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APO 85, U. S. Army,
14 November 1944.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS

1. Reference paragraph 10, AR 345-105, and letter Headquarters Fifth Army, 22 January 1944, Subject: "Historical Records and Histories of Organizations."

2. A detailed account of the activities of the G-4 Section will be found in Inclosures # 1 and 2. G-4 activities of the Special Staff are included in Inclosures # 3 to 8 inclusive. (Map references are to the standard North Italy Grid Scale.)

3. The Division continued in combat during the month of October, working northward in the Division sector astride Route Number 6531. On 25 October an active defense was established.

The road conditions that existed the latter part of September continued into this month. A valley road (Fifth Army Route Number 6531) was in the left part of the Division sector and became the Main Supply Road. To reach the center and right sectors a one way road system consisting mostly of Italian cart trails was established. This one way circuit of approximately five (5) miles was found to be too much work for the Engineer Battalion to maintain. Continuous rain and deep mud made this route impassable so it was decided to place all the efforts of the Engineers on a part of the circuit (the road running from Baccanello (L-933300) to Poggioli (L-952288) and alternate the direction of traffic every four hours. By doing this, the road distance to be maintained was materially reduced whereas the time required to travel from Baccanello to Poggioli and return was approximately the same as had been required to travel the long one way circuit. With the increased effort, and the 85th Reconnaissance Troop acting as Engineers, it was possible to keep this road open to all types of traffic. Later, however, it was prohibited to tracked vehicles as it was found that tanks, etc., moving over this road caused deep ruts and disturbed the subsurface foundation.

Vehicle traffic was a constant problem due to adverse weather conditions. Landslides and the rapid rise of streams at times caused traffic delays up to eight hours. Occasionally it became necessary to schedule small groups of vehicles, although normally, only convoys over nine (9) vehicles are scheduled.

Supplies, except ammunition and ordnance maintenance parts, were satisfactory. Mortar, artillery, and cannon company ammunition became critical and were allocated only for small scale harassing and defensive fires. Ordnance maintenance parts also became critical in October. ^{DUS}

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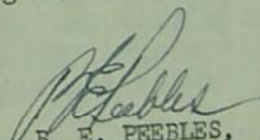
to the poor road net, vehicles were continually breaking springs and rear axle assemblies. The casualty rate of tires and tubes increased to the point where Army stocks were depleted and all available spares were used. Numerous trailers became immobilized to provide necessary items to deadlined trucks.

The Division had attached the 1st, 5th, and 9th Mule Pack Groups (Italian). These units were invaluable. When rains had washed out all roads to forward areas, pack trains were the only source of transportation. Deep mud made even mule operations difficult. Many animals were lost because they became bogged down and in attempting to free themselves, broke their legs. At no time was it possible to move supplies direct to front line units by motor vehicles.

Evacuation of personnel was satisfactory. Occasionally high water made rivers from mountain streams, and alternate evacuation means had to be established. Hand litter carries were long and at times required twelve litter bearers to complete the carry. Mules were never used satisfactorily to evacuate wounded. Corps assisted by establishing ambulance posts at the alternate locations. The latter part of October, an overhead tramway was constructed by the Engineer Battalion for moving supplies and equipment into the Medical Battalion. During that period evacuation was direct to the Army Evacuation Hospital.

At the close of the period plans were made to place in forward dumps, accessible to the using troops, five days emergency supply of rations and ammunition. When this is accomplished, the troops will have essential items readily available to meet emergencies such as flash floods or the complete disruption of road communications.

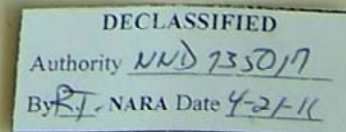
For the Commanding General:


E. E. PEEBLES,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,
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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE ORDNANCE OFFICER

APO #85, U.S. Army.
4 November 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4.

SUMMARY OF ORDNANCE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

I SUPPLY

1. The following small arms continued to be critical throughout the month, Rifle, Automatic, Cal. 30, M1918A2; Rifle Cal.30, M1903A4; Gun, machine, Cal. 30, M1919A6; and mortars, 60mm and 81mm. Sufficient Gun, machine, Cal. 30, M1919A4 were obtained to maintain our authorized level.

2. Artillery replacements were good throughout the month. Twelve (12), 3 inch Guns were drawn and issued as excess Artillery pieces.

3. Launcher, grenades, M7 continued to be critical, only seven (7) received during the month. The following critical items were received during the month: 395 Watches, wrist; 8 Telescopes Observation, M49; 10 Light, Instruments, M19; and 11 Bionoculars, M13.

4. Eight (8) Tractors, 13ton, M5 were received and issued during the month. Vehicle replacement was fairly good during the month, all 1/4 tons were replaced. Non-availability of parts necessitated the evacuation of some GMC trucks which were replaced with the exception of two cargos and three dumps.

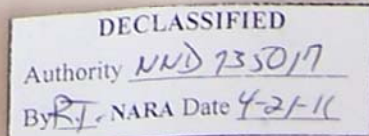
5. Waste, patches, soda ash and oil, preservative, light, were critical during the month. 1400 lbs of waste and 1700 lbs of rags were received during the last week of the month which alleviated this shortage. 300 lbs of soda ash was received and oil, lubricating, aircraft, instrument and MG was substituted for the oil, preservative, light.

6. Approximately 900 tires were received but there is a critical shortage of tubes.

7. Major replacement assemblies were difficult to obtain and GMC rear, forward, axle, assys., (split type); 1/4 ton rear, axle, assys., and 1/4ton engines continued to be short.

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II AUTOMOTIVE

1. The Third Echelon shop completed 805 jobs during the month of October. Of these 805 jobs, 493 were for major repairs and the remaining 312 jobs were for minor repairs. Minor repairs include the relining of brake shoes, the rebuilding of carburetors and steering gears, also the repairing of radiators and fuel tanks.

2. During the month of October 45 Vehicles were evacuated to the 28th Ordnance (MM) Co. Of these seven (7) were salvaged and fourteen (14) were replaced.

III ARMAMENT

1. Armament repairs was rather heavy during the month. Repairs were completed on the following items.

102	Artillery Pieces
378	Small Arms
239	Instruments

2. Contact party repaired the weapons of the 337th Infantry Regt., while they were out of the line. This party was also sent to the reserve Battalions of the two other Regiments the latter part of the month to make inspections and the necessary repairs of there weapons.

The Armament repaired by contact party is not included in the above totals.

IV AMMUNITION

1. During the month 6,597 tons of class V were issued to the Division and attached units. The highest tonnage drawn during one daily reporting period was 348 tons issued 9 October.

2. All issues were made from an ASP at Firenzuola until 21 October when an Artillery dump was opened at Monghidoro.

3. The types of ammunition issued on an allocated basis increased from 155mm Howitzer ammunition alone at the first of the month to include all types of artillery as well as 81mm mortar ammunition by 24 October. 81mm mortar ammunition was the only type the expenditure of which was seriously curtailed with relation to the tactical requirements. Allocations of 155mm Howitzer M1 type ammunition were reduced to zero (0) after which M 1917 -18 types alone were allocated.

4. Other than the allocations mentioned, there were no critical shortage, nor were there any other difficulties of

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importance except in moving ammunition over the poor roads.

O.L. Tomlin
O.L. TOMLIN,
Lt. Col. Ord. Dept.,
Ordnance Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY-FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Division Quartermaster

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By R.J. NARA Date 4-21-11

APO 85, U. S. Army
6 November 1944

SUBJECT: Report of QM Activities for Month of October 1944.
TO : Commanding General, 85th Infantry Division.

1. Sequence of major events.

a. Supported Division in combat throughout the month.

b. 1 Oct. 44: Moved from bivouac about three miles south of Firenzuola to bivouac area vicinity of Pagliana. Our Class II and IV distributing point remained in Firenzuola.

c. 14 Oct. 44: Opened Class I and III distributing points in the vicinity of Borgo di Bisano, at this time only about four miles from the front lines. Due to the heavy rainfall and poor road net, there was very little area available which would stand up under the traffic normally using these two installations.

d. 15 Oct. 44:

(1) Moved remainder of Co. and ODQM to bivouac in vicinity of Frassineta.

(2) Opened a Division Provisional Shower and Clothing Exchange Unit in vicinity of Borgo di Bisano. (See par. 5b below for further details).

2. Class I Supplies.

a. In general the Class B ration has been excellent. We have received one serious complaint. The Infantry when subsisting on the K ration desire additional flour, lard and baking powder. They have found it entirely practical to bake cakes, cookies, rolls, etc. in the rear areas and carry these items forward to supplement the K ration. The monetary cost of this supplement would be very small compared to the gain in morale achieved. The front line Infantryman has a very rough lot at best and it is particularly bad in the weather we have been experiencing. The receipt of such supplements as outlined above in addition to adding greatly to the palatability of the rations lets the individual rifleman know that

the men behind him are working for him and doing their best to make his condition a little more bearable.

3. Class II Supplies.

a. Handled a very large quantity of Class II supplies during this month, the unusual load being winterizing clothing and equipment.

4. Class III Supplies.

a. Units drew Class III supplies direct from the Army dump located in the vicinity of Pagliana prior to the opening of our Dp near Borgo di Bisano on the 14th of October.

b. Gasoline consumption has run appreciably heavier this month than in our past experience. The increased consumption is chargeable to the excessive amount of low gear operation required over such roads as are available. Our supply lines, in point of miles, are generally shorter than usual.

c. Our dump located so far forward has received some shelling in and around the dump. One man was slightly wounded, one truck received minor damage, and about 50 cans were punctured by shell fragments. This risk was made necessary by the fact that no location in rear of the normal zone of enemy artillery fire could be found which could be used without adding several hours to the round trip of the units to the Dp.

5. General.

a. Our chief concern continues to be a shortage of the motor maintenance parts and supplies necessary to keep our trucks in operating condition. Another major concern is the condition of the roads over which our supplies must be moved. It requires from two to six hours to travel the lateral road from Highway No. 65 to our Division axial road, a distance of about three miles. This lateral road is the only entrance to the Division area.

b. A Division Shower and Clothing Exchange Unit was organized using personnel placed on special duty from other units of the Division. Two non-commissioned officers from this office were placed on duty there for the purpose of supervising supply and exchange of clothing at the Army supply points. The unit has functioned very well providing a much needed service. In order to provide this service the unit was placed well forward in the vicinity of Borgo di Bisano. Some artillery has been received resulting in two men wounded, one man suffering concussion and some minor damage to tentage. So long as Army laundry units can make clean clothing available this unit can handle a battalion of Infantry a day.

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DALE R. FRENCH
Lt. Col., QMC
Division Quartermaster.

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HEADQUARTERS, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 85, U. S. Army
1 November 1944

Signal Supply and Repair Activities for Month of October 1944

1. During the period the division continued its mission, attacking across the Appenine Mountains toward the Po Valley. 1 October the Signal Supply installation was located at Casanova and moved along the division M.S.R. as follows:

Pagliana - 1 October (10 miles to depot)

Frassinita 15 October (17 miles to depot; 52 miles to main depot)

2. Operations continued in rugged mountain terrain and all activities were further handicapped by steady rains and almost impassable roads. Regular depot runs usually requiring two hours would take eight hours and sometimes longer. The army advance depot was pushed well forward and this decreased the hauling distance for wire, batteries, etc; however, it was necessary to return to the main depot for equipment replacement. A small repair section was added to the advance depot during the later part of the month and this saved quite a bit of time.

3. The supply of wire W-130 continued to be controlled by II Corp. The division was given fifty (50) miles allotments as it was available in the depot. The fifty miles was issued to infantry regiments, fifteen (15) miles per regiment, five (5) miles being retained in division supply to meet any emergency. Batteries BA-37 were non existant in this theater and this situation has existed for over two months now. A suitable substitute for these is now being made up by using two batteries BA-30's placed end to end and connected in parallel. This combination is made to fit the Radio SCR-536, by placing a small wooden block between the two batteries and this also serves as insulation between the two batteries. The supply of batteries BA-38 was also below the demand. There is no suitable substitute for this battery and constant supervision was required to keep units supplied with the minimum requirements.

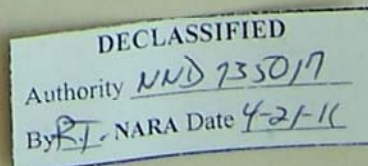
4. A special authorization was received for the Signal Supply to draw and retain thirty eight (38) telephones EE-8 and twenty five radios SCR-536. This equipment is to be released to division units on memorandum receipt for special missions not anticipated by present T/E. This authorization has already been a tremendous help in supplying units such as Military Police with phones for traffic control purposes. A special authorization also authorized each infantry battalion an additional switchboard BD-71. This authorization brings the allowance to two (2) BD-71 Switchboards per battalion and will be an advantage in establishing forward switching centrals while moving command post and for additional capacity in defensive situations.

5. Battle losses for the month were high due to frequent night operations during pitch darkness and raining weather. Some of the major losses are as follows:

Radio SCR-193 - 1
Radio SCR-300 - 38
Radio SCR-536 - 88
Radio SCR-610 - 3
Reel Unit RL-26 - 1
Reel Unit RL-31 - 5

Telephone EE-8 - 79
Flashlights TL-122 862
Knife, TL-29 - 341
Pliers, TL-13 - 361
Handset, TS-10 - 71

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6. The repair sections serviced and repaired equipment as follows:

Switchboards BD-71	-	8
Switchboards BD-72	-	4
Telephones EE-8	-	70
Handsets	-	55
Convertors M-209	-	12
Chest Unit TD-1	-	25
Detector SCR-625	-	76
Radio SCR-284	-	18
Radio SCR-536	-	239
Radio SCR-300	-	139
Radio SCR-610	-	47

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 Lt Col., Signal Corps
 Division Signal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Surgeon

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By R.J. NARA Date 4-21-11

APO 85, U. S. Army,
10 November 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Medical Activities for Month of October 1944.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4.

1. Supply:

a. The Medical supply was adequate. There was no difficulty in obtaining any items.

b. Attached are reports on medical supply activities for this Division for the month of September as follows:

- (1) Expendable Supplies Drawn, Exhibit "A".
- (2) Non-Expendable Supplies Drawn, Exhibit "B".
- (3) Narcotic Supplies Drawn, Exhibit "C".

2. Evacuation and Hospitalization:

a. Number of Casualties Handled:

(1) Disease	-	2180
(2) Exhaustion	-	234
(3) Injuries	-	247
(4) Battle Casualties	-	1971

3. Dental Service:

a. The dental laboratory continued to operate in the Division Rear Echelon.

b. Dental Service Rendered:

(1) Restorations (Fillings)	-	611
(2) Tooth, Extraction of	-	129
(3) Dentures, constructed and repaired	-	65

4. Personnel:

a. (1) All units are at full strength.

(2) Casualties in Medical Department Personnel were:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
Infantry Detachments			0	9			0	49
Division Artillery			0	0			0	0
Medical Bn: Co "A"			0	1			0	1

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	<u>KIA</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "C"						
Hq Co		0	0		0	1
Engineer Bn		0	0		0	1
Special Trps Detachment		0	0		0	0
		0	0		0	0

b. Non-Medical: General physical condition, excellent. Physical condition of replacements, very satisfactory.

5. a. This Division continued its offensive operation on breakthrough of Gothic Line in assigned sector during the month. Normal employment of Medical Detachments and Collecting Companies. Evacuation of casualties over difficult and mountainous terrain was very satisfactory with 1/4 ton trucks equipped with litter racks and ambulances. Additional litter bearers were obtained from surplus personnel of the regiments. Clearing Station with a platoon of Field Hospital attached operated at the following places:

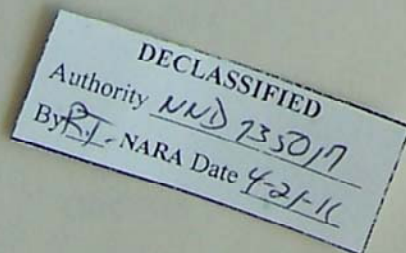
October 1, 1944	-	L 865095
October 10, 1944	-	L 906172
October 14, 1944	-	L 917212

6. Recommendations: None.

For the Surgeon:

William T. Booher

WILLIAM T. BOOHER,
Capt, Med Corps
Actg Div Surgeon



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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Medical Supply Officer

3 Nov 1944

EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES DRAWN
From 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1944

ST/NO	ITEM	UNIT	AMT
1006000	ACETOPHENETIDIN 1000 TAB:	BTL	30
1010000	ACID ACETYLDALICYLIC 1000 TAB:	BTL	134
1011000	ACID BORIC 1LB:	CAN	4
1012200	ACID BORIC OINT 4 OZ:	JAR	12
1030000	ACID SALICYLIC USP:	$\frac{1}{4}$ LB	10
1052000	ALCOHOL DENATURED 5 GAL:	DRUM	18
1058900	ALUMINUM HYDROXIDE 1 PT:	BTL	51
1065000	AMMONIUM CHLORIDE 1 LB USP:	BTL	10
1066000	AMMONIUM CHLORIDE 1000 :	BTL	12
1150500	COMPOUND CATHARTIC 1000 PILLS:	BTL	6
1104000	BISMUTH SUBCARBONATE USP:	LB	30
1159000	CRESOL SAPONATED SOL 1 QT:	BTL	8
1160000	CRESOL SAPONATED SOL 5 GAL:	DRUM	2
1179000	ETHER $\frac{1}{2}$ LB:	CAN	42
1180000	ETHYL CHLORIDE 3 OZ:	TUBE	6
1204000	FOOT POWDER $\frac{1}{4}$ LB:	CAN	2160
1219000	GLYCERIN USP:	10lb	4
1229000	HYDROGEN PEROXIDE SOL 3% 1 LB:	BTL	36
1264000	MAGNESIUM SULFATE 4LB:	CAN	24
1268010	MARPHARSEN 10 GM AMP:	BOX	1
1275000	MERCURIC OXIDE YELLOW OINT:	BTL	1

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EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES FROM 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1944(contd)

ST/NO	ITEM	UNIT	AMT
1285810	METHAPHEN TR 1 GAL:	BTL	3
1290000	METHYL SALICYLATE $\frac{1}{4}$ LB:	BTL	48
1307000	OIL CASTOR 1 GAL:	CAN	2
1338000	PETROLATUM LIQUID LIGHT:	PT	26
1339600	PHENOBARBITAL 100 TAB:	BTL	20
1383500	PROCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE 20 CARTRIDGES:	BOX	6
1384200	PROTEIN SILVER MILD $\frac{1}{4}$ LB:	BTL	6
1385000	PUMICE POWDER FINE 1 LB:	CAN	1
1386000	PUMICE POWDER MEDIUM 1 LB:	CAN	5
1407000	SILVER NITRATE & FORMALDEHYDE 17 AMP:	BOX	3
1412000	SOAP SOFT 1 LB:	JAR	12
1417000	SODIUM BICARBONATE 1000 TAB:	BTL	22
1418000	SODIUM BICARBONATE & PEPPERMINT 1000 TAB:	BTL	24
1439300	SODIUM PERBORATE $\frac{1}{4}$ LB:	BTL	18
1445000	SODIUM SALICYLATE 1000 TAB:	BTL	12
1461900	SULFADIAZINE OINT 5%:	$\frac{1}{4}$ LB	2
1462000	SULFADIAZINE OINT 1 LB:	JAR	12
1462200	SULFADIAZINE 1000 TAB:	BTL	96
1462600	SULFAGUANDINE 1000 TAB:	BTL	48
1463600	SULFANILAMIDE CRYSTALLINE 12 5 GM ENVELOPE:	BOX	80
1464100	SULFATHIAZOLE 1000 TAB:	BTL	48
1470000	TALC PURIFIED 1 LB:	CAN	6
1471000	TERPIN HYDRATE USP:	BTL	52
1472500	THIAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE 500 TAB:	BTL	6
1477500	TR BELLADONNA 1 PT:	BTL	6
1478000	TR BENZOIN COMPOUND 1 PT:	BTL	1

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EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES DRAWN (APM 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1944)Cont)

ST/NO	ITEM	UNIT	AMT
1490500	VITAMINS MULTIVITAMINS 100 CAP:	BTL	24
1491700	WATER DISTILLED 25, 50cc:	BTL	3
1608900	PLASMA NORMAL HUMAN DRIED 250cc:	PKG	294
1609000	SMALLPOX VACCINE 10 TUBES:	PKG	175
1612800	TYPHUS VACCINE 20cc:	VIAL	205
2002200	BANDAGE ELASTIC ALL COTTON:	CTN	6
2002400	BANDAGE ELASTIC ALL COTTON:	CTN	4
2004000	BANDAGE GAUZE ROLLER 2 INCH:	BOX	340
2005000	BANDAGE GAUZE ROLLER 3 INCH:	BOX	170
2008000	BANDAGE MUSLIN 3x5:	BOX	11
2009000	BANDAGE MUSLIN 5x5:	BOX	4
2011000	BANDAGE SUSPENSORY 12:	CTN	6
2013000	COTTON ABSORBENT COMPRESSED:	PKG	310
2014000	COTTON ABSORBENT 1 LB:	CTN	36
2021000	GAUZE PLAIN 36x5:	CTN	148
2024000	GUAZE PLAIN STERILIZED:	PKG	1400
2030000	PACKET FIRST AID:	EACH	430
2034000	PLASTER ADHESIVE 1 INCH:	SPL	592
2035000	PLASTER ADHESIVE 3 INCH:	SPL	599
2037000	PLASTER OF PARIS 4 LB:	CAN	8
3336900	KNIFE OPERATING BLADE NO 10:	PKG	12
3337000	KNIFE OPERATING BLADE NO 11:	PKG	12
3611000	APPLICATOR WOOD:	CTN	14
3668000	DEPRESSOR WOOD 100:	CTN	43
3738600	SPLINT BASSWOOD:	SET	26

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EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES DRAWN FROM 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1944(contd)

ST/NO	ITEM	UNIT	AMT
3754000	SPLINT WIRE LADDER:	EACH	50
3844000	SYRINGE LUER 2cc:	EACH	20
3849000	SYRINGE LUER NEEDLE 23 GAGE 3/4 INCH 12:	BOX	12
3850000	SYRINGE LUER NEEDLE 22 GAGE 1 INCH 12:	BOX	12
3850500	SYRINGE LUER NEEDLE 20 GAGE 1 1/2 INCH 12:	BOX	12
3851000	SYRINGE LUER NEEDLE 19 GAGE 1 3/4 INCH 12:	BOX	12
5009000	ARBOR EMERY 100 BANDS:	BOX	1
5019000	BLOWER CHIP BULB:	EACH	1
5077000	BUR NO 200 STRAIGHT HANDPIECE:	PKG	1
5078000	BUR NO 202 STRAIGHT HANDPIECE:	PKG	1
5166000	CLEANER PULP CANAL NO 2:	PKG	5
5217000	DISK CARBORUNDUM KNIFE EDGE 7/8 INCH:	EACH	10
5256000	ENGINE OIL 1oz:	BTL	3
5311000	FLOSS DENTAL 100 YARDS:	SPL	4
5340000	GOLD SOLDER 18K:	DWT	5
5396000	MACHINE CASTING CRUCIBLE PAD:	BOX	2
5475000	POINT NO 186 STRAIGHT HANDPIECE:	EACH	2
5506000	REAMER ROOT CANAL B-13, 6:	PKG	6
5507000	REAMER ROOT CANAL B-15, 6:	PKG	4
5528000	ROUGE 1OZ STICK:	BOX	5
5614500	TIN FOIL 1/2 LB:	ROLL	2
5634000	TRAY METAL 1/2 LB:	ROLL	1
5676000	WAX INLAY:	BOX	4
5692000	WHEEL CLOTH BUFFING, 3 INCH:	EACH	6

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EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES DRAWN FROM 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1944(contd)

ST/NO	ITEM	UNIT	AMT
7468000	LYE:		
7491000	SOAP SCORING POWDER:	CAN	3
7493000	SOAP WHITE FLOATING:	CAN	12
7493500	STEEL WOOL:	BAR	24
7594000	PAD PRESCRIPTION 100 SHEETS:	PKG	6
7563000	GLUE LIQUID $\frac{1}{4}$ PT:	EACH	10
7588700	MUCILAGE 4oz:	CAN	2
7596000	PAD MEMORANDUM 6x9:	BTL	2
7597000	PAD MEMORANDUM 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ @	EACH	26
7607000	PAPER MEMOGRAPH 8x13:	EACH	28
7659000	TAG SHIPPING LINEN:	REAM	6
7660000	TAG SHIPPING PAPER:	BDL	10
7665000	TWINE JUTE FINE:	BDL	40
7724000	TWINE JUTE FINE:	BALL	6
7724000	BOX OINTMENT NEST OF 3:	PKG	18
7728000	BOX FOLDING TABLET:	CTN	14
7741000	CAPSULE GELATIN NO 00:	BOX	12
7742000	CAPSULE GELATIN NO 0:	BOX	12
7743000	CAPSULE GELATIN NO 1:	BOX	36
7745000	CAPSULE GELATIN NO 3:	BOX	24
7778000	CUP PAPER:	CTN	76
7795000	DROPPER MEDICINE:	PKG	25
7868000	PAPER TOILET:	ROLL	110
7877000	PIN SAFETY LARGE:	CARD	240
7878000	PIN SAFETY MEDIUM:	CARD	240
7932000	THERMOMETER CLINICAL:	EACH	100

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ST/NO	ITEM	UNIT	AMT
7936000	TOWEL PAPER:	PKG	36
7946000	VIAL 1 OZ:	DOZ	14
7947000	VIAL 2 OZ:	DOZ	35
7948000	VIAL 4 OZ:	DOZ	5
7949000	VIAL 8 OZ:	DOZ	6
7950000	VIAL 16 OZ:	DOZ	7
7951000	VIAL 32 OZ:	DOZ	12
9101000	ACID BORIC OINTMENT 1 OZ:	TUBE	36
9101500	ACID SALICYLIC OINTMENT 1 OZ:	TUBE	36
9103000	BISMUTH SUBCARBONATE 500 TAB:	BTL	84
9103800	BURN INJURY SET :	SET	25
9109000	EYE AND NOSE DROPS:	BTL	35
9112000	IODINE SWAB 1½cc:	BOX	330
9114000	MERCURIAL OINTMENT AMMONIATED 1 OZ:	TUBE	72
9120400	SULFADIAZINE USP 8 TAB:	PKG	500
9121500	SULFUR OINTMENT 1 OZ:	TUBE	72
9123000	ZINC OXIDE OINTMENT 1 OZ:	TUBE	36
9200000	BANDAGE ADHESIVE 1x3:	PKG	328
9200200	BANDAGE GAUZE COMPRESSED 4x4:	PKG	100
9200400	BANDAGE GAUZE COMPRESSED 2x2:	PKG	250
9201000	BANDAGE GAUZE COMPRESSED 3 INCH:	BOX	20
9204000	BANDAGE TRIANGULAR COMPRESSED:	EACH	600
9205000	DRESSING FIRST AID LARGE:	EACH	300
9206000	DRESSING FIRST AID SMALL:	EACH	2500
9212500	SPONGE SURGICAL 4x4:	BAG	8
97655	COCOA UNIT:	EACH	1
		EACH	108

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NON EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES DRAWN
From 1 Oct. to 31 Oct. 1944

<u>ST/NO</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AMT</u>
3229000	FORCEPS HEMOSTATIC HALSTEAD MOSQUITO STRAIGHT:	EACH	3
3468000	SCISSORS BANDAGE:	EACH	53
3737000	SPHYGMOMANOMETER ANEROID:	EACH	4
3773000	STETHOSCOPE:	EACH	3
5261000	ENGINE ANGLE HANDPIECE:	EACH	1
5269500	EXCAVATOR NO 49:	EACH	1
5426000	PLIERS NO 2:	EACH	1
5435700	PLIERS NIPPER WIRE CUTTING:	EACH	1
9776400	KIT FIRST AID GAS CASUALTY:	EACH	5
9777300	KIT FIRST AID MOTOR VEHICLE 12 UNIT:	EACH	8
9781500	SPLINT SET:	EACH	1
9913500	BRASSARD:	EACH	12
9920500	COT FOLDING CANVAS:	EACH	14
9921500	CUP ENAMELWARE:	EACH	2
9937600	LITTER STRAIGHT STEEL:	EACH	66
9955000	STOVE 1 BURNER GASOLINE:	EACH	1

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NARCOTICS SUPPLY DRAWN
From 1 Oct. to 31 Oct 1944

<u>ST/NO</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AMT</u>
1048000	ALCOHOL USP:	QT	112
1148000	CODEINE SULFATE USP:	OZ	18
1149000	CODEINE SULFATE USP $\frac{1}{2}$ GR TAB:	500	22
1223000	GLYCHRRIZA & OPIUM COMPOUND:	1000	20
1486000	TR OPIUM CAMPHORATED:	PT	250
1494000	WHISKEY, USP:	QT	115

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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Chemical Officer

APO 85
U.S. Army
1 Nov. 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Monthly Supply Activities.

TO : G-4, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division.

1. This report covers all supply activities of this Office for the month of October 1944.

2. The following expendable, non-expendable Chemical Warfare items were issued to fill unit requisitions:

a. Expendable.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>
Agent, Decon., non-corrosive, gallons - - 5	- -	0	- -	5
Cover, protective, individual - - - - -	-6238	- -	0	-6238
Eyeshields, antigas, M1 - - - - -	466	- -	0	466
Impregnite, shoe, M1 - - - - -	13	- -	0	13
Ointment, protective - - - - -	100	- -	0	100
Ointment, eye, BAL - - - - -	105	- -	0	105
Sack, gas, resistant, M1 - - - - -	210	- -	0	210
Paper, liquid vesicant detector, - - - - -	1	- -	0	1
Kit, repair, gas mask, Company, MII - - - - -	6	- -	0	6

b. Non-expendable.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>
Apparatus, Decontaminating, 1½ quart - - 32	- -	0	- -	32
Mask, gas, service, L/W, universal - - - - 161	- -	14	- -	175
Flamethrower, portable, M1A1 - - - - - 9	- -	1	- -	9

3. The following Chemical Warfare items were turned into Fifth Army Depot as salvage:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Apparatus, Decontaminating, 1½ quart - - - - -	9
Mask, gas, service, L/W, universal - - - - -	-1067

4. Three hundred and twelve (312) Dust Respirators, M1, were turned into Fifth Army Depot as excess equipment.

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5. Eight (8) flamethrowers were turned into Fifth Army Depot during this month in accordance with Fifth Army instructions. There are now twelve (12) flamethrowers on hand in the Division and each Regiment will be issued four (4). They are now in the process of being redistributed.

6. Twenty (20) Apparatuses, Decontaminating, 5 gallon, were turned into Fifth Army Depot in accordance with Administrative Instructions #70, Headquarters Fifth Army dated 28 September 1944.

7. A recommended procedure for Decontamination Squads for Companies, Batteries and Special Detachments, and a list of Decontaminating equipment was compiled by this Office during this month. This information was desired by some units for use in compliance with recent P.A.D. Instructions.

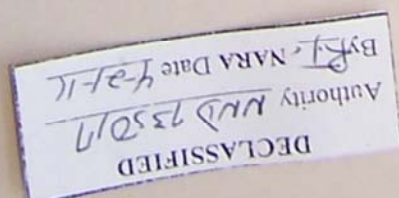
8. It was ascertained from several German Prisoners at the Prisoner of War Cage, that some German soldiers were carrying their gas masks on their person and others were storing them in the Company or Battalion CP.

9. Reports of an increased use of White Phosphorus by the Germans was investigated. It was ascertained that some White Phosphorus was being used however the Germans appear to be using large quantities of Titanium Tetrachloride with ammonia (similar to our FM). This is a non-poisonous white smoke. It is believed that the reason the Germans are using the white, red, and orange colored smoke, in many cases, is to confuse our ground units and friendly aircraft, such as in identification of targets.

10. A visit was made to the Duffle Bag Center to pick up all Dust Respirators and Shoe Impregnite that had accumulated there from evacuees.

11. A request was received from one of the Regiments for Protective Covers to be used by the front line soldiers that sleep in foxholes or in the open to keep out the dampness of the ground and help curtail colds, sickness, and trenchfoot. II Corps Chemical Officer thought this was a good idea, if they were issued only to the men sleeping outside. The Division Quartermaster was contacted and they in turn contacted Army Quartermaster and he stated that under the circumstances, there was no objection from the supply angle for this issue. Six thousand (6,000) Protective Covers were requisitioned for issue to the Regiments.

H. C. Joyner
H. C. JOYNER,
Lt. Col., C.W.S.,
Div. Cml. Officer.



HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Division Engineer

APO 85, U. S. Army
8 November 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Engineer Activities for October.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4.

1. SUPPLIES.

a. The Division Engineer Supply Office was located on Highway 6528 about 2 Kilometers South of FIRENZUOLA and moved to a bivouac area about 1 Kilometer NE of PAGLIANA on 1 October 1944. All classes of engineer supplies were drawn from 5th Army Engineer Depot E2-34 and spare parts from 473rd Engineer Maintenance Company located in FLORENCE.

b. On 14 October this office moved to a bivouac area located on Highway 6531 in the vicinity of POGGLO BIANCO and remained there the remainder of the month. From both of these areas Highway 65 was used as the MSR to FLORENCE, proving to be much better than Highway 6528.

c. A total of 28 requisitions were submitted and supplies in general were usually available.

d. We salvaged five truck loads of lumber, 200 rolls of barbed wire, 600 pickets and 50 rolls of 10 gage wire from a German dump. This equipment was used by the infantry to install defensive positions and build dug outs.

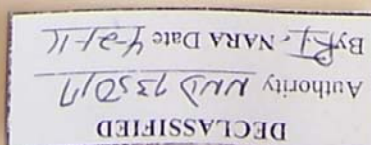
e. An Engineer dump was established with a total of 180,000 sand bags, 200 rolls of concertina and 10 assault boats M-2. The sand bags and concertina were issued to units in the division to install defensive positions. The assault boats are being loaned to units to cross the streams that swell to rivers.

2. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

a. About the 1st of October it was necessary to abandon the road constructed North from FIRENZUOLA. In view of this fact Highway 6528 and Highway 65 to the road junction with Highway 6529 were used as the division MSR. Thence from Highway 6529 the MSR went North along the top of the ridge between Highway 6531 and Highway 937. It was later changed to run North on Highway 65 to MONGHIDORO where it turned East and was joined with Highway 6531.

b. The division, still pushing toward the RIMINI-BOLOGNA Highway, now had a sector to the east and exclusive of Highway 65 generally along the IDICE CREEK. From the RIMINI-BOLOGNA Highway the

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division MSR ran North and South in the valley along the IDICE CREEK, dead ending South of S. BENEDETTO East from MONGHIDORO. This road apparently was under construction at the beginning of the war and never completed into Highway 65. In order to link this road (6531) with Highway 65 it was necessary to improve and partially construct a one way road in from Highway 65 at MONGHIDORO and another one way road improved and constructed from the SE. The one way road improved and constructed from Highway 65 thru MONGHIDORO fell from a point 847 meters above sea level to a point less than 400 meters above sea level in a distance of less than 3 kilometers.

c. Later it was necessary to abandon this latteral road from MONGHIDORO to Highway 6531 and a latteral road linking these two highways thru QUINZANO was constructed and improved. Although this road was better than the aforementioned latteral road it was very muddy and very rough and demanded constant work by the Engineer Battalion day and night to keep it open.

d. Nine Bailey Bridges were constructed along Highway 6531 between POGGLO and FIUMETTO, a distance of about 10 kilometers. One of the Bailey Bridges at CA di MASO, used for return traffic, was washed out by a flood during the month. This bridge was not replaced because its purpose was to provide for two way traffic. These bridges, of course, were constructed after the demolished bridges had been bypassed by the 310th Engineer Battalion.

e. Highway 6531 was opened to the North as far as C.SPETTRA. With great difficulty the MSR was linked with the road running along the ridge between the MSR and Highway 937. The most important of these latterals were thru BACCANELLO joining at POGGIOLI and thru LA VILLA.

f. The 310th Engineer Battalion worked day and night in constructing and maintaining these roads.

3. WATER SUPPLY.

a. The four water points issued a total of 857,000 gallons of water during the month. Continuous rains kept streams and rivers muddy. A great deal of trouble was encountered when we installed water points on stream beds, for the water rose as much as eight feet overnight on a few occasions.

b. One water point was lost on 26 October due to a flood. This point was replaced by the 5th Army Engineer Depot E2-34 thru the Division Engineer Supply Office that night.

For the Division Engineer:

E. W. Higgins

E. W. HIGGINS
Major, 310th Engr. Bn.
Assistant Division Engr.

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EXHIBIT "E"

HEADQUARTERS 310TH MEDICAL BATTALION
85th Infantry Division

APO 85, U. S. Army,

9 July 1944.

310TH MEDICAL BATTALION

REPORT OF OPERATIONS JUNE 1944

PERIOD: 1 to 10 JUNE.

At the beginning of this period the Battalion was deployed as follows: Companies A and C vicinity of Lorian, Company B one mile Northeast of Cori and the Battalion Command Post and Division Clearing Station 1 mile West of Cori.

Casualties at this time were moderate, however with the Aerial Bombing of the 88th Division Clearing Station in the early hours of 1 June 1944, our Clearing Station casualty admissions mounted.

The Division following through its successes of last month, pushed the enemy constantly forcing him to retreat great distances thereby lengthening the evacuation system, causing the Collecting Stations and the Clearing Station to move daily. Following are the areas occupied by the Battalion Command Post and the Clearing Station during the final drive on Rome:

1	June	1944	:	1 Mile West of Cori.
2	June	1944	:	2 Miles Northwest Giulianello.
4	June	1944	:	1 Mile West Rocco Priora.
5	June	1944	:	6 Miles Southeast of Roma.
7	June	1944	:	6 Miles West of Roma.
8	June	1944	:	Lago di Bracciano - 1 Platoon, minus.

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85th Infantry Division

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- 1 June 1944 : 1 Mile West of Cori.
- 2 June 1944 : 2 Miles Northwest Giulianello.
- 4 June 1944 : 1 Mile West Rocco Priora.
- 5 June 1944 : 6 Miles Southeast of Roma.
- 7 June 1944 : 6 Miles West of Roma.
- 8 June 1944 : Lago di Bracciano - 1 Platoon, minus.

During this period the Battalion Headquarters and 2nd Platoon Clearing which remained 6 Miles West of Roma handled a sustained load of 1312 casualties.

Following is the casualty list of the Battalion during this period:

COMPANY "A"

UNTRACHT, SAMUEL Captain Medical Officer Lightly Injured

COMPANY "B"

Wulforst, Howard F.	Pfc	Ambulance Driver	Seriously Wounded
Dyer, Preston, L.	Pvt	Litter Bearer	Lightly Wounded
Glasspoole, Robert A	Pvt	Litter Bearer	Lightly Wounded
Mallory, John M.	Pvt	Litter Bearer	Lightly Wounded
Mulvey, Thomas J.	Pvt	Litter Bearer	Lightly Wounded

While at Lago di Bracciano the Battalion received orders to remain in

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the present location until the Division was relieved by the 3rd Algeria Infantry Division, French Expeditionary Corps. Relief effected 1000 hours 10 June 1944.

Billeting party sent out 10 June for movement to a Division Assembly Area. During this period all the Collecting Companies were to remain under Combat Team control.

Strength of the Battalion at the close of the period:
37 Officers 2 Warrant Officers 545 Enlisted Men.

The attached letter of Commendation received by the Division from the Commanding General II Corps with a First Indorsement from the Commanding General, 85th Division is indicative of the able support given the 85th Infantry Division by the personnel of this Battalion during current phases of operation.

/s/ Ralph M. Patterson
/t/ RALPH M. PATTERSON
Lt. Col., MC,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS II CORPS
APO 19
US Army

In the Field
30 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Medical Service, 85th Infantry Division.

TO : Commanding General, 85th Infantry Division,
APO 85, US Army.

1. I desire to commend you for the excellent medical service afforded casualties of your division during the period 12 May to 26 May 1944 while participating in the II Corps offensive along the West coast of Italy.
2. The type professional care given the wounded and the speed and smoothness with which your evacuation system operated was uniformly superior.
3. I wish particularly to commend the 310th Medical Battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Ralph M. Patterson, MC, for its efficient operation during this period. The records in this headquarters reveal that this organization has handled a sustained load of casualties greater than any other medical battalion in II Corps since it has been actively engaged overseas. The efficient and aggressive manner in which this organization has operated under the heavy burden placed upon it was most praiseworthy.

/s/ Geoffrey Keyes,
/t/ Major General, USA,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 85th Infantry Division, APO 85, U. S. Army, 1 June 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 310th Medical Battalion, APO #85, U. S. Army.

1. The receipt of this commendation is most gratifying. It is a direct result of the fine training your Battalion has received.
2. Convey to all personnel of the Battalion my congratulations for the fine work that has been done. The entire Division is proud of this achievement.
3. A copy of this communication will be placed in your 201 file.

/s/ John B. Coulter
 /t/ JOHN B. COULTER
 Major General, USA,
 Commanding.

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