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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 85, U.S. Army
5 December 1944

REPORT OF OPERATIONS
1 November to 30 November 1944

- 1 - Nov: Forward echelon remained in bivouac at La Pozza, Italy. Coordinates 902209, Loiano Sheet 98-1, Italy map 1:50,000.
- Rear echelon remained in bivouac 1 mile S.E. Firenzuola, Italy. Coordinates L914060, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000.
Weather: Rain all day.
- 2-8 Nov: Both echelons remained in respective areas and carried on normal duties.
Weather: Mostly overcast with considerable rain.
- 9 - Nov: Rear echelon moved from bivouac area 1 mile S. E. Firenzuola, Italy to Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 831957, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000.
- Movement made in two convoys. Hq. Co. and Division Headquarters sections with part of Division unit personnel sections left old area at 0930 and arrived in Gagliano at 1130. Balance of unit personnel sections and 85th Division Band left old area 1455 and arrived in new area 1900. Weather very foggy with rain. Move completed without any accidents. Division Hq. Sections, Co. CP and Unit personnel housed in good buildings. Part of officers and most of enlisted personnel bivouaced in pyramidal and shelter tents.
- Forward echelon remained at La Pozza, Italy.
- 10-19 Nov: Forward echelon remained in bivouac at La Pozza, Italy. Rear echelon remained in bivouac at Gagliano, Italy. During this period normal duties were performed by both echelons. Most of personnel in rear echelon were moved out of tents and billeted in buildings. Forward echelon made preparations to move back to rest area at Gagliano. Weather during period very changeable, being clear about half the time.
- 20- Nov: Forward echelon sent an advance detachment of about 100 officers and enlisted men to new bivouac site vicinity of Gagliano, Italy.
- Rear echelon remained in bivouac at Gagliano, Italy.
- 21- Nov: Forward CP remained at La Pozza, Italy. Rear echelon and advance detachment from forward echelon remained in their respective bivouac areas at Gagliano, Italy.

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- 22 - Nov: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area at La Pozza, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 824949, Firenzuola sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000. Forward and rear echelons now located about three quarters of a mile apart. Forward echelon located in a villa SW Gagliano. Rear echelon located in Gagliano proper.
- 23-29 Nov: Forward and rear echelons remained in their respective areas and performed regular duties. Four day passes to Montecatini Rest Center were granted to a large number of Division Headquarters and Hq. Co. personnel. Four day passes to Rome and Florence, and one day passes to Florence were continued during this period. All enlisted personnel were checked for identification tags, pay books and names in boots or leggins. Deficiencies were corrected.
- 30 - Nov: Forward echelon remained in bivouac vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 824949, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, 1:50,000. Rear echelon remained in bivouac at Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 831957, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, map 1:50,000. Company was paid.

S U M M A R Y F O R M O N T H

Ten Bronze Stars awarded during month.

- 11 - Nov: Harry J. Ackert Pfc 32294486 Trans Plat
Meritorious service in support of combat operations 10 April to 20 October 1944, in Italy.
- 11 - Nov: George Miller Pfc 37125488 Hq Spec Trps
Meritorious service in combat 11 May to 25 October 1944, in Italy.
- 11 - Nov: Lewis B. Schmidt Tec 5 37195918 Trans Plat
Meritorious service in combat 15 August to 18 October 1944 in Italy.
- 11 - Nov: Oscar Ramos Tec 5 34205658 Trans Plat
Meritorious service in support of combat operations from 10 April to 20 October 1944, in Italy.
- 15 - Nov: William Lovis Pfc 32338988 Spec Plat
Meritorious service in support of combat operations from 10 April to 1 November 1944, in Italy.
- 15 - Nov: Rhinehardt E. Bjerre Tec 5 37195818 Trans Plat
Meritorious service in combat 11 May to 25 October 1944, in Italy.
- 17 - Nov: Clyde Rose Pvt 33314050 Trans Plat
Meritorious service in support of combat operations 11 May to 1 Nov 1944, in Italy.

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- 17 - Nov: Christy J. De Paolo Tec 5 32540459 Trans Plat
 Meritorious service in support of combat operations 11 May to 25 Oct
 1944, in Italy.
- 17 - Nov: Everett Tracy Sgt 37203007 Hq Sp Trps
 Meritorious service in combat on 1 Oct 1944, in Italy.
- 17 - Nov: Kearney L. Surratt Tec 5 54504714 Fin Section
 Meritorious service in support of combat operations 10 April to 1
 November 1944, in Italy.
- Supply : Generally good. Sleeping bags were issued to all enlisted personnel.
 Canvas folding cots were issued to first three graders.
 The barracks bags were brought back from the duffle bag center and
 stored in Gagliano.
- Moral & Health : Moral was excellent. Passes were granted to Montecatini Rest Center.
 Also to Florence and Rome. For the most part personnel were billeted
 in buildings. Sick rate for the month was very low.
- Weather : The weather for November was generally overcast and rainy, although
 somewhat better than October. Transportation problems were improved
 due to the location of the CP. The short distance between echelons
 reduced the number of necessary long trips.
- Strength: Loss of three officers and three enlisted men in Headquarters Company
 and attached units for month of November.

Assigned Strength as of 30 November 1944

	Hq Co	Div Hq Plat	MP Plat	Band	Atchd Med	Hq Sp Trps
Off	- 4	Off - 37	Off - 4	Off - 0	Off - 2	Off - 5
WO	- 0	WO - 8	WO - 0	WO - 2	WO - 0	WO - 0
EM	- 108	EM - 110	EM - 83	EM - 56	EM - 14	EM - 7

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