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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO #85 U. S. Army
9 October 1944

REPORT OF OPERATIONS
1 September to 30 September 1944

1 - Sept: Forward echelon remained in bivouac vicinity of S. Donata, Italy. Q 669490- Casciano In Val De Pesa, Sheet 113. Italy map 1: 100,000.

Rear echelon remained in bivouac area 3 miles N. E. Certaldo, Italy. Q 637462 Casciano In Val De Pesa, Sheet 113, Italy map 1: 100,000.

2 - Sept: Sex Morality lecture given in rear echelon 0800-0900.

Heavy rain storm during night causing considerable inconvenience and damage to installations, especially the mess. By immediately setting to work during storm serious damage was averted and everything ready to perform normal functions by morning of 3 September 1944.

3 - Sept: Heavy rain storm during early morning hours causing some damage and loss of equipment.

Sex morality lecture held in forward echelon.

4-6 Sept: Regular camp and administrative duties. Weather; warm with scattered showers.

7 - Sept: Heavy rain during night caused considerable damage and loss of personal equipment when dry stream bed running through area overflowed.

8 - Sept: Performed regular duties. Weather overcast.

9 - Sept: Salerno Day was observed by command. Athletic games between forward and rear echelons. Decorations awarded to some members of command. Weather - fair.

10-11 Sept: Both echelons performed regular duties. Weather - fair.

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- 12 - Sept: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of S. Donata, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Vaglia, Italy. Opened in new area 121200 B Sept. Closed in old area same time.
Rear echelon and administrative center remained in bivouac area 5 miles northeast Certaldo, Italy. Weather - fair.
- 13 - Sept: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Vaglia, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Petrona, Italy. Coordinates 066899, Italy map 1:50,000, Bargo S. Lorenzo Sheet 106-1.
Rear echelon and Administrative Center moved from bivouac area 5 miles N.E. Certaldo, Italy to bivouac area 2 miles N.E. Fontebca, Italy. Coordinates 854777, Italy map 1:50,000, Bargo S. Lorenzo, Sheet 106-1.
Hq. Co. CP closed in old area 1100 and opened in new area 1530. Administrative Center arrived in new area 2150.
Move made with transportation furnished by 85th QM Co. Weather - fair.
- 14-16 Sept: Both echelons remained stationary and performed normal functions. Weather - mostly fair with scattered showers.
- 19 - Sept: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Petrona, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Paretai, Italy. Coordinates 899965, Italy map 1:50,000, Firensuola sheet 98-11.
Rear echelon remained stationary. Weather - scattered showers.
- 20 - Sept: Both forward and rear echelons remained stationary and performed regular duties. Weather - overcast.
- 21 - Sept: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Paretai, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Rifredo, Italy. Coordinates 910009, Italy map 1:50,000, sheet 98-11.
Rear echelon remained in same area. Weather - rain.
- 22-25 Sept: Both forward and rear echelons remained stationary and performed normal functions. Weather - fair.

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24 - Sept: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Rifredo, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Bargo, Italy. Coordinates 912068, Italy map 1:50,000, Firenzuola sheet 98-11.

Rear echelon remained stationary. Weather - rain.

25-30 Sept: Both forward and rear echelons remained stationary.

SUMMARY FOR MONTH

Ten Bronze Star Medals awarded during September.

9	Sept	Joseph A. Hizenski	Pfc	32529754	MP Platoon	Meritorious service in combat 16 May 1944 in Italy.
9	Sept	Forest E. Travis	Sgt	37195895	MP Platoon	Meritorious service in combat 8 Apr to 10 June 44, in Italy.
9	Sept	Leroy F. Dunn	Sgt	31193567	MP Platoon	Meritorious service in combat 8 Apr to 10 June 44, in Italy.
15	Sept	John E. Price	Pvt	35702960	MP Platoon	Heroic achievement in action 4 June 44 in Italy.
15	Sept	Vincent Iarrusso	M Sgt	6680912	G-3 Section	Meritorious service in combat 11 May to 10 June 44, in Italy.
16	Sept	Albin Kaston	Sgt	35518846	G-3 Section	Meritorious service in combat 11 May to 10 June 1944, In Italy.
16	Sept	David Ballantine	WOJG	W2129998	Band	Meritorious service in combat 24 Apr 10 June 1944, in Italy.
22	Sept	William Sysimaki	Pfc	372080198	Band	Meritorious service in combat 4 June 1944, in Italy.
22	Sept	Tony A. Checca	Pfc	35592119	Band	Meritorious service in combat 4 June 1944, in Italy.
22	Sept	Wesley C. Reese	T Sgt	37276990	Band	Meritorious service in combat 4 June 1944, in Italy.

One Soldiers Medal awarded during September

8	Sept	Gustav J. Kramer	Tec 4	32524149	SSO	Heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 21 July 1944, in Italy.
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One Purple Heart awarded
26 - Sept Benjamin M. Childs Pfc 54444502 MP Platoon
For wound received 24 Sept 1944.

Two Legion of Merit Medals awarded during September.

22 - Sept Woodrow W. Romig M Sgt 55015514 AG Section
For service in Italy 27 Apr to 5 June 1944 (NATOUISA GO #94)

24 - Sept Michael H. Bourke Tec 5 57152316 Fin Section
For services in Italy 27 March to 5 June 1944 (NATOUISA GO #95)

Weather - mostly overcast with considerable rain.

No ATOL'S for month.

Four day passes continued through month.

Gain of two officers and ten enlisted men in Hq. Co. and attached units for month of September.

Assigned Strength as of 30 Sept. 1944

Hq Co	Div Hq	Plat	MP Plat	Band	Atchd	Med	Hq Sp	TRTS
Off 4	Off 40	Off 4	Off 0	Off 0	Off 2	Off 5	Off 0	Off 0
WO 0	WO 8	WO 0	WO 2	WO 2	WO 0	WO 0	WO 0	WO 0
EM 105	EM 110	EM 72	EM 59	EM 59	EM 14	EM 7	EM 0	EM 0

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