

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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REPORT OF OPERATIONS  
1 May to 1 June

1 - 9 May: Forward echelon of Headquarters Company and Division Headquarters located eight miles north Mondragone, Italy.

Rear Echelon located on outskirts north Mondragone, Italy.

Both echelons performing normal Camp and administrative duties.

10 May: C.G., C/S, G-2, G-5, Sections established advance C.P. in Minturno, Italy.

11-12 May: Division participated in offensive against Gustave line. H hour 2500. 85th Division attack in Minturno Sector behind terrific artillery barrage.

13 May: Defense Platoon and Band taken to front as litter bearers. First casualties reported. Two enlisted men of Defense Platoon wounded by shrapnel.

14 May: One enlisted man of Band wounded while working as litter bearer.

15 May: Defense Platoon and Band returned from front. Defense Platoon to forward echelon, Band to 85th Division rest area one mile N. E. Mondragone, Italy.

16 May: Forward and rear echelons performing regular administrative duties. Company Commander made reconnaissance forward to find new location for rear echelon. Site selected in town of Scauri, Italy first occupied by American Troops 0450 this date.

17 May: Company commander went forward to Scauri with a detail and a crew of Italian laborers to prepare buildings for billeting of personnel and establishment of rear echelon sections. Command performed normal functions.

18 May: Regular administrative duties.

19 May: C.G., C/S, G-2, G-5, sections established advance C. P. in Formia, Italy. Organization still operating in three echelons.

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20 May: M. P. Platoon started operating their own mess. Company performed routine duties.

21 May: Advance C. P. moved from Formia, Italy to Fondi, Italy. Forward and rear echelons made preparations to move for respective bivouac areas. Decision made not to move to Scauri, Italy. One officer and one enlisted man of M. P. Platoon wounded.

22 May: Headquarters Company, and rear echelon C. P. moved from Mondragone, Italy to Formia, Italy. Shuttle movement was made with trucks furnished by Fifth Army. Entire echelon cleared bivouac area 1550. Closed in Formia 1650. New Company C. P. opened in Formia 1650.

Forward echelon also shuttled with own trucks to Formia. Both echelons consolidated. Organization now operating in two echelons.

Forward echelon (advance C. P.) composed of C.G., ACG, C/S, G-2, G-5, part of G-4 sections, two squads of Defense Platoon, eight enlisted men from transportation platoon and part of Headquarters Special Troops; located in Fondi, Italy. Balance of Division Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Headquarters Special Troops in rear echelon located in Formia, Italy.

Division offices and billets for personnel located in buildings. Weather fair. All moves executed without accident.

23 May: Day spent in cleaning debris from buildings and further establishing C. P. Carried on routine administrative duties. One enlisted man of M. P. Platoon wounded by enemy shell.

24 May: Germans made air attack on forward echelon at Fondi, Italy 0500. Dropped bombs and strafed area. One enlisted man of C/S section wounded.

All of Defense Platoon ordered to forward echelon.

Forward echelon moved from Fondi, Italy to Monte S. Biageo, Italy.

25 May: Forward echelon moved from Monte S. Biagio, Italy to bivouac area vicinity Terracina, Italy.

Band moved from 85th Division rest area one mile N.E. Mondragone, Italy to Formia, Italy. Left old area 1300 arrived Formia 1500.

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- 26 May: Forward echelon moved from bivouac ten miles north Terracina, Italy to bivouac area fifteen miles north Terracina.  
Rear echelon made preparations to move from Formia. Company Commander made reconnaissance.
- 27 May: Part of rear echelon moved (trucks furnished by 85th Q.M. Co.) from Formia, Italy to Terracina, Italy. Left Formia 0930. Headquarters Company C. P. opened Terracina 1200. AG, Fin, JA, IG, Surg, Chap, SSO sections, Band and Division unit personnel sections remained in Formia.  
Personnel billeted and offices established in buildings.  
One enlisted man of Special Troops Medical Detachment injured in action.
- 28 May: Forward echelon moved from Bivouac area fifteen miles north Terracina, Italy to Sabaudia, Italy.  
Headquarters Company C. P. and rear echelon moved from Terracina, Italy to Sabaudia, Italy. Left Terracina 1430 arrived Sabaudia 1600. Headquarters Company C. P. and part of Company moved into bivouac area two miles N. E. Sabaudia. Division Headquarters sections remained in Sabaudia.  
AG, Fin, JA, IG, Surg, Chap, SSO Sections; Band and Division Unit personnel sections remained in Formia, Italy.
- 29 May: Headquarters Company C. P. and section of Company bivouaced two miles N. E. Sabaudia, Italy moved to Sabaudia. Left bivouac area 0900. Arrived Sabaudia 0915. AG, Fin, JA, IG, Surg, Chap, SSO Sections, Band and Division Unit Personnel Sections moved from Formia, Italy to Sabaudia. Closed in new area 1200.
- 30 May: Advance C. P. consisting of CG, ACG, C/S, G-1, G-2, G-3, part of Headquarters Company moved to bivouac area six miles N. W. Cori, Italy.  
Forward echelon composed of Headquarters Company C. P., part of Headquarters Company, Part of Headquarters Special Troops, part of G-1, G-4 and CWO sections moved to bivouac area  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of Cori, Italy. Move made with 85th Q.M. trucks but furnished own drivers.  
Rear echelon composed of AG, Fin, IG, JA, Chap, part of Surg. Section, Division Unit Personnel Sections with part of Hq. Co. remained in Sabaudia.

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31 May: No change in location of echelons. Weather Fair and hot. Usual administrative duties.

Seven battle casualties for month of May. Eight purple hearts awarded.

Blauert, Otto K.	1st Lt.	01795757	M.P. Plat.
Steinway, Wilbur H.	Sgt	32336250	M.P. Plat.
Konopka, John E.	Pfc	31211438	M.P. Plat.
Zumpano, James C.	T/5	33313165	Band
Huri, Edward G.	Pvt	33438718	Defense Plat.
Richardson, John E.	T/5	34275833	Sp Tr Med.
Prather, Phillip E.	T/4	15102207	C/S Section

Cade, Aulton, Pfc, 38304043, Defense Platoon awarded purple heart for wound received but not hospitalized.

No AWOL's reported for Month.

Supply normal.

Gain of one officer and fifteen enlisted men for month for Headquarters Company and attached units.

Assigned strength as of 31 May 1944.

<u>Hq Co</u>	<u>Div Hq Plat</u>	<u>M P Plat</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Med Det</u>	<u>Hq Sp Troops</u>
Off 4	Off 39	Off 4	WO 2	Off 2	Off 3
EM 114	WO 8	EM 71	EM 58	EM 13	EM 7
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