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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

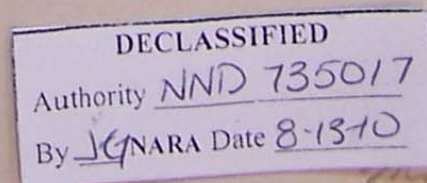
APO 85 U. S. Army  
2 August 1944

REPORT OF OPERATIONS  
1 July to 1 August

- 1 - 9 July: Headquarters Company remained in rest area Castel Porziano, Italy.
- Time spent in routine administrative duties and training activities. Passes to Rome continued and personnel had access to other recreational facilities.
- 10 July: Moved entire C. P. from rest area Castel Porziano, Italy to bivouac area vicinity Roccastrada, Italy. Coordinates 658904, Italy map 1:100,000, sheet 120 Siena. Left Castel Porziano 2105, arrived Roccastrada 0545. Lights permitted for entire move.
- Convoy divided into two groups. Each group divided into two sections. Twenty minute interval between groups. Ten minute interval between sections.
- Weather fair and cool. Road good.
- 11-16 July: Forward and rear echelon remained in bivouac area vicinity of Roccastrada, Italy. During this period regular administrative duties and training activities were carried on.
- 17 July: Headquarters Commandant and Company Commander made reconnaissance forward to pick location for new CP.
- 18 July: Division CP and Hq. Co. moved from bivouac area vicinity of Roccastrada, Italy.
- Forward echelon composed of CG, ACG, C/S, G-1, G-2, G-3, part of G-4 and CWO sections, Hq Special Troops, Defense Platoon, half of Transportation Platoon and part of Special Platoon crossed IP at 1500.
- Rear echelon composed of AG, JA, IG, SSO, Chap, Finance, part of G-4 and CWO sections, Band, Hq Co, half of Transportation Platoon, part of Special platoon, Med Det, Special Troops and Special Troops personnel sections crossed IP 1730.

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Original plan was to move to bivouac area in the vicinity of Volterra, Italy. Due to change in tactical situation 5th Army changed plans while movement was under way and both echelons had to bivouac along road 4 miles North and North-east of Vada, Italy. Forward echelon moved into bivouac 2030. Rear 2115.

Movement made with organic transportation and trucks furnished by 85th QM Company. Weather fair.

19 July: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area 4 miles North and North-east of Vada Italy to bivouac area in vicinity Rosignano Marittimo, Italy. Left bivouac North and North-east of Vada @ 800, arrived new area 0950.

Rear echelon moved from bivouac area 4 miles North and North-east Vada, Italy to bivouac area 5 miles east and north-east Vada, Italy.

Moves made with organic transportation and trucks furnished by 85th QM Co. Weather very hot.

20-25 July: Regular Administrative functions and training activities. Weather fair.

24 July: Resumed procedure of keeping separate morning report for Division Headquarters Platoon and Headquarters Company. Both had been consolidated on one morning report since 24 January 1944.

25 July: Regular administrative duties and training activities.

26 July: Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Military Vicar of the armed forces held a field mass, which all Catholic men of the 85th Division had an opportunity to attend. Forty-five enlisted men from the rear, and an approximate number from the forward echelon attended. Organic transportation was used to transport personnel to the assembly area. Weather fair.

German bombers were over rear echelon at 2500 hours. No bombs dropped in immediate vicinity. However bombs were dropped in nearby installations, causing a few casualties.

Master Sergeant Van Pelt of G-4 Section injured ankle jumping in slit trench.

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27-29 July: Normal administrative functions for Division Headquarters Platoon.  
Regular camp duties and training activities for Headquarters  
Company.

30 July: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity Rosignano  
Marittino, Italy, to bivouac area four miles north Pignano, Italy.

31 July: Usual camp duties and training activities.

No AWOL'S for month.

Supplies harder to obtain than at any other time since unit  
has been overseas due to low priority.

Gain of 1 Officer in Hq. Co. and attached units for month of  
July.

Assigned strength as of 31 July 1944.

Hq Co	Div Hq Plat	MP Plat	Band	Atchd Med	Hq Sp	Trp
Off 4	Off 38	Off 3		Off 2	Off 3	
EM 108	WO 8		WO 2			
	EM 107	EM 69	EM 58	EM 14	EM 7	

THOMAS A. ROBERTS  
Captain, Infantry,  
Commanding

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