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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 85, U. S. Army
4 November 1944

REPORT OF OPERATIONS
1 October to 31 October 1944

1 - Oct: Forward echelon and Division CP moved from bivouac area vicinity of Bargo, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Pietramala, Italy, but were forced to move back to Bargo because of bridge being out.

Rear echelon and administrative center moved from bivouac area 2 miles North-east of Fonteggecca (Pratalina) Italy, to bivouac area 1 mile South-east Firenzuola, Italy. Coordinates L 914060, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000. Left old area 1000. Company CP opened in new area 1245. Administrative Center arrived in new area 2030. Shuttle movement with 20 2½ ton trucks furnished by 900 AAA group. Division offices and Company CP quartered in villa.

Four enlisted men killed in action, one enlisted man seriously wounded and three enlisted men lightly wounded in action by enemy shell at 1600 in vicinity of Pietramala, Italy. All were members of the Defense Platoon.

Pvt. James Cosentino	32809828	KIA
Pvt William G. Ferrence	33259459	KIA
Pvt John M. Bishop	31020322	KIA
Pfc Aulton Cade	38304043	KIA
Pvt Elmer L. Sites	33493592	SWA
Cpl John P. Sullivan	37124939	LWA
Pvt Walter J. Weiss	37273839	LWA
Pfc Benjamin Helgeson	36240890	LWA

Weather - Partly overcast.

2 - Oct: Both forward and rear echelons remained stationary. Weather-heavy rain.

3 - Oct: Forward echelon moved from bivouac vicinity of Bargo, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Pietramala, Italy. Coordinates 885123, Loiano sheet 98-1. Italy map 1:50,000.

Rear echelon remained in bivouac area 1 mile Southeast Firenzuola, Italy.

Duffle bags brought from storage area to enable men to obtain winter clothing.

Weather - fair.

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- 4-6 Oct: Both forward and rear echelons remained stationary and performed regular duties. Weather - overcast and rainy.
- 7 - Oct: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Pietramala, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of La Pozza, Italy. Coordinates 902209, Loiano Sheet 98-1, 1:50,000.
- Rear echelon remained stationary. Weather - overcast with some rain.
- 8-30 Oct: Both forward and rear echelons remained in their respective areas during this time and carried on normal duties. The weather remained extremely bad throughout this entire period making travel between echelons very difficult. However necessary contact and communications were maintained at all times.
- 31 - Oct: Forward echelon remained in bivouac at La Pozza, Italy. Coordinates 902209, Italy Map 1:50,000. Loiano Sheet 98-1.
- Rear echelon remained in bivouac vicinity of (1 mile southeast) Firenzuola, Italy. Coordinates 902209, Italy map 1:50,000, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11.
- Company paid.

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

Ten Bronze Star Medals awarded during month.

14 - Oct:	Frank L. Weber	2nd Lt (then Sgt)	01692900	MP Plat.
	Meritorious service in combat	23 Sept 1944		In Italy.
14 - Oct:	Kenneth E. Buffington	Pfc	34444724	MP Plat.
	Meritorious service in combat	23-24 Sept 1944		In Italy
14 - Oct:	William J. Sheehy	Pfc	31193511	MP Plat.
	Meritorious service in combat	23-24 Sept 1944		In Italy
14 - Oct:	John J. Bogacz	Pfc	31191971	MP Plat.
	Meritorious service in combat	24 Sept 1944		In Italy
14 - Oct:	Benjamin M. Childs	Pfc	34444502	MP Plat.
	Meritorious service in combat	24 Sept 1944		In Italy
18 - Oct:	Frank J. Murray	T/3	37088236	AG Sect.
	Meritorious service in support of combat operations	10 April to		
	10 June 1944, in Italy.			

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- 18 - Oct: Arthur E. Hupfer T/Sgt 57435285 AG Section
 Meritorious service in support of combat operations 11 May to 6 June 1944. In Italy.
- 25 - Oct: Andrew S. Floyd Pfc 54444954 MP Plat.
 Meritorious service in combat 25 Sept 1944 In Italy
- 26 - Oct: Thomas A. Roberts Capt 0598366 Hq Co
 Meritorious service in support of combat operations 14 September to 14 October 1944, in Italy.
- 26 - Oct: Raymond D. Dodge 2nd Lt. 01517625 Hq Co
 Meritorious service in combat 1 October 1944 In Italy.

One Soldiers Medal awarded during month.

- 2 - Oct: John D. Halstead T/5 54205063 Postal
 Heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 7 Sept 1944 in Italy.

Supply : Generally good. Personnel of Hq Co and attached units outfitted with new type field jackets and shoe pacs. These items were badly needed because of the wet weather. The duffle bags were returned from the duffle bag center to enable all personnel to secure their winter clothing. The duffle bags were retained and surplus items re-stored in barracks bags.

Weather : During entire month the weather was unusually overcast and rainy. Periods when there was no rain were of such short duration that the ground had no chance to dry. Transportation problems were extremely difficult.

Morale: Morale was excellent and sick rate unusually low regardless of adverse weather conditions. There were no AWOL'S for month.

Gain of twelve enlisted men in Headquarters and attached units for month of October.

Assigned strength as of 31 October

	Hq Co	Div Hq Plat	MP Plat	Band	Atchd Med	Hq Sp Trps
Off	- 4	Off - 59	Off - 5	Off - 0	Off - 2	Off - 5
WO	- 0	WO - 8	WO - 0	WO - 2	WO - 0	WO - 0
EM	- 105	EM - 109	EM - 86	EM - 58	EM - 14	EM - 7

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