet). Air CP used to fire Corp Artillery Missions.

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Bn. Positions

604 F A Bn.

C.P.

"A" Btry.

"B" Btry.

"C" Btry.

"D" Btry.

5740-2320

5708-2319

5717-2298

5745-2290

5709-2342

605 F A Bn.

C.P.

"A" Btry.

"B" Btry.

"C" Btry.

"D" Btry.

5658-2195

5685-2221

5641-2209

5707-2192

5679-2207

616 F A Bn.

C.P.

"A" Btry.

"B" Btry.

"C" Btry.

"D" Btry.

5712-2168

5725-2207

5742-2173

5759-2241

175 F A Bn. (Still in same position, will not displace.)

C.P.

"A" Btry

"B" Btry

"C" Btry

5870-1892

5868-1844

5858-1873

5841-1660



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Hq 100th Inf Div Arty

S-3 Report # 37

1. Period covered: 2 Mar 1800 to 2 Mar 1800 4 March 1945

2. Disposition of Troops:

4 Forward positions, Arty. on call for prepared defensive **sniping** fires.  
 Inf. Complicating gains and preparing mine

Ground CP	602 P A	605 P A	618 P A	175 P A
	442 589-225		85 589-205	4710 589-207
	41 578-227			
	42 578-231			

Air OP:

Moved to vicinity of Parotta Terrace

3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	175 Other Bns	Total M Rds
a. <i>Sniping</i>					
Communicatory	-	1-21	2-24	-	3-45
Harrassing	10-492	10-448	6-72	7-176	34-1157
Harrassment	-	-	4-114	2-32	6-220
Harrassment	3-110	-	3-50	2-15	7-187
Destruction	-	-	5-152	-	5-152
Neutralization	3-106	13-804	1-351	0-114	18-1355
Inter-Action	-	-	4-59	-	4-59
Communicatory	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>13-1100</u>	<u>23-1272</u>	<u>26-611</u>	<u>9-366</u>	<u>72-3388</u>
b. Observation					
Air OP	9	0	0	0	9
Ground CP	10	13	12	2	37
Unobserved	10	11	13	10	44
Total	<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>90</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report #38

1. Period covered 6 Mar 1945 to 7 Mar 1945 7 Mar 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

Inf Patrols active. Recent gains being mopped-up. 604th FA Bn preparing to displace.

Ground CP:	604th FA #41 5/2-237 43 578-231	605th FA #53 554-223	616th FA #65 559-203	175th FA
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Air OP. No Change

	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	175 FA	Total
a. MIs:					
Cm Battery					
Bussing	3-70	6-277	13-205	6-656	28-228
Personnel	-	3-196	1-22	2-40	6-258
Registration	-	-	2-5	-	2-5
Destruction	7-199	-	10-146	2-75	18-221
Reconnaissance	6-408	7-180	9-163	4-604	26-1355
Interdiction	-	-	-	3-196	3-196
Possible C-Attack	-	-	1-751	-	1-751
Total	16-577	26-997	39-1368	17-1571	98-4513
b. Observation					
Air OP	0	0	0	0	0
Ground CP	10	10	16	3	39
Unobserved	6	16	23	14	59
Total	16	26	39	17	98

4. Miscellaneous: Air OP used to fire Corp missions. 605th FA taking over 604th FA's fires during displacement

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S-3 Report # 39

1. Period covered: 7 Mar 1900 to 8 Mar 1900 8 MARCH 1945

2. Disposition of units: Inf continuing consolidation. 604 FA Bn displaced to new positions: CP - 618-212; "A" Btry - 623-212; "B" Btry - 622-213; "C" Btry - 621-213.

Ground CP: 604 FA 605 FA 616 FA 175 FA #70 - Mt Toraccia Moving

Air OP:

No Change	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other 1225	Total M Rds
3. Operations					
a. Missions					
Combat Battery		14 - 319			14 - 319
Harassing		6 - 585	31 - 251	9 - 287	46 - 1124
Personnel		2 - 79	2 - 119	1 - 24	5 - 222
Reconnaissance	4 - 116			9 - 65	13 - 181
Destruction		13 - 219	1 - 126		14 - 345
Neutralization	4 - 183	5 - 188	10 - 684	8 - 242	27 - 1297
Interdiction			1 - 21		1 - 21
Total	<del>8 - 299</del>	<del>49 - 3391</del>	<del>45 - 1261</del>	<del>27 - 618</del>	<del>128 - 3509</del>
b. Observation					
Air OP	2	0	0	0	2
Ground CP	6	20	16	11	53
Unobserved	0	20	29	16	65
Total	<del>8</del>	<del>40</del>	<del>45</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>120</del>

4. Miscellaneous: 605 FA Bn preparing to displace, 616 FA Bn in process of displacing.

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S-3 Report # 40

1. Period covered: ~~8 Mar 1893~~ to ~~9 Mar 1893~~ ~~9 March~~ 1945
2. Disposition of ~~604th~~ Infantry continuing consolidation. 616 FA Bn displaced to new positions as follows: C.F. (590-222); "A" Btry (580-211) "B" Btry (589-220); "C" Btry (593-223).

Ground Op:

None reported.

Air Op:

No change.

3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Pds	175 FA M Rds	Total M Rds
a. Missions					
Counterbattery	1-42	3-48	0	0	4-90
Harassing	27-585	3-96	0	4-99	34-780
Personnel	1-139	0	2-78	1-27	4-244
Registration	21-544	0	7-113	1-4	29-661
Destruction	3-182	3-48	1-50	0	4-232
Neutralization	6-95	0	0	9-177	15-272
Interdiction	0	0	0	2-197	2-197
Propaganda	0	0	0	2-197	2-197
Total	59-1587	6-144	10-241	17-904	92-2476
b. Observation					
Air Op	3	0	0	1	4
Ground Op	33	0	10	7	50
Unobserved	23	6	0	9	38
Total	59	6	10	17	92

4. Miscellaneous: 605th FA Bn in process of moving to and occupying new positions.

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S-3 Report # 41

1. Period covered: ~~9 Mar 1953 to 18 Mar 1953~~ ~~16 Mar 1945~~

2. Disposition of troops: 605th FA Bn displaced to new positions as follows:  
C.P. (606-221); "A" Btry (606-222); "B" Btry (605-222); "C" Btry (592-229)

Ground CP:

None Reported.

Air OP:

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	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	606 Bn M Rds	175 FA Bn M Rds	Total M Rds
3. Operations					
a. Missions					
Counterbattery	14-225	0	9- 58	0	14-225
Harassing	26-387	0	1- 45	0	35-445
Personnel	2-122	7-158	7- 74	0	10-225
Registration	0	10-155	7- 74	0	17-229
Destruction	26-511	1- 42	8- 95	0	35-648
Neutralization	3-336	0	3- 72	7-196	13-604
Interdiction					
Total	<del>71-1581</del>	<del>18-355</del>	<del>28-344</del>	<del>7-196</del>	<del>124-2476</del>
b. Observation					
Air OP	0	0	0	1	1
Ground OP	4B	18	18	1	80
Unobserved	2B	0	10	5	43
Total	<del>71</del>	<del>18</del>	<del>28</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>124</del>

7. Miscellaneous:

175 FA Bn in process of moving to and occupying new positions.

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Reg 100th Mt Div Arty

S-3 Report # 12

1. Period covered: 10-1800 to 11-1800A March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: Inf maintaining patrol action. Arty firing on targets of opportunity and prepared to fire defensive fires.

Ground CP: ~~125 PA Bn~~ 175 PA Bn  
860 (553-223) #70 (555-200) closed at 1600A.

Air OP: No change.

3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	175 PA Bn Bns	Total M Rds
a. Missions					
Command Battery	0	3- 80	0	0	3- 80
Reconnaissance	0	2- 27	42-248	0	44-275
Patrol	0	3-200	0	1- 24	4-224
Observation	0	4- 37	0	12-124	16-161
Neutralization	0	10-301	9-104	0	19-405
Interdiction	0			2- 40	2- 40
Total	-----	22-645	51-352	15-188	88-1185
b. Observation					
450 OP	0	0	0	1	1
Ground CP	17	16	16	0	49
Unal/Armed	5	5	35	0	45
Total	-----	27	56	16	88

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report / # 43

1. Period covered: 11 1900 to 12 1900 March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: 175 FA Bn displaced to the following new positions:  
 C.P. (6290-2194); "A" Btry (6385-2170); "B" Btry (6369-2188);  
 "C" Btry (6372-2154).

Ground OP  
 No change.

Air OP:  
 No change.

3. Operations	604 Bn M Bds At rest comp.	605 Bn M Bds	616 Bn M Bds	175 FA Bn		Total M Bds
				REKNE Bds	Total	
a. Missions						
Counterbattery		1- 16	0	0	1- 16	19-309
Harassing		1- 18	12-103	6-188		5-100
Barage		2- 64	3- 36	0		20-167
Registration		5- 54	4- 52	11- 81		9-378
Destruction		7-336	2- 42	0		22-250
Neutralization		0	10-101	12-149		
Interdiction						
Total		<u>16-438</u>	<u>31-334</u>	<u>29-418</u>		<u>76-1240</u>
b. Observation		0	0	3		3
Ground OP		16	9	10		35
Unobserved		0	22	16		38
Total		<u>16</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>29</u>		<u>76</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

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HC 106th AF Div Arty

S-3 Report # 45

1. Period covered: 13 Mar 1800 to 14 Mar 1800A 14 March 1945
2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground OP	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	175th FA
			#60	
			61	
			62	
			553-223	
			467-235	
			584-243	

Air OP:

No Change

3. Operation	No Change			175FA	Total
	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other Bns	M Rds
a. Missions					
Counterbattery	-	4-99	-	-	4-99
Harassing	-	12-342	6-42	14-89	32-473
Personnel	-	3-64	-	-	3-64
Registration	-	1-18	2-20	7-41	10-80
Destruction	-	-	-	-	-
Neutralization	-	-	5-81	5-54	10-135
Interdiction	-	-	10-101	-	10-101
Propaganda	-	-	-	12-50	12-50
Total	-	20-524	23-244	38-234	81-1002
b. Observation					
Air OP	-	0	0	0	0
Ground OP	-	8	15	12	35
Unobserved	-	12	8	26	46
Total	-	20	23	36	81

4. Miscellaneous: 604th FA Bn returning from rest area and resuming original fires. 150000 March 605th FA Bn preparing to move to rest area (Montecatini) with the 175th FA Bn preparing to assume their (605th FA) fires.

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1. Period covered: 14... 1800 to 15 1200A March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: **No change.**

Ground CP: **No change.**

Air CP: **No change.**

	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	175 FA Bn <del>XXXX</del> Bns	Total M Rds
3. Operations a. <u>Wakana</u>					
Counterbattery	0	At	7- 42	8- 89	15-127
Personnel	0	rest	0	0	0
Registration	12- 62	area	1- 15	9- 79	22-156
Destruction	3- 36		2- 53	0	5- 89
Reclassification	0		11-156	4- 66	15-222
Intelligence					
Total	<u>15- 98</u>		<u>21-266</u>	<u>21-230</u>	<u>57-594</u>
b. Observation			0	0	0
Air CP	0		8	33	26
Ground CP	5		13	8	31
Unobserved	10				
Total	<u>15</u>		<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>57</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report #47

1. Period covered: 15 March to 16 March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: 1125 A. FA Bn occupied the following positions: CP (635-219); "A" Btry. (6243-1862); "B" Btry. (6358-2056); "C" Btry. (6369-2154); Basecom Btry. (6326-2051).

Ground OP

No Change

Air OP:

No Change

175 FA Bn

	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other Bns	Total M Rds
3. Operations					
a. Missions					
Commbattery	-	-	2-12	3-17	29-137
Harassing	24-108	-	5-221	1-22	6-243
Personnel	-	At	-	1-2	2-23
Registration	1-19	Rest	-	2-64	2-64
Destruction	-	Area	10-167	-	10-167
Neutralization	-	-	-	-	-
Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-
Total	25-127	-	17-400	7-107	49-634
b. Observation					
Air OP	0	0	0	0	0
Ground OP	7	0	12	4	23
Unobserved	18	0	5	3	26
Total	25	0	17	7	49

4. Miscellaneous: 175th FA Bn is relieved from attachment to 10th Mt Div Arty. As of 161200 March. 1125th A. FA Bn is attached as of same time; as using fires of 605th FA Bn.

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1. Period covered: 16 Mar 1800 to 17 Mar 1800A 17 March 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground OP:	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	1125th A FA
			#60 554-224	#511 584-299
			61 568-235	512 587-263
				522 609-257

Air OP:

No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	1125th Other Bns	Total M Rds
a. Missions					
a. Artillery	-	-	-	-	-
b. Repeating	28-372	in	2-18	2-23	32-413
c. Personnel	1-41	Rest	2-55	6-151	9-247
d. Reconnaissance	1-8	Area	-	14-128	15-136
e. Destruction	-	-	3-90	3-88	6-178
f. Neutralization	1-50	-	7-79	-	8-129
g. Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>31-471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14-242</u>	<u>25-390</u>	<u>70-1103</u>
b. Observation					
a. OP	0	0	0	1	1
b. Ground OP	15	0	11	22	48
c. Unobserved	16	0	3	2	21
Total	<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>70</u>

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1. Period covered: 17 Mar 1800 to 18 Mar 1800A 18 March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: Aggressive Inf patrolling. Arty very active on targets of opportunity.

Ground OP	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	1125th A FA
			#60	
			61	
			62	
			554-224	
			568-235	
			584-243	

Air OP:

	No Change			1125 A FA	Total
3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	Other	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	Bns	M Rds
Laboratory	3-42	-	5-26	-	8-68
Bombing	22-169	-	9-83	13-189	44-441
Personnel	6-171	-	5-60	3-92	14-323
Registration	2-6	-	4-39	6-80	12-125
Destruction	4-80	-	2-34	6-145	12-259
Neutralisation	-	-	-	-	-
Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>37-468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25-242</u>	<u>28-506</u>	<u>90-1216</u>
b. Observation					
Air OP	0	0	0	1	1
Ground OP	17	0	11	15	43
Unobserved	80	0	14	12	106
Total	<u>37</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>90</u>

4. Miscellaneous: 616th FA Bn preparing to move to rest area (Montecatini), 1125th A. FA to assume their fires. 605th FA Bn resuming original fires.

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S-3 Report # 50

1. Period covered: 18 Mar 1945 to 19 Mar 1945 19 March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: No Change

Ground CP	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	1125th A FA
#1	6308-2450			# 6 6595-2278
42	6310-2455			60 5540-2236
43	6220-2530			61 5675-2348
44	6140-2520			62 5840-2428
				63 5695-2260

Air OP.

	No Change			1125 A FA	Total
	604 Ln M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Other Bns	M Rds
3. Operations					
a. Missions					
Counterbattery	-	3-56	-	9-88	34-210
Harassing	25-122	-	-	5-56	6-75
Personnel	1-19	-	-	-	18-214
Registration	12-139	6-75	-	2-74	4-138
Destruction	1-40	1-24	-	-	-
Neutralization	-	-	-	-	-
Interdiction	-	-	-	15-112	15-112
*Adj (DF)	-	-	-	21-130	20-805
Total	<u>39-320</u>	<u>10-155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31-330</u>	
b. Observation					
Air OP	1	0	-	4	5
Ground OP	22	10	-	18	50
Unobserved	16	0	-	9	25
Total	<u>39</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>80</u>

4. Miscellaneous:  
616th FA Bn in rest area. 1125th A FA has assumed their fires. Air OP very active; firing IV Corps Arty on many targets of opportunity.

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1. Period covered: 19 Mar 1800 to 20 Mar 1800 20 March 1945
2. Disposition of troops in search patrols for prisoners. Direct support has been planned supporting fires.

Ground OP: 604th FA      605th FA      616th FA      1125th A FA

No Change

Air OP:

No Change

3. Operations	604th FA	605th FA	616th FA	1125th A FA	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	Other	M Rds
Amp/Battery	-	1-8	-	-	1-8
Harassing	24-348	7-162	-	6-148	34-628
Personnel	-	7-173	-	-	7-173
Registration	2-28	5-72	-	8-89	15-189
Destruction	2-67	1-20	-	7-140	10-227
Neutralization	2-31	-	-	-	2-31
Interdiction	-	-	-	3-39	3-39
Adjustment	-	-	-	24-416	24-416
Total	36-434	318-435	-	-	72-1295
b. Observation					
Air OP	3	0	-	8	11
Ground OP	11	12	-	10	33
Unobserved	16	6	-	6	23
Total	30	18	-	24	72

4. Miscellaneous:

616th FA will return from Rest Area 221800 March. 1125th A FA will go to rest area 230600 March.

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1. Period covered

1800 to 1945  
20 Mar 21 Mar 21 March

2. Disposition

No Change

Ground OP	604th FA Bn	605th FA Bn	616th FA Bn	1125th A FA
	840 6440-2450	#520 6027-2504		#6 6595-2278
	410 6375-2362	587 6072-2568		60 5540-2236
	420 6150-2450	522 6002-2616		61 5675-2348
	422 6310-2455	530- 5840-2550		62 5840-8128
Air OP	430 6640-2520	531 5830-2520		63 5695-2260
	432 6220-2530	532 5860-2620		
		533 5940-2550		

3. Operations	No Change	604 Bn M Rds	605 Bn M Rds	616 Bn M Rds	Class Dns	Total M Rds
a. Maintenance						
Canteen						8-132
Messing	1-28	7-104				44-524
Personal	34-100	5-152		5-272		4-56
Recreation	2-44	2-12				9-67
Dispensation	4-45	1-22		4-13		3-88
Neutralization	1-10	-		2-78		3-48
Inspection	3-48	-		-		-
Adjustment	-	-		7-44		7-44
	45-275	15-290		18-407		78-959
b. Observation						
Air OP	1	1		6		8
Ground OP	18	3		7		28
Unobserved	26	11		5		42
Total						
	45	15		18		78

4. Miscellaneous:

1st Bn 86th Inf relieved 2nd Bn 86th Inf as of 202400 March 45.

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S-3 Report # 53

1. Period covered: 21 1800 to 22 1800A March 1945

2. Disposition of trophies: 616 FA Bn returning from rest area ready to reassume fires at 0600 23 March 45. B & C Batteries of 1125 AFA Bn leaving for rest area at 0600 23 Mar 45.

Ground CP: 604 FA Bn  
#430 614-252

Air OP:

No change.

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	1125 AFA	Total
	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	Bns	M Rds
a. Missions				00	6-26
Counterbattery	5-14	1-12	0	2-36	41-409
Harassing	33-151	6-222	0	2-51	8-225
Personnel	3-29	3-145	0	5-26	7-50
Registration	2-24	0	0	3-69	3-69
Destruction	0	0	0		
Neutralization					
Interdiction	0	0	0	5-49	5-49
Adj. Defensive Fires	0	0	0	17-231	70-828
Total	43-218	10-379			
b. Observation				5	5
Line CP	0	0	0	12	40
Ground CP	25	3	0	0	25
Unobserved	18	7	0		
Total	43	10		17	70

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report # 54

1. Period covered: 221800 to 251800 March 1945
2. Disposition of troops: 616 FA Bn has reassigned original fires, 1125 APA (- "A" Btry supporting 81 Hon) has moved to Rest Area (Montepatini).

Ground Ops: 604 FA	605 FA	616 FA	1125 APA
#40 644-245	#510 605-250	#650 570-226	652-228
#610 638-226	#511 607-257	# 80 554-224	629-244
#420 615-245	#512 600-292	# 81 588-284	659-228
#422 621-246	#550 594-255	# 82 584-243	
#450 614-252	#551 585-257		
#452 622-253	#552 596-282		
	#553 594-255		

Air OP: No change.

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	1125 APA	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Counterbattery	1- 42	3-108	0	0	4-148
Harassing	28-118	4-175	0	3-154	35-455
Personnel	3- 53	2- 41	0	2- 41	7-135
Registration	4- 32	6-138	5- 50	5- 30	15-250
Destruction	1- 16	0	0	0	1-16
Neutralization	2- 17	0	4- 47	0	6- 64
<b>Total</b>	<b>57-278</b>	<b>15-455</b>	<b>7- 97</b>	<b>14-205</b>	<b>75-1035</b>
b. Observation.					
Air OP	0	0	0	3	3
Ground OP	15	9	7	2	33
Unobserved	22	6	0	9	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>73</b>

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S-3 Report # 55

1. Period Covered 23 Mar 1800A to 24 Mar 1800A 24 March 1945
2. Disposition of troops: No change. 1125 A FA Bn, "B" & "C" Btrys to return from rest area at 261800 March.

Ground OP's:	604 FA	616 FA	605 FA	1125 AFA
#41	644-245			
420	615-245	No Change	No Change	No Change
422	631-246			
430	614-252			
432	622-253			

Air OP: No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	1125 Bn	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Counterbattery	16-97	6-95			22-192
Harassing	36-245	6-240	3-96		45-581
Personel	3-52	4-65	7-154	1-20	15-291
Registration	4-55	1-27	3-12	3-27	11-121
Destruction	1-17	4-144	1-30	4-85	10-276
Neutralization	1-21		2-34		3-55
Interdiction					
Propaganda					
Incomplete				1-5	1-5
Total	<u>61-487</u>	<u>21-571</u>	<u>16-326</u>	<u>9-137</u>	<u>107-1521</u>
b. Observation	0	0	0	0	0
Air OP					
Ground OP	30	6	13	9	58
Unobserved	31	15	3	0	49
Total	<u>61</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>107</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

Air OP very active. Firing 10 AGRA Regts on many targets of opportunity, with excellent results.

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1. Period Covered 24 Mar 1800A to 25 Mar 1800A 25 Mar 1945
2. Disposition of troops:

No Change

Ground OP's:

No Change. See Report #54.

Air OP:

No Change.

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	Bn	Total
a. Missions	1 Rds	1 Rds	1 Rds	1 Rds	4 Rds
Coun. Battery	1-8	5-187			6-195
Harassing	49-185	3-271	9-162	5-60	66-678
Personel	2-28	11-258	4-78	2-37	19-401
Registration	8-119	5-73	5-174	4-56	22-422
Destruction		3-134	3-51	1-75	7-256
Neutralization	7-168		9-102		16-270
Interdiction	1-48				1-48
<del>Propaganda</del> Adjustment				2-35	2-35
Total	<u>68-556</u>	<u>27-923</u>	<u>30-667</u>	<u>14-263</u>	<u>139-2305</u>
b. Observation.					
Air OP	1	2	0	4	7
Ground OP	35	18	17	5	75
Unobserved	32	7	13	5	57
Total	<u>68</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>139</u>

4. Miscellaneous: 85th Inf patrols in force with arty support was very successful.

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1. Period Covered 25 1800A to 26 1800A March 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

- a. "C" & "B" Batteries 1125APA returned from Rest Camp at Montecatini and closed at (8445-1862) & (8526-2051), respectively, at 261800A Mar. 1945.
- b. "B" Btry will assume Raccoon Btries fires.
- c. "C" Btry personnel will "man" "A" Btries guns.

Ground OP's: 616 FA Bn  
 #60 554-224  
 #61 5875-2548  
 #62 5840-2426  
 #630 8695-2260

Air OP:

XXX No change.					
3. Operations	604 Bn M Pds	605 Bn M Pds	616 Bn M Rds	1125 Bn M Rds	Total M Rds
a. Missions	1 Pds				
Counterbattery	25-190	0	0	0	25-190
Harassery	57-187	5- 86	5- 58	5-188	43-497
Person el	1- 21	10-284	4- 78	5- 98	18-459
Registration	7- 95	7- 49	7- 85	2- 58	25-285
Destruction	0	0	7-246	1- 18	8-254
Neutralization	15- 85	0	7-208	0	20-289
Prosegamh					
Total	83-574	20-379	50-569	9-340	142-1962
b. Observation.					
Air OP	0	0	0	0	0
Ground OP	41	15	25	6	85
Unobserved	42	5	7	5	57
Total	83	20	50	9	142

4. Miscellaneous:

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S-3 Report # 58

1. Period Covered 26 Mar 1800A to 27 Mar 1800A 27 March 1945
2. Disposition of troops: "A" Battery 616 F.A.Bn. Displaced to 6000-2208. "A" Btry. 1125 moved to Montecatini for rest period.

Ground OP's:	604 Bn.	605 Bn.	616 Bn.	1125 Bn.
	#41 644-245	#510 603-251	# 60 554 224	660-228
	42 631-240	511 608-257	61 508-235	629-244
	43 622-253	512 600-262	62 684-244	659-228
	410 638-236	521 583-257	630 570-226	
	155 615 245	522 586-262		
Air OP:	430 614-252	523 594-264		

	No change				
3. Operations	804 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	<del>1125 Bn</del>	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Coun. Battery	2-3				
Harassing					2- 8
Personnel	50-217	14-215	9- 96		73- 528
Registration		10-199	14-363		24-562
Destruction	9-125	7-93	4-66	4-47	24-338
Neutralization		4-165	1- 19		5-184
Interruption	5-102		7-135		13-237
Propaganda					
Total*	66-466	35-672	35-679	4-47	140-1857
b. Observation.					
Air OP:	0	0	0	0	0
Ground OP	15	15	22	4	56
Unobserved	51	20	13	0	84
Total	66	35	35	4	140

4. Miscellaneous: Artillery support planned for 85 Inf. Patrol to Vicinity of Buffene Busiolo

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1. Period Covered 27 1800A to 28 1800A March 1945

2. Disposition of troops: Raccoon Btry, 951 Tank Bn, was relieved from attached to 1125th AFA Bn as of 281800A March 1945. The Btry closed from position at that time.

Ground OP's:	<u>605th FA Bn</u>	<u>616th FA Bn</u>	<u>1125th AFA Bn.</u>
	<u>604th FA Bn</u>	No Change	No Change
#41 644-245	#510 6022-2508		
#420 615-245	#511 6083-2578		
#422 6310-2455	#512 6012-2614		
#430 614-252	#520 5945-2550		
#432 6220253	#521 5787-1582		
Air OP:	#522 5860-2615		
	#523 5940-2640		
	No Change		

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	1125 Bn	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Counterbattery	13-102	0	0	0	13-102
Harassing	14-56	6-150	3-58 <sup>ver</sup>	5-75	28-300
Person el		10-257	1-32	2-35	13-324
Registration	2-10	5-89	2-40	4-46	13-185
Destruction			4-92	1-18	5-110
Neutralization	19-249		2-30		21-279
Interdiction					
Programs					
Total	<u>48-417</u>	<u>21-496</u>	<u>12-252</u>	<u>12-174</u>	<u>93-1339</u>
b. Observation.					
Air OP				1	1
Ground OP	15	14	9	6	44
Unobserved	33	7	3	5	48
Total	<u>48</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>93</u>

4. Miscellaneous:

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1. Period Covered 28 1800A to 29 1800A 29 Mar 1945

2. Disposition of troops:  
No Change

Ground OP's:  
No Change

Air OP: No Change

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	1125 Bn	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Counterbattery	4-45				4-45
Harassing	23-200	3-65	9-130		35-395
Person el	1-9	6-179	4-123		11-311
Registration	4-16		5-79	5-56	14-151
Destruction	4-4	7-99	10-213		21-316
Neutralization	14-173		5-67		19-240
Interdiction				2-88	2-88
Propaganda					
<b>Total</b>	<b>50-459</b>	<b>16-343</b>	<b>33-612</b>	<b>7-174</b>	<b>106-1546</b>
b. Observation					
Air OP	1	0	0	2	3
Ground OP	19	12	23	5	59
<del>Interdiction</del>	<del>30</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>44</del>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>106</b>

4. Miscellaneous: 85th Inf sending out large patrol to establish contact with enemy. 604 FA has planned Arty support.

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Hq 10th Mt Div Arty

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1. Period Covered 29 1800A to 30 1800A March 1945

2. Disposition of troops:

- a. Able Battery, 1125 AFA, returned from Rest Camp at Montecatini and closed in position at (6445-1862) 301800A Mar 1945.  
 b. Charlie Battery, 1125 AFA, closed into position at (6569-2154) 301700A March 1945 after manning Able Btry's guns while they were at Rest Camp.

Ground OP's:	604 FA	605 FA	616 FA	1125 AFA
#41	644-245	#511 6074-2566	#60 6540-2256	No
#42	6510-2455	#512 6005-2619	#61 6688-2267	Change.
#45	622-255	#521 6050-2590	#62 6640-2428	
#410	6575-2562	#522 6060-2620	#630 6695-2260	
#420	615-245	#523 6940-2640		
#450	614-252			

Air OP: No change.

3. Operations	604 Bn	605 Bn	616 Bn	1125 Bn	Total
a. Missions	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds	M Rds
Counterbattery	5-45	0	0	0	5-45
Harassing	11-195	0	9-128	1-25	21-348
Personnel	7-164	10-511	9-519	1-47	27-841
Registration	2-10	3-52	0	4-54	9-76
Destruction	0	9-219	5-129	0	12-348
Neutralization	7-119	5-146	0	0	12-265
Interdiction					
Pro, guarda					
<b>Total</b>	<b>52-551</b>	<b>27-706</b>	<b>21-474</b>	<b>6-106</b>	<b>86-1819</b>
b. Observation.					
Air OP	5	0	1	5	7
Ground OP	12	25	8	2	47
Unobserved	17	2	12	1	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>86</b>

4. Miscellaneous:

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