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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 85 U. S. Army.
11 May 1945.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS
1 April to 2 May 1945

- 1 - Apr: Division forward echelon located in bivouac area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates Q 824.949, Firenzuola Sheet 98-II, Italy map 1:50,000. Rear echelon located in Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates Q 831.957, Firenzuola Sheet 98-II, Italy map 1:50,000.
- 2 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy (Q 824.949, Firenzuola Sheet 98-II, 1:50,000) to bivouac area Lugnano, Italy (Q 217.615, Altopascio Sheet 105-III, 1:50,000), Villa Morratti. Left old area 1225 hours, arrived at Lugnano 1630 hours. Weather fair. Rear echelon remained in Gagliano, Italy and performed regular duties.
- 3 - 4 Apr: Forward echelon remained at Lugnano, Italy (Villa Morratti). Rear echelon remained in Gagliano, Italy.
- 5 - Apr: Forward echelon remained in bivouac area Lugnano, Italy (Villa Morratti). Rear echelon moved from Gagliano, Italy (Coordinates Q 831.957, Firenzuola Sheet 98-II, 1:50,000) to bivouac area Buti, Italy (Coordinates Q 252.656, Altopascio Sheet 105-III, 1:50,000). Closed at Gagliano 1400 hours. Arrived in Buti 1830 hours. Distance Travelled 81 miles. Weather Fair. Entire echelon billeted in houses.
- 6 - 16 Apr: Division forward and rear echelons remained stationary and performed normal duties.
- 17 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Lugnano, Italy (Villa Morratti) (Coordinates Q 217.615, Altopascio Sheet 105-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of Riola, Italy (Coordinates L 655.202, Vergato Sheet 98-IV, 1:50,000). Closed in old area 0630 hours. Arrived new area 1030 hours. Rear echelon moved from Buti, Italy (Coordinates Q 252.656, Altopascio Sheet 105-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area Pracchia, Italy (Coordinates L 526.015, Cutigliano Sheet 97-II, 1:50,000). Left Buti 1500 hours. Arrived in Pracchia 1800 hours. Distance traveled 45 miles. Band and Division Finance section remained in Buti. Move completed with 10 2½ ton trucks furnished by 132nd Q.M. Co. and 25 2½ ton trucks furnished by 339th Infantry regiment. Weather fair. Morale excellent.
- 18 - Apr: Division forward echelon remained in bivouac area vicinity of Riola, Italy. Division rear echelon with exception of Band and Finance section

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- 18 - Apr: remained in Pracchia, Italy. Band and Finance section remained in Buti, Italy.
- 19 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Riola, Italy (Coordinates L 655.202, Vergato Sheet 98-IV, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of Vergato, Italy (Coordinates L 697.258, Vergato Sheet 98-IV, 1:50,000) move made in morning. Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Vergato, Italy (Coordinates L 697.258, Vergato Sheet 98-IV, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of Montepastore, Italy (Coordinates L 712.348, Vignola Sheet 87-III, 1:50,000). Left Vergato area 1600 hours and arrived Montepastore 1900 hours. Division Finance section and Band moved from Buti to Pracchia, Italy and joined Rear echelon. Rear echelon remained in Pracchia, Italy.
- 20 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Montepastore, Italy (Coordinates L 712.348, Vignola 87-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of Poggiaio, Italy (Coordinates L 750.430, Vignola Sheet 87-III, 1:50,000). Left Montepastore at 1400 hours and arrived bivouac area vicinity of Poggiaio 1730 hours. Rear echelon remained in Pracchia, Italy.
- 21 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Poggiaio, Italy (Coordinates L 750.430, Vignola Sheet 87-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of Confortino, Italy (Coordinates L 752.513, Giovanni Sheet 87-IV, 1:50,000). Left old area 1430 hours. Opened in new area 1630 hours. Rear echelon remained in Pracchia, Italy.
- 22 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Confortino, Italy (Coordinates L 752.513, Giovanni Sheet 87-IV, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of S. Agata Bolognese, Italy (Coordinates L 719.687, Giovanni Sheet 87-IV, 1:50,000). Left old area 1230 hours and opened in new area 1400 hours. Rear echelon remained in Pracchia, Italy. Tec 5 Oscar Ramos killed by Machine Gun fire when unidentified plane strafed vehicle he was driving at about 1200 hours, 2 miles north of S. Agata, Italy. Company Commander, Captain Thomas A. Roberts, injured when C & R car which Tec 5 Ramos was driving ran off the road.
- 23 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of S. Agata Bolognese, Italy (Coordinates L 719.687, Giovanni Sheet 87-IV, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of S. Anna, Italy (Coordinates L 695.824, Crevalcore Sheet 75-III, 1:50,000). Closed in old area 1030 hours. Opened in new area 1200 hours. Division forward echelon moved bivouac area vicinity of S. Anna, Italy (Coordinates L 695.824, Crevalcore Sheet 75-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area S.W. Mirandola, Italy (Coordinates L 642.905, Mirandola Sheet 75-IV, 1:50,000). Opened in new area 1900 hours.

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- 24 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area S.W. Mirandola, Italy (Coordinates L 642.905, Mirandola Sheet 75-IV, 1:50,000) to bivouac area south of Quistello, Italy (Coordinates F 625.009, Mirandola Sheet 75-IV, 1:50,000). Opened in new area 0830 hours. Rear echelon remained in Pracchia, Italy.
- 25 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area south of Quistello, Italy (Coordinates F 625.009, Mirandola Sheet 75-IV, 1:50,000) to bivouac area vicinity of Quingentole, Italy (Coordinates F 659.097, Ostiglia Revere Sheet 63-III, 1:50,000). Opened in new area 0830. Rear echelon remained in Pracchia, Italy.
- 26 - Apr: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Quingentole, Italy (Coordinates F 659.097, Ostiglia Revere Sheet 63-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area S.W. of Verona, Italy (Coordinates F 625.494, Verona Sheet 49-III, 1:50,000). Opened in new area 1600 hours.
- 27 - Apr: Division forward echelon remained in bivouac area S.W. of Verona, Italy. Division rear echelon remained in Pracchia, Italy. The following units were reorganized in the vicinity of S. Agata, Italy effective 27 April 1945 under T/O & E indicated.

Headquarters, 85th Inf. Div.	T/O & E 7-1 (13 Jan. 1945)
Officers 42 WO 8	EM 107

Headquarters Company, 85th Inf. Div.	T/O & E 7-2 (13 Jan. 1945)
Officers 4 WO 0	EM 100

Special Troops, 85th Inf. Div.	T/O & E 7-3 (13 Jan. 1945)
Officers 5 WO 2	EM 20

- 28 - 29 Apr: No change in location of either forward or rear echelon.
- 30 - Apr: Division rear echelon with exception of Finance section, Surgeon section, Chaplain section, SSO, Band, and about half of Division Unit Personnel sections moved from Pracchia, Italy (Coordinates L 526.015, Cutigliano Sheet 97-II, 1:50,000) to Norgara, Italy (Coordinates F 696.252, Bovolone Sheet 63-IV, 1:50,000). Left Pracchia 1710 hours and arrived Norgara 2440 hours. Distance traveled 128 miles. Division forward echelon remained in vicinity of Verona, Italy.

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- Supply : There were numerous supply and communication problems during period due to the fast moving situation, distance between echelons and shortage of transportation. These difficulties were overcome and the necessary supplies delivered and communications maintained.

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Morale & Health: Morale was excellent and sick rate very low. Entire personnel displayed a high cooperative spirit and willing attitude throughout period.

Assigned strength as of 30 April 1945

<u>Hq. Co.</u>		<u>Div.</u>	<u>Hq. Plat.</u>	<u>M.P. Plat.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Atchd. Med.</u>	<u>Hq. Sp. Trps.</u>		
Off	3	Off	41	Off	4	Off	2	Off	3
WO	0	WO	7	WO	0	WO	0	WO	0
EM	105	EM	110	EM	98	EM	57	EM	14

- 1 - May: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area S.W. of Verona, Italy (Coordinates F 625.494, Verona Sheet 49-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area S.W. Asolo, Italy (Coordinates G 363.899, Bassano Del Grappa Sheet 37-II, 1:50,000). Closed in old area 1445. Opened new area 1900. Finance section, Surgeon section, Chaplain section, SSO, Band, and those unit personnel sections remaining in Pracchia, Italy moved to Norgara and joined rest of rear echelon. Rear echelon remained in Norgara, Italy.
- 2 - May: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area S.W. Asolo, Italy (Coordinates G 363.899, Bassano Del Grappa Sheet 37-II, 1:50,000) to bivouac area Feltre, Italy (Coordinates B 381.163, Feltre Sheet 22, 1:100,000). Closed in old area 1000 hours. Opened in new area 1200 hours.

Thomas A. Roberts
THOMAS A. ROBERTS
Captain, Infantry
Commanding

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