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Authority AND 735017HEADQUARTERS 350TH INFANTRY
APO 88, U. S. ARMYBy BT NARA Date 4/29/00S-2 & S-3 JOURNALMONTH OF OCTOBER 1944

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NATURE OF MESSAGE</u>
	<u>October 1st</u>
0515	Another counterattack - flame throwers and all against RATTOLIA.
0700	Repulsed counterattack but now receiving considerable arty Jerry and mortar fire. Rover Joe is up apparently - can hear him - air OP's are too high to see SP guns firing from the right. We took about 30 or 40 prisoners.
0730	Ics. 6 want Davis (GRO) to come up today.
0745	Transmitted requests for White and Blue to Ics. 5.
0810	Need litter bearers up forward.
0840	Arty planes are too high to see - SP and mortars are terrific.
0905	59 litter bearers leaving MONDUZZO now.
0915	Emphasize grenades and 60 MM for White and Blue.
0940	Flame throwers on way up to me.
1000	Red sent security patrols out 1000 yds. to ME (toward CASALICO) and they did not contact any enemy. 1st patrol consisted of 2 men, 2nd patrol consisted of 5 men.
1155	59 litter bearers on way to White.
1210	Red needs 16 bearers and 2 litters. (on way at 1145)
1230	Rover Joe bombed CASOLA VALSENTIO at 0937 and a column of motors and personnel - 2 hits on column.
1235	Officers from British Welsh Guards arrived at 1230. Were taken forward on reconnaissance by Red 3 (Lt. Lynch).
1245	At 1100 the flame throwers passed here with a guide from White Bn. (At 1355 they get to White).
1400	Ammo mule train for White and Blue passed here at 1355.
1500	NCO returned saying mule train could not move at daylight. Crossing the ridge he lost 3 or more mules and 2 or more men. So I stopped the train. Ordered 5 more mules of grenades and 5 more 60 MM ammo.
1700	Locate L.O. says his OP thinks they spotted the troublesome gun - a big one - Leg. 62 called Div.
1730	Rover Joe and Corps Arty working on big gun.
1800	Ics. 6 called for new code clerk, radio operator, new L.O. (arty) for White, 3 I & R men, new radio. C.P. was hit.
	<u>October 2nd</u>
0800	Everything is quieter today - no counterattack this morning. Still some arty and mortars.
0900	GRO and mules from Regt Hqs going up as soon as med. sup. and other stuff can be gotten up here to load. Everyone is frantically trying to get the variety together.
1200	Ics. 6 says start GRO anyhow.
1230	White 3 here to meet rep. of British.
1300	Who is Ics. 6 planning on sending out tonite? No one knows or can find out.
1450	Ration train, ammo train, GRO boys & train with med. supplies and litter bearers all clear here by 1445.
1510	Ics. 6 says it is clear there now and Jerry is really shelling. Urgent to fire all counter-battery we can get for a short while at least.

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1510 (cont'd)	(Leg. 62 told Locate - all our lines are out - shelling here).
1700	Les. 6 called and wanted us to give the British every possible assistance in the relief for tomorrow night.
2045	As of 2040 British completed relief of Cos. C,D,I,K,G, and Red Bn Hqs Co.
2100	GRO evacuated 10 bodies from BATTAGLIA tonite.
<u>October 3rd</u>	
0400	Les. 6 called - said he wanted us to be sure arty planes are up today. Locate informed.
0430	Locate said planes will be up.
0630	" " " are up - two in fact.
0635	Les. 6 wants 30 litter bearers, 30 blankets, 6 litters to stop at Blue C.P. and held ready.
0850	Les. 6 ordered 500 codine and 500 sulfadio. tablets. Being sent with litter bearers.
0900	Wire and phones, litters, bearers, blankets and radio batteries for L.O.'s on way up to Blue C.P.
1010	Two flame throwers and men sent up with above but we asked Red to stop them en route as Les. 6 is sending back those he had.
1100	Weather clear and cool. British had troops at spot which was undesirable so Les. 6 wants them moved. British C.O. said he would move them only at night.
1300	14th Armd Inf patrol picked up 2 Jerries at 053153 - returning them to here. They (the patrol) contacted British. The patrol contacted squad of ours at 058158 - squad has been there 4 days - wants to know about relief for them.
2030	Another severe counterattack against BATTAGLIA - calls for hand grenades and mortar ammo - we're sending some up.
2100	Everything okay now.
2255	British mules and our guides for mules on way up.
<u>October 4th</u>	
0245	Relief of Cos E,F, parts of M and H completed.
0300	Relief of last units completed at 0345 - the time that Les. 5 and Red 6 are leaving the hill.
<u>October 5th</u>	
	Staff and Regt Hq Co came down today.
<u>October 6th</u>	
	White Bn. went into line in the vicinity PEZZOLA, Hill 546 (996202) - Leather on left and pushing. At this time, 1500 yds ahead Col. Williamson and C.P. at PEZZOLA.
<u>October 7th</u>	
	Reorganizing and establishing bivouac area.
<u>October 8th</u>	
	Movement to Assembly area.
<u>October 9th</u>	
1500	Orders Les. 6 gave Bn C.O.'s: Red Bn objective is 001259 (#7); Blue Bn objective is 970264 (#6); White Bn remain reserve vic. 993203.
1700	C.P. ready for business 982222.
1720	Attached for this operation: Co B, 760 Tk Bn, one pl. Co A, 805 TD, one pl. Co C, 84 Cml Wpns Bn.
1745	The 4.2 pl. was given 12 mules with instructions to move pl. forward and support Blue Bn.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>NATURE OF MESSAGE</u>
1800	Red 6 called and wanted us to check on his Locate L.O. and F.O.'s. Also our L.O. is not here., (message to Lookout to this effect).
1830	Red 6 said the arty people were there.
1835	We sent a L.O. to 337th Inf at 1600.
1930	Asked Legion to insure air op's at dawn.
1940	Our Arty L.O. reported at 1900.
2120	From Leg. 2 - "Red alert", meaning some Jerry planes are over Corps sector.
2210	Leg. 3 said that Les. Red troops were now up on the ridge behind Leather White.

October 10th

0250	Leather White reports contact with Lesson Red on both flanks.
0253	Relief of Leather Blue by Lesson Blue completed. Lesson Blue took two prisoners. (Legion notified.)
0500	Red started moving forward.
0515	Leather 2 - summary of enemy dope: 289 Regt in left part of sector; Leather has taken PW's from all cos except the 7th which is reportedly in reserve; the 290th Regt is in the right half of our sector; Leather has taken PW's only from the 1st Bn; the 334 Div is in the 351st sector.
0730	SF fire on Red coming from 30 degrees and 3000 yds from 99253. Causing some casualties.
0735	We called again for air OP.
0825	Les. Red receiving small arms fire from right rear - probably from White Bn, Legging. (Legion called)
0830	We asked White to send runner to AT Co to have them
0840	The TD and Tk L.O. reported to CP. There are 2 TD's in SACCHICONE and 3 further down the road. One pl. tks in that town and 2 further back.
0855	Legion 3 said Brit. brigade coming in to where our White Bn is - so White must vacate the bldg. where White CP is.
0930	Red receiving heavy cal. arty 90 - 95 degrees, falling on Red trys at 99254.
1040	Our L.O. with 337 (McKenna) reported that they observed our arty core. at 1000 at 981258 to be short as they see Jerry dug in on reverse slope. (Locate is re-firing at slightly greater range) (Blue told of this).
1045	Red reports 170 MM mortar fire 90-95 degrees and 4000 yds. (Locate told).
1100	3 prisoners brought in by Blue Bn. A 2nd Lt., CO of 6th Co, 289th Regt, 98 Div stated that there were only 12 men left in his company. He had been in this sector four days. 1 prisoner was from the 4th Company 289 Regt. He gave approximate location of 7th Company in 95-27 grid square. PW stated there were 40 men and 2 MG's left in 4th Co.
1115	White Bn CP (338th) at 930265, "F" Co. moving North from 930265. Red Bn 337th at 945269. Blue Bn 337th at 945265, they found a strong German pos'n. at this point so they pulled back 500 yds and called for arty. Red Bn 338 at 936274.
1130	337th has clearance from us to fire in our zone N of 26 grid and E of 97.1 grid. Blue told to notify us when they near their obj. so we can have the firing stopped.
1305	Lines to Red and Brown out.
1315	Line to Red in.
1317	AT L.O. sent back to bring up mine sweeping crews to assist tanks in getting
1320	Line to Brown in at 1320.
1340	Line to Red out.

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1341 Line to Les. 16 out.
1342 Latest positions: Legging - Red at GEZZO; White at 008250; Blue at 014227.
Red Bn 338th at 918269; Co C at 948292. 91st Div at 34 N.
1412 Red line is in.
1415 Message from Legion 3 - "Rover Joe available at 1430".
1420 Line to Les. Brown out.
1422 Les. Red is running into a lot of small arms and automatic fire. Red
approx. at 999255.
1440 G-1 wants guide at 349 Rep. Depot tomorrow at 1400 - no trans. necessary.
1448 Blue 6 wants draws N of 33 (983263) harassed as they see enemy troop
movement there. (told Locate).
1500 Legging White Bn 007250. Red at 019244. Running into MG's, snipers and
mortars.
1530 Direct line to Locate is out.
1600 Brown line is in; Legion line is out.
1605 From L.O. with 337th: Red Bn at 945269; White at 932280; Blue at 951261;
Red Bn 338 at 938275.
1619 Co C getting mortar fire 30 degrees - Co C now vic. 999247. (told Locate).
1630 Red receiving heavy arty fire from right.
1631 Blue arty fire from left - apparently from 337th on left.
1650 Bridge blown 972241; road cleared of mines to there.
1717 Brown line out.
1930 From our L.O.: At 0700 tomorrow, 337 jumps off after 30 min. preparation.
Positions for jump off: White Bn at 935280; Red at 945269; Blue at 952261
and 958257. Co C of 338 at 938280.
2050 From Red 5: Just short of 001259 - early in the morn a pl. of C will go
for 999271 - 15 casualties today - small arms fire now from front and
flanks of Co A (the leading co.). Co C oh #1 (999247); one pl. of B is
on 993239, another pl. of B vic. of 996244. Red can hear Legging in fire
fight to right rear.
205 Les. Brown line in.
2210 Eng. L.O. came in at about same time that Leeway 6 called saying that road
is open as far as 971236.
2215 Blue says Co L is within 150 yds of #6 and Co K is about 500 yds from #33.
2230 Les. 16 line in.
2315 From Leg. 2 - Jerry has been leaving time bombs in some bldgs in other
Div. sectors.
2330 IPW: 14th Co.(AT) of 289 - no AT guns - fighting as Inf. Hqs group and
others used as combat infantrymen. One PW saw wooden frames for launching
rockets along some road. Jerry arty at SAN CLEMENTE. 98th Div CP may be
at 996282. (told G-2).

October 11th

0030 16 line is out.
0430 16 line is in.
0705 Red push off M. DELLA TOMBE - in process of assaulting the objective
again.
0750 Legging: White at 010255; Blue at 008247; Red at 019245.
0800 5 PW's came in from Blue via mule train.
0835 Locate line out.
" Line to Les. Red out.
0920 Line to Brown out; Locate is in

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0925 General KENDALL visited the C.P.
1020 Blue has troops on 970264.
1140 Blue has 2 PW's - 7th Co, 117th Gren. Regt. 481 Div. Their 2nd Bn was in reserve and now is in the line. One Co. W of river, rest E.
50 Blue said Height Blue 6 called and said our tanks which fired at white house had good effect. Tank should fire 100 yds E and search up - Height will take care of rest. (Tks told).
1500 From 337: mortars at 967273, 969274, 975279, 979284. (told Locate and Blue).
1900 As a result of the work done by the tanks of Co B, 760 Tank Bn and a pl. of 350th AT Co, 30 Krauts were taken prisoner in vic. 970245. Preliminary interrogation indicates that part are from the 14th Co. 117 Gren. Regt. For tonite: Red at 0100 will attack M. DELLE TOMEBE (001259), then send one rein. company to 999271, then send one pl. to 991258. Blue at 2230 will attack 969264 with one co.(L), send one co.(I) to 990268, and one co.(L) will occupy 970258.
2150 Legion 3 called - informed us that tomorrow Air Force is making a major effort in Poe Valley. Some 1200 planes. Targets will be supply dumps, communications, and any other suitable targets. Army Commander would like the doughboys to know about this (moral purposes).

October 12th

0120 351st jumped off at 0100 with 2nd and 3rd Bns in attacking echelon. 2nd moving from vic. 0125 NE to Hill 298 (0127).
0130 Call from Legging White 3 requesting pos'n. of our Red front lines.
0230 Red 3 reported their pos'n. as # (001260).
" Notified Legging White 3 of Red's pos'n..
0345 Red OP reports troops have been on 7 for over an hour and that troops are all over it. Also that the res. pl. has been committed and is going toward 13. Also that 6 PW's were taken and one said that RP 13 was a Reg't CP - artillery was firing on this point.
52 Blue definitely has #6 (970264).
0545 Legging receiving MG fire from 001255. Our Red will send patrol to that place.
0600 Red moving for'd from TOMBE slowly. Receiving considerable fire from draw to right front. (Locate firing).
0615 SP gun firing from right flank into troops on TOMBE (Locate knew of this - had already requested air OP).
0825 14 PW's captured by Blue last nite. Blue has all of Hill 527 and will start something toward #33 (983264). He has all of #6 (970265) and extends a short distance down the nose towards Hill 333 (971267).
0850 Supplies all set for today. Blue train on way now. Service Co. consolidating at 937157.
0900 When you call for Rover Joe you must give the latest known positions of front line troops. Rover Joe will not fly the mission unless this information is furnished. From these positions Rover Joe will add 1000 yds as a bomb safety line.
0925 Legg. Red moved to 010233. They were relieved by Legg. Blue. Legg. White at 014258.
85 Division:- 337 - 3rd Bn - 1 co. at 962259, balance of Bn at 9526. (KCo. at 953264, L Co. at 959258). 1st Bn - A Co. at 946268, B Co. at 945277, C Co. at 947263. 338 - 1st Bn from 936279 to 932279. 2nd Bn at 9128, 3rd Bn at 922285.
91 Division along the 30 Northing; 34 Division along the 29 Northing.
0940 Shell rep: - 12 rounds hvy mortar at 978248 - hvy barrage, hvy arty 973248.

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0945 Les. Blue reports K Co. at 975256, L Co. at 970264, I Co. at 983263.
 1000 Legion 2 reports that there are 6 or 7 pill boxes manned with MG's on Hill 578 at 949280. (Notified Blue 6).
 Casualties: From 0600 Oct. 11 to 0600 Oct. 12: Red - 32, White - 6 (sickness), Blue - 26. Since 0600 Oct. 12 till 0900: Red 17 - Blue 10.
 PW's taken night of Oct. 11-12 are from units as shown below:

14 PW's	6 Co.	117 Regt	Captured vic.	960260
1 "	14 Co.	" "	" "	965257
3 "	II Bn	289 "	" "	998247
9 "	14 Co.	" "	" "	976254
16 "	7 Co.	" "	" "	976254

1020 Blue has troops at 971268 (told tanks).
 1130 4 or 5 parachutes or perhaps bundles of propaganda leaflets dropped behind Jerry lines at 1115. Red 6 hit by SP gun which is firing at house (998247) from right flank. This is not our TD's or Tks. according to Legion 6 who was in 351 sector.
 1305 Password Compromised. Use emergency #1 today, #2 tomorrow.
 1500 Co B, 760 Tk Bn and Co K captured 10 PW's from 8th Co, 289 and 290 Regt. Taken on 980258.
 1515 Blue requested air OP to look for mortars vic. 979263, 983264, 990268, 999271. (Locate contacted air OP and plane complied - Locate fired these spots).
 1810 Blue 3 reported they questioned a PW and learned that there were approximately 60 Krauts in a house on 265 (98802735). Also reported artillery positions at 985296. - Gave this to arty L.O. and DivArty fired TOT at house of Krauts at 1810.
 1950 Lookout 3 asked permission to fire 2 Bns 5 volleys at SP locations at 998273. Ok Conc. #King 61.
 2000 Les. 5 brought these targets in picked up by patrol last nite: 015283, 023287, 015290, 993294, 018277. (told Locate) (told Legion 2).

October 13th

0600 349 reported that five of our mules were killed by artillery.
 0615 Red reports pretty peaceful night. All casualties evacuated; no casualties during night.

15 PW's captured 121800A44 in vic. of 981261 were from following units:-

7 PW's	6 Co.	290 Regt	98 Div
2 "	8 Co.	" "	" "
1 "	3 Co.	289 "	98 "
5 "	5 Co.	" "	" "

0800 G-2 reports 351 White at 014258, Blue - company at Hill 363 (021248).
 0930 AT Co. spotted SP at 971273 - AT is adjusting.
 1100 A Pvt. Stewart from the 350th Repl. pool got into the 913th FA Bn Repl. pool by mistake and has been committed to action with their unit. He will be returned to the 350th as soon as possible.
 1230 Intercepted by 88th Recn (from their 1st pl. to Div): At 0915 observed wounded Jerry going N in road at 966274. Friendly planes strafed vic. 9526 square believed to be 85 sector. Tank directing arty on AT weapon at 960274. Friendly troops and one tank observed at 948281.
 1310 Cn Co has moved to BELL ISOLA 973247.
 1315 Directive from Legion 6 - "Resume attack at midnight tonight - capture Hill 326 at 999271 and Hill 369 at 986290 - Note- Legion 6 says he means business this time and no feeling around. Also says he would like coordinated attack

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1315 (cont'd) at midnite but is open to suggestion if Lesson 6 has different idea as to hour of attack.

TONIGHT'S OPERATIONS

350th

Red - 2400 - moves Co B through troops on DELLE TOMBE (#7 - 001259) to #13 (999271). (Continues to occupy TOMBE)

White - leaves assembly area (983234) - moves along and parallel to main road - crosses road and stream vic. 965267 at 2400 and moves toward 967278 and then to #4 (973287). Leaves some troops there (probably one co.) and sends others to #12 (987290) and to 975278. Will probably send some troops to ridge vic. 981274.

4.2 - support White.

Blue - At 2400 moves from 980258 to #33 (982263) and occupies noses of ridges N of #33 (982263). Blue troops now vic. #6 (969265) will occupy line from #6 (969265) extending E to #33 (982263).

AT - continue to occupy positions vic. 967267.

351st

Co F - leaves 004246 at dusk - moves W to 998247 - then N to 998253 - then NE to 004264. Mission: protect 351 left

Remainder of White - moves NE along next ridge to right. (ridge NE from 008251)

Blue - (now vic. GESSO) - one co. will stay vic. GESSO.

British - 0300 - pass thru GESSO and attack Hill 508 (029241).

Friendly medium bombers will drop propaganda leaflets right over our lines between 1430 and 1530 this afternoon.

Enemy troops carrying white flags and red flags calling for time out to pick up their wounded will be fired on. Ambulances and aid stations will not be fired on! (Unless there is positive proof that said ambulance or aid station is camouflage for some military installation.

From 337 via Recon radio: Tanks are firing on friendly troops at 952287. (Tks told via their radio).

SP gun at 971273. AT will adjust Locate.

Locate reports 12 vehicles on road W of SANCLEMENTE.

6 Krauts brought in from 3rd Bn - 4 of them were from 8 Co. 290 Regt and two were from 6 Co. 290 Regt.

AT Co - 4 wounded by arty firing at tanks.

Area near Ser. Co being shelled. Falling at 989207 - from 45 degrees (told Legion)

Two WIA's in Can Co at 1600 today just as the guns were moving into positions - mortars.

FW (Staff Sgt) states that there is considerable enemy activity around house at 988272. Further states that there are mortars at the following positions (978268) (983273) (983267). He states that they put their mortars into pos'n about half way up the reverse slope of a hill. Says when they change pos'n they only move a few yards.

Nine Krauts taken by the 3rd Bn. A staff sgt from 8 Co. 289 Regt was included in the number..

White 3 says that they will cross ID on time (2350)

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0100 White 3 reports they are 300 yds past AT Co.
 0145 Blue reports they are moving toward 33 after being held up by terrific SP fire.
 015 Blue reports Co I almost to 33 - considerable opposition.
 0225 Very heavy shelling by heavy calibre arty - falling 998248 - from due N. (told Locate) (Legion 3).
 0245 Co. L of 351 had severe counterattack vic. SPADURA - fate unknown.
 0400 White advance elements at 967279 (fire fight there) and 974275.
 0800 White on #4 (974287) and 975278. Blue on #33 (983264).
 0950 Legion says Joe will hit enemy guns at 987321 today. Also cleared request with Legion for air on S. CLEMENTE today.
 0952 White reported 9 more PW's on way.
 1200 S-4 says we are allowed only 1500 rds 81 HE light.
 1305 Red has 500 rds, White 662, Blue 550, we have a credit of 200 rds.
 1345 Enemy arty falling 992239 (Locate told).
 1458 Gen. RAMEY is here and had a conference with Col. Fry.
 2100- A total of 105 prisoners were taken by the Regt. today. Most were taken by the 2nd Bn in vic. of 974278. Some 60 of the prisoners were from the 117th Regt. The balance were from the 289th Regt. and the 290th Regt. Three officers were taken prisoner during the period, one Lieut. was adjutant of the II Bn, 117th Regt. One Lieut. commanded the 6th Co. 117th Regt. One officer was a Panzer officer commanding 6 tanks (150 MM how. mounted on Mark IV's).
 2200 Blue patrol contacted White CP - no enemy found on way.

October 15th

0020 Relief of Red by Legg. Red complete. Red moving to 983234.
 0120 Co F moving slowly.
 0125 Co E has captured town at 979284.
 00 Co E moving OK, have captured town and are moving toward 12. F Co. moving out now.
 34 prisoners were brought in around midnite from following units:-

3 PW's	7th Co.	289 Regt	98 Div
4 "	1st Co.	" "	"
1 "	6th Co.	" "	"
9 "	3rd Co.	117 Regt	"
17 "	8th Co.	" "	"

1040 British knocked off 508. British reforming for another try.
 1042 Plans for today: Bn (-1Co.) of 349 to 973270. 1 Co. 349 to COLANCO (974278). 1 pl of this co. to 981283. Co G, 350 Inf from COLANCO to 980294. Plans for tonite: 1st Bn, 350 to area 980294. 2nd Bn attacks 985312; 3rd Bn stays put. 349, 3rd Bn passed here on way to new positions. (3rd of 349 att'd to us).
 1300 3rd Bn 349 Inf in place.
 1608 White Bn heavily counterattacked on 987290 along to 985300. Cos. E and F more involved than Co G. Jerry smoked former place (987290) at beginning of attack. Attack repulsed at 1925. When repulsed, Jerry threw in lots of heavy arty for 15 or 20 mins. and then followed with heavy shelling for some 25 mins. of light arty. During attack A and B Cos. which were on move up with 1st Bn, started up the hill (987290) but did not enter into the defense.
 1748 Red 6 called in that his A and B Cos. had joined E Co. on #9 (984300).
 2030 3 PW's taken by 2nd Bn - 1 from 6 Co. 289th, 1 from 7 Co. 289th and one from 2 Co. 198th Engr Bn, 98 Div. PW stated strength of Engr Bn this sector

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2030 (cont'd) approx. 40.

2100 The lineup at present: Cos. E and F vic. #9 (984000), Co G vic. #12 (986290), Cos. A and B in between these two points.

October 16th0602 Positions: 3rd of 339 at 965301; 1st of 339 between 956302 and 957305.
0900 Blue observed 1 tank S. CLEMENTE. Cheek says not ours - Blue told to fire.

1000 30-40 rds. med and hvy enemy arty falling 975278 - coming from 45 degrees - according to overlay, enemy guns probably along line 018328 SE to 028322. (Legion and Lookout told).

1121 G-2 is flying an air mission on M. GRANDE.

1250 Heavy arty fire falling vic. White CP (975278). Co C is there also.

1255 Enemy arty falling on Co G (983290) from 20 degrees. (Told Locate).

1300 From G-3: searchlights will illuminate Corps front tonite. Light equivalent to 4 nites before full moon. Lights most of nite.

1900 Les. Blue now in positions formerly occupied by 3rd of 349.

2100 AT Co is in position, has relieved K of 349 and have 3 guns with them.

2215 Message from Red that the attack jumped off on time at 2200 and only slight resistance had been met so far.

October 17th

0215 Leather 6 says he has one Co. at 003301. Also the last co. going by the spot N of S. CLEMENTE ran into a few Jerries and had a short fight. He has troops in part of S. CLEMENTE fighting Jerry MG's and one SP. He is pulling the co. (K) out of the town - will blast with tank and arty fire - then move the co. on following the rest of his cos. After blasting the town he will take it with his 2nd Bn which is now at TREBBO (999276) (told Red and White).

0255 Red 6 said Red was "a little past the church" stopped by our own arty - much disorganization. Trying to square off now - doesn't think he can move on.

0256 Les. 6 wants Red 6 to push on from the church - also to move Co C up on ridge between Co G and rest of 2nd Bn.

0320 Leather has one co. at 994298 - plenty of Jerrys.

0345 Leather Blue 5 says our Co G has fired on his troops repeatedly. Lesson White says Co G is aware of Leather's passing and they did not fire at our troops.

0930 Rover Joe today as follows: 1000 - 4 planes at 988337; 1200 - 8 planes at 997340; 1230 - 8 planes at 997340; 1300 - 8 planes at 993333 to 000339.

" FW report - 35 Jerrys came S on rd. to S. CLEMENTE right after a 349 company came across it. Also a Mark IV came down. They were to go E 3 km from S. CLEMENTE - trps. via horse-drawn wagons. Also 4 more 80 MM mortars were brought S to the town. Tk heard leaving town - don't know about troops.

1230 1st pl of Co C in S. CLEMENTE.

1330 From G-2:- intercepted by Corps. At about 0200 the 1st Bn 117 Regt was ordered to retake a hill. (this 1st of 117 is in front of us now). At about 0500 the 1st, 117th, said they tried twice to take the hill and failed. At about 0600 message indicated 1st of 117 withdrawn to 983319 and new unit back on 406 in its place - new unit ordered to hold at all costs. (told White only).

C O N F I D E N T I A LNATURE OF MESSAGEOctober 17th (Cont'd)

1405 10 rds. med arty on 985301 from 20 degrees (Locate and Lookout).
 1510 We can fire up to 973 E N of 300 grid any time without clearance from
 85 Div. The ridge at Hill 454 (975315) is ours to attack.
 1915 Regt GP at 978284.
 1955 88th Recn jeep hit mine at 985283.
 2005 Red wants to jump now instead of at 0100. Les. 6 says OK and told White.
 2045 Blue at 977297. (told Legion).
 2115 Leather 2 - road to S. CLEMENTE swept and is to be swept tonight as far
 East as 01.
 2145 Blue CP at 977297. Head about 975306 moving was caught in mortar barrage
 about 15 casualties.
 2225 Radio in with all forwards also telephone to all Bns.
 2230 S-1 telephoned considerable replacements coming in tomorrow - about 1600
 could advise of number. Remind Les. 6.
 2240 Corps has directed 339 Inf to have 3rd Bn move to 967315 then turn E and
 move toward 985320. The idea being to take GRANDE as soon as possible.
 The 3rd Bn 339 will begin this operation at once. Where it turns it will
 drop off a company to block to the N. Another Bn of 339 will follow with
 the idea of passing thru the 3rd Bn 339 when needed. The 3rd Bn 339 is
 now at about 31 Northing. The road will be the boundary between Regiments
 in this move.
 2315 Nothing to report by Red - troops moving cautiously. Believes everything OK.
 2330 Blue - Just starting to move again. Had been halted. Didn't want to get too
 far forward too soon. October 18th
 0030 Red 6 - still nothing to report.
 " Blue 6 - Small fight going on at head of column at about 975308. Co K leading.
 0100 Red 6 - fighting going on at DI SASSO.
 0130 Blue - fire mission going on.
 0135 G-3 - Bdry road as agreed. Road to 350th. Boundary leaves road at 99 Easting.
 0145 G-3 - (from Corps): Enemy reinforcements now opposite Corps known to be
 organically equipped with tanks and armored SP arty. Accordingly all C.O.'s
 will insure adequate AT defenses provided in zones of action. Special atten-
 tion paid to keeping tanks and TD's well for'd in direct firing positions
 and that Inf assault elements are provided with AT rocket launchers and AT
 mines.
 0235 Blue still moving - lots of mortar fire - can't locate at nite - for'd ele-
 ments at 975309.
 0240 Red now in CA. DI SASSO - receiving mortar and arty fire and small arms. Will
 clean out the place thoroughly before continuing. About 10 or 12 PW's. No
 identification yet.
 0245 Blue has about 28 WIA so far.
 0600 Blue for'd CP at 973309. Trps at 975311 - receiving small arms, mortar and
 arty.
 0610 Red has 9 PW's - 1 off and 8 men - from 90th Div which came in nite of Oct.
 16.
 " From G-3 - leading element Co K, 339 at 963312; Cos. I and L behind to SW.
 1st Bn 339, 200 yds short of S. ANITA (958307). 338 Inf did not move.
 " 349 Inf - 1st Bn at 003292 - Co I between 005300 and 007294, Co K fighting
 for Hill 435 (002301); Co L on 005300. All meeting strong resistance.
 0700 White reports SP firing 18 to 20 degrees from 975277 landing near bridge
 965268 - believed to be in 988320.

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0745 Red has PW's which identify and report: 90th Div - 131 Regt - 3 Co - about 15 per co. - Div known as High German Master Div. 90th Div - 361 Regt - 9 Co - 9 cos. in Regt - 40 men per co. in 361st Regt. 70 men reportedly took from CA. DI SASSA.

0750 Red 6 - MG crew going for'd to CA DI SASSA hit by high velocity shell from 20 to 40 degrees. 8 casualties.

0830 From Italian woman at White CP - 3 guns at FORNETO - 30 Jerrys at 985320 - OP at 005 308.

0955 Via radio - Co L, 339, at 967317. Friendly arty falling there (told Locate and Blue and Legion).

1016 From 88 Rcn - Patrol arrived at rd. block at 2145 - 003286 area from S. CLEMENTE beyond rd block being shelled heavily by arty from NE. Patrol beyond rd block fired on by small arms from Hill 207 001289. MG firing W from 017287 MG firing S from 016290. SP covers rd east of rd block.

1103 Blue receiving heavy shelling.
" White receiving heavy arty shelling 75 to 100 rds from 400 mils suspected location of guns on M. GRANDE. Civilian reports three enemy guns located at 987318 to 989319. Shells fell in 985297.

1355 One Legion line out; Blue for'd out again.

1357 339 has 2 cos. on CASTLEVECCHIO.

1400 Envelopes found in church vic. CA DI SASSO are addressed to 3 and 4 cos. 361st G.R. This identifies the 1st Bn. The 9 Co. (3rd Bn) was identified this morning by Red's FW's.

1516 38th British Brigade is moving into SASSOLEONE tonight and tomorrow night going in on the 88th Div right.

2150 16 EM and 1 O PW's today taken by Red at CA DI SASSA last nite. These identifications:

9 Co	361 Regt	90 Div	also 10 Co.
3 Co	131 Regt	44 "	
8 Co	134 "	" "	

2230 Shelling near here knocked out all lines.

2350 As of 2345 these lines are still out.

2352 Blue says they are moving OK - just ran into another MG - Blue 6 thinks the for'd elements are about 600 yds from the RJ at 454. He is keeping Hoist Blue currently informed.

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0005 Via radio to Les rear - Co L, 339 Inf being counterattacked on right flank. (told Blue) (reported status of Les. Blue to 339 L.O. same time).

0015 Rever Joe starts 1145 to 1645 every 15 mins. 1142-1145 at 990339 Divarty fires red smoke. 1427-30 at 003319 Divarty fires red smoke.

0023 Blue lost radio contact with for'd co. Sending pl from 2nd Co. which is by cemetery (975310), for'd to contact leading co. - will report to us.

0100 Red says White rear elements starting to move up. Everything okay.

0130 339 reports counterattack repulsed.

0145 3rd Bn moving slowly. Just took out a MG. Co I passing thru K.

0150 2nd Bn - everything OK. Bn getting started.

0315 2nd Bn jumped off. (later reported on RP 24)

0400 349 - 1st at 005309, C Co passing through A & B on Hill 450. 2nd vic. 985296, G moving to 994297 meeting slight resistance.

0445 3rd 350 within 200 yds of GR 454 (974316). One strong point to knockout. Have contacted 339 and arranged signal when 454 is secure.

C O N F I D E N T I A LTIMENATURE OF MESSAGE
October 19th (Cont'd)

0530 White Bn on 454. Col. Williamson heard MG in Blue Bn sector.

0645 White at 985313; Blue at 976314

0730 450 (005309) Red Bn; 208 (993297) White Bn.

0935 Legion 6 visited CP at this time.

1150 Small group Jerrys on 454 (974317) with 1 MG - low on ammo - need some badly. (told Blue).

1248 1st Bn and possibly our AT Co relieved by 351, 3rd. tonite. AT moving another pl. of guns up for AT protection.

1305 G-3 says relief of Red and rest of Regt may be postponed 24 hrs.

1315 Identification of 14 PW's taken by White last nite vic. 985307:

1 PW	3 Co.	131 Regt	44 Div
1 "	Hqs, 2nd Bn	131 Regt,	44 Div
3 "	13 Co.,	132 Regt,	44 Div
6 "	13 "	134 "	" "
2 "	10 "	361 "	90 Div
1 "(0)	13 "	132 "	44 "

2030 351 arrived vic. 350 CP

1555 Blue CP at 976310. Co K at 976314; Co I at 976310; Co L at 978298.

1600 10-12 rds med arty fell vic. 985305 coming in from 800 mils.

1800 20 rds med arty immediate vic. Regt CP from 1600 mils (told Locate)

1810 White had counterattack against Co F - from east - broken up - arty fire of Locate and Brown helped.

1815 G-3 - Corps intercepted message that Jerrys at C. MARZOLINA need MG ammo and grenades (told Locate and Blue).

1820 G-3 says Corps is anxious for reports of effects of searchlights over Corps front. PW's have stated the lights aid them too. If possible, can we answer: a. when too bright; b. when at desired point; c. when too dark.

2005 Leather White at 995304.

2015 Blue reports 40-50 rds heavy mortar vic. 975311 from 400 mils - also few rds med arty.

2050 Leather captured a PW of the 2nd Bn 361 vic. 007294 claims 1st Bn is SE of them. The 200 P.G.R. 90 Div. is setting on M. GRANDE est. enemy on M. GRANDE 600 men .
From Civilian: 009349 CSE VONI - arty positions; 006328 stream bed near CASETTA - arty posn's; 995319 long barrelled guns at curve in road near tree; 979372 SETTEFONTI - 7 large arty pieces; 982359 C. SEROLA - 3 150 cal. guns; 984353 - 4 105 guns; trucks at night to VEDRIANO then hand-carried.. to MONTE CALDERAR; German hospitals at IL PALESION 013385, MAD DE LATO 000342.

2120 Intercepted message by Corps: Very necessary for 3rd Bn, 361 Regt to occupy M. CERERI. The 190 Rcn Bn of 90 Div is believed to be between 96 and 97 Easting.

2130 Blue has radio message from 339 saying they are on 454 and another unit is going through them to a point 800 yds down the road. Les. Blue will precede that unit and put 1 co. on this side of M. CUCCO and 1 co. between M. CUCCO and FARNETTO. Les. 6 told Blue that White was headed NE and would hit main road E of FARNETTO and head across country to M. GRANDE. Blue is trying to make physical contact with 339 at 454.

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2145 Air tomorrow - from 1115 to 1645 - 4 planes each 15 min. on N slope of M. GRANDE and to N Lookout fires red smoke 1112-1115 on 990340. Rover Joe also operates tomorrow.

150 Via radio from 339 - leading elements 974316.

2305 Blue not moving yet - haven't made phy. contact with 339 yet.

2221 32 rds med arty hit right near CP - 1 Recon car, 1 jeep, 1 -3/4 T (338 FA) burning. - 400 mils.

2330 Leather White in a fight at 996312. Don't know where Red is. (Told Red, White and Blue).

2335 White in a pretty rough fight - tried to go thru the valley - now trying to get together and go by way of the ridge. (told Blue, Legion).

October 20th

0030 Hoist 3 says one co. will dig in at 454 (i.e. Co L) and Co I will pass by and go to 425 and 386 (told Blue and Les. 6).

0035 Blue moving - considerable confusion as to just where 339 is to go and what to occupy. Les. 6 told Blue to move on and secure a piece of ground somewhere the best they can.

0125 Leather White at 995314; Red at 004317 (told Blue and White).

0240 Leather 6 called regarding use of Legging Blue since our White probably wouldn't go much further than where it is now. Will call back and talk to Les. 6.

0255 Leather not permitted to use Legg. Blue.

0245 Les. Blue will not advance beyond MARZOLINA - Les. 6 told them to dig in there.

0307 Leather 6 wants to know if one of our Bns can move up as far as FARNETTO or some place to help protect his advance.

0725 British - 1 co. at 029258, 1 co. at 029269, 1 co. 026269.

122 G-3 - 350 (-1st Bn) assist 85th in capture M. CUCOLI. 1st Bn 350 att'd. 349th - move to position of 3rd Bn 349 (00-29 and 00-30 grid).

1140 G-3 - change in bdry as follows: 986328 - RJ 985319 - then rd including 985005 - then SW to boundary 974297.

1210 German picked up this morn in civilian clothes was a deserter from 8 Co. 117 Regt 98 Div. Deserted on 4 Oct.

1230 Legion 2 - Messages intercepted: 361 Inf to 2nd and 3rd Bns - attack not to begin before 1600 on M. CUCOLI. 1240 to 2nd Bn - keep spraying area where enemy may dig in. Attack 1300. 1244 to 2nd and 3rd Bns - what elements will take part in attack.

1430 I Co. on M. CUCOLI.

1435 Legion 6 - We must get something on FARNETTO before dark; have unit move toward M. GRANDE to contact Leather; get tanks and TD's on M. GRANDE.

1450 Our own planes bombed our Blue at M. CUCOLI (Lookout and Legion).

1720 Blue 6 says plans all laid on for relief by 337. Blue 6 is to be hospitalized. Blue after relief will move to ridge vic. 985314.

1730 Corps being concerned about our positions wants Bns to draw extra ammo. 350th Munitions Off. notified Red and White. However, no more 81 HE light available.

1845 Les. 6 and Blue 2 both heard tanks - about 4 - between FARNETTO and M. GRANDE - apparently withdrawing. White Bn has FARNETTO. (told Legion).

2005 GRO came by headed for RP 12.

2200 Relief of our Blue by 337 unit complete.

2205 Patrol on way to contact Legg. ran into Jerry half-track - our patrol

C O N F I D E N T I A L

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NATURE OF MESSAGE</u>
	<u>October 20th (Cont'd)</u>
2205 (cont'd)	knocked it out - set it on fire - had casualties - took 1 PW - killed Jerrys - Leather told and will have Legg. Blue send patrol to try to capture Jerrys.
	<u>October 21st</u>
0410	Leather 6 wishes us to send a patrol to contact elements of Legg. vic. M. GRANDE. (Col. Fry informed).
0900	At 1130 regular bombing by Rover Joe N of M. GRANDE. 1127-1130 Arty will mark targets at 988337 with red and white smoke. Rover Joe at 0850 was bombing enemy guns at 016363.
1020	From Legion: Lt. Van Remmen. Plenty of wire for defense, we saved 40,000 rds of 105 by taking M. GRANDE two days ahead of time. 361 Regt claims it can't hold position. <u>5th Army says to be prepared for a counterattack of 1200 men.</u>
1025	From Div: Have radios with Regts stop sending positions of units unless communications are out.
1035	2 PW's from 6 Co. 117 Regt 98 Div. MG's on both sides of road at 997329. MONTE CALELERARA is assembly area. Truckhead vic. VEDRIANO confirmed by prisoner.
1055	General KURTZ visited CP.
1100	Our White patrol contacted Legg. Blue patrol - our trps can also see Legg. Blue trps on M. GRANDE. The half-track knocked out was towing an AT gun.
1300	2 PW's captured by White early last nite as follows: 5 Co, 2nd Bn, 117 Regt, 98 Div. - one from 134 Regt, 44 Div.
1400	Co I - 986314; Co K - 987308.
1415	Generals CLARK and KENDALL were here. Gen. CLARK complimented the men on the fine job they have done and he awarded Col. Fry the D.S.C.
1625	From G-3: Our Red reverts to us (we now have all our Bns) - in event of emergency our Blue will be first to be called to help on GRANDE. Leather knows this. Tomorrow:- <u>likely</u> that our White will relieve Legg. Red on DELLE TOMBE and our AT relieve Legg. AT.
1630	Change in plans for tonite: Lesson Blue relieves Leather Blue and Lesson White moves where Lesson Blue was. Lesson White will be relieved by Co A of 337.
	<u>October 22nd</u>
0042	White says 1 co. out of old position everything going smoothly.
0220	Legion 3 called said 337 called him that relief of White had been completed at 0210.
0225	Call to White rear Lt. Jones said that last elements of White now moving, called Legion 3 notified him that time 0210 was correct.
0230	Les. White forward line discont. White rear trying to estab. line.
1035	Co K 349 and 2 pls. of L are fighting inside of FRASSINETO.
1350	Our Red sent patrol to 008294 - nothing left of the former Jerry OP there.
1430	Corps and Div C.G. visited CP - former pinned bars on 7 new 2nd Lts.
1455	85th has patrol which got to 988336 - no report from it yet.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NATURE OF MESSAGE</u>
	<u>October 27th (Cont'd)</u>
(cont'd)	impact. Estimated medium.
0305	From White - 3 yellow flares - az. 80 deg. followed by MG fire; est. range 2000 yds.
1840	White will replace Blue in M. GRANDE. Blue will leave 1 co. vic. C. DI SASSA.
0855	G-3 - PW's from 1st and 2nd Bns, 117 Regt. say they are to be relieved by 2 Bns of Para. The former is to go SE along main valley rd.
1400	3rd Bn being relieved by 2nd Bn. 3rd Bn will leave one C. DI SASSA.
1600	Go G on M. GRANDE.
2000	Legion says MIR to extend from Ref. Pts. 26 to 34; the RRL to extend from Ref Pts. 20 to 28 to where 1st Bn is. 351 is dropping a Bn back to M. GRANDE.
2400	Les. Red states their our British or Amer. weapons firing vic. Ref Pts. 7 and 19.
	<u>October 28th</u>
2145	1st Bn completed relief at this time. (G-3 notified).
	Lt. Col. Yeager dropped by CP and said relief went smoothly.
2200	From Les. 6 - First thing tomorrow advise Com. O. to be sure he has enough wire teams out to keep wire in.
	From 11 British Brigade - confidential intentions - 28 Oct. 29 Oct. one East-Surrey Regt. recon patrol - two six two tromba zero two five two eight six. Otherwise local offensive patrols only. All informed.
	From Les. 6 - S-3 work up suitable code for 1st and 2nd Bns when wire is out. Authentication - Not to be written on any code - will be any two letters of Bn CO's name. A check of authenticity if in doubt will be any two letters of Bn Ex's name.
2245	3 50 cal. and 10 boxes 50 cal. ammo reported on way up hill. Sgt. Gaut is to guide them up hill. When MG's arrive Gaut is to be awakened and started as guide.
320	Last platoon of Co A being relieved. Expect to start forward in few minutes.
	<u>October 29th</u>
0245	Sgt. Gaut back after delivering MG's and ammo to Red.
0330	White says all well
0425	Blue closed in CA DI SASSA.
1015	New boundary between us and 85 Div: 991321 to road and trail junction at 993326 to Point at 9935 -3330 to vic. 997335.
1750	From 339 Inf: Green star is enemy attacking our positions. Red star fired twice in succession - hostile tanks approaching our positions.
2135	Red patrol report - Patrol got as far as tanks - fight with Jerries apparently digging in around tanks - called on our boys to surrender - hand grenades, schmizers and some small arms - Jerry fired red flare - our patrol came back - Red will send out another . 8 rds smoke in draw SE of LA COSTA about time of fight.

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TIME

2136 About 12 screaming meemies vic. Red.
 2215 Screaming meemies fell vic. 996322, 000324 and 996318. Coming from 200 miles
 7000 yds, obs. from 000325. One casualty in 2nd.
 2255 Red got 1 PW - lost, picked up by security patrol - from 14th Co. 1st Regt,
 1st Para. Div. - 18 or 19 yrs. old.
 2350 White ambush patrol in - saw no Jerries - received 8 rds. WP, heavy mortar
 and arty at 004328.

October 30th

0031 White - 2 PW's brought in from 349 Inf to White - from 4 Co, 117 Regt,
 98 Div - mortars at 019328 (5-80's or 81's and 3-120 mm) - only 3 cos.
 on VEDRIANO - Bn of Para. seen yest (Oct 28) at 1100 at 000327 in valley -
 117 Regt has 4 cos. per bn - 60 to 80 per co. - the 4th Co had 4 mules for
 supply - our arty killed 2 of them a day or so ago - we should shoot more
 at houses where Jerry Off. always live.
 1740 From G-2 - intercept re fires of mortar bn att'd to 1st Para. Div: Mortar-
 1st pl - 1845-1900 - 30 rds on YEZZOLA; 1900 - 2000 - 80 rds heavy harassing
 on M. CALDERARO; 3rd pl. 2000-2100 - harassing on IA COSTA.
 2115 Strong counterattack against VEZZOLI from E - Red requested reinforcements -
 we sent 2 pls from White and started 1 co. (Co. I) from Blue up to help Red -
 Red says Co A is helping Co C.
 2140 Cooling off a little at Red now.
 2225 Apparently another counterattack.
 2320 Cooling off again - everything okay.

October 31st

0103 Co C being counterattacked again.
 0145 Cooling off again - they stopped calling for DF's.
 0310 Jerries coming on Co C again - calling for DF's.
 140 White patrol reports: to C. RAGGI didn't go because patrol was from pls of
 G ordered to White. Patrol to valley got to 001328 - stayed over 1 hr -
 withdrew due to arty and mortar.
 0335 Cooling off at Co C again.
 1700 Co C has called for normal harassing fires now.
 1840 Co C calling for defensives fires.
 1900 Red reported small attack. Called for defensive fires and evidently re-
 pelled counterattack quickly. Report everything quiet and in hand at 1945.
 Counterattack delayed relief but relief to start right away.

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