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- 1645: H 6 called White 5 and requested 10 chests of m/g ammo. The forward ammo dump was notified.
- 1645: G Co notified to submit the morning reports for the 9th and the 10th as Regt has not recd them as yet. Evidently lost in transit.
- 1700: H 6 reported to White 5 that they have 31 men atchd to G Co, 30 to F Co, 15 to E Co and 45 men are at the rear CP. White 4 notified of above for ration break-down figures.
- 1721: White 1 retd to CP. Unable to find out anything about the treatment of our men by the Division Medics.
- 1815: Lts BROWN, KIYOTA and YAMADA sent to the kitchen area to make necessary preparation to go to Rome on TD. The EM going to Florence sent to the kitchen also.
- 1930: 101 reinforcements at the CP. Will remain here overnight and go to the Cos in the morning.
- 1937: White 1 called Neon 1 and inquired if it will be possible to get David Abe assigned to Hq Co, he being a former AP man. Yes.
- 2120: White 3 to White 1; F Co wants K rations tomorrow instead of B rations. White 4 notified.
- 2210; F Co called and wanted 200 rds of 60 mm mortar ammo brought up. Forward ammo dump notified.
- 2247: F Co called and wanted 6 5gal cans of water sent up in the morning.

16 APRIL 1945:

- 0447: Reinforcements left the CP for the Cos after staying overnight at the CP.
- 0822: White 5 to White 3 - inquired about the situation. White 3 reported that the 3rd is passing through and the 2nd Bn will hold the high ground vicinity of Castelpoggio.
- 0937: White 4 at CP with water for F Co. On his way to forward.
- 0945: G Co notified to submit morning reports for the 9th and the 10th as Regt does not have them.
- 0950: White 4 left for forward with water for F Co.
- 1037: E Co reported by Radio that all is well.
- 1045: All Cos notified to submit each day a report on platoon strength.
- 1047: White 2 to White 5 - send up hot meals commencing at noon today. Also send up one cook to serve.
- 1120: Report of platoon strength reported to Neon 1.
- 1147: White 6 to White 1 - send up 10 cans of water up to F Co as soon as possible. Lt Slater notified.
- 1225: F Co wanted a jeep to evacuated the wounded. Motor Pool notified.
- 1230: All cos notified to submit a list of shortages to Bn CP for all the reinforcements and the RTU's.

- 1420: White 3 called White 1 and inquired where the cook was at that was supposed to take care of the officer's mess. White 1 said that he was sent up forward at 1230 .
- 1548: White 1 called F 6 and inquired if he got the water yet. F 6 says he got the water. Needs 10 more cans for tonight and some heating tablets. Also wants K rations brought up if the Co is to remain in the present location.
- 1607: White 1 left for forward CP.
- 1635: E Co wants to contact the forward CP. Requested that we contact forward and find out if they have their radio turned on. White forward contacted. Will check on their radio.
- 1655: White 1 ret'd from forward CP.
- 1702: F 6 to White 1 - send the water up in the trailer with the rations. The trailer and the jeep will remain with the Co. . If B rations will be available tomorrow F 6 will send the jeep and trailer for it. White 4 notified of the above and also will check with Regt on the new simplified form for the awarding of citations.
- 1713: White 1 to Lt Slater - send up Ono to the CP. He will be used as stand-by jeep.
- 1950: Neon 1 called and inquired about the strength of the Cos as shown on the morning reports. Wanted to know if the figures included the reinforcements. Yes.
- 2007: Liaison Officer at CP.
- 2010: Lt Davy. Bn GRO at the CP. Left at 2015.
- 2018: Liaison Officer left CP after discussion of progress of troops, etc.
- 2020: G Co requested 100 blankets be sent up to their forward CP. White 4 notified. Also send up 2 Coleman lanterns to White forward.
- 2130: Neon 1 called and inquired if the platoon strength of the companies included the reinforcements. White 1 informed him that it did.
- 2132: G 5 called and inquired if White 5 had rec'd the order for 2 blankets. White 5 says that he rec'd an order for 100 blankets. Should be only 2 blankets and not 100. White 4 notified to change the previously reported request for the blankets.

17 April 1945:

- 0532: Lt Massengale called White 5 and inquired about the situation. Was informed that there was no change.
- 0823: Platoon strength of all Cos sent to Neon 1.
- 0908: White 1 left for Regt.
- 1125: Neon 1 called and informed us that there were 15 reinforcements for G Co at Service Co. Would like a guide sent there and transportation provided for the men.
- 1255: Lt Slater notified to send a truck to Service Co to pick up the reinforcements. Also pick up Lt Oda who will be there with the men.
- 1315: E 5 at the CP. Left at 1330.
- 1347: Mr Collins at the CP. Inquired as to how the situation was getting along and left at 1352.
- 1358: White 5 to Lt Slater - send up G Co's bed rolls to Castelpoggio before dark tonight. G Co will be moving into town tonight.
- 1415: Neon called and requested that names of 6 EM be submitted for TD to Rome for Thursday. All Cos notified to submit the name of one EM each with F Co sending two EM.
- 1433: E 6 to White 5 - send up another 10 in 1's and an extra mule. We have established another outpost. White 4 notified.

- 1450: White 1 ret'd to CP.
- 1500: White 5 left for E Co rear CP.
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- 1623: G 5 called White 5 and informed him that he would like to have supper for his company sent up to Castelpoggio. Will send a guide there to meet the truck.
- 1627: White 5 called and notified Lt Slater of the above message.
- 1705: White 1 to White 4- collect 2.05 liras from each officer at the rear area for the liquor.
- 1833: E 6 at CP. Left at 1925.

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- 0555: Red 6 to White 6 - reported that 1 pltn of C Co and the litter-teams on the right of F Co were able to withdraw from Casale

- this morning
- 0600: White 6 called and informed F 6 of the above message from Red 6. F 6 says that he is still unable to move on account of poor visibility.
- 0630: F 6 reported that they are now moving forward.
- 0645: White 6 to Neon 6 - reported that the 1 platoon of C Co that was pinned down last night were able to withdraw this morning. They suffered 2 killed and 4 wounded. The 599th is now firing in the area where this platoon withdrew from, as it is thought that the enemy troops had occupied the area.
- 0741: The 599th fire mission called odd of La Bandita as our troops are now advancing toward Hill 431 where the harrassing fire mission was being fired.
- 1200: B Co reported that they are advancing and have met no opposition yet.
- 1205: Lt Hehemann at the CP. Got the information in regard to the positions of the front line troops. Left for Regt at 1325.
- 1325: The dispositions of the 473rd Infantry received from Neon --
L Co at 818096, vicinity of Castelnuova. E Co at 815095 also in the vicinity of Castelnuova. G Co at 821086 also in the vicinity of Castelnuova. A Co at 819076, 1000 meters South-East of Castelnuova. B Co at 814067, 2500 meters South of Castelnuova. F Co at 803076, 2000 meters South-West of Castelnuova.
The 442d dispositions:
F Co at 819101 on La Bandita. B Co at 824112 at Casale. (1 pltn.)
E Co at 831122 on Mt Grugola. 1 pltn B Co at 827103 at Vallecchia.
1 pltn B Co at 841101 at Fort Bastione. G Co at 835100, 800 meters South- West of Fort Bastione. (1 pltn) The remainder of G Co in Fort Bastione.
- 1815: Capt Crowley and Lt Mackey at CP on recn for new CP location. Left at 1820.
- 1815: Neon 4 to White 3 - reported that the Bn Interpreter, Guisepe Tenderini will be put on the pay-roll at 30.00 per month and rations.
- 1817: Neon 6 to White 6 - F Co will go to Hill 246 at 802112 in the vicinity of Belvedere and will have the mission to establish a road-block. Baker Co is now not in reserve and will take over the positions of F Co.
- 1823: White 3 to F 6 - informed him of the above message from Neon 6. Have your Co moved over to Hill 246 and block that road. Will send up 5 reels of wire up to the fort immediately. F 6 says that he will send a guide back for it.
- 1841: White 3 to F 6 - F Co of the 473rd Infantry will move out the same time as you. They have tanks and TD's attached to them and they will move in just South of your positions.
- 1900: Neon 3 called and inquired about the situation.
- 1945: Lt Kurlan called and informed White 3 that they had taken 3 PW-s vicinity of 15-84 grid and were sending them back to the rear. White 3 suggested that in the future they contact the Bn CP and make necessary arrangements with the Bn Hq to take them to the rear.

20 APRIL 1945:

- B Co reverting to control of Red and E Co reverting back to White control. Bn mission to push north from present positions.
- 0700: White 6 left for Regt.
- 0802: White 6 to White 3 - have F Co disengage from the fire-fight that they are in.
- 0845: White 3 to E 6 by radio - contact me by phone.

0850: E 6 to White 3 by phone - White 3 reported that Anti-Tank Co will relieve you at 0900. Use the weapons carriers to haul all your weapons to Marchiaso. Order of march will be E, G, and F Co. The Cos will assemble in vicinity of the road junction where the tanks were located.

0850: White 6 to Neon 4 - is it possible to have hot chow for F and G Cos tonight? Neon 4 will check and call, back.

0852: White rear CP moved in from Gragnana and took over the forward CP.

0855: Blue 6 and Red 6 at the CP.

0900: E 6 to White 3 - inquired about the situation. White 3 reported that F Co is trying to disengage from a fire-fight. G Co is covering F's withdrawal. White 3 says that he will inform E 6 when to move.

0920: F 6 to White 3 - reported that they have now disengaged from the fire fight. F 6 wants arty and mortar fire directed in the area from where he just moved out.

0925: White 3 called Neon 3 to find out the exact location of 473rd elements that were next to F Co, Neon 3 will find out and call back.

0947: Neon 3 to White 3 - the nearest elements of F Co, 473rd Infantry is 799101 about 2000 meters east of Sarzana.

1000: Red 6 and Blue 6 left CP.

1205: E Co reported that they are moving forward.

1232: White 1 to G 6 - replenish your ammo supply at the Fort. Hot chow for you and F Co on the way up forward .

1235: F 6 to White 3 - we are returning. Had 1 killed and several wounded. Captured several prisoners and we are using them to carry the wounded back. G Co also had several wounded and 2 killed.

1250: 11 mules at the CP. White 4 notified.

1330: Forward CP displaced toward Marchiaso. CP estab in house at 1425.

1710: White 3 left for Regt.

1800: Co Comdrs at the CP discussing plans for coming operation. E and G Cos will move out in northerly direction in the morning and F Co will be in reserve.

Neon 3 to White 2 - 30 enemy troops reported to be in Posterla.

1950: E 6 to White 6 - reported that the Co was engaged in a fire-fight. Suffered 1 walking and 2 litter cases and killed several enemy and believe that they have captured 2.

2045: 2 civilians at CP. Reported that there is an enemy CP located just north of Posterla. There are about 150 enemy troops there and most of them are at the edge of the town. Some are in buildings and the rest are dug in in the vicinity. The 2 civilians reporting this information are residents of this town and have just come from there according to them.

2050: E 6 reported that they are sending back 2 prisoners to the rear.

2053: White 2 to Neon 2 - we will have 2 prisoners here tonight. Wanted to know if they could arrange transportation for them. Neon has no transportation at the present time and suggested that we keep the prisoners here overnight if possible.

2100: White 3 ret'd to CP.

2105: E 6 at CP with 2 prisoners. 1 of the prisoners is an aid man and speaks fairly good English. Claims that he is from the 90th Division which came over from Bologna last night. Does not remember anything else. Seems to be an intelligent individual. The other man says that he is from the 11th Company, 377th Inf. Both of the prisoners were sent to the rear, at 2135.

21 APRIL 1945:

- 0200: Red 6 to White 3 - wanted to know the location of E Co. Red 6 says that they are getting some small arms fire from the direction from where E had been. Red 6 wants to shell the area if our troops are not there. Red 6 and E 6 connected to continue the conversation.
- 0625: Neon 6 to White 6 - inquired about the situation. White 6 reported that E Co has moved and had encountered enemy resistance.
- 0742: Lt Yonemura to 599th Arty Liaison - enemy personnel dug in at 846162 on Mt Musatello. Will try to adjust fire. After 4 rounds had been fired the fire mission was called off due to poor visibility.
- 0816: White 2 to G 6 - send a guide to ammo dump for the rations.
- 0900: Neon 6 at CP. Discussed the situation with White 6.
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- 0950: Sgt Otsu called the rear CP for Fly bombs, candles and lice pwd.
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- 1710; Radio msg sent to E and G Cos - submit the total strength of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Hq pltns and also of the number of Os present.
- 1712: Partisan at the CP reported that the enemy CP north of Posterla was hit by our arty shell and several of the enemy were killed. The remainder withdrew to the north.
- 1715: E 6 reported that they now have the situation well in hand. They drove the enemy off of the hill and were later counter attacked by the same group. The attack was repulsed. E 6 wants a basic load of ammo brought to them.
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0950: Neon 6 at CP. Called up Neon 3 and requested that he get a plane up to try and spot the enemy arty pieces. Also have Neon 2 check all the civilians who are going to and from the Fort Bastione. Have Neon 5 make some sort of arrangement to send the medics on pass.

1000: The 60 prisoners at the aid station sent to rear under guard of the SP's.

1015: Neon 6 left the CP.

1050: The F.O. who went to Item Co by mistake arrived at the CP. Was sent to E Co by Capt Elswailer.

1055: E Co reports enemy SP's firing at them. Observation plane sent up to locate the guns.

Lo57: White 3 to E 6 - inquired about the situation. E 6 says that they are still getting enemy SP fire. White 3 says that the observation plane has spotted 1 enemy SP. Dixie Green now firing on this one gun. The air OP to continue throughout the day as long as observation is good.

1106: E 6 to White 3 - send up 3 rolls of wire with their rations. Wire section notified.

1122: White 3 to White 1 - E Co wants 30 reinforcements as soon as possible.

1140: Neon 6 at CP. Left for Red CP at 1205.

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1055: E Co reports enemy SPs firing at them. Observation plane sent up to locate the guns.

Lo57: White 3 to E 6 - inquired about the situation. E 6 says that they are still getting enemy SP fire. White 3 says that the observation plane has spotted 1 enemy SP. Dixie Green now firing on this one gun. The air OP to continue throughout the day as long as observation is good.

1106: E 6 to White 3 - send up 3 rolls of wire with their rations. Wire section notified.

1122: White 3 to White 1 - E Co wants 30 reinforcements as soon as possible.

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23 APRIL 1945:

- 0740: White 3 to White 5 - requested 40 men for litter teams.
- 0750: White 2 to White 5 - requested that coffee, sugar, soap, dubbing, and shoe laces be sent forward.
- 0805: White 3 and Lt Masamitsu left for forward.
- 0832: White 6 to E 5 - inquired about the situation. Have E 6 call when he gets back.
- 0907: F 6 to White 2 - reported that he has his company where G had been and also has a pltn on Mt Tomaggiore. E Co is moving forward.
- 0910: Officer in charge of the Engr squad reported that his men are now working on the road vicinity of Pulica.
- 0920: Neon 6 to White 6 - Wants the remainder of F and and B Cos to move on toward Mt Nebbione.
- 0927: Radio msg sent to F 6 - hold your Co where they are and come on over to the Bn CP.
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- 0955: White 6 to Red 6 - is it possible to move our CP in the same town that you are now in? Red 6 says yes.
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- 1135: F 6 at CP. Discussing plans for coming operation with White 6.
- 1600: E 6 to White 6 - reported that they have 73 prisoners. White 6 suggested that they be marched down the road toward the rear. The Engr squad now sweeping the road.
- 1705: The Engr squad atchd to the Bn sent to report to E 6 at S-Terenzo. Plans are to have these men clear the road from S-Terenzo toward the rear and make any improvements necessary.
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- 2300: Sgt in charge of the Engr squad that left earlier in the period to S-Terenzo reported that they have cleared the road from S-Terenzo to Tendola and the men are now clearing out the part of the damaged road and filling it in. Should be ready for traffic by 0500.

24 APRIL 1945:

0012:

White 3 to White 2 - the 370th is moving from Gragnola at 0630 in the morning. Plan to move to Terrarosa. Will move along the high ground north of the road. Should be in Terrarosa by 1200. The 473rd is going north to Bodenzano from S-Stefana and expect to be there by 1400. Task Force Fukuda CP located at 816148 on the western slope of Mt Nebbione. 1 pltn on hill 657 on Mt Carbolo.

0017: Above msg relayed to Sgt Akita at the rear CP. To be relayed to E and G Cos.

0100: Line communication to E and G Cos restored.

0110: White 3 to G-6 and E-5 - plans for today--G Co will send out a patrol about 0800. E Co will follow and F Co will follow E Co.

Will advance to Ceserano and go west to objective--Aulla. The 370th is expected to be there by 1200. Arrangements made to pick up 2 Partisans at Tendola who know that part of the country to act as guides for E and G Cos.

0740: White 6 and White 3 left for forward to S-Terenzo. H Co CP displaced at the same time. CP established at 0830 in S-Terenzo.

1030: Rear CP closed out and moving to S-Terenzo.

1110: Switch-board moved forward.

1610: CP displaced forward and arrived in the vicinity of Pallerone at 1840. Remained overnight.

2010: 2 TD men at the CP discussing the plans for coming operation.

2015: E and G Cos are about 1000 to 15000 meters east of Aulla. F Co with B Co are on Mt Castella and Mt Selta Sicco respectively. The Task Force CP at Bibola, 2000 meters south-east of Aulla.

2310: Liaison Officer at CP. Getting information on dispositions of troops and etc.

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0120: S-3, 3rd Bn, 370th Infantry Regt at CP. Made contact with his Regt in regard to the situation, etc.

0200: Officer from E Co, 370th Infantry at CP. Informed White 6 that his Co which is about 1 kilometer east of Aulla will be pulled out at 0430 in the morning. Reported that the 370th plans are to attack to the west and cut the road at Terrarosa, 778237. The present plans of attack for the 2nd Bn is to start with E Co and tanks and TD attached to move on highway leading to Aulla from the east. Cos G and remainder of E to attack Aulla from the high ground east and north-east of the town. The attack to begin at 0600 and will be coordinated with the attack of Task Force Fukuda coming from the south.

0200: Information recd that La Spezia is now occupied by elements of the 473rd Inf Regt.

0810: Forward CP displaced forward and established in same house with E Co, outskirts of town on northern side. The town of Aulla was cleared earlier in the day and G Co took their objective, a high hill situated on the northern part of the town.

1500: Bn relieved by the 3rd Bn of the 370th Inf. The Cos began to shuttle toward the rear. Bn CP displaced back to Pallerone.

1530: Part of Hq and H Cos began to move to the rear by motor convoy to assembly area in the vicinity of Sarzana.

1640: The rear CP closed out and all remaining personnel proceeded by motor convoy to Sarzana, arriving at the new assembly area at 1820. Bivouac area set up at 824067 about 2300 meters south east of Castelnova, Italy. Usual rest area activities followed. The I and R men brought the PX rations to the CP for distribution in the morning. White 3 took the Bn Interpreter to his home in Terrarosa.

26 APRIL 1945:

PX rations distributed to the men during the day. Showers and clothing exchange at Division Shower Unit for all men today. Co Comdrs meeting held in the Bn CP at 1930. Plans are:----- the Bn will move out in trucks at 0630 in convoy. The trucks will be spotted in the company areas by 0500-0530. Bn will move out to Bargone, behind the 3rd Bn. All kitchens will move out with the convoy and will carry at least two day's supply of K or C rations. Lt Masamitsu will go out on a recn early in the morning to look for a bivouac area. One officer from each Co will go along on this recn. The recn party will leave at about 0530. The Regt'l CP will be at Cavi. All Cos should have 1K, 1 C, and 1 B rations at their kitchens and 1K rations at the Cos. The road-junction of highway 1 and the road to Fosdinova will be the LD. All the kitchens will move out at the rear of the column. The order of march will be as follows:- E, F, H, Hq and G Co. AT Co will be at the end of the G Co vehicles and the Medics will follow at the end. Plans are to have a hot lunch for noon. Meeting adjourned at 2010. Usual routine activities.

27 APRIL 1945:

The Cos got up real early and made preparations for the coming movement. The trucks failed to show up on time. At 1100 hours the Cos finally got loaded and started to move out of the bivouac area and onto the road leading north. The roads were in the process of being repaired and therefore, the convoy was stalled for some time before we could move. After travelling most of the day the convoy closed in at new bivouac area in vicinity of Chiavari at 2330. Remained overnight.

28 APRIL 1945:

The Cos began to load all equipment and supplies and were ready to move out at 1030. Travelled the greater part of the day. Last of the convoy closed in at the old German Hospital in the vicinity of Busalla at 290200. Remained overnight.

29 APRIL 1945:

Bn began to move out at 1000 hours and arrived at Alessandria at 1300. CP established in Albergo Venezia. Relieved the 100th B_n. Arrived in the Po Valley. Usual activities at the CP. Kitchens set up across the street from the Bn CP. All Cos in, except F Co. F Co in reserve in Busalla.

30 APRIL 1945:

Established road blocks and sent out motorized patrols into the adjacent towns. No enemy troops contacted. Usual activities at the CP. Meeting held at the Bn CP at 1400:--- Officers from the Brazilian Expeditionary Force at the CP getting information in regard to the dispositions of our troops and the locations of the enemy forces. They intend to send 2 Bn and a Recn group in the vicinity of Alessandria in a day or two. Asst Division Comdr at the CP. Was interested in getting any information possible about the rail-road running from Turin to Genoa. Also wanted any information that we might be able to get concerning the marshalling yards in Turin that were used by the enemy. The Bn Interpreter found the men who were in charge of the rail-road and found that they could have the rail-road in working order in a couple of days. This bit of news made the Asst Div Comdr happy. Later in the evening Col Caffrey, Division Staff came over to the CP. Discussed future plans of operation. Plans made to send a party to Turin to meet the German Officers to consider surrender terms. Meeting to be made thru the British officials. Col Caffrey plans to head the party and leave at 0900 in the morning. Remained overnight.