

Period 0001 to 2400 Nov 1/43

Bn CP at H209048.

H&S Co sent nine trucks back to pick up lumber to restock Engineer Dump. One truck went to Naples to pick up oxygen.

Co A CP moved to 196086. 1st Platoon working on bypass at CP location. Forward reconnaissance made throughout the day. Lts RICHIEY, SMITH and SAFIR and 2 squads of EM made extensive reconnaissance of roads and Volturne River from 090074 to 088110. Terrific shellfire encountered from 2000 to 0930 from batteries of the Third Division Artillery. No casualties. 2nd platoon continued gravelling same bypass. 3rd platoon no activity. 1st and 2nd platoons sent out reconnaissance parties with the 180th Inf to look over bridge crossing at 092092.

Co B CP moved to 152083. Lt Hartnagel and 3rd platoon worked improving road from CP location to village of MISTRATI. Road was built over old trails and over open fields. Lt POSTAS and Lt FIELDS and 2 EM made reconnaissance of roads from CP to 080150. T/5 THIGPEN and Pvt KUSKE wounded but not hospitalized. Enemy planes over area twice, bombing and strafing.

Co C CP 1 mile SW of S. ANGELO. Lt GORDON on reconnaissance in area of GRECI PRESENZANO and Mt AITA. 2nd platoon swept River near Mt NICOLA for mines at ford on VOLTURNO.

Five new officers received as replacements. Lt PORTER asgd as Ass't S-2. Lt SANDRIDGE asgd to H&S Co as Bn Motor Officer. Lt JOHNSON asgd to Co A. Lt COHEN asgd to Co B. Lt LIPSCOMB asgd to Co C.

Period 0001 to 2400 2 November 1943:

Bn CP same location.

H&S Co returned from SALERNO with lumber. Turned in flame thrower equipment at Chemical dump at St. MARIA.

Co A CP same location. Assisted 16 Engineers in throwing a steel treadway ponton bridge across the VOLTURNO RIVER at 092092 which was done at night. 1st platoon furnished protection. 3rd platoon built a bypass and filled crater at 087104.

Co B CP same location. Lt POSTAS and 1st Platoon constructed a bypass at 095130. Lt HARTNAGEL and Sgt McKinney made reconnaissance with leading Infantry Regiment to obtain information on bridge site at 065162.

Co C CP 1 mile SW of S. ANGELO. Lt FRANK & LT RICHIEY on reconnaissance in PRESENZANO area. Lts BRIDGES & GIBSON in area south of GRECI. 2nd platoon constructed 2 miles of road from ford of VOLTURNO river west of highway near Mt AITA. 3rd platoon constructed bypass on road east of PRESENZANO.

Water point at GIOIA to be closed. Points new in operation at ALIFE and 180057.

Period 0001 to 2400 3 November 1943:

Bn CP same location.

Co A CP moved to 080078. 2nd platoon built 2 culvert bypasses at 087109 and 081120. 1st and 2nd platoons inactive. 1 squad of the 3rd platoon maintained bypass at 146086.

Co B CP moved at 1800 to 095135. Lt WILLIAMS and 2nd platoon constructed simple stringer bridge at 088133 and maintained MSR all day. Regimental MSR extended from 100093-104097-099107-103111-154100-080159.

Co C CP moved to 113070. Co maintained bridge across Volturne River and built three miles of road.

Period 0001 to 2400 4 November 1943:

New Bn CP opened 1500 at 087086.

Co A CP moved to 084114. 1st and 3rd platoons working on bypass at 05145. 2nd platoon completed work on bypass at 071128. 1st platoon removed 50 Teller Mines at site of bypass. 1st platoon built six bypass around blown culverts and bridges.

Co B CP same location. Lt POSTAS and 1st platoon maintained ford on VOLTURNO River at 066162. Platoon was under artillery fire during the day. Pvt Wille was struck by shrapnel and hospitalized. Lt FIELDS and Pvt Dryzanowski were lightly wounded by shrapnel and not hospitalized. Lt WILLIAMS and 2nd platoon cleared debris and logs from Regimental MSR between 089157 and 070150. Lt POSTAS and CPL Tafoya made reconnaissance of roads across VOLTURNO river into VENAFRO.

Co C CP moved to 2 miles NE of PRESENZANO. Co Moved up Venafre Highway and improved bypasses constructed by other units.

At 1700 Capt BILLUPS and Lt DERR accompanied by Pvt ROBERTS, jeep driver, were on a reconnaissance on the outskirts of VENAFRO. The jeep was parked at 040199 and the reconnaissance started on foot. Immediately they were fired upon by German tank from a distance of 100 yards. Lt DERR and Capt BILLUPS sought shelter and made their way back to the Bn CP. Pvt ROBERTS has as yet not returned.

At 1000 a truck bearing a squad from Co A was following the leading elements of the 180th Inf. A prime mover left the road and damaged a bridge. The squad immediately went to work and the bridge was repaired in one hour.

Received a notice from the 47 QM Co. GRS Officer giving the location of the burial place of Lt YOCOM. Mt. SOPRANO cemetery. Grave 5-Row 1-Plot E.

Period 0001 to 2400 5 November 1943:

Bn CP same location.

Co A CP moved to a building in Venafre. Pvt GLICK wounded by shrapnel and hospitalized. 1st and 2nd Platoons inactive. 3rd platoon worked on by-pass at 040207 and 043209. 3rd platoon also had reconnaissance parties from VENAFRO northward to POZZILLI. Co in close support of the 180th Inf. the 3rd platoon of Co A removed 2400 pounds of explosives from buildings and bridge in VENAFRO.

Co B CP located at H065182. 2nd platoon cleared road of obstacles at 062213 and constructed by-pass at H062188. Road obstacles was trees and debris. 1st Lt TAUSCHER captured one wounded German soldier and turned him over to MP's. Co in close support of the 179th Inf.

Co C moved to 077132. 3rd platoon constructed by-pass  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles SE of VENAFRO. CP moved to 042206. 1st platoon and 2nd squad of 2nd platoon maintained and improved by-pass on road south of VENAFRO. Maintaining MSR north to VENAFRO.

New water point opened at H090104. Points now in operation at 284024 and 180057. Pvt ROBERTS returned this morning without incurring any injury.

Period 0001 to 2400 6 November 1943:

No Bn CP opened 1430 at 072129.

New water point opened west of VENAFRO at 1930.

Capt LYLE. WO FLANAGAN, and three EM of H&S Co were on a reconnaissance for a bivouac area, when WO FLANAGAN tripped an S-mine. There were no casualties Mr FLANAGAN was struck in the back with a small piece of shrapnel but required only slight medical attention.

Co "A" CP moved to 064183. Co continued to clean up Venafro. Two bombing and strafing attacks without casualties. Constant shelling of Co CP. CP moved out town due to the intensive shelling.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt HARTNAGEL made a road reconnaissance above VENAFRO into POZZILLI for condition of roads. No other Engr work performed as all work has been completed as far ahead as the leading Infantry elements.

Co "C" CP 1/8 of a mile northeast of VENAFRO. Co maintained road and by-pass south of VENAFRO. Removed 200 pounds of explosives from buildings in Venafro. 1st Platoon of the 48th Engr C Bn attached to this Battalion for mine-sweeping work.

Period 0001 to 2400 7 November 1943:

Bn CP same location.

Water Point at Alife closed.

Treadway bridge at 122067 removed.

New Engineer Dump located 643243.

Co A CP unchanged. No Engineer duties performed.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt HARTNAGEL and third platoon cleared town of POZZILLI of debris. Platoon from the 48th Engrs swept MSR for mines thru POZZILLI. None encountered. Other platoons inactive.

Co C CP same location. Lts GORDON and LIPSCOMB and 11 EM patrol, reconnoitered road to Pozzilli and found two mine fields, anti-tank booby traps and Anti-personnel mines. Other platoons inactive. Platoon from the 48th Engrs reported for duty with Co C as a mine sweeping detail.

Period 0001 to 2400 8 November 1943:

Bn CP no change.

Co A CP unchanged. 1st platoon cleared mines at 065185 for tank unit bivouac area. 2nd platoon assisted 1st platoon and then built a two way by-pass at 050210. 3rd platoon gravelled by pass at 050210.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt HARTNAGEL and third platoon laid culverts on blown bridge two miles north of POZZILLI. Work not yet completed. Bridge was under artillery fire and work had to stop. Sgt CHAVEZ and squad hauled gravel for by-pass on MSR. 1 mile south of Venafro. Lt CLODFELTER asgd to Co from Bn Hq. to 2nd platoon.

Co C CP unchanged. 3rd squad of the 1st platoon traced and marked mine field in the vicinity of POZZILLI. Half track, 1st platoon reconnoitered road north of POZZILLI. 3rd squad gravelled road and by-pass 1 mile north of VENAFRO. 1st platoon cleared the streets of POZZILLI. Patrol reported S-mines in the vicinity of trail at 045230.

Water Points now in operation at 1800057, 090194 and west of Venafro.

Period 0001 to 2400 9 November 1943:

Bn CP same location.

H&S CP same location. M/Sgt FOSTER took seven trucks to Army dump to pick up Somerfeld Mats.

Co A CP same location, until 2000 when it moved to 094132. 1st platoon hauled gravel to road at 051174. Improved by-pass at 046197. Cleared mines and repaired craters from 065163 to 076128. 2nd platoon maintained DSR. 3rd platoon laid in Somerfeld matting and gravelled road at 064168. At about 1500 Company area was shelled and Pvt CISCO was killed and Pfc BRUNO was wounded. One half track was slightly damaged.

Co B CP moved to 094093. Lt POSTAS and first platoon widened by-pass at 062216 for two way traffic. Other platoons inactive due to heavy rains. Company underwent shelling all day. No casualties.

Co C CP unchanged. 2nd platoon constructed 1 mile of road thru mountains for trail from POZZILLI in a Northeast direction. One German prisoner captured and turned over to the 180th PW. 1st and 3rd platoons continued work on road at 1900. Were forced to stop due to heavy enemy shell fire. Suffered two casualties at POZZILLI. Pvt RICHARD ROMERO struck by shrapnel in left thigh and hospitalized. Pvt POGRATSKY struck in left cheek by shrapnel and not hospitalized.

Period 0001 to 2400 10 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. All platoons worked on maintenance of DSR from by-pass at 094132 to 107090. At 2200 3rd platoon and eight 1½ ton trucks hauled gravel for road 094132 to 126083. One squad attached to 4th Ranger Bn to clear mines and perform Engineer work.

Co B CP same location. Entire company working maintaining road from 110080 to 143079. Gravel is being hauled and spread on road.

Co C CP unchanged. 3rd platoon maintained road Northeast of POZZILLI. Captured two prisoners and an 88mm gun. 2nd platoon and attached platoon of the 48th Engr C Bn, swept four miles of road for mines from POZZILLI northwest. Pfc STEPHEN KOTLARZ seriously wounded in right leg by an S-mine and sent to the hospital. T/5 GABRIK wounded by shrapnel in right foot and required only on the spot medical attention.

Period 0001 to 2400 11 November 1943:

Bn CP no change.

Co A CP unchanged. Entire company hauling in support of Co B maintaining Div MSR.

Co B CP unchanged. Entire company maintaining MSR from H143079-110080.

Co C CP unchanged. 1st platoon widened gravelled bridge at 240048. Attached platoon of the 48th Engr C Bn removed eleven anti-personnel mines from 250058 to 265048. Sent patrols to outskirts of FILGENCO to reconnoiter roads.

Period 0001 to 2400 12 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP moved to 060213 due to intensive shelling. 1st platoon built by-pass over stream at 018184. Cleared road of obstacles from VENAFRO to this by-pass. 2nd and 3rd platoons hauled gravel to Div MSR. Co in support of the 157 and 180 Inf.

Co B CP unchanged. Entire company still maintaining road from 110080-143079.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt BURGER and patrol swept road for mines north of FRIGANELLO. Lt GORDON and 1st platoon removed 500 pounds of explosive from bridge north of FRIGANELLO, also removed wire and camouflage from road.

Water supply no change.

Period 0001 to 2400 13 November 1943:

At 1500 Bn CP moved to a building in Venafre (041203)

Co A CP unchanged. 1st platoon conducted road reconnaissance from VENAFRO to CEPAGNA. 2nd platoon inactive. 3rd platoon had squads working clearing mines in bivouac area located at 060209. Entire company continued work on MSR.

Co B CP unchanged. Entire company still maintaining road from 110080-143079.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt BRIDGES and 2 man patrol on road reconnaissance vicinity of FIGNELLO. Sgt BELCHER and squad marked road and placed signs north of FIGNELLO

Letter received from 94th Evacuation Hospital awarding Purple Heart to Pvt KOTLARZ. of Co C for wounds received in action.

Period 0001 to 2400 14 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&S Co restocking Engr dump with Sernerfeld mats and sand bags.

Co A CP unchanged. Four (4) 1½ ton dump trucks worked with Co B hauling gravel. Co A maintained DSR. 3rd platoon cleared possible bivouac area of mines. 3 S-Mines removed. Company in support of the 157th and 180th.

Co B CP unchanged. Entire company still maintaining road from 110080-143079.

Co C CP unchanged. No engineer activity. Heavy rains have made any activity impossible.

No change in water supply.

Period 0001 to 2400 15 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&S Co CP unchanged. Capt LYLE took one squad of men and a rubber raft to the VOLTURNO River to attempt to rescue a group of men from the 71st PA Brigade who were stranded on an island. Also moving mines and tracing tape to infantry units at the front lines.

Co A CP unchanged. Lt RICHIEY Lt SAFIR and 1st platoon worked on ponton bridge at 064172 and 178056. Lt SMITH and S/Sgt PASOWICZ made reconnaissance of all bridges between VENAFRO and CAPUA. Lt COOPER, Lt JOHNSON and 3rd platoon and six 1½ ton Trucks worked with Co B hauling gravel. 2nd platoon inactive. 3rd platoon furnished 2 trucks to pull trucks around by-passes at 051210 and 060217.

Co B CP moved across road 500 yards from old CP. This move was necessitated by the rising of the VOLTURNO River to a high level. Entire company still maintaining same road.

Co C CP unchanged. Entire company maintained roads and bridges vicinity of VENAFRO.

All bridges across VOLTURNO River upstream from ALIFE have been washed out by high water. Trestle bridge near ALIFE still open but roads leading to it are badly jammed with traffic. By-pass at 053145 is under water and impassable. A trestle bridge being installed. By-pass at 023128 partly washed out.

Period 0001 to 2400 16 November 1943:

Bn CP moved to another building in Venafre.

Co A CP unchanged. 2½ ton G&R were used by Co C During day for reconnaissance. At nite reconnaissance patrols was on bridge to all bridges and by-passes from POZZILLI to 092092. Worked on maintainance of Div MSR.

Co B CP same location. Sgt ARAUJO and squad maintained ponton bridge at VOLTURNO River two miles south of VENAFRO. No other Engineer work done due to bad weather.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt GORDON and 1st platoon maintained road north of POZZILLI. Lt MEYER and 2nd platoon placed anchor cable for ferry across the VOLTURNO River. Lt BRIDGES and patrol placed about 50 AP mines in 4th Ranger Bn area. Pvt PRISTOW was wounded in both legs by shrapnel during the work. It was performed under constant enemy shellfire. Sgt GARCIA was wounded in right hand and leg, Pfc J.B. DAVIS wounded in both legs and Pfc WOODWARD wounded in both legs when an artillery shell made a direct hit on a 1 ton truck in the Company bivouac area.

Period 0001 to 2400 17 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&S Co CP unchanged. Mr FLANAGAN awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

Co A CP unchanged. 1st platoon had one squad maintaining road west of VENAFRO as far as CEPPAGNA. 2nd platoon had one squad maintaining by-pass near POZZILLI. 3rd platoon built by-pass at 063214.

Co C CP unchanged. No Engineer Activities performed.

Co B CP moved to 2½ miles east of VENAFRO. 2nd Lt FIELDS, Pvt Kryzawuski and T/5 Sexton awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

A trestle trestway bridge being installed by Corps Engineers to replace ponton bridge built by us that was washed away by rising water at 067166.

Period 0001 to 2400 18 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP same location. 1st platoon inactive. Lt SMITH and 2nd platoon maintained 180th Inf MSR. Lt COOPER and 3rd platoon placed culvert and improvised around by-pass at 060222.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt CLODFELTER and 2nd platoon worked constructing a foot bridge over the VOLTURNO River 3 miles south of VENAFRO. 1st and 3rd platoons maintaining and overhauling their vehicles and equipment. Lt COHEN assigned to the 3rd platoon and Lt HARTNAGEL assigned to Company Headquarters platoon.

Co C CP unchanged. Area shelled intermittently throughout the day and night. A 2½ ton truck was lightly damaged. Pvt CLARK slightly wounded in left shoulder but not hospitalized. No engineer work performed.

Camouflage of the Division area was checked by the S-2 section. For full report see Battalion Engineer Intelligence Report #53 dated 19 November 1943.

No change in water supply.

Period 0001 to 2400 19 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged:

Four trucks from H&S Co left for Santa Maria for lumber for the Engr Dump.

Co A CP unchanged. Lt RICHEY and 1st platoon inactive. Lt RICHEY made contact with the 34th Division with reference to bridges across the VOLTURNO RIVER. Lt SMITH and the 2nd platoon maintained the 180th MSR. Lt COOPER and the 3rd platoon completed gravelling of by-pass at 060222.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt CLODFELTER and 2nd platoon constructing foot bridge across VOLTURNO River 3 miles south of VENAFRO. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon improved entrance to the 120th Medical Clearing Station.

Co C CP unchanged. 2nd platoon improved turnaround at VENAFRO. Other platoons inactive.

Camouflage of the Division area conducted by the S-2 section of the Battalion.

Period 0001 to 2400 20 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Lt RICKEY and 1st platoon, Lt COOPER and 3rd platoon hauled gravel for the 180th Inf MSR.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt CLODFELTER and 2nd platoon still constructing a footbridge across the VOLTURNO River 3 miles south of VENAFRO. Other platoons overhauling their equipment.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt GORDON and 1st platoon maintained road on Mountain side of VENAFRO to POZZILLI. Lt MEYER and 2nd platoon gravelled road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI. Lt BRIDGES and 3rd platoon filled in shell holes and craters on VENAFRO Road.

Period 0001 to 2400 21 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Lt RICKEY and 1st platoon, Lt COOPER and 3rd platoon hauled gravel for the 180th Inf MSR. Area shelled throughout the day and night.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon finished constructing footbridge across the VOLTURNO River 3 miles south of Venafro. Other platoons inactive.

Co C CP unchanged. CP area shelled during early morning. Pfc DURKIN struck by shrapnel in left hand and hospitalized. Lt FRANK and 1 squad from the 3rd platoon picked up Teller Mines that had been removed from the road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI.

Received word from the 94th Evacuation Hospital that Pfc WOODWARD of Co C had been awarded a Purple Heart Medal #293902.

Lt Stephens AFTC attached to the Battalion as observer.

Total water delivered from water points from Sept 10 - Nov 20 - 2,684,040.

Period 0001 to 2400 22 November 1943:

Bn CP no change.

Co A CP unchanged. Entire company maintaining and hauling gravel for 180th Inf MSR.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon maintained and improved road from PRESENZANO to Division Headquarters and made new entrance to 120th Medical Bn Collecting Station. Lt POSTAS and 1st platoon maintained road from 2½ miles west of VENAFRO to MASTRATI. Lt CLODFELTER and 2nd platoon helped the 189th FA to place their guns in position.

Co C CP same location. Lt GORDON and 1st platoon cleared rubble from VENAFRO and cleared road from POZZILLI to TRAVERECCE. Lt MEYER and 2nd platoon maintained mountain road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI. Lt BRIDGES and 3rd platoon collected and destroyed Teller and S-Mines in area of POZZILLI. Platoon from the 48th Engrs swept for mines in area near POZZILLI, and removed 6 S-Mines.

Received a letter of commendation from the Commanding General of the 71st FA Brigade for the efforts of H&S company in attempting to rescue a platoon of men from an island in the VOLTURNO River. The men cited were Capt LYLE, T/Sgt HARVEY MOORE, S/Sgt ALEX OGAS, Cpl MIKE MENDOZA, Cpl KARLAN, and Pvt CORBIN.

Period 0901 to 2400 23 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged:

Co A CP unchanged. All platoons continued maintenance of the 180th Inf MSR. Lts COOPER & JOHNSON on road reconnaissance all day.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon, Lt MCKINNON and 2nd platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to MASTRATI. Sgt HOLLIES and 3 EM patrolled all roads around the vicinity of VENAFRO. 2nd Lt FIELDS made reconnaissance for Bn S-2. All motor vehicles prepared for winter driving.

Co C CP unchanged. 2nd squad of the 1st platoon cleared rubble from VENAFRO. 3rd squad cleared 80 Teller mines in area just east of VENAFRO; approximately 20% of them were beebie-trapped. Lt MEYER and 2nd platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI. Platoon from the 48th Engrs cleared mines in POZZILLI area. Pvt ANTONIO GALLEGOS wounded but not hospitalized by a Teller mine that he was neutralizing.

Received notice from Division Headquarters that Brig. Gen. WILLIAM W EAGLES assumes command of the 45th Inf. Div.

Period 0001 to 2400 24 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Continued maintenance of 180th Inf MSR.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt CLODFELTER and 2nd platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to MISTRATTA. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon prepared site for construction of a foot-bridge across the VOLTURNO River near PRESENZANO. 1st platoon inactive.

Co C CP unchanged. One squad of 1st platoon cleared remains of mines in area  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of VENAFRO. Remainder of platoon cleared debris from VENAFRO. Lt BURGER and 2nd platoon maintained mountain road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI. Swept road for mines from VENAFRO to CEPPAGNA and constructed 300 yards of bypass. Lt BRIDGES and 3rd platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI, clearing drains. Lt BRIDGES made reconnaissance from TRAVERECCE to ST. MARIE OLIVETO. 48th Engr Platoon cleared mines in draw near POZZILLI and encountered on casualty. Cpl METCALFE injured by an S-Mine.

Period 0001 to 2400 25 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Entire company maintained the 180th MSR.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon working on foot-bridge over the Volturno River near PRESENZANO at 093093. Lt CLODFELTER maintaining road from VENAFRO to MISTRATTI.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt GORDON and 1st platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to CEPPAGNA. Lt MEYER and 2nd Platoon built a 15 foot single span H-10 wooden bridge on road from VENAFRO to CEPPAGNA. Lt GIBSON and 3rd platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI. 48th Engr Platoon repaired equipment. Lt GIBSON with patrol from the 157th Inf made road reconnaissance from approximately four miles on road from APZZILLI to ACQUAFONDATA.

Period 0001 to 2400 26 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&S Co D-7 bulldozer aiding the 71st FA Brigade in setting up their gun positions.

Co A CP unchanged. Entire company continued maintenance of the 180th MSR.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt POSTAS and 1st platoon built a road entrance to the 120th Medical Battalion Clearing Station. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon working constructing a foot-bridge across the Volturno River at 092093.



Co C CP unchanged. Lt GORDON and 1st platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to CEPPAGNA, and suffered two casualties. S/Sgt ERNEST PADILLA was struck by shrapnel in right leg and left arm. Pfc KOVARBASICH struck by shrapnel in right leg. Both men were evacuated. Lt BURGER and 2nd platoon finished bridge and maintained road from VENAFRO to CEPPAGNA. Shelled throughout the day. Lt GIBSON and 3rd platoon improved culvert and main road intersection into POZZILLI. Also improved drainage ditch on road from VENAFRO to POZZILLI. Platoon from the 48th Engrs cleared mines at POZZILLI. Lt MEYER on reconnaissance to ISEGNIA.

Period 0001 to 2400 27 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged:

Co A CP unchanged. Company completed maintenance of the 180th MSR. Lt SMITH and squad made reconnaissance of road between RJ H036260 and 015263.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt CLODFELTER and 2nd platoon constructed simple stringer bridge two miles below PRESENZANO. Lt POSTAS and 1st platoon built a new road to the approaches to the bridge that the 2nd platoon built. Lt COHEN and the 3rd platoon constructing a foot bridge across the Volturno River three miles south of VENAFRO.

Co C CP unchanged. Company constructed a road for  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton vehicles from VENAFRO northwest up the mountain. To be used by the 1st Ranger Bn and 83rd Chemical Bn. CP area was shelled at 1700 and Pvt CASIMIRO GARCIA was lightly wounded in right shin but not hospitalized.

Water point at 180057 closed. Points now in operation at 080105 and 033200.

Period 0001 to 2400 28 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Lt SAFIR and 1st platoon hauled gravel for H&S Co area. Lt SMITH and 2nd platoon inactive. Lt COOPER and Lt JOHNSON and 3rd platoon improved approaches to bridge at 095043. 1st platoon also repaired road between CEPPAGNA and H008150, thereafter furnished protection for the 16th Engrs who erected a Bailey Bridge at CEPPAGNA.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon still working on foot bridge over the Volturno River three miles south of VENAFRO. Lt POSTAS and 1st platoon cleared minefield for the 939th FA Bn at 180070.

Co C CP unchanged. Company worked on mountain road from VENAFRO to bridge at 053143. Road is used by the 180th Inf.

Period 0001 to 2400 29 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged:

Co A CP location unchanged. Lt SAFIR and 1st platoon maintained road for the 45th QI Co at 088045. Lt SMITH and 2nd platoon worked with the 1st platoon. Lt COOPER and 3rd platoon maintained road from 088157 to town of MASTRANI.

Co B CP unchanged. No Engineer work performed. Lt CLODFELTER keeping contact with the 179th Inf and Lt COHEN keeping contact with the 157th Inf. for any possible engineer work that may be required.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt BRIDGES and 3rd platoon improved road from POZZILLI to TRAVERECCE. Lt GORDON, Sgt CORELLA and Pvt DUGGER made reconnaissance of enemy fortifications and prepared the area for demolition. Placed 800 lbs of TNT. 1st and 2nd platoon dried and repaired their equipment.

Received a letter from the 33rd Field Hospital notifying of the death of Pvt J.B. DAVIS of Co C on 19 November 1943.

Period 0001 to 2400 30 November 1943:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Lt SAFIR and 1st platoon, Lt SMITH and 2nd Platoon improved road to ~~VAIRANO~~ VAIRANO and maintained 45th QM Road. Lts COOPER & JOHNSON and 3rd platoon repaired two culverts and improved road on east side of the VOLTURNO River between Mark Clark Bridge and MASTRANI.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt POSTAS and 1st platoon, Lt COHEN and 3rd platoon, finished footbridge at 093093. Work was accomplished under very difficult constructions. Co also cleared and marked minefields north of POZZILLI. Lt CLODFELTER and 2nd platoon kept in reserve in the event they are needed by the 179th Inf.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt RICHEY and 1st platoon fixed approached to bridge at CEPPAGNA. Lt BRIDGES and 3rd platoon maintained road from VENAFRO to CEPPAGNA. Lt GORDON, Sgt CORRELLA, Pfc HAYES and Pvt SMOUSE set off demolition in 1st Ranger Battalion area in an effort to eliminate enemy observation post.

Camouflage discipline of the Division area conducted by S-2 section.

1st Lt ELMER S PICKETT, who was wounded during the Sicilian campaign, and transferred to a hospital, returned and joined this Battalion.

Total output of water, from a total of six (6) water points was 1,298,870 gallons.

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