

Journal

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- 1930: C.P. Displaced to the Bn motor Pool at the bottom of the hill.
- 2000: All the companies entrucked on the Service Co trucks at the motor Pool. Companies E and F left the motor pool area by motor convoy for the forward assembly area.
- 2030: The remainder of the Bn moved out by motor convoy for the forward assembly area.
- 2200: Rear elements of the convoy arrived in the vicinity of Pietrasanta, Italy. Cos detrucked and proceeded by foot to the assembly area at 976951. vicinity of Vallecchia, arriving there at 2330 hours.
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- 1355: White 1 reported that the road to Blue/^{rear}was clear.
- 1405: White 3 to Blue CP by phone. Inquired if White 1 was still there.

White 1 left.

- 1424: White 1 ret'd to CP.
- 1427: White 6 and White 3 left CP.
- 1427: White 5 to White 4 by phone. Reported that we will have 100 Partisans at Seravezza who will be used for carrying party. These Partisans are in a group under Sgt Rossa.
- 1430: Red 6 to White 5. Reported that they are pinned down. Blue advancing forward.
- 1445: White 2 to Blue 4. Inquired the route of approach to their CP.
- 1455: Lt Yamada, White 2 and 2 I and R men left for forward to reconnoiter for new CP location.
- 1616: White 6, White 3 and Motor officer ret'd to CP. The movement will be at night. All movement will be by foot and all equipment will be loaded on vehicles. Will cross the IP at 2030--in front of the Bn CP.
- 1650: White 4 says that he has 100 pack-boards ready for the Partisan carrying party.
- 1800: Pltn Ldr from 232nd Engrs at CP. Reported that he has one squad available for mine sweeping-detail. To be atch'd to 2nd Bn.
- 1805: Lt Yoshinari, Cn Co Liaison at CP.
- 1812: Lt Inouye, AT Co Pltn Ldr of 2nd PLtn at CP. Reported that he has 31 men who are to be atch'd to 2nd Bn for the coming operations. AT Pltn will establish a road-block to protect the march column. The AT men will come to the Bn CP and march with the rest of the Bn at 2100.
- 1830: Lt Inouye left CP to get his men oriented, etc.
- 1830: White 3 to Lt Davy: Inquired in regard to route of approach to Blue CP; located on Mt Carchio. Lt Davy says that he will have guides to meet White 3 to lead the Cos to Blue over the same route that Blue took.
- 1845: Lt Yoshinari, Cn Co Liaison left CP. Will be atch'd to E Co as F.O.
- 1845: White 4 left for Ammo DP. Plan to get more 60mm mortar ammo. Intend to give each man 1 round to carry forward.
- 1900: White 4 ret'd to CP. Reported that extra ammo available.
- 1905: Lt Hehemann at CP with attack orders. 2nd Bn will relieve Blue Bn and plans for relief to be coordinated with Blue 6. 2nd Bn will occupy former Blue positions. White to attack toward Mt Belvedere.
- 1907: F 6 at CP. Discussing plans for attack and routes of approach with White 6.
- 1907: Lt Yamada ret'd to CP from recn.
- 1915: H 6 at CP. Plans for defensive mortar fire being discussed with White 3 while the Bn is in the process of moving forward. H Co will march with F Co and will drop off about 500 ϕ yards from F Co's positions.
- 1935: Neon 3 at CP. Discussion of enemy positions, etc.
- 2000: Neon 3 left CP.
- 2015: White 6 and White 3 to forward.
- 2130: B_n moved out of the assembly area on time at 2130 and in the following order-- F, H, G, H and Hq. The rear CP was established in the old school-house at Azzano at 060150.

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- 0730: Neon 6 to White 5. Wanted the location of the forward companies. White 5 says that he could not give him the information as the rear CP has not been in contact with White 6 all morning. White 6 does not have a radio. All Cos out of communication except E Co. E Co reported that F and G Cos are on Mt Carchio.
- 0742: Neon 6 to White 1: Wanted to know what the situation was. Also wanted to know why we could not contact White 6. Information previously reported by White 5 given--.
- 0951: E 6 to White 5 by radio. Reported that F and G Cos have not been fire on by the enemy.
- 1031: E Co reported that F Co location is 962005, south-west of Redices on the high ground.
- 1034: Bn OP to White 5. Reported that F Co is moving toward Mt Belvedere.
- 1037: E 6 to White 5. Requested litter bearers.
- 1044: Neon 5 to White 5. Wanted to talk to White 4. Wants information on how we are getting supplies up forward. White 5 says that we must have at least 100 men to act as carrying party as the Partisans who were to be used as carrying party claimed that they are here to fight and not to carry rations.
- 1110: Lt Davy called White 5 and reported that he has 25 Partisans now and will have an additional 25 this evening who will act as carrying party.
- 1121: E Co reported to White 5 that they had several machine gun and mortar casualties.
- 1130: White 6 to White 5. Reported that enemy machine gun now firing on the trail leading to Mt Carchio.
- 1145: White 6 to White 5. Reported that Captain Keegan and 4 EM were wounded. Being evacuated.
- 1235: Lt Slater reported that the motor pool can now be contacted through Blue Rear.
- 1237: E Co requested more litter-bearers.
- 1240: Bn PRO, Pfc Aratani left the CP to go to the Aid Station to pick up the story on the prisoners that gave themselves up last night to the Aid men.
- 1245: White 5 notified the Aid Station to send more litter-bearers to E Co.
- 1320: Change in the pass-words received and relayed to the companies.
- 1350: 1 man from the AT Pltn wounded. Sgts Oka and Otsu left for forward accompanied by Lt Meyers.
- 1355: White 5 left for Blue rear CP.
- 1358: F Co reported that they were moving forward but unable to give the location.
- 1433: E and G Co called and wanted to know about the water and rations for tomorrow. White 1 to have the same delivered tonight.
- 1440: E 6 reported to White 1 that they were now in position.
- 1506: E 6 requested more litter-bearers . White 16 notified.
- 1508: Message sent to all the companies requesting the number of casualties sustained so far. Also notified the companies that the ration carrying party will leave at 2100 and for the guides to report at the forward CP to meet the ration party.
- 1515: White 5 to White 1 from the Blue rear CP. Reported that Blue³ was killed by a sniper this morning.

- 1545: Ration strength requested from all companies. Message sent to all companies through Msg Center.
- 1600: Ration carrying detail from Hq Co and H Co sent to the bottom of the hill to pick up the rations for the CP personnel and for the H Co atchmts.
- 1615: Msg recd through radio giving G Co location as at 963000, north-east of Mt Fragolito.
- 1645: E Co reported by radio that they are at 953014, Mt Carchio.
- 1717: White 5 to Fox 6 by radio. Where are your positions? F 6 says that they are now cleaning up Mt Carchio.
- 1802: White 16 to White 5. Reported that Lt Fontanella was SWA. Evacuated.
- 1802: F 6 to White 5 by radio. Reported that they are now displacing forward.
- 1923: Telephone communication now established between the forward and rear CP's and also to the forward Aid Station.
- 2025: Neon 1 to White 1: 9 EM from this battalion to go on TD to USA. White 6 notified. Will notify the forward companies.
- 2040: Red 5 to White 10: All indications point to a counter-attack by the 1st Co of 281st Regt from the vicinity of Mt Altissimo. Suggest that we alert the units in the vicinity of Campacchio, especially G Co. The enemy is reported to have 2 HMG's and 2 LMG's. This information received through the prisoners, who were previously captured.
- 2050: White 6 notified of above.
- 2052: White 1 to motor pool: Have 1 driver report to Regt with all of his equipment. Send the driver from H Co.
- 2220: Radio message recd from F Co reporting that their communication line is out. Requested trouble-shooters work on it immediately. White 10 notified. Called Sgt Sawamoto in regard to the above. Line men to go out and check the line.
- 2230: Telephone call recd from Operator. Reported that Lt Meyer wanted to speak to 1st Sgt Saraye. H Co runner sent to H Co CP after the 1st Sgt. Runner ret'd and reported that the 1st Sgt had gone to the Aid Station to check up on the casualties. Intended to remain overnight at the Aid Station.

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- 0035: OI 6 recd from Neon in code: 2nd Bn to consolidate positions on Mt Belvedere and on Mt Carchio. Blocks trails leading into the zone of responsibility. Maintains visual and patrol contact with the 3rd Bn and will be prepared to occupy defensive positions on Mt Carchio-Mt Folgorito Ridge to oppose any enemy threat up the Tascio Valley reentrant.
- 0530: Neon to White 5: Wanted to know why White 6 has not yet received the OI. White 5 replied that White 6 has already done what the OI said and also that we could not send the OI over the radio as the radio operator had no light to copy it down.
- 0550: White 5 notified White 6 of the above. White 6 says that they need water and ammunition up forward.
- 0600: White 5 to White 4: Notified him of above. White 5 also reported that the Partisans that were used to carry the rations were very unsatisfactory as they carried the rations only part of the way up and left them short of the destination. Suggested that the AT and the Ap men be used as carrying party.
- 0856: White 5 to White 3. Inquired if any of the forward elements needed anything. White 3 says to send up 25 empty water cans as they can have them filled up on the hill at the water-point.

- 0905: White 5 to White 4. Notified him of above message concerning the empty 5 gal water cans.
- 0905: White 5 to Blue 5. Requested that fire mission be placed on the caves.
- 0907: White 5 called Neon 2 and wanted to know if the generator was still putting out smoke down in the valley below. Neon 2 reported that the smoke pots have been working since 0700 this morning. White 5 suggested the continued use of smoke pots.
- 1000: White 5 left for Blue rear CP.
- 1036: Neon 6 to White 5. Send a strong combat patrol along the ridge 963018 and 97050255 to look for enemy mortars. Have the patrol leave after 1100 today. Above message called to CP by White 5 who is at Blue rear.
- 1100: White 5 ret'd to CP.
- 1105: White 3 to White 5. Inquired about situation. White 5 to send back to the rear after the kitchen personnel to be used as carrying party. White 5 informed White 3 that we are expecting 100 men from the Provisional Co to be used as carrying party. White 6 wants all the blankets that were left at the rear brought up along with the stove and some gasoline. White 5 reported that the Blue Bn had some trouble with the Partisan carrying party. They dropped the rations and took off. The 100 men that we are going to get will be used to carry up 81mm mortar ammo.
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- 1410: White 2 informed White 5 that the PW count for the battalion up to this morning is 119.
- 1440: White 6 to White 5- wants the 4.2 mortars moved up forward so that they may give support to the front line companies. White 5 will call Neon and find out if they can be moved up forward.
- 1444: White 5 to Neon 3- called in regard to the 4.2 mortars. Neon 3 says that he thinks it will be impossible as the terrain features will not permit it. Neon 3 will check.
- 1447: White 6 to F 6-Montignoso will be bombed.
- 1450: White 5 to White 6-impossible to get 4.2 support.
- 1455: White 5 to White 3-inquired if combat patrol was sent out. White 3 will find out and call back later.
- 1508: White 1 and White 10 left CP.
- 1550: G Co reported that their casualties for 6 April is 1 killed and 2 wounded.
- 1610: White 1 and White 10 ret'd to CP.
- 1620: Neon 10 to White 10-wants TG installed for OI tonight.
- 1630: Mail brought to CP.
- 1850: White 3 to White 5: Reported that F Co is doing OK. The mule trail is now being worked on. White 5 says that the blankets are being sent up.
- 1855: White 1 to Neon 1: submitted the names of 9 EM who have been selected to go on TD to USA.
- 1900: White 5 to Neon 3: Reported that F Co has taken their objective. Cleaning out a few snipers at the present time. E Co engaged in a fire-fight with approximately 12 to 18 enemy troops. The town of Motignoso had 70 enemy troops who were observed to be dispersing when the town was bombed. Neon 3 reported that the area between Carrara and Mt Altissimo was reinforced last night by about a battalion.
- 1908: White 5 to White 2-reported the above information.
- 1910: White 5 to White 4: Send up 4 AP men to the top of the hill to operate the water dump. The Cos are all requesting coffee and sandwiches. Have the kitchen personnel prepare the same and if possible have them take it up forward.
- 1930: A flare went up about 100 yards below the CP. Enemy arty began falling in the immediate area. No casualties.
- 2020: White 2 to White 1- send up 2 men to the forward CP to pick up the 2 prisoners.
- 2031: White 5 to White 2- keep the 2 prisoners there for the night and have them carry a litter down tomorrow.
- 2122: F Co reported that they are getting arty fire from the coast.

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- 0615: F Co called and wanted to know about their rations as they have not received any as yet.
- 0618: Sgt Tashiro to Captain Williams at White forward-inquired if the ration carrying party had passed by them yet. Captain Williams says that they have not passed by them yet.
- 0626: Sgt Tashiro to White 4: Inquired if the ration carrying party had left yet. White 4 says that the carrying party left at 2230 last night.

0640: White 3 to Sgt Tashiro-says that he can see the ration carrying party down in the valley now. They are still about 2 to 3 hours walk to the forward CP.

0645: White 5 notified White 4 and F 6 of the above.

0740: White 2 to White 5. Unable to decode their copy of the OI. White 5 will call back.

0742: White 5 to Blue 5: Inquired if he could borrow their decoded copy of the last OI. Blue 5 says that he has a copy available now. Runner sent after the OI.

0750: White 5 to White 3: Read the OI. White 3 says to send up more ammo.

0810: White 5 to White 4: Requested more ammo of all kinds be sent up forward. White 4 says that he needs more men to act as carrying party. White 5 will check with Neon.

0822: White 5 to Neon 3: Asked to speak to Neon 5. Neon 5 out at the moment. Inquired of Neon 3 if we could get more men to act as carrying party. Also inquired if there were any new supply routes opened to the forward positions.

0847: White 2 to White 5: Reported that Lt Nowiak has 19 prisoners including one officer.

0915: White 16 to Sgt Tashiro: Have the GRO pick up the body of a colored F.O. The GRO knows where the body is located.

0920: White 5 to White 2: Have the prisoners carry back the body of the F.O.

0930: White 5 to Blue 5: Reported that the enemy previously reported in between the cliffs were in caves at 944997, vicinity of Carmeneto.

0940: White 1 to White 2: Requested the report showing the number of casualties be submitted by each company.

1000: White 2 to White 1: Casualty report is as follows--E Co 8, F Co 30, G Co 6, and H Co 2.

1005: Sgt Sawamoto to White 10: Inquired in regard to getting the switchboard and other equipment up to the top of the hill. White 10 suggested that White 4 be contacted in regard to the matter.

1010: White 10 to White 4: Send up 4 reels of wire to Sgt Sawamoto. White 4 says that he will send it up by the carrying party.

1040; Blue rear notified White 5 that they are moving out and they are now getting ready to disconnect line communication.

1130: White rear CP began to displace to the former Blue CP in the Northern part of the town at approximately 200 yards from our present CP. Closed in at 1200.

1200: F 6 to White 5 by radio--there are 2 bodies at 945015 on the reverse slope of Mt Belvedere. Lt Slater notified.

1255: White 1 to Neon 1-requested reinforcements in code.

1310; White 1 to Sgt Otsu- have Lt Masamitsu get the casualties for yesterday and submit by 1500.

1312: White 16 to White 10- wanted to know who is going to take the PW's to the rear.--White 10 will call back.

1323: White 10 to Neon 2- notified him that we have about 20 PW's at the forward Aid Station. Neon 2 says that he will send up a couple of men to take these PW's back.

1330: White 16 to White 10- reported that the PW's are now at the Supply Dump.

1330: Takahashi and Nitta left the CP to go to the rear to make preparations for TD to the USA.

1332: White 10 to Sgt Miura- there are 20 PW's on the way from the Aid Station. The Regt is sending for them. There will also be a radio at the Aid Station from F Co which is to be sent to the rear for repairs.

- 1340: Sgt NII, H Co m 3 Sgt reported that the 2 an to go on furlough to USA are ready and the 2 men who are to go to OCS are prepared to take their physical examination.
- 1340: Neon 3 to White 5- reported that the Styman Task Force, 92nd Div Recn will outpost the edge of the hill across from Mt Altissimo.
- 1345: White 5 to White 3: Reported that the 3rd Bn is moving forward without opposition. They were reported to have sent patrols out forward and reported that they found no enemy troops. White 6 suggested that the Regt'l I and R establish an outpost on the hill across from Mt Altissimo, as they thought that they had observed what seemed like a 15 man enemy patrol headed this way..
- 1400: Forward CP displaced to 951009, on Mt Belvedere.
- 1400: Sgt Gikiu called that he has some sandwiches at the bottom of the hill. 2 men from the CP group sent after them.
- 1402: White 5 to Blue OP-reported the information about the 15 man patrol previously reported by White 6. Suggested that they be on the look-out for them. If necessary establish an outpost on the edge of the hill overlooking the valley.
- 1445: Sgt Tashiro called Sgt Otsu and inquired if he had the casualty report yet.
- 1515: White 5 to Sgt Miura- inquired if the mule train had left yet. Mule train left with the ammo and the rest of the rations are to be sent up tonight.
- 1530: Sgt Otsu called and reported that the casualties for yesterday are 2 killed and 3 wounded. This information called in to Neon 1.
- 1540: A contact party of one officer and 4 EM reported at the CP. They were from the AT Co, 370th Infantry. The 2nd Bn Task Force of the 371st Infantry was relieved by them. Above left at 1550.
- 1548: White 2 to White 5- reported that enemy observed on top of Mt Altissimo.
- 1550: White 5 to White 2-informed him that an SP might be firing. White 2 says that they have counter battery fire on the suspected gun positions.
- 1610: White 4 to White 5- Wanted to know where the men who are to act as carrying party were at. White 5 says that Neon 5 was to get the men.
- 1655: White 3 to White 5-reported that E Co was going to Altagnana and F To Pariana. G Co was reported to be going to Hill 381.
- 1700: White 5 notified White 4 of the locations of the Cos. White 4 says that a group of 25, 38 and 60 have already been sent out with ammo.
- 1703: White 16 to White 5-wanted to know about the situation. White 5 will call back after he calls forward.
- 1715: White 5 to Neon 3: Inquired how far route number 1 could be used. Neon 3 says that they are now working on it now and he does not know just how far it can be used.
- 1722: White 5 to White 3- by radio--plane will drop 15 to 20 spools of wire on Mt Belvedere.
- 1725: White 5 to White 16--notified him of the contemplated movements of the cos, previously reported by White 3.
- 1732: White 5 to White 2- have F Co pick up the wire to be dropped on Mt Belvedere by a plane.
- 1739: White 5 to Blue 5-how are the trails leading up to Serreto? Blue 5 says that it is passable.
- 1745: Mule head to be established in Montignoso. The rear CP will also be set up in the vicinity of the same town.
- 1755: Sgt Akita reported that Regt wants the Bn to get on the same channel as the Regt for the time being as long as the patrols are out.

- 1800: G Co wants 7 liters and 3 units of plasma.
- 1807: Aid Station notified.
- 1809: White 5 to White 2-get word to the advance Coll party for the 7 liters and the plasma.
- 1813: White 5 to G Co-where is your position?
- 1817: G Co to White 5-we are at 940014, south western slope of Mt Belvedere. Send up 2 more liters.
- 1820: E Co reported that they will call in the time of movement. Red to take over.
- 1820; White 5 to White 2-send up 9 liters instead of 7 as was previously requested.
- 1822: White 5 to White 6-notified him of above and also of G Co position. Notified him of the number of casualties suffered yesterday.
- 1824: White 5 notified White 2 of G Co positions.
- 1827: White 5 notified White 4 that the AT Co men are to return. Refts will be sent to Seravezzo to replace them at 0800 in the morning.
- 1842: Lt Inouye called White 5 and requested that the exchange be made at 0600 in the morning instead of at 0800 if possible. White 5 says OK.
- 1844: White 5 to Neon 3-notified him that the exchange of replacements and the AT Co Pltn will be made at 0600 instead of at 0800 as was previously reported.
- 1850: Enemy positions at 927009 on Cle Tecchione. Estimated strength of 200. Co G reported at 933014 about 1100 meters from the top of Mt Belvedere.
- 1852: E Co reported by radio that they are now moving out.
- 1853: White 5 reported the above to Neon 3.
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- 1902: White 5 to E 6 by radio- request a report on the mule trails from Mt Carchio to your objective.
- 1917: White 1 to Lt Slater- make a recn early in the morning for a new CP location. Take a wire jeep with you and 2 men and have them help you get it set up.
- 1918: Blue 5 to White 5-reported that they/were moving to Montignoso. Regt
- 1920: G Co reported that they now have 17 litter cases. These included the 9 previously reported by them.
- 1922: White 1 to White 2- notified him of the above.
- 1925: White 3 to White 1- reported that he was now in the vicinity of Mt Belvedere.
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- 1932: White 5 to White 2- send word to the Coll party to send the remainder of the casualties by the way of the old route.
- 1934: White 1 to Lt Slater-meet me at the bottom of the hill, in the morning at the ammo dump at 0800. Will accompany you to make a recn for new CP location.
- 1952: White 1 to Aid Station-have one man accompany me on recn in the morning for new location.

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- 0722: Fire mission completed. Results unknown.
- 0723: F Co reports that there are enemy mortars falling them from the vicinity of Mt Belvedere.
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- 0805: Radio sent to G Co to have a guide meet the ration and ammo jeep at the church in Montignoso.
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- 0838: Msg from E Co to F Co-counter-attack by 3 enemy half-tracks was repulsed by Co E. Also reported that there were 15 Partisans now fighting with E Co.

- 0845: White 5 to Neon -periodic report.
- 0850: Radio report-Air Corps will bomb the objective of Lt Oyasato.
- 0910: Radio msg from Lt Yamato to Sgt Akita- has a bunch of Partisans fighting with him. These Partisans state that Altonna, Mt Brugiano and Casetta are now Partisan held. Has 100 Partisans ready to attack Pariana but will wait till the bombing mission is completed. These men are equiped with enemy m/g's and other enemy equipment. They also captured an enemy wounded whom they took off the half-track in the counter-attack that was repulsed this morning.
- 0920: E Co sent a msg not to fire on Mt Brugiano as it is Partisan held.
- 0921: Above msg relayed to White 6. White 6 will send out patrols to Mt Brugiano to verify.
- 0925: White 5 notified White 16 to plan to change the route of evacuation by the way of Montignoso.
- 0926: Blue rear called and informed White 5 that they are moving out.
- 0930: White 5 called White 4 and inquired if the 30 men had already left yet. White 4 says that they have already gone and that he plans to send up supplies by the way of Montignoso, by mules.
- 0932: White 5 to White 6-stop all evacuation by the old route. White 6 says already stopped.
- 0934: White 5 called up White 16 and notified him of the above. All casualties will be evacuated through Montignoso.
- 0935: Lt Yamato reported that the Partisans asked permission to fight with the Americans. White 6 says that they will have to fight independently as they have nothing to identify themselves. White 6 suggested that they try and get some arm-bands for these Partisans.
- 0944: A msg brought to the CP by a civilian written on a piece of paper- Haven't contacted the Task Force. Still patrolling. No contact with enemy. White 10 called the Regt'l I and R OP and found that they had sent this msg out yesterday. Evidently it got lost and this civilian happened to find it.
- 0947: White 5 called White 16 and informed him to send the wounded by the way of Montignoso.
- 0949: Msg recd by radio- do not fire on Mt Brugiano as the Partisans are now occupying it.
- 0952: White 16 to White 5- reported that all casualties have been evacuated. Wants White 4 to have the area policed up for packs, rolls, etc.
- 0953: Partisans are very anxious to attack Pariana. About 300 are ready to attack from the hill and from the road. Sunray notified not to fire on Mt Brugiano.
- 1002: Sgt Sawamoto called White 10 and reported that a cub plane dropped 15 reels of wire on Mt Brugiano.
- 1007: Sgt Otsu informed Lt Yamato that there are 70 Partisans going up Mt Belvedere with a white sheet which they will wave to identify themselves. There are also 30 Partisans on the road leading to Pariana and 50 more are across the road leading to Pariana. These are now firing into the town.
- 1012: Lt Meyers called White 5 and inquired about the carrying party who were to carry up the mortar ammo. White 5 says that there were 30 men sent up this morning to take the ammo up.
- 1015: Neon 1 to Sgt Tashiro- F Co submitted the wrong name of the EM who was to go on TD to the USA. The man going on TD should have been T/5 Sadao Sakamoto and not S/Sgt Tsuneo Sakamoto.
- 1022: Sgt Tashiro called Lt Futamata and notified him of above. Lt Futamata says that the man to go on TD is T/5 Sadao Sakamoto.
- 1025: Sgt Tashiro to Neon 1-notified him of above.

- 1050: Neon 1 to White 5- am sending reinforcements that were requested yesterday. They will be at the Service Co at 1800. Would like to have a guide to take them up to the different Cos. Roster has been prepared and the men are ready to go directly to their respective Cos.
- 1110: White 5 to Neon Service- inquired what plans were made for getting supplies forward today. Neon 4 was not in and so was unable to find out.
- 1114: White 5 to White 16- reported that the wounded from G Co are being evacuated by the way of Montignoso.
- 1126: White 5 called the motor pool and inquired if the jeep that was to haul the ammo up forward had left yet. Sgt Tanaka reported that the ammo and the jeep had already gone.
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- 2220: Lt Hehemann brought the OI to the CP. White 5 sent the OI up forward.

- E Co reported that they have displaced and F Co is now reorganizing.
- 1007: White 1 left CP on recon.
- 1010: White 3 to Neon 3- notified him of the positions of the forward companies. Neon 3 says that the area adjacent to Castignetola is heavily mined.
- 1025: G Co requested 21 reinforcements be sent up.
- 1037: Neon 3 reported to White 3 that there are 100 Partisans with 2 LMG's on Mt Brugiano.
- 1040: Neon 3 to White 3- 100 enemy troops reported at 885025, vicinity of C Rossi and about 150 at 903026 in the vicinity of Ortola.
- 1130: White 3 to Lt Bushyeager- informed him that there are 65 prisoners including 3 officers at Pariana. Lt Oyasato and 5 wounded men are ready to bring them down. Lt Bushyeager wants the prisoners kept at Pariana and he will call back and inform White 3 where and when to send them.
- 1142: Neon 5 to White 3- informed him that there is a possible threat from the east and the north-east by the Italians. The Green Line 2 extends from Mt Altissimo to the road junction north-east of Cavarra and east of Caglia. Inquired about the situation.
- 1250: White 6 to White 5- the battalion is now on the objective. Send some rations, wire and cigts. All the Cos have plenty of ammo at the present time.
- 1254: White 5 to Neon 3- reported that E and F Cos were on their objectives. Plans for the present are to move up the reserve. Neon 3 reported that the Red Bn got quite a few of the enemy at 958019 on Mt Carchio by mortar fire.
- 1307: White 5 called up supply and requested that they start another mule train up to Altagnana with wire, rations and some cigts. Start out as soon as possible.
- 1344: Radio communication made with E and F Cos.
- 1345: Contact made with all stations by radio.
- 1354: Radio msg sent to E and F Cos requesting casualties reports.
- 1355: White 1 to White 5- reported that Massa was being fired on and that the wire jeep was hit. No casualties.
- 1410: Msg sent to White 16 by radio to evacuate all the wounded over the old route.
- 1410: Radio msg sent to forward CP to have the 4.2 Obser Team report to Montignoso immediately.
- 1425: White 1 to White 5 - Cp location is all picked out. White 10 will take out the wire men and join him.
- 1443: White 10 left CP.
- 1450: Conversation between Neon 5 and Neon 6 - Neon 5 says that there are about 30 Fascists coming toward the White forward CP. Neon 6 says that the situation is well in hand. Would like to have his jeep sent to the vicinity of Altagnana on the high road.
- 1506: White 1 called and informed White 5 that he is leaving for Pariana by way of Massa.
- 1510: White 5 called Neon 3 and inquired about the situation. Neon³ says that the town of Massa is as hot as a pistol. Quite a few GI's from other units have been killed in the town by enemy arty fire. The unit on the left, 473rd Inf have not crossed the river yet.
- 1517: White 5 called White 4 and inquired if the mule train had left yet. White 4 says that it will leave in about 10 minutes.
- 1527: Reinforcement request phoned in to Neon 1.