

BATTLE CAMPAIGNS *Excerpts from the 442nd Journals*

Battle of Southern France December 1, 1944 - April 4, 1945

The month began with the 442nd Infantry holding defensive positions along the French-Italian Border in Maritime Alps. The 100th Bn. was on the right, defending the ground from Menton on the Mediterranean Coast to the south of Sospel. Battalion headquarters was situated in Menton. The 3rd Bn. was in position North and East of Sospel, the companies being dug in on adjacent peaks. Co. I was on the high ground at Le Geglet, Cime du Tertis and Cime Linieras. Co. L was atop Mt. Crazzian and Col le Perus, K Co. was in position on Mt. Agaisen and Mt. Grosso, and G Co., temporarily attached to the 3rd Battalion, was on the battalion right flank, at Castillon, where it maintained contact with the 100th Bn. The 3rd Bn. was in Sospel. The 2nd Bn. left its position in regimental reserve at L'Escarene at 0515 and moved by motor convoy to Peira Cava, and distance of 12 miles. From there, the battalion entered the line on the left of the 3rd Battalion, relieving elements of the 68th Airborne Infantry Battalion. The relief was completed at 1400. The sector occupied by the Battalion extended from Moulinet to la Bollens Vesubie, with the Battalion CP established at Peira Cave. Antitank Co. 1st Platoon was attached to the 100th Bn. near Menton. 3rd Platoon attached to 2nd Bn. near Sospel. The 522nd Field Artillery Bn. (442 RCT) and the 421st F. A. Group provided artillery support. The CP of the Combat Team was located in the Hotel D'Angleterre et de la Grande Bretagne, Nice.

With the three battalions in line, the regiment covered a front of 30 kilometers across extremely mountainous country. The platoons were widely separated and maintained communication by telephone and contact patrol. Defensive minefields, booby traps, trip wires and trip flares were installed in front of the positions and on probable routes of approach.

30 Nov – 1 Dec. 23 - Rounds of medium caliber artillery fell in Sospel. Menton was also shelled by the enemy from 2300 to 0500, 31 rounds of 105mm falling. No casualties resulted.

The usual contact and reconnaissance patrol were sent out during the day and returned without incident. Enemy activity was heard in the town of Olivetta and 32 rounds of artillery, observed from G Co. OP were put into the town.

The weather continued cold, but clear and sunny. Visibility was excellent. One mule from the pack train, carrying 30 rations to I Co. positions slipped off the mountain trail and was lost. Enemy propaganda leaflets were found on the trail. Patrol in 1310. The routine motorized patrol from Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., contacted Co I, 65th Infantry in Moulinet.

Artillery increased. Our gun fired on mule trains on Mt. Magliocca and with good results, and maintained their harassing the counter battery work. The Cannon Co. area on Mt. Agaisen was shelled by 60 rounds of light caliber, forcing the guns to change position. 15 rounds of 105mm fell in Sospel and 7 rounds of heavy caliber and damage was slight.

Our KIA losses for 30 November, 1944

442 I Pfc. Sato, Takeo Hilo, HI

2 December 1944 - The 2nd Battalion CP at Cime du Tueti reported enemy in groups of two and three moving around Fort La Force and Fort Mille Fourches. Our artillery was called and one known enemy was killed at 1500 when shells landed behind the fort.

A reconnaissance patrol from K Co. found 19 Schu mines and a box of igniters along the trail. It

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was believed that the mines had been left by a German patrol, which had been fired upon on the previous night and had retired. Our patrol booby-trapped the area, just in case the Germans should return to the spot. Other patrols made no enemy contact. The 100th Bn. maintained a beach patrol along the coast.

3 December 1944 - During the night, a booby trap (grenade) in front of 2nd Platoon, of I Co. was exploded. Flares were sent up and 10 rounds of mortar put on the spot, but no enemy was observed. Two ambush patrols, from K and I Cos., which had remained out all night, returned at 0700 with negative reports.

In the morning, two German prisoners were captured at the OP of the 3rd Platoon Co. E. The prisoners were part of the German garrison at Fort Mille Fourches and were from the 5th Co., 107th Regiment (Clone Cronahau). The 6th 7th and 8th (Heavy weapons) Co. of the 107th Regiment were also identified in the regimental sector Cannon Co. A platoon, supporting the 100th Bn., fired 34 rounds at enemy personnel observed in building. Direct hits were scored.

A reconnaissance patrol from A Co, consisting of 1 officer and 3 men, left 0800, crossed the border and went northeast to Hill 920. They searched a house there that was suspected enemy outpost, then descended to Hill 555 and observed the town of Villa Tella, finding it deserted and in ruins. From their vantage point the patrol also observed considerable enemy personnel on Hill 471. The patrol returned at 1600. A Patrol from Co. B left 0930 and went to the railroad tunnel. They found the tunnel blown out and the bridge leading to it destroyed. The patrol encountered a Teller mine field on the road leading into the town of Grimaldi. By passing Mortola, when the patrol entered Ciotti they were told by Italian inhabitants that the Germans had evacuated the town 29 October. The patrol returned at 1730. A combat patrol from L Co. searched the houses and proceeded south down the stream to the 99 grid line. From this point the patrol moved northeast cross country to the woods. The houses had not been occupied for several days. Two enemy dugouts were found, empty and not recently used. Another combat patrol left G Co. at 1440, went southeast along the ridge line of Giucco de Cerri and moved into the draw and across stream to Mt. Grosso. Houses along the trail were found unoccupied. No enemy was seen in the vicinity. The patrol returned.

Eight other patrols (7 reconnaissances) and (1 combat) crossed the lines and returned without incident. During the day, C ration, candy and comfort items were distributed to all companies.

4 December 1944 - Patrol activity continued on the 4th. I Co. reconnaissance-combat patrol left at 1130, went to the chapel and nearby houses, they found freshly cooked food, many foot- prints 3 ammo cases and signs of recent occupancy. Two mortar position 15 yards from the house. The patrol continued on the search of the town of Peinna.

B Co. patrol left 1145, went into the town of Ciotti. The patrol met an Italian family who stated that the Germans had evacuated Mortola four days ago. The enemy had been using the church in town as an OP. The patrol discovered a minefield between Ciotti and Mortola, where our mortars had fired on the preceding night, found a blood- covered German boot and first-aid equipment.

Reconnaissance patrol from G Co., reached Hill 581 and was shelled, receiving 12 rounds of 105mm. The patrol continued on, observed from Hill 581 for one hour, spotted two pillboxes on Hill 690. On the return trip the patrol found hasty emplacements along the trail, some of them strung with tin can trip wires. No mines were encountered. Patrol in at 1615.

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Patrol contact was maintained between units and with the 899th AAA.

Battalion on the regimental left flank, the 100th Bn. continued to patrol the beach between Cap Martin and the Franco-Italian Border. Sospel was again shelled, receiving 16 rounds from an SP gun and a gun of heavier caliber during the morning.

5 December 1944 - During the night of 4-5 December, 1944 German artillery increased in intensity. 50 rounds fell in Sospel during the night of. One man in G. Co. sector was wounded by shell fragments. Naval batteries supporting the 100th Bn. fired 27 rounds on enemy activities observed in building and 15 rounds on a bridge covering the area.

2nd Bn. set up a bath unit in La Bollene Vesubie and the front line troops of the battalion rotated for shower. Movies were also shown in the battalion area at Peira Cava and 5% quotas of the line companies attended. Troop disposition remained the same, with patrol activity and artillery exchanges continuing.

A Combat patrol from Company L left 1130, traveled from Cime du Teirs over Mount Mangiabo toward la Dea. The patrol lead by (2nd Lt. Harry M. Oliver) left a five- man covering force and with his remaining soldier searched a pill box, finding nothing. Upon entering a second pill box, 10 Germans suddenly surrounded it, and after a fire fight, captured the patrol leader and the EM. Another patrol from L Co., led by 2nd Lt. C. Cashiro, reconnoitered at the foot of Mt. Le Perus. An enemy Schu Mine was tripped, which killed one man and wounded three, including the patrol leader. 36 civilian "line-crossers" entering France from Italy near Viena were picked up and turned over to brigade S-2.

Our KIA losses for 5 December, 1944

442 I	2nd Lt. Oliver, Harry E	Unknown
442 L	Pfc Suzawa, Jiro	Kohala, HI

6 December 1944 - The day was overcast, with limited visibility. Snow fell in the 2nd Bn. sector.

Company B captured two Germans who had been wounded by our mines near Menton. They were Sergeant, from the 5th Co., 253rd Grenadier Regiment (Colonel Ruppel, Commanding). Their mission was to proceed to Menton, determine the type of troops there and whether the Americans had been relieved, troop deployments and artillery positions. They had been promised leave in Germany upon return after completion of their mission.

After interrogating the prisoners, the following additional identifications were obtained in the 442nd Infantry sector: 1st and 2nd Bns. 253rd Grenadier Regiment: 34th Infantry Division (Major General Von Lieb, Commanding). CP and supply dump locations as follows: CP 253rd Grenadier Regiment, at Isola Bona: CP 2nd Bn. 243rd Grenadier Regiment in Bunkers, 2nd Bn. supply company and dump at Dolce-Acqua: 34th Infantry Division supply depot in San Remo. Prisoners and interrogation report were turned to Brigade S-2.

A patrol from Co. F went to a point and observed two Germans at a cable house. Observation was also made of enemy activity in the vicinity of the barracks at Camp de Cabines Vieilles and it was estimated that a strong force was in garrison. Well camouflaged dugouts were detected around the cable house, and the route of approach was under enemy observation. The area was reported for an artillery mission.

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The 442nd Regt. Combat Team was authorized to send 1 Officer and 19 men to Sixth Army Group Rest Center in Paris.

7 December 1944 - In a sharp fight, a combat patrol from Co. F trapped a nine-man enemy patrol near Moulinet, killing one capturing eight. During the afternoon, a squad from the 1269th Engineer Battalion had been sweeping for mines on the road from Moulinet to Turini, in the 2nd Battalion sector. Their work completed, the Engineers were returning to Moulinet in a jeep at 1530 when they were ambushed by the German patrol. The Germans opened up with the automatic weapons and small arms, killing one of the engineers and wounding another. The 1st platoon of Co. F, from their position at Moulinet, heard the disturbance and dispatched a combat patrol of 12 men to take care of the situation. Part of the patrol went from the South to the bridge and met the enemy, while another group maneuvered around the left and came toward the bridge from the North. After a fire fight, the patrol killed one, captured seven German (one wounded) and a French civilian. None of the enemy patrol escaped.

The Germans were from the 7th Co., 107 Regt., 34th Inf. Division. Their mission was to proceed to Moulinet, take up position in one of the houses, observe enemy movement and capture prisoners for interrogation. Three weeks leave was promised to the NCO in charge, if the mission was successful. They had been informed that the Moulinet was free of American troops.

A large amount of intelligence data was extracted from the prisoners and submitted to Brigade S-2. Information included identity, disposition, strength and commanding officers of the units in the 442nd sector, the location of artillery and mine field, details of supply, communication and replacements.

The prisoners confirmed that an American officer and an EM had been captured two days ago. The officer was reported badly wounded.

The 442nd Infantry was allotted a quota of five EM to be returned to the U. S. on recuperation leave. Two men were returned to the U. S., and three to Hawaii, all of whom had been wounded in action and hospitalized on at least two separate occasions.

8 December - Heavy wind and rain lashed the outpost positions. Usual reconnaissance and contact patrol operated during the day. A patrol from Co. B consisting of 1 officer and 2 men left 1430 and reconnoitered along the coast road to the bend. At this point a German outpost of 4 riflemen and 1 automatic weapon opened up. After a firefight in which one of our men was wounded, the patrol returned, and an 81mm barrage was thrown on the enemy position.

A detail from the 2nd Bn. went out to recover the body of the German reported killed in the previous day's action.

A Rest Center for enlisted men of the 442nd, AAA Brigade was opened at the Hotel Continental, Nice, and a quota of 45 men per battalion was authorized for the 442nd RCT, on a 48 hour schedule. A Rest Center for officers was already in operation, at the Hotel Laterre et de la Grande Bretagne, Nice.

9 December 1944 - Group of officers and men from the 65th Infantry Regiment (Puerto Rican) was attached to the 2nd Battalion for combat experience.

At 1140, enemy personnel and truck were seen and artillery was placed on the target and after the

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barrage casualties were being evacuated. At 1140, Co., H mortars attached to Co. G fired 27 rounds into Olivetta to harass the area suspected of enemy activity. The 522nd F. A. Bn. and the 601st and 602nd F. A. Bn. (Pack 75mm How) also fired harassing missions.

Lt. Ferlsweig and two enlisted men from Hq. Co., 3rd Battalion, were injured in a mine explosion, while rigging booby traps in front of L Co., positions. The Officers' Rest Center at the Hotel D'Angleterre, Nice closed, and the regiment was authorized to send 14 officers to the Officers' Rest Center, Hotel Carlton, Cannes, on the three-day rotating schedule.

10 December 1944 - Patrols made no enemy contacts. A Patrol from Co. F went to check all houses, and set booby traps. The 602nd F. A. Bn., reported a direct hit on an SP gun.

11 December - A heavy 6 inch snow fell in the mountains in the 2nd Battalion area, reducing visibility and impending operations. The snow also increased the difficulties of the mule teams in hauling supplies up the mountain sides.

During the night, mines were activated in front of B Co. Investigation disclosed that two civilians had been killed. Booby traps in front of the 1st platoon, Co. E were also activated, by unknown elements. The Regimental CP moved forward from Nice to LE VIGNAL, a distance of 15 miles. The S-1 Section, Personnel Section and Regimental Medics were established in Beree-les-Alpes.

10 officers and 265 enlisted men rejoined the regiment from the hospital and returned to duty.

12 December, 1944 - The day was quiet, with no change in position. Patrols made no enemy contact. The 522nd F. A. Bn., supporting the 3rd Bn. fired 10 missions, one on enemy personnel, four on enemy-occupied buildings, five harassing. The 601 F. A. Bn., (155mm Howitzer) and naval batteries off shore were in general support.

13 December, 1944 - 2nd Bn. (less Co. G) was relieved by the 3rd Bn. 65th Infantry (Puerto Rican), relief being completed 1600. The 65 Infantry also relieved Co I, who in turn made ready to relieve Co. G on the following the day.

Before leaving, the 2nd Bn. disarmed all booby traps in its area, and left one officer and 1 EM with each company to orient the incoming units. The 2nd Bn. was moved back to L'Escarene and was billeted in buildings. Co. B patrol of 1 officer and 3 EM went where they observed the towns of Ciotti and Mortola without seeing enemy activity.

Two men were wounded by mortar fire. The 3rd Bn. Hq. area in Sospel was shelled, 35 rounds at 1800, with no casualties. A quota of 5% of the personnel of the regiment was authorized one-day passes to Nice, in addition to the quota sent to the Brigade Rest Center in the Hotel Continental.

14 December, 1944 - Co. K on Mt. Agaisen and Co. L on Mt. Norus was shelled by medium caliber during the morning. Our batteries fired counter-battery missions. The batteries shelled the road between Ventimiglia and Bordighera, Italy.

Co. I relieved Co. G in their positions, and Co. G, reverted to the 2nd Bn. in reserve near L'Escarene.

A platoon of 232nd Engineer (C) Co. (442nd RCT), attached to the 3rd Bn. completed work on

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water lines to Castillon and Mt. Agaisen, and began work on a line to Mt. Grosso. Another platoon, attached to the 100th Bn., continued work on the bridge near Menton. The 1269th Engineer Bn., attached to the 442nd RCT for operations, working on the supply road to Co. A, and continued improvement of the road from Sospel to Moulinet.

Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, Congressional Delegate from the Territory of Hawaii spoke to members of the 100th Bn. at the Hotel Imperial Menton.

Our KIA losses for 14 December, 1944

100 A Pvt Akimoto, Victor Los Angeles, CA

15 December, 1944 - Baker Co. patrol of 1 officer and 6 EM went to the town of Ciotti. They found the town deserted and in ruins. The patrol remained overnight, made no enemy contact and returned at 0700 15 December.

A patrol from Co A went to Hill 636 at 0800, then to Hill 1016. On the patrol found enemy dug-outs and an American musette bag and helmet. From Hill 1016 the patrol reconnoitered to Hill 914 and observed the town of Sam Antonio, thence back to Hill 636 and observed Villatella and Calvo. Enemy propaganda leaflets were found on the trail. Patrol in 1310.

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2nd Bn., in regimental reserve at L'Escarene initiated a training schedule.

16 December, 1944 - Situation remained static, with artillery exchanges and patrolling. Co. L patrol operating from Mt. Grazian saw heavy smoke in Olivetti, believed to be houses set afire by our artillery. Co. K patrol of 4 EM observed Hotel at Mt. Grosso for one hour, saw no enemy activity.

Co. C reconnaissance patrol of 1 Officer and 6 EM checked houses on Hill 655 with negative results and cut German Communications wire, believed unused. Along ridge from Hill 542 to Hill 521, a patrol found a German Rifle, 4 helmets, hand grenades, machine gun ammunition and dugout. On the way back the patrol was observed by the enemy and received artillery fire. No casualties.

17 December, 1944 - Patrols reported no incident. The 522nd F. A. Bn. fired seven missions on enemy supply trails and crossroads. During the night of the 16th-17th, the 602nd F. S. Bn. fired harassing, 10 rounds per hour, on similar targets. 15 rounds of enemy artillery fell in Sospel.

Troops of the 2nd Bn., attended Sunday service in their area at L'Escarene, and contributed candy toward a Christmas party for the French Children. The Articles of War were also re-read to the companies.

18 December, 1944 - Co. A patrol observed Torri and Calvo from Hill 741, saw two Germans on the trail, observed one hour, saw no further activity and returned at 1500. A French volunteer patrol, operating with the 442nd Inf., left Mt. Grammondo at 0900, observed Torri for

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three hours, returned with negative report.

The Naval OP observed enemy personnel and vehicle and fires 140 rounds, covering the area. Enemy personnel were also observed and 90 rounds were fired, with two known enemy casualties. A mortar barrage falling in the 100th Bn., area wounded one man. An Italian civilian activated mines in front of Co. B and was killed.

2nd Bn., continued training, the day's schedule including physical training, dismounted drill, small units in attack, house fighting attack and drills.

19 December, 1944 - At 1230, the 1st platoon outpost of Antitank Co. (Pvts., Hikichi and D. Nakamura) sighted a German one-man submarine 150 yards of Menton. About 50 yards from shore the submarine grounded on a sand bar, and under cover of a 57mm AT gun, a squad from Antitank Co. consisting of Lt. Alvin Meier, T- Sgt. Kawamura, Cpl Isobe, Pfc. Ota, Yokoyama and Mizusawa, waded out and captured the submarine and its occupant, a German corporal.

The submarine was of miniature size, with a Plexiglas turret and facilities for one torpedo, and the one-man crew was equipped with an oxygen mask. The submarine was secured the 232nd Engineer Co. and turned over to the Brigade bomb Disposal Unit for delivery to the U. S. Navy. The submarine was one of several believed operating along the coast.

Co. B captured a prisoner on the border. The prisoner was from the 5th C., 253rd Grenadier Regiment of the 34th Inf. Division. He was part of a 7 man reconnaissance patrol from the 2nd Bn., 253rd, attempting to gain information in the 100th Bn. front... His patrol had the use of three one-man submarines and was under the command of a battalion staff officer. Promotion to next higher grade was promised for successful accomplishment of the mission. The patrol had been out for three days, and the prisoner was making his way back to the German lines from Menton when captured.

Another German prisoner who had escaped from a French IC camp was taken by Co. C near Castellar. Cannon Co. 2nd Platoon on Mount Agaisen fired 100 rounds in support of the 3rd Bn. The 100th Bn. fired on enemy mortar and machine gun positions with 81mm mortars. Weather was cold with intermittent rain and poor visibility. The 2nd Bn. spent the day cleaning equipment, policing its bivouac area and making ready to relieve the 3rd Bn., in the line on the following day.

22 December, 1944 - Information was received from higher headquarters that German Intelligence was engaged in a major effort behind the American lines. The activity of the enemy parachutists, saboteurs and agents dressed in American uniforms and carrying American weapons was reported. Accordingly, the regiment was alerted, the guards increased and motorized patrols and road guards maintained on the road not in the regimental sector. All passes to Nice were cancelled, except for personnel attending Brigade Rest Center.

A motorized patrol from the 2nd Bn., made a reconnaissance of the roads in the area in order to make plans to meet a possible counterattack.

A Company reconnaissance patrol, consisting of one officer, two men and with two French officers, left Hill 1114 and reconnoitered to Hill 636. They observed the town of Calvo, Villatella and San Antonio, and located a series of pill boxes. Smoke was seen coming from two of the pill boxes, and one man was observed entering and leaving. The patrol heard hammering

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of stakes on Hill 509 and returned at 1415.

At 1335, enemy personnel were sighted in houses near San Lorenzo. Our artillery fired 8 rounds. Enemy groups were again observed near the coast road and our artillery fired barrages of 10 and 21 rounds covering the area. Six rounds of heavy caliber landed on the road leading into Menton from Cape Martin at 1700. Nine rounds of mortar fell in E. Co., area on Mt. Grosso at 1950. No casualties resulted.

Co. H zeroed in its 81mm mortars on primary and secondary targets. H. Co. A & P platoon took over duties with mule train. Weather was cold and clear, visibility good.

23 December, 1944 - The usual patrols mission from A Co. captured one Italian soldier (deserter) on Mt. Grammondo. Our artillery fired on a four-man enemy patrol at near Airole. Cannon Company also fired 17 rounds on enemy personnel seen at La Giondola. The 522nd F. A. Bn. and Cannon Co. fired propaganda leaflets (Christmas Message) in addition to their regular missions.

A platoon of 232nd Engineer C Co. (442nd RCT) continued removal of mortar duds on Mt. Agaisen in E Co. Area. The regiment continued its precautions against infiltration and sabotage. Hq. Co made two daily motorized patrols on the road from Berre les Alpes to Drap.

24 December, 1944 - A combat patrol from Co. E went to the hotel at Col de Brouis where they were fired upon by the enemy in pill boxes and at the hotel. The patrol engaged in a fire-fight before returning.

A patrol of 1 officer and 9 men from Co. B set out for Hill 310. They encountered a brush fire. No enemy activity was observed. At 1330, 12 enemy troops were observed at near San Michele. They were dispersed by artillery fire. Co. H, harassed enemy supply routes, CP's and positions near Olivetta and Cime du Boise with 81mm mortars, expending 295 rounds during the day.

25 December, 1944 - Christmas day was cold and clear, with snow flurries and ice on the trails. A reconnaissance patrol of 1 officer and 6 men from Co. A patrolled from Hill 1213 to Hill 741 observing the town of San Antonio, Calvo, Torri and Villastella. No enemy activity was seen.

Co. B, patrol entered the town of Ciotti, investigated twelve houses, found no sign of recent enemy occupancy. The patrol cut old enemy communications wire in two places and found one hand-grenade booby trap and neutralized it.

Co. H. fired 351 rounds of harassing mortar fire into Olivetta, San Michele and on trails leading out of Fiona and Reil. The company operated a motorized patrol of a jeep and heavy machine gun in the Sospel area.

One German prisoner was captured behind our lines near Castillon by a 2nd Bn. mail clerk. The prisoner had been on patrol, with the usual reward of leave being offered for successful return with intelligence. The prisoner was an enlisted Luftwaffe transport pilot who had been converted to Infantry because of lack of planes.

15 Civilian line-crossers (refugees) were picked up and turned over to the Military Police for interrogation and screening.

Christmas Services were held in all battalions, and the traditional dinner of turkey and trimmings

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was sent up to the forward positions. A Christmas message from the Regimental Commander was read to all troops. The 3rd Bn. In regimental reserve played host to a group of French children.

26 December, 1944 - Situation unchanged. Patrols reported no incident except usual contact between units and with the 65th Infantry on the left flank. 20 rounds of hostile 105mm and 25 rounds of heavy mortar fell in the regimental sector causing slight damage and no casualties. A patrol of 2 officers and 10 EM investigated houses and streets in Menton, searching for enemy infiltrators or agents.

27 December, 1944 - The 522nd F. A. Bn., in direct support of the 2nd Bn. and 602nd F. A. Bn. supporting the 1100th Bn., fires missions on enemy personnel, mule trains and dugouts. The 937th F. A. Bn. (155mm), 68th AAA Gun. Bn. and naval batteries off shore remained in general support. 35 rounds of heavy caliber and 30 rounds of 105mm incoming were registered, most of which fell in the Sospel area.

3rd Bn. motorized patrols behind the lines reported no suspicious activities. Antitank Co. maintained road guards on the roads leading into Menton, Sospel and Luceram. 50 Civilians crossing the line from Italy in search of food were apprehended and turned over to CIC through Military Police channels.

The platoon from 232nd Engrs, attached to the 100th Bn. laid mines in the Co. B areas, and constructed a mule shed for the use of Co. A. The platoon attached to the 2nd Bn. continued work on the roads on Mt. Agaisen.

28 December, 1944 - A patrol from Co. B checked houses along the entered the town o Ciotti. No Germans were encountered and Italian civilians reported that a small enemy group had withdrawn the same morning and were believed to have gone to Mortola. Co. E Patrol, with four Engineer personnel attached, checked at water point. . No sign of enemy activity was seen, and the water point was found adequate to supply the platoon on Mt. Grosso. German snipers firing at 2nd Bn. CP's were silenced when Co. H placed 55 rounds of 81mm into the suspected area.

At 1600, an object was seen offshore, and at 1700, it was identified as a sailboat with one occupant. Artillery and machine gun forced the boat to the beach and the occupant was found to be an Italian PW escaped from the French

29 December, 1944 - A reconnaissance patrol of Co. K observed 7 Germans walking up the path from Fiene at Tete de Paola. Later, a civilian reported that there were 11 Germans including a captain in his house at the same coordinate. The patrol retired with the information. A road block was set up by Co. F to prevent the enemy infiltrating into the area, and at the first light of dawn of the 30th a combat patrol was sent to kill or capture the enemy in the house. The patrol found no Germans, but checked all the houses in the vicinity and left an eight-man OP to observe the area until 1730 30 December. Co. A Patrol reached Hill 921 and observed the towns of Torri, San Antonio and Villastella, saw no enemy activity.

2nd Platoon Cannon Co. on Mt. Agaisen fired 30 rounds HE in support of the 2nd Bn. The 1st platoon in vicinity of Menton fired 18 rounds, scattering the enemy mule train. A PX beer ration was distributed to all companies. Preparations were made a year-end IG inspection.

30 December, 1944 - Co. G. patrol left 1000 and sent to the town of Olivetta. The patrol found no

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evidence of recent enemy operations: all civilians had been evacuated except for two aged and sick from whom it was impossible to obtain information. No mines or booby traps were encountered. The town was badly shattered by artillery, and the road from Olivetta to San Michele was found to be impassable for vehicles. 3rd Bn continued to dispatch three motorized patrols to cover the road net in Combat Team sector. The battalion began a training program in small unit tactics.

Personnel Section moved from Berre les Alpes to Headquarter of the 44th AAA Brigade at Beaulieu.

31 December, 1944 - A six man patrol of, 1st Platoon, Co. E went to Grosse and was promptly shelled. One man was wounded but not evacuated. The patrol continued observation but no enemy activity.

Company A reconnaissance patrol of 1 officer and 4 men left 0945, went to Hill 636. Smoke was observed rising from eastern slope of Hill 509. Other than smoke, no enemy activity was seen.

16 civilian line-crossers were picked up. The 3rd Battalion in reserve conducted a map-reading test for all non-commissioned officers, Regimental S-1 Section moved from Berre les Alpes to the Regimental CP at Chateau Vignal.

The year 1944 ended at midnight with an artillery exchange.

*Snow in the mountains: Get some prisoners, S2 needs information as what the enemy is developing; Eng Co to install 1000 rolls of concertina in 2nd line of defense; request maps for Italy; German radio broadcasting that Sospel was retaken.

1 January, 1945 Note the change in the reporting method because of telephone restrictions.

By the order of the Brigade, the 442nd RCT was to develop and maintain a second line of defensive at the regimental front.

Lt. Asai: we have 150 mines in our company ready to use.

Col. Miller: the second battalion will need strength overlay in each position, we can't man the whole line in case of a break-through.

232nd Engr: we recommend blowing up that bridge in front of B Co. where the line crossers come across. That is the only place where they can come across without tripping the land mine. We will re-enforce the 100th Bn on the coastal sector with units of D Company.

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442H Pfc Kaneshiro, Seichi Kapoho, HI

2 January, 1945 - S2: Don't talk about demolition over the TP, or any of the defense system.

232nd Engr: I by laying mines in the new proposal.

Col. Stovall: need heavy and light machine gun to school the French officers for about 4- days. "Where can I get a bazooka and a 50-caliber and with manuals." OP; there are some 80 to 100

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line-crosser coming over the pass.

3 January, 1945 - OP: There are some 100 line crosser and it appears they have mules and goats with them too!

S3: What time does the train run? We need to run some TP wire in the tunnel. We have a boy about 11 years old and appear to be suspicious as he is inquiring about the whereabouts of our weapons and defense system. Of the 100 line-crossers we are detaining 2 suspicious one. One Frenchman has over 8,000 Fr in new money freshly printed with consecutive numbers. The Italian had over 9,000 Lire and in new minted consecutively numbered money.

S2: we need a DF as there is a lot of radio jamming. Air traffic is tough. Berlin Sally reported last night that Sospel was retaken by the Jerries. How does it feel to be a PW? Ha! Ha! .The story of those 100 line-crossers coming through our mine field, we have 2' of snow in the mountain and those line crosser just follow the path made by our troops when they patrol those mine fields. It's no wonder that they have not tripped any of the flares or mines.

4 January, 1945 - Wh3: we have 25 rolls of barbed wire, Capt Hawkins need more. Send us 1,000 rolls of concertina-barbed wire.

Wh Em: We have 25 more line crossers. Lt. Asai: Send them to the MP HQ. S2: those line crossers were forces out by the Germans as they had taken all of the food stuff, they are starving.

5 January, 1945 - Wh: eight more inches of snow overnight.

Capt. Bonin S3: where is the best place to get a heavy machine-gun? 3rd Battalion is the best. Red Anti-tank Co. is in need of mules.

S1: how many do you need? We can use about 18 to carry supplied.

S3 to Medic: We had a Frenchman working in the kitchen area who was struck by an artillery shelling. Can we transport him in our ambulance? No, regulation prohibits that type of use for ambulance, only for the sick or wounded. Get a truck from the service company and move him to Nice.

S3 to HQ: did you get orders to move out? No, the orders were to be ready when we need to.

Necco to S3: orders to pick-up PX ration. What is a PX ration? That must be the usual allotment of cigarette.

Necco to Lt. Asai: The 6th Army wants us to provide a snow overlay. I've never made one, so how do we go about. It? Have your OP's report the condition of snow on the ground for their area and make an overlay. Recon patrol on hill 691 to 716 report snow in around the trails as 8 inches. No enemy encountered. Placed 2 81-mm mortar mission on targets and enemy OP's Reports for 6-8 January missing from file.

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442G Pfc Oshiro, Seikichi Olaa, HI

9 January, 1945 - Lt. Nagai to S-3: We need about a ton of explosive for each battalion. How best can we them? We could get them from the brigade, but they will require an overlay of locations and will emplace them. Also you can get through regular channel, going through the 442nd RCT, but

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you still need to provide an overlay in triplicate.

10 January, 1945 - Lt. Nagai: we will be occupying all of the fortification and positions.

Capt. Galaway: The infantry reports that in the last 81-mm mortar mission that there was 2 WIA and 1 KIA enemy. Red Sgt to S2 Capt. Bonin 20 to 25 Rds of 105mm at 78838 and 6 rds of 150-mm at Castellar.

522nd FA mission: 33 rds on enemy gun position, 2 on a house, 13 on an OP and 8 rds on a vehicle.

11 January, 1945 - Lt Doyen to Lt Asai: we have 2- 517th Paratroopers who were released from hospital, but now AWOL.—Send them to MP HQ.

Bl-2 to Lt Asai.: We are sending an overlay of snow for 4-primary and 4-secondary positions. All the OP's will be wired for TP.

Red-3 to S-3: How are the demolitions coming along? The Engrs cannot wait any longer. Navy have put several rounds on it with no effect. Our 57 can penetrate 3-inches of armor, but will have no effect on the target such as the bridge. We've placed many rounds of 155's with no effects. 500 pound bomb, with lots of good luck will have some effect but will be a very difficult target from the air because of its location in a draw.

S-3 to Wh-3: we got a directory for 81-mm mortars. What's the dope on it? S-3: Brig. wants it for another front. WH3: can we fire them? We have ammo in the fort, scattered around up there. S-3: suppose you let it go for a few days?

Red-3 to S-3: 10 rds 81-mm mortars harassing. 522nd FA: 20 rds on prsnl in jeeps. One hit. 26 rds on enemy gun position. Area well covered.

12 January, 1945 - S-2 to Wh-2: what's the dope on line crossers?

Wh-2: Yes, they've changed their customers. They've gone to the 65 Inf. Brigade says 442nd called and they had 22.

Red Sgt to S-3: how much mine field have been completed? We do not have the wires to complete the project. We have only completed 7%. We installed 75 rolls of barbed-wire already in the field but we have on order 1200 rolls of concertina

13 January, 1945 - S-3 to Necco 103: Menton was shelled last night. Navy rptd that enemy gun positions were very active in the past 48 hours.

Lt. MacColl S-2: they are firing from their maps. It's probably because we blew up some of their buildings.

S-2 to Necco 12: no artillery last night, but 22 mortar rounds around the OP's. No damages. Col. Singles to guide 2 French Liaisons officer to visit the French fortifications Bl-6 to CO: Ask Bl-6 to stop by S-1 and sign the order giving Congressional Medal of Honor to Barney Hajiro.

Nice OP #5: received 8 rounds of med caliber and OP #4 received 51 rounds. They are believed to be from the same gun position.

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14 January, 1945 - S1 to Necco 102: Report last night indicated a few of our men on a patrol were hurt by booby traps.

CO to S-3 Lt. Matsumoto: what day will you have the shower ready?

S-3: a week from today. Someone told the CO it was practically ready. True, but on the test, the fire box went out of commission. To replace the fire box, will take 2-3 days.

Neon6 go Operator: CO went to the Collecting Co in L'Escarene and they have shower with tiled floor. It needs a little clean-up.

CO: that's good let's get these men to shower.

S3 to S4: This shower has 7-head. See if we can get coal. We never did have any wood. Let's get started in the morning.

CP to Red7: I want a PW. There is a strong indication that the 35th (enemy) was going to pull out. Red: It may take a few days. CO: Yes I know.

Lt. Asai Dy O to Wh2: I understand that there was a fire fight in one of your patrol. They got away. 2-were wounded. Where is your report? We got in too late. We'll get it in the morning. Let's keep working on it. Let's see if we can get one.

Wh6: Yes Sir.

S3 to B15: S3 advised the shower will be ready tomorrow afternoon.

Wh6 to Lt. Asai D O: One patrol went out to intercept line crossers and ran into some Jerries at 106M2. They chased them about 2-miles to 105M8 and wounded 2-enemy. The patrol was 1-officer and 5-EM. Engrs continue to work at all company front.

Wh6 to S6: in the matter we talk about, maybe tomorrow afternoon. I want you to brief them yourself. I don't want them all shot-up. Wh6: they are prepared to stay 3-days.

Red2 Sec to S2 D O: do you know if the white patrol did any good yesterday? Dy O: yet. Red2 Sec to S2 D O: No enemy activity at San Antonio or Bevera. Soldiers were seen marching on road in Ventimiglia. Also in RR station at MK, there we reports of military activity.

15 January, 1945 - Capt Nilges to Dy O: Do you know if the white patrol did any good yesterday?

Maj. Bannister to Lt. Massengale: request for French text Book.

HQ Co. Sgt to S2 Lt. Asai: How many men will be coming to take shower?

S-2: about 100 per hour. That's too much. Try 4-minute per man.

Wh2 to S3: French are talking about using the 57mm mortars. They have no propellant nor fuse. And it won't fit in our 81-mm. Also they don't have the firing tables..

B11 to S3: These men going to the shower make sure that the trucks deliver and pick them up on time. These men are on their own time and I don't want them to wasting any of it.

Col. Hamilton to Capt Bonin: it was reported U.S. soldiers took 40-RR tiles from RR station, which is responsible?

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S2 Necco 102 Capt. Gallaway: Yesterday report lots of activities at the outpost. 522nd observed it why can't your outpost report directly? We don't want men exposed in direct view. We try to keep movement to minimum.

Capt Riebesell to S6: Have you made a report on limited service assignment men? I'm working on it now. I want it in the morning. The report won't be ready until the companies have yet to turn in a report. Shall I come-up to CP in the morning? Yes, do that.

S2 Lt Asai to Wh2 Sgt: Anything more about that firefight?

Wh2: up to 10-minutes ago it is still on. Was it our patrol out there? Wh2 yes sir. The major knows about it. When you get more information call it in.

16 January, 1945 - S2 to Wh2 Sgt: What's the report? Did the patrol get back?

Wh2: some of it. Not all of Lt. Kurlin

S2: What's the dope on the patrol?

Wh2: They were fired upon from 100 yards. 2-men wounded. They are either back or on the way back. Soon as the details are back, call me.

Red2 Sgt to S-3: 522nd FA fire mission: 18 rounds on mortar position, 20 rounds on road junction and 20 rds harassing. Area well covered. Shell report: 12 rds heavy artillery on OP and 3 rds of mortar on Menton.

S2 to Necco CIC: Get tough with Col. Best, their French Col and Mr. Hines and of CIC and get

CO to Bl3: CO said Co L is cutting TP poles for fire. Also your jeep #12 passed me up
CO to Wh6: Wh6 said he wasn't satisfied. The Jerries knew they were coming. Some one must have alerted the Jerries from this side. Attempt to cross the river on several places. detail knew of the land mine they tripped. 2 KIA and 2 WIA and the fire fight lasted for 1 ½ But each time they tried to cross the river, they were frustrated by Jerries.

Wh EM to S2 DO: Shell report: NY OP reports 6 rds of 105. London OP #8 reports 4 heavy - caliber, Chicago OP#1: enemy seen going from house to house and also believed to be a dugout.

S2 to S3 DO: Orders to Col. Singles to proceed without delay to 7th Army. Our KIA losses for this day were as follows:

Our KIA losses for 16 January, 1945

442 G Pfc Kondo, Herbert Y	Koloa, HI
442 G 2nd Lt. Kurata, Minoru	Haina, HI

17 January, 1945 - Red3 Sgt to S3 DO: our patrol ran into an ambush of about 15-men.

Wh2 to S2 Lt. Asai: Bridge north of Sospel was blown and now settled in the water. The French want the iron bridge put back in place. We need to wire the fort at Agaissen. If we are to occupy the fort to emplace 75 mm and mortars, they need ventilations. They need about 5- electrician to run wires to the fort from the block-house. Noted: use the AF Code. Don't use your own concoction. Anything of significance use our code. Shell reports can be open over TP because they know where they are. But no coordinates. OP reports about 20 enemy is spreading bedding and mattresses in the sun and there is about 75- enemy around Castellar.

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18 January, 1945 - Red3 to S2: Here is the ambushed patrol by Lt Todd and his men. How did you come. Negative.

Red2 Sgt to S2: Need to give you new security regulation. Give patrols in clear and send any messages in AF Code. Give no coors.

Necco103 to S3: We're short of infantry. Be on double alert.

Wh3 to S3: Our last night activities, we had 1 KIA and 2 wounded. We examined the remains where the fire fight happened and a very definitely one is a German.

Our KIA losses for 18 January, 1945

442 F Pfc. Mitani, Kazuo

Salt Lake City, UT

19 January, 1945 - Lt. Lee 3rd Bn to Lt... Asai: Could we keep the movie projector for another day? We men that did not have the opportunity to see the movie.

Wh3 to S2: we examined the dead German and he is Seigfred Musal, Desden with no ID or rank. Have all personal things sent down here. One of them speaks English.

Red Sec to S2 Dy O: Shell report- 8 rds on Menton. Co. ptrls saw 2 men on trail Possibly an OP saw smoke from same area.

20 January, 1945 - CO to Capt. Riebesell: I want to make all companies more equalized. There is a lot of differences between them. I want you to look at the rifle strength and the heavy weapons. Do you recall Tec Sgt Toyota of Co. I? Capt R. No sir.

CO: He is in I Co. now and he is a good candidate for a medical man. See that he is transferred to the Medics.

Capt. Bonin to Lt. Asai: there is a house at 937 rear echelon; they are investigating about the 23,000 Frs worth of goods missing.

Necco102 to S2: we're going to evacuate civies out of Menton and Castellon in 15 days. Only people there will be workers. We will need to screen out the Italians. The hotel people have already been notified.

CO to Red5: You know the thing we talked about this morning? Well, we got one. That's fine business. How many?

Red5: I don't know as yet. They haven't come down the mountain as yet.

CO: let me know.

Red5 to S2: we will have some PW; can you come up and get them? And take them to

Col. Miller Sec to S2: CO wants to know when you are coming back? The Gen. wants me to stay another 2 or 3 days.

Capt. Galloway to S-2: Did you call me? Yes, we have PW for you. They won't be in for another 2 or 3 hrs. No details of numbers. S-3: make the arrangement for interrogation.

Red3 Sec to Lt Asai: No 81 mm mission. 522nd FA mission: Harassing mission. hit and a tower was demolished

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Col. Stovall Necco3 to Necco 103 S3: Isn't it a good dope? We're all set. Those boys should get a pass. Wh. Bn. wants to know if rpt is true. (replied in Japanese). S2 affirmative, but we don't have any details as yet.

S2 to Lt Plourde Red Bn: Reports coming in. We have total of 14 PW's, 4 wounded, 1 a nd 1 serious. Two of them died. So we have 12.

Capt. Galloway to S2: we have nothing definite as yet, but it appears we have 12 live. They haven't reached the CP as yet. Apparently we had a patrol out and ran into ours.

Capt G.: any casualties?

S2: yes 1 KIA.

Capt G. That's too bad.

Red2 to S2: to date we only have 1 PW here. He was ready to talk so we gave him priority. According to the 1 PW we sent to Brigade, they left Varose at 1400 yesterday 1 German officer, 14 men (8 Italian and 5 Germans). They walked into our patrol and were surrounded.

S2 to Necco: weather report: cold clear, 2 inches of snow at higher elevations.

S2 to Necco 102: Have the patrol turn in everything, all guns and ammo and any souvenirs etc for the records. Souvenirs will be returned after they are logged.

Our KIA losses for 20 January, 1945

100 C Pfc Ikeda, Roy Y. San Francisco, CA

100 C Pfc Tanaka, John Y Los Angeles, CA

21 January, 1945 - Necco102 to S2: What do you know? Still 14? You now have 9? Those wounded did not come in.

Necco102 to Red2 Sgt. The fellows you brought in were after Mt. Grosso in the 2nd Battalion position...

Capt. Riebesell to S6: About the WO 6th Army Group. The regulations are the same. We need to till form on T/Sgt Toyota, he is in the hospital now and the other T/4Sgt in 3rd is a lab technician. S6, call 3rd Battalion HQ and make sure these 2 get to the medics. Yes sir.

S3 to Necco103, Maj. Bannister: How are you making out? We interrogated 2 of them so far and we know what's over on the other side. S3: to M: Necco103 will interrogate the others today. S3 Sv to Co 1st Sgt. We have a memo to require all helmets of this unit to have 442nd Combat Team Red, white and blue insignia. Have the paint ready.

Col Stovall to S3: those PW are more scared of us going over there than we are of them coming over.

Lt Asai Dy O to Red2 Sec: No rept. Infantry fired 81 mm on a night with good an affect. Weather is cold.

S3 to Red3: who was the officer in charge of that patrol? Lt. Gregory Ikeda.

S2 to Lt Asai DO: They are badly in need of information. It is reported that the German patrol was seeking prisoners in front of 100th Bn.

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22 January, 1945 - S2 to Red2 Sec: Do you remember the 2 prisoners who worked in the clothing dump area? They were recaptured last night.

S-2 to Necco2: can you give us what type of clothing they were wearing? Yes, wearing their own fatigues. One of them had OD shirt underneath, the other had on a OD They were picked up in Cole du Brau.

CO to Necco5: All personal will have gas mask with them when they check in. Make sure that they check out with them.

Lt. Massengale to Necco2: No unauthorized photographer is to be permitted. If you see any, kick them out.

Wh2 to S2: The boys we picked-up were organizing a sabotaging team. Incidentally we have 2 paesanos with 157 goats. Keep them until mourning. Yes, they must have their friend so have them take care of the goats and send the paesanos back the way they came from.

Wh6 to CO: I went through the tunnel and it sure needs a lot of work. If they use the south side of the bridge, they can even use a 2 ½ ton truck. Let's fix the bridge it will save a lots of time and help keep the wear and tear of the equipments down.

Wh2 to Lt Massengale D O: will you arrange to contact the guards at L'Escarene end of the tunnel, a 155 will be coming through the tunnel? They're one of supports.

CO AT Co: When are we going to get the movie?

Lt. M.: Sat and Sun. Can you contact your guard at the end of the tunnel? There is something coming out of the tunnel. There is no guard on our end of the tunnel.

Capt. Riebesell to Neon10: Can you tell Col. Pence that we have 16 new replacements at the Sv Co.? Yes, I would like to talk to them.

23 January, 1945 - Wh2 to Lt Massengale D O: will you arrange to contact the guard at L'Escarene end of the tunnel that a 155 mm will be coming through the tunnel? They are one of our support.

Lt. Massengale to CO AT Co: when are we going to get the movie? Sat and Sunday. Can you contact your guard at the south end of the tunnel? There is something coming out of the tunnel. There is no guard on our end of the tunnel.

Capt Riebesell to Neon1: Can you tell Col. Pence that we have 16 new replacements at the Sv. Co. The Col. will like to talk to them.

Red2 Sec to Dy O: recon patrol on Hill 509 heard an explosion in vic of Torry. C Co. patrol saw no enemy activity but brought back some personal items from the 2 dead enemies.

23 January, 1945 - Sgt Maruo I and R to Lt Asai: I'm wondering how they came through without any obstructions? Well, the place is well covered and zeroed in. It's very heavily covered but we could see them approaching for miles. So, no need to worry. What about at night? They could sneak up? We have taken care of that, we have listening post and it is well zeroed in.

Necco to S3: Flack wagon need to be tested near Monaco to morrow or this afternoon. It's only to test fire.

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Col. Stovall to S3: I have a complaint. Truck bearing a number 242-1 AT 6 USA on 3 Jan 45 at 1750, USA soldiers riding on railway car, let the brakes go and it rolled out of the tunnel and hit a railway gang car and damaging a lot of equipments.

S3 to Lt Matheson: check the number on our trucks. Our AT 6 truck number is 3332787. So it's probably not one of ours. It could be the 65th's.

S3 to Red Bn AT Sgt: Who is your platoon leader?

AT Sgt: Lt Meyers. We just got call from Brigade that some soldier took some RR ties from Menton RR station... Do you know anything about it?

Lt. M: yes sir. But we weren't the only ones in on it. S3: well load the ties on a truck and take them back to the station. And have a written certificate thereby certifying that you have complied this morning.

S3: Yes sir.

Capt. Matheson to S3: the closest number was 3334221.

S3: I called AT and they thought that it was one of their truck.

Capt M: I was wondering if it was a 100th truck.

S3: the platoon leader at AT thought it was their truck. Everything is settled now. Thanks for trying.

Necco2 to S2: What's the total number of equipments those 14 have? I couldn't say off hand. Necco2 we are making a report on it.

S2: the French need all types of weapons.

Necco1: there is a new order. We must turn in any weapons we pick up. The General makes those orders to dispose what we pick up. Hold up on that. Every one of the enemy had a rifle and could have been 4 or 5 machine pistols.

Red2 to Dy O: S2 situation report. 23 rounds of 150 mm fell on B Co. beach area. Inf. Report, negative only encountered 8 inches of snow.

Necco102 to Dy O: Have you your report? Yes, 55 rounds of Artillery, 20 rounds of 105 mm 8 rounds of 150 mm and 2 rounds of 81 mm. Cloudy, vis poor, light snow.

24 January, 1945 - S3 Lt. Asai to B13: I understand you are short on water up there?

B1: Yes we were told to go easy on it.

S3: isn't there any stream?

B1: no, it's completely dry but we looked around, there is a place in La Grosse, in town fountain. Col Purcell thinks it's about the best place.

S3: the Engrs O is here and was inquiring about it.

B1: Why don't you send him up here and he can look the place over?

S3 to B13 Sgt: B3, You know about his unit history?

B13: Yes.

S3: Have one man start on the calendar right away. For instance first bunch left Hawaii on a certain date, reached a certain place on a certain dates not event. Do you understand? B13: Yes.

Needle6 to S5: I talked to S6 about presenting awards but we thought of awards I have arranged a little formation on our service Btry. Will you ask Col. Pence if he could come up to Service Battery between 1150 and 1600 on Friday, 26 Jan?

S5: OK.

Cpl Masaoka to S3: What was it you called about?

S3: It's about the unit history.

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Cpl. M: I was intending to go to Red Cross today, but it's important I can come up this afternoon.

S3: I would like you to come up if you can.

Cpl. M: I have something lined up for the unit history in my public relation outline.

S3: Can you get any pictures from Pacific Citizen?

Cpl. M: I think I can. If I can't come up today will tomorrow morning be OK?

S3: Call me back if you can't make it.

S2 to Red2 Sgt: did you send in your rpt thru the TG?

Red Sgt: I thought we were to send it thru TP in code.

S2: No that was changed last night. Neon10 should have notified your Comm. O. Give me the rpt now. Any Arty?

Red: No Sir.

S2: any mortar?

S1 Sgt to S2: did you request a roster for class B men and their assignments?

S3: No sir. Well I have the list here for 2nd Bn. and I know we didn't request it.

S3: I'll tell you what, hang on to it and I'll canvas around for who requested it.

S1 Sgt: Yes sir.

S2 to Necco3: as in regard to the RR ties. They have been taken 3 and they have been returned in lieu of the tiles, they are now using sand bags.

Necco: fine. I'm sending down those copies of the complaints.

Necco Lt. Putman to S2: can you tell what the abbreviation A & P means?"

S2: Yes, it means Ammo and Pioneer Platoon...

Necco: Thanks.

S3 to Neon10 Re: wire deal through the tunnel. There was an acquisition here that deals with releasing cars, guess it doesn't deal with us.

Neon10: we were through that area the other day and saw some spools. So someone else must have laid wire too.

S2 to Wh2 Sgt: did you send in report by TG?

W2 Sgt: I've checked. F Co. rpts, 21 rds Sir, G Co. is just sending in their rpts now. How about a truck for the line crossers? Try to utilize ration trucks if you can. If you can't, call back.

S2 to Wh2 Sec: has the line crossers come in yet?

Wh2 CO: Capt Aull, our S3 went up to SP HQ and is now questioning them. Will you transfer this call to SP HQ: ...S2 to Cap

Aull: did you get anything from out of the line crosser?

Wh3: No

S2: are they from Peina?

Wh3: No. They're from someplace north of Peina.

S2: when will you start them back?

Wh2: I'm going to have a ration truck take them back. And the trucks have not arrived yet. But it will be before dark.

25 January, 1945 - S2 to Necco102: Did you find anything on the weapons deal?

Necco102: All those have been turn into Ordinance to be reissued again.

S1: I see.

Necco: S4 of 100th Bn brought down 8 yesterday.

S2 to Capt Hawkins Sv Co: when does the ration truck leave the 3rd Bn? Capt Hawkins: it varies, but between 500 to 1600.

S2: we have some line crossers and I want them to pick them up.

Capt H: is someone going to notify the drivers? Yes Capt Aull is taking care of that.

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Red3 Sgt to S3: our TP is in bad condition. The lines are so long. We can hardly hear. You can code it and give it to me over the TG at the msg center.

S2 O to Necco102: 33 rds on Wh. Bn., most of it in 150 mm. OP has nothing to report.

Necco to S2: 5 EM and 2 O's will arrive at the Nice RR Station at 0200. Will you have someone pick them up?

S2: Rodger. Can you tell me the number of rds in your area? 1st 12 hours?

Wh2: 58 rds, 52 rds Arty and 6 rds of mortar.

S2 to Necco102: 52 rds of arty and 6 rds of mortar.

26 January, 1945 - S2 to Wh2: Remember the particular area where you talked about, the certain area where the OP will do some good?

Wh2: Yes. S2: well you can use that place. When Capt Nilges goes back, I'll have the OK from Maj. Bannister.

S2 to Wh2: The brig has been calling as saying we don't report shelling. Now my Idea is for the Arty O to rpt in their Bn. So they can fire on them. Now it seems that they are not doing that.

Wh2: well, it seems that they are doing that but it seems that they kill it at the arty HQ.

S2: Yes I know. So it's not our fault. Will you tell that Arty LA O about it? Wh2: OK.

Red 6 to S2: we got a spot up here that was formerly a Jerry aid station and there are 6 graves here. It is dated sometime after the break through in August. There were the 327th and the 169th here. Maybe you can get more info. If you have Lt Gilmore come up here.

S2: OK.

Necco3 to S3: There is a couple of Engrs O's here and they are within 10 hours of backing up our reserves. They want to look over the terrain in the secondary position. Do you have any comments?

S3: No, I have none, but when they see the terrain, they may feel different about it. What time will you be here?

Col S.: We'll arrive around 0945.

S3: I'll be expecting you.

Dy O to Necco: 1 rds 150 mm, no damage. Others had been flash and explosion.

27 January, 1945 - Capt Bonin to Necco Engrs: Joseph Masers Luceram AM is the name of the wood dealer. I need 40,000 kilos, we already have gotten 17,000 kilos.

Capt Bonin to Red4 Sgt: There is 7 tons of wood coming up this AM.

S1 Mr. Kobayashi to Capt Nilges S3: will you inform CO that Lt Matheson and Lt. Harrison have letter of Promotion to Capt.

Capt Nilges: Yes, I'll tell them.

Necco102 to Capt Galloway: could you tell me the approximate time the patrol action took place? S1: the patrol went out at 1545 and came in at 2100. It must have been 1700 to 1800.

Capt G.: that's good enough.

Wh6 to S3: do you know that passageway that we got near here toward you?

S3: Yes.

Wh6: we need a work order to blade that.

S3: Blade?

Wh6: yes to level it: I wonder if you could tell him. You could probably get better results. It's all finished except that the Engrs is willing to do it. They say they need a work order.

S3: I think we better because that's the first thing they will ask me.

S3 to Battle3: do you have any information on any activity in front of Wh Bn? I was wondering if you did any shooting. Battle: we shot up an ammo dump it was on fire. Maybe that was it.

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There's no firing going on now.

S2 Lt Asai to Red2: 6 rds heavy, 170 mm 1 WIA.

Bl3 to S3 Lt Asai: we picked up 2 PW you lost this morning. Can you send them so the MP can pick them up?

Necco: you bet.

S3 to Bl3: How did you pick them up? We just challenged them. They couldn't speak English. About 1100 this AM.

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Ex O to S1 Sgt: there was a circular on limited service, some time ago. S1 Sgt: Yes sir. I remember.

Ex: I want it and also the TO and E file. S1 Sgt: Yes sir. Ex O Red6: we're going to have a board meeting and your Ex O will be in on it. So tell your Ex O to get together with your Co. CO. Red6: Isn't that the wrong kind of board? Ex O: no we're just going to determine where those men could be placed. Red6: Yes sir.

Ex O to Wh6: Your Ex O will be on the board which will determine the use of limited service men in companies. W6: well, I've already started thinking on it. All these men are all in varying degrees of limited service. Ex O: Yes I know.

S2 Lt Asai to Lt. Schettler: within the next several days there will be a board meeting in regards to what your limited service assignment men can do, regardless of TO. What with a little training they may be able to do. AT CO: what do I do with these new non coms I got? Lt. Asai: Just have to absorb them. Necco103 to S3: meeting at Crossfire on the 31st at 1100 and the same thing for S2 on Friday. How's your flak wagon? S3: We are getting overlays on fire plan this AM. Where is Crossfire? Necco: Hotel Eden. The meeting is about fire possibilities.

S2 Lt Asai to Sv Co. CO: Msg 0950 given. Re limited assignment men> Sv Co. CO: We didn't have any limited assignment men. SD2: Col Pence says you are going to get some. So be prepared to say how you are going to use them.

S3 to Bl3: You got the memo on the historian? It's at 1300 Bl3. Matsui said it was 1500. I thought he had asked you. S3: I wasn't there it's 1300. Can you make it? Bl3: I'll try.

S3 to Bl. O: Wh. Bn is planning to have a school to do some firing. They will need 60 mm and Bazooka ammo. About 200-rds each. Also some S/A ammo. Capt Howard: That's OK.

S3 to Bl2 Sgt: We'll need something before Tuesday, 2 BAR and 2-60 mm mortars for the school for about 4 or 5 days.

Needle Historian to Dy O: I just recd a call from your historian. What should I bring with me? Dy O: well it's just proposed orientations meeting.

Bl2 to Dy O: I Co. reports bright lights due west of St Agnes... FA would be the one to check. The lights went out very quickly after a few seconds.

Sv Co. O: to Needle2: Our I Company rpts very bright light behind them. Isn't that the Vicor one of your battery? N2: I checked up there and there is an outfit somewhere behind I Company. It's Plunder A Battery of the AA outfit. Dy O: they must be behind the ridge? N2: either behind the ridge or on the ridge.

Necco103: I'll try to get them. It maybe it's a ground to air signal for our Planes flying around tonight.

Bl2 to Dy O: same source rpts at 2100 unidentified plane flying. Dy O: yes I believe it's a air to ground signals for our planes. They're checking on it now.

Necco 102 to Dy O: Did any of your Bns rpt in any planes flying around? Dy O: yes, Blue Bn had rptd it.

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S3 to Engr CO: How about preparing a little school for the new men on mines and booby traps? There

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will be about 50 or 75 men in each group. I'll give you a ring when and where.

S3 to Needle3: we need someone to talk on Arty on Wed and Thurs. for the new men. I wanted to prepare you so you can send a man to give a talk about and hour. Also CO wants to know if you could ask Col. Harrison if he could make that citation ceremony another day, besides Tuesday since I'm busy that day. Needle: I'll tell him.

Engr CO to S3: about the location of this shower unit, where did you say it was? S3: La Grave. It's 2 or 3 miles down from L'Escarene. Engr: OK, we'll put it in right away. S3: is the water stream OK? Engr: It's been running all along.

Red4 to S4: say that distribution of wood business? S4: it's for you and the AT. Red4: what about 442nd? S4: no, it's not for them.

Capt Nilges to Necco Engr: did you get in touch with the Frenchman who had access to a blackboards? Engrs: no he hasn't been in yet. Capt N: when you get in touch with him, will you call Neon3? Engr: yes sir.

Msg Cen to Capt Nilges: got some paper on drunk and disorderly. Capt N: send it to S1.

Wh3 to S3: you know about the thing Maj Colyer and I talked about? I'd like to get the area cleared. We want the area for S/A and mortars. The area is good for 30 to 40 yards and for mass clearance good for 1000 yards. That's Luceram? Wh3: yes. There is a gully and a draw. S3: you can pick up the 2-BAR and 2-60 mm mortar tomorrow noon.

Capt Stevenson to S3: The French on patrol from here to Nice wants us to give them gas. S3: No, I gave them gas to go to Nice and have the Authority to draw gas from the French through us. Don't give them any gas unless they are Authorized it. I'm not but I wanted to know if you gave them the Authority. S3: No, I did not.

Wh3 to Capt Nilges: does the Brigade have the move overlay from the previous units? Our men are getting hit by them. So, we would like to have the overlay. Capt: They only have a few that was used only for play. Wh3: we'd like to have them if you can get them.

Needle5 to S3: About the citation ceremony, how about Thursday? S3: anytime so long as it's not tomorrow. Needle5: How about Thursday at 1400? Someone will meet the CO at Necco at 1400. S3: That's OK and if it isn't I'll call you back in the next couple of hours.

S3 to Necco4 Capt Hickey: do you have any vials for fire demonstration? Capt. H: no, we don't have any. We can get some from Delta Base Section. S3: We're having school on gasses here and we'd like to get the vials and detonating equipments. Also do you have any gas instructors there?

Dy O Stevenson to Necco102: Shell rept, 6 rds 85 mm no damage: weather cold, clear, moderate wind. Roads passable.

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Capt Nilges to S3: I have blackboard here. It's not too large. It should be good enough for the purpose.

Capt Lewis to S3: in regards to those small arms range, the French would like you to notify them before you do any firing so they can notify those people in the area? Do you have the schedule worked up? S3: Yes, It is all scheduled. Can I get to the French Ln O through you? Capt L. Yes.

Needle3 to S3: What's this Arty talk you want us to give? 3: Possibly Thurs or Fri. for orientation for these infantry men on possible use of Arty. Needle3: How many people? S3: 50 to 60.

Needle3: Where? S3: Here at Regt. Needle3: try not o make it on Thursday because we are having a ceremony on that day. S3: OK S3 to AT 1st Sgt: is it possible you have a field range for about 10 days? AT 1st Sgt: No sir., we can't possibly do that sir. How many men do you feed? AT 1st Sgt: about 90 men sir: They're all over the place and I have to give hot food. S3: OK

S3 to Ruler Dog: How is the situation on the shower at La Grave? Lt. Nagai: I'm sending the Sgt over today to check over the new place. S3: I see. By the way can we borrow a field range from you? We're having a school out in the fields and we need a stove to cook for these men. Lt. N: I'll see

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the Capt about it and maybe he'll call you back. S3: OK.

Engr CO to S3: where do you want it? S3: The 2nd Bn is holding a school and they will pick it up.
Engr CO: They'll take good care of it won't they? S3: If they don't call me back.

Wh5 to S3: On this memo board of officers on limited personnel, Col Hanley would like to have Maj Colyer switch place with me. So will you tell Col. Miller it will be Major Colyer instead of Maj Conley. S3: OK.

Necco102 to S2: Checking on the Italian PW taken off a sail boat, who's PW was he. He was turned over to the French by those who were there and they are asking too much responsibility. I wish you will tell them that and who chased him to shore?

S2 to Necco102: On the PW you talked about, our FA M/G forced the PW ashore and he was brought into the 100th Bn CP. After learning he was a former French PW, the 100th turned him over to the French. Necco: didn't they know that was wrong? Any PW retaken are our own PW upon recapture. I know that but at the time the 100th did not know about it. If I had seen the report I would have checked on that, but evidently whoever checked in here didn't have any knowledge about it. S2: here after, we will turn all PW captured by us to our own HQ.

S3 to Engr CO: Capt Nilges brought in a overlay of the mine area. That area is cleanup by the 40th Engr, but I'll check back. S3: That's right where your shower is located?

Capt Nilges to B13 EM: Capt Aull call about the mine field. The Brig and Engr have no overlay. If you run into a mine, we will have the Engr come and clear it for you. Also the Cub (the field cooking unit) is available anytime you need it. S3: we want to know if the site is guarded? B1: I think it is. Capt N: have S3 call, we want to be certain. B1: yes sir.

Wh2 to S3: your school end is OK. Tell your outfit to call us before they do any firing. When is the training schedule going to come in? Wh2: it should be in today, it's being typed now. Make sure there will be Arty firing on Tuesday.

S3 to Nero3: on this additional demolition, it's OK by Brig and this HQ to put them in. The only problem is the 24-hour. Did you talk to the Bn about them? Neon3: yes, and they wanted them in. S3: well, that's OK then they can furnish the guards. It's up to them.

Necco1 to S1: you know that Lt. Mastrello transferred out? S3: Yes. Necco1: well he wanted to see the TO so we let him. He said you wouldn't let him see a certain letter about him in the 201 file. Now I have to answer to the IG in about half an hour. Do you know anything about it? No, but you can see Capt Riebesell of the Personnel. He could tell you about it.

S1 M/Sgt to S3: I just contacted Mr. Koby and he said Lt. Mastrello was down there this morning and he was handed the whole file and he looked through everything; So I asked Mr. Koby to contact Maj. Otto and he will call you later on what transpired.

Mr. Koby to S3: on Lt. Mastrello which Maj Otto called about, I talked to Maj Otto and showed it to him, he seems to be satisfied. S3: well OK.

Wh3 to S3: what did you find out about the cooking range? We're getting one from our Engr. So you kick it up from them. We're all set up except for the chemical expert. What about some gas manuals? S3: we are sending for it to Marseille.

CIC Mr. Church to S2: we have a list of the employees working for you. But you were also to list the French and Italian. You are required to keep only the Frenchmen. Have the report in couple of hours. Send in to Lt. Warren. CIC.: We only have 20 now.

B13 Sgt to S3 Sgt: Have you got maps of Italy? Sgt3: Yes. What scale? B13: 1/25 or 1/50 is OK. I want the sector we were in. S3: I only have one copy and it can't be marked up. How long do you anticipate using it? B13: I'll try to get it back to you in a day or so. S3: it doesn't have to be that soon.

Lt. Wolfe to Lt. Asai: How are you going to handle officers pay? Lt Asai: I'll get it tomorrow. Lt. W: I mean are you going to bring it over or are you asking for the S1 to come after it? Lt. A: I'll bring it down. Lt. W: I'll come after mine.

Red3 Sgt to S3 Lt. Asai: 1-81 mm mortar mission. No FA mission. No other changes.

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Wh3 Sgt to S3 Lt. Asai: Negative report. Patrols out, we'll have report tomorrow as they are not in as yet.

S2 DO to AT CO: your guard at Col de Nice didn't know his pass word. You will personally tell him his pass word and also every post. Order by S5. AT CO: yes sir.

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Lt. Asai will be out to Finance office and then to pay officers.

Necco102 to S2: Last night at 2240, Crossfire phoned in and they rptd 3 unidentified person broke and ran when challenged. So if you pickup anything lets us know. S2: OK, by the way what happened on this Radar pickup? Did you find anything? Necco: No.

Needle3 to S3: Where is the class going to be? S3: at the Group Hotel. They'll be putting a class on Arty for infantry.

S6 to Necco5: did you get any results on the winter clothing's? Necco5: I'll talk to Capt. Hickey about it and call you back. S6: OK, but I see these DBS men wearing parkas and everything while our men up in the mountains don't have any. Necco5: Yes sir. On those jackets, they don't manufacture any more. In this area we have only about

200. S6: I'll see what we can do about the clothing's will you? Necco5: Yes sir.

B13 Sgt to S3: Our L Co. is going to do some carbine firing. S3: are you sure you've notified all your units? B13: Yes sir.

S5 to S6: About 2 weeks ago we sent the 100th Bn a communication about looting and they were supposed to conduct an investigation on it. Now they still haven't done anything about it, so I wish you'd look into this matter. Maj McKenzie knows about it. S5: Yes sir.

S2 to S1 CWO: on the letter of non-citizen soldiers, we have no non-citizen in this unit. S2: well, so far. No, but on the last batch there may be some. Best thing to do is to call personnel.

Lt. Cooper to S6: The, "Jr. Miss" show will be showing for 3 more days and will you authorize passes to men to see it? S6: How many tickets will we have? Lt. C: 5 per Co. sir. S6: OK

S2 to Wh2: what so you think of those rifle shorts last night around Olivetta? Wh2: didn't you get my patrol rpts yet? S2: no but I saw it in the TG last night. Wh2:

well, a ptrl rpts that someone was practice firing. Anything new? S2: no, how about your place? Wh2: all quiet

B12 to S2: I Co. OP rpts a small open boat landed near Monaco, it came from due S. It may or may not be of interest, but pass it along.

S2 to Necco102: Above msg given. The boat came from S and tied up on breakwater just outside of Monaco.

Necco5 to S6: General wants to visit you. He will leave about 1300 so he'll be there about 1400. Will you be waiting for him? S6: Yes, Necco: he'll come with Capt Hickey and discuss supply problems.

Necco5 to Capt Nilges: can you have a guide for the General into the CP? Capt. Nilges: Yes sir.

Capt Nilges to H Co. Sgt: Have a guide at the bridge before 1400 today to guide the General into our CP. HQ: yes sir.

Capt. Nilges to H Co. CO: be sure he is at the bridge.

S6 to S2 CWO: I would like you to draft a letter of appreciation for the plaque that we received from the 141st Regt, for my sig. You may mention that we are having it photographed to give each member of the unit a copy. (This is the picture of the plaque that the Lost /battalion presented to the RCT.)

S2 to Capt Riebesell: do you recall any non-citizen in our outfit? Capt R: no sir. How about officers? Capt. R: off hand, I think Lt. Gilber is. I don't have any records. I know no EM are non citizens. S2: I'll put in a negative rpt then.

Brig Gen Tobin and Capt Hickey is going out to RCP.

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S3 to Engr: with regards to school conducted by the 2nd Bn, they could like some assistance from 1500 to 1700 Monday on the 5th, to show how to neutralize and set booby traps. You can show them how to look for them in bushes and such place. Engr: have you found a place for it? Maj Colyer is conducting this and there will be a HQ Co. there.

S3 to Needle3: with regards to school, I talked to Maj. Moy about it. He will be on 1000 to 1200 at Luceram, just N of us. We have Capt. Andrews name on it. Needle will have Maj. Moy and Capt. Harris to give a little talk. S3: Maj Colyer is in charge of the school.

Necco102 to S3: In re: Frenchmen working in the fort, we are in receipt of a letter saying that the Bn in which they are working have no working agreement. They are to be furnished gasoline, food for their work and any assistance they may need. And it is possible for you to give.

S3 to Wh6: Above message given. Wh6 said agreement is being complied with and that perhaps the French were having trouble because they are not coming to the right place with their trouble.

S2 Lt. Asai: to Necco102: 4-rds arty, 105 mm 1 aerial burst. 2 rcn by patrol. No enemy activity observed. Pretty quiet. Cold dark nights, slightly NW wind. Road is passable. No snow.

In reference to the Report of Occupancy, RCP occupied Château at Le Vignal (630928) France, condition upon arrival and departure, good. Length of occupancy, 22 Dec.44—10 Jan.45

Report of Occupancy of Rostellerie du Castelino, L'Escarene, France, 10 Jan 45 to the end of the month, the condition remained good. Section of RHQ occupies Hotel de

France, L'Escarene, France 10 Jan 45 to the end of the month. Condition, partly damaged

Our KIA loss for this day was S/Sgt Itsumu Sasaoka, of A Company, 100th Bn, from Aiea HI, on Jan. 31, 1945.

So France, Part 4a

Interrogation of the prisoners; Maj Colyer's military college; further improvement of the second line of defense.

1 February, 1945

S3 to B13: can you give me a list of men who wants to go to the bazooka school? B13: when do you need the names? This afternoon is OK. S3: send 2-man per bazooka.

S3 to Red2: there will be a bazooka school Monday. We will have a gun and ammo, so you will not have to pull them off the line. Can you give the names of men who want to go to school?

Capt. Bonin to Bl CO: K Co. came in to L'Escarene to take a bath. They weren't supposed to do that. I told them to go to the Engrs unit. I guess they made a mistake. Capt. B: I'll have some one up there and chase them down to la Grave.

S3 to B13: say on these men conducting a bazooka school, you furnish your own bazooka? B13: yes, if you can supply the ammo's. S3: well, now that you brought up a point, I'll check on the ammo situation.

S3 to Ruler Dog: you know the collecting company up here in L'Escarene? Capt Nilges: Yes. S3: well, someone tore out the back end of the fire box out of the furnace. I think all it needs is to have it bolted back. Can you send someone up to fix it? I'll take a run up there and look at it. S3: Good.

Red3 to S3 Lt. Asai: about the bazooka class, there will be 24-men attending. Could you tell me where the area is? S3: It is Luceran

S1 CWO to S3 Sgt: would you notify Col. Pence that we just received the General Orders Citing the O'Conner's Talk Force.

(The following record is a copy of the Journal dating October 20, 1944) On the evening of October 20, 1944, a Task Force was assembled based upon intelligence of record that was recovered from a

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dead German officer. Maj. O'Conner was to lead the task force. The task force was composed of the company in reserve of the 2nd and 3rd battalion, F and L Companies, and members of the Antitank Co., members of the Engineers Company, members of the Medical Detachment, telephone and radio men and a FO for the 522nd FA, Lt. Biontti Early in the morning of the 21st October, 1944, The men of the Task force move into position at the south end of the Hill 505. The 100th Bn. protected the left flank of the RCT. The 2nd and the 3rd Bn. attacked due east on hill 505. Going east but upon passing the main body of the German occupied Hill 505, Col Pence directed the Task Force to turn left in to an area that was to the rear of the enemy located in the Hill. Lt. Biontti directed the 522nd FA arty fired to wooded area and just devastated the enemy. They killed 80, captured many and liberated much equipment. The 100th Bn followed the Task force but instead of turning left they covered the flank by moving Northeast.

2 February, 1945.

S6 to Wh2: on this promotion of Lt. Bianco, somebody has to sign a certificate saying it was before his hospitalization. Wh6: it was sir. It was sent to our office, one of those battlefield promotions and you didn't think it was quite strong enough and returned it. S6 O: OK, that's all right.

S6 O to Bl6: you got a LO named Hayashi. He was down at the South Pacific and he has a pretty good combat record. I don't know anything other than that, maybe you could put in a promotion for him. S6: There's a gp coming in about 15 days, I might put him in for one. EXO: OK

Capt Nilges to S4: Lt Muffet wants to know if you want 100 large parkas? S4: yes, is it with the liners? Capt N: that he didn't say.

Red to S1 Lt Asai: rpt fr Can Co. OP: airplanes flying overhead. I can't tell the exact numbers as cloud overhead. Some says going north others said out to sea. Lt Asai, we'll we have no schedule here for planes. Red Cos: Rpt about 2-6 planes.

Red2 Sec EM to S3 Sgt: Lt. Takimoto, what about the wounded man? It was the Engr man who was struck by a previously laid mine. There is no overlay of those previously laid mines. Lt. T: I know it was one that was laid by the SSF. Red: I'll make a special trip for that report. Lt. T: I think it will be better on just that.

S3 to Ruler Dog: is the shower unit working? Ruler D: Yes at 1000 and 1400. S3: thanks. S3: out of RCP to showers.

3 February 45.

Red3 to DY O: I have a question to ask you. On these citation for the Task Force. from these 2 companies. There were officer and 18 men. A&P and AT men who also participated in the Task Force. CO: I told S4 about that and he will draw a citation for all individuals who participated in the event.

Capt Bonin to Bl6: Col Pence would like to have the names of all men who participated in the Task Force Besides the 2 Companies. Bl6: I'm having that made right now.

Bl3 to S3: re: report you requested, we sent one on 1 Feb. S3 Sgt: I'll check back and if I don't call back its OK.

Bl LO to S2: Did the Bn citation come through yet? S2: no only the O'Conner's Task Force, which covers K and L Cos.

44th MP to Lt. Asai: we had two PW a American escaped tonight. We missed them at 1945. Here is the description: Wells, Clinton fr 899th Auto WPN Co. 5' 5" tal

130#, dark complexion, bl. hair, 1 tooth missing in the lower jaw. He wore mechanics fatigue. Wall, Robert jr. fr 335th Trucking Co. 6" tall 165# blue eyes, light hair and red complexion and wore fatigues and new type combat jacket. OD overseas cap with special service piping, red, white and blue. They escaped from Bullio 44th MP Stockade. Lt Asai: how desperate were they? 44th

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MP: 1-special court the other general court. 1 had 6 month. Lt. Asai: were they armed? MP: not that we know of.
CO to Red Lt. Chapman: I want a DY O here at all time. I don't want to wait 10- min to make a phone call. There are 2 GI PW who escaped wearing fatigue clothing's.
Notify your road block guards and all other guards. Red: yes Sir. CO: also tell Col. Mc Kenzie that I want an Officer near the phone at all times. Red: Yes sir.

4 February, 1945.

Necco2 to S3 Lt. Asai: the other day an officer fr your Bn. called up and wanted to go on a air mission on our LNO5 to look over his sector.
S3: Yes, Necco3 he can call me back, I can arrange it for him.
Lt. Asai to Wh3: did any of your officers call Brig and ask for a ride in one of the L5's?. Wh3: yes, Lt. McCall did. Lt A: well Maj Bannister of the Brigade called and says today will be a fine day. He says you can get a ride at anytime if you let him know ahead of time, and if the weather is good. Wh3: we can't get out today because of the escaped we had last night. Lt. A: I'll call Maj Bannister and tell him to cancel today and that you'll go up tomorrow if it is a fine day.
S2 to Wh2 EM: what's the score on the PW? Wh2 EM: I hear you only have one. Wh3: that's right. The other got away. S2: that's too bad. You did have him? He was too far away. S2: is the other on at the aid station? Maj Buckley said he should be here by 1000.
I & R Sgt to S3: have you the manual on OP's? I'd like to have it by noon. S3: we have one here. You can pick it up anytime. I & R Sgt: we have a man holding a Class on OP.
Maj. Buckley to S2: on those 2 men, who were coming down for interrogations, one was blown to hell and the other has a broken leg. He is expected here shortly. S3: will you let us know as soon as he comes in. Maj. B.: Yes.
Wh3 to S2: in addition to what I already told you there is one enemy on there dead. We'll try to go out to get him. S2: What proceeded the attack? Wh3: a terrific amount of arty, about 150 rds, one every half minutes. S2: did you estimate their strength? Yes, about 7, they did not get in. They used the same route as the last time. This guy we caught thought we would kill him and he was willing to talk. He is not a German as you'll see. He should be down to your place now. He has some amazing story to tell.
S3 to Necco: we have a prisoner at the aid station. He's quite willing to talk. He says he is Polish. But Col. think he's German. This attack begin at 0400 with about 60 - 70 men and 3 officers. It is the 34th Div. It came off at the same place right along Colle Bensa. PW is headed for 514 Collecting Co. We will probably have more info later
Col. Pence says to get words to 517 to hold him until he gets there. The PW says that they were coming to get prisoners themselves. Will you give that to your 2 also? Necco3: Yes, did you have any casualties? S3 No. one boy had a little piece of fragment in his back. Apparently our boys did some good shooting and they expect to find some man out there. They heard a lot of cries fr the Jerries and threw a lot or mortars at them, when they were withdrawing.

5 February. 1945.

S3 to Bl3: Did your bazooka team leave yet? Yes, about 30-min ago.
S3 to Wh. School: did your bazooka team arrive yet? Wh: not yet. S3: How is your ammo supply? Wh: we have plenty. S3: can you handle about 30-50 more men tomorrow? Wh: Yes, S3: your manuals you requested will be in tomorrow. Wh: fine thanks.
Necco102 to S2 MP: At Neon red Bn they picked up two men in a fishing boat off Cape Martin.
S2 to Red EM: 2 PW, Italians, boat under guard. S2: Have your 3 call me back as soon as he comes back.

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Can Co. CO to S2: Just wanted to make sure you know about this boat we took. S2: You Took? Can Co.: our OP fired on the boat and it came ashore. Here the O who saw them, Lt. Buirkle. Lt B: we saw the boat heading toward Jerryland. So we fired our carbines at it and they came back. It started out toward Jerryland again we fired at it again. We asked them if they were Germans and they replied, yes. But when we asked them questions in German, they couldn't understand. They are Italian marines. The boat had two depth charges and may have a torpedo in the rear end.S2: Thanks.

Red Capt. Demailolo to S3: Put a guard on this boat.

S2 Red6 to S2: we're going to move the boat as it is going to break-up on the rocks.

Necco3 to S5: You have a man by the name of Maj. Buckley, from here on he will be known as Brig Surgeon. By the way there will a meeting of all surgeons and I want him to attend.

S2 to Wh2: The PW had a wallet with some money but no ID. He also carried a anti-gas ointment.

Capt. Bonin to Nighthawk5: Your Col. said the French gendarmes want to go to Peira Cava. They are from L'Escarene. Yes I know them. I'll take care of them.

Red2 Capt. Dimailolo: We have 3 men, Muratori, Dalessandro and Pereno working with OSS. We request Capt. Jones to pass them through the line.

S2 to Red2: What's the status of the boat? Red: its on the break water. Bomb disposal group made sure it's safe. All weapons turned in.

White School to S3: what about flame throwers? You have 3 and the Engrs says they can fix them.

1269th Engrs said those three units are so incomplete that one cannot make one good one out of them.

S3 to White School: Take the 3-flame thrower down ASAP. Lt Kobatake will pick them up and maybe our boys can made them useful.

65th S3 to S3: I hear you are having a school down there? S3: Yes, scouting & patrolling and battle facts for tomorrow. 65th Inf.: I'd like to see it. S3: OK, then I'll see you at your CP in Luceram.

Red Sgt to S3 Lt. Asai: Fire mission, 105 mm, 4 rds on eny prsnl, mule and gun pos. Eny disbursed. 81 mm mission 3 harassing mission.

S6 to Bl6: Do you have a letter fr. Mrs. Mosely? Bl6: Yes, I have. S6: will you send it down to me this morning? Bl6: do you have any information on the IG? One of the OP reported that they said a full Col. in a Brig Jeep. S6: I think they're still at Arty.

S2 Lt Stiver to Necco12: rty 22 rds, med cal, 105 fell in sector. No casualties, no mortar report.

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S2 to Necco103: All roads are passable, temp. is about 30 degrees.

Lt Asai DO to Neon16: send a runner up to 676th Collecting Co., and contact Capt Okonogi and have him report to RCP and see S6.

S4 to Red4: you can pick-up parkas. Also some OD clothing's is coming in today.

S1 to S3: we would like a name of Educational Adviser to go to the same school as Lt. Massengale is going to. His duty will be to advise the soldiers, what education to pursue.

Necco102 to S2: How's about interrogation of PW? Necco: on first PW interrogation is in today's rpt. The marine's will be in tomorrow. The marine didn't have much information for the army but will probably help the navy.

Red 3 to Lt Asai: 6 friendly planes strafed Mortola. We had no previous notifications and that was

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pretty close.

S2 to Necco102: Could you get us a German M/G, Burp Gun and Rifle with ammo? Necco102: That's handled by Necco104, I'll talk to them. S2: we have a Maj. Colyer and we need those guns to use at his School of College of Combat knowledge. Necco: that would make a good news story it sounds great. S2: German M/G, burp gun and rifle with ammo. Necco: I'll check with Ord and call you back.

Wh3 to S3: I saw what I wanted after yesterday in the plane. S3: good. Wh3: what about what happens on the demolition we were talking about. Wh3: send coor with La NCO. This was a recon flight with LNO5 Arty observation airplane to view the location of the second line of defense which caused a discussion of destroying a bridge that will be the natural path of the eny if and when they start an offence. The navy shelled it with no effect and very difficult for planes to place bombs on it because of the location in a deep draw. The prior discussion was to have the Engrs place a demolition charges.

Bl to S3: I wonder if the Col. would mind if we continue to send the same quota of men per week to see the "Jr Miss" play. All men haven't seen it and now I understand, you don't need a ticket. Bl: send 1 officer with the men and see that they come back as soon as it's over. S3: I'll ask S5 and call you back

.Necco Lt Moffatt to S3 Lt. Asai: You called about German guns, we have the rifle, but we'll check back with French on the others. Necco: we have some, but they are not made in Germany. S3: I think this major was only interested in familiarizing the new men on the sounds of the weapons.

Red3 to S3: we are going to have a school here for 6 days. We made arrangements with Capt Feibleman of Arty and each class will be 2 days and the Cos will take 2 cycles to go through. Our last school was in Vayda and since then we have had a new turn over. S3: S6 ordered the school to be held for the new men.

Wh2 Sgt to S2 Lt. Asai: Could you send a jeep with an armed guard? S2: Why: Wh2, we picked up a spl friend. S2: When? Wh2: at 4 o'clock. S2 where? Wh2: He's at SP HQ now in Sospel.

S2 Lt Asai to Wh2 Sgt: What is this a PW or what? Wh2: he is an Italian spy. I don't have the detailed. Capt Aull wants an armed guard for him. S2: where did you get him? Wh2: up on the line.

S3 to HQ Co. You'll have to get a jeep up to Sospel HQ and bring back a rough character. Don't let him get away.

S3 to Necco102: There is a suspicious character bring brought back from Sospel. Can you get some MP up there to take him to Brig. We don't have any.

Necco2 to S3: MP is on the way. Will you call me when PW comes in? S3: yes, it appears to be a civilian, someone who we were looking for.

Red2 to S3: Red wants to know if Red Bn will train men who are to place demolition on rd blocks, or was Blue going to train them?

S6 to Wh6: why do we have to send Jeep up there? Haven't you a jeep to send down there? Saves time. Wh6: well that is what has always been done. But we can send them down after this.

Sometimes there is a hundred or so. S6: Yes Sir: believe this man is a line crosser

HQ Co to S3 Lt. Asai: Jeep with guard left at four-forty.

Capt Riebesell to S5: Lt Peterson of H Co. received a telegram saying his parents were seriously injured, mother critically, father dangerously. There is some financial matter that only he can take care of. S5: I think CO wouldn't mind if he were sent home on a plane for a month. Send a letter through Bn for approvals.

.Necco102 to S2: Has the line crosser started on his way? S2: yes, he left 20 min. ago. He stated he was sent by the Germans for information. They threatened him and he said that they are holding his sister for hostage. He speaks good English. He said he was in England for 7 or 8 years. His parents are Italian. Necco102: we should get some sort of trophy for capturing the oddest people.

Lt. Massengale to S3 Sgt: I'm now at RR station in Nice; will you have Maj

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White pick me up?

Lt Asai DO to Necco102: He'll start to interrogate him tomorrow. Lt. A: You better hang on to him.

Necco102: You bet we will. I told Maj Kovac, you people should get a medal for getting odd characters. When you pick up a SS man we'll give you a new plaque. Lt. A? We'll get one yet.

S6 to S2: Did you warn Brig to hang on to that fellow? Col. Handley had more dope on him. S2: I told the Brig about it. Col: S6, Fine

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S3 to Red3: In regards to the discussion we had last night on those 4-locations, 3 will be taken over by the 3rd Bn. and the one below you will be retained by you, will that help? Red: Yes sir. S3: the 3rd Bn has been notified already, but if you get hold of

1269th Engrs before us, will you tell them of the changes? Red: Yes sir.

Maj Buckley Brig Surge to S5: Is it all right with you if I put 1-EM on DS to do clerical work here? S5: No, try to get one from the 65th Inf. We need the men here. S3: Lt Massengale to S1 CWO: I'm, calling for Col Pence, what date did we receive the regulation stating that 2nd Lt after 18-month can be promoted without considering the TO. S2: the circular dtd 9 Dec. 44, but we received it on 18 Jan. 45.

Red2 to S2: Necco called up and wanted to know if there were any aerial activities. S2: Our OP spotted 2 groups of 9-P47's. One grp was flying to Bordighera and the other grp going to Vallecrosia. They bombed and strafed. The only response was eny s/a fire.

area?

S2 to Necco102: Did anyone call your office about the air actvy in the 100th Bn

Necco: no, not from this office. S3: the 100th called up and they said someone fr

Brig requested it. (the above air actvy was given). Necco: I checked and it seems that Lt. Warren called up the 100th Bn direct because he was in a hurry. S3: that's what we want to straighten out.

The Bn., calls up and we don't know anything about the things going on. Necco: I'll see that it doesn't happen again. S3: did you get any info fr that nefarious character we turned in yesterday? Necco: interrogation is going on now; as soon as they are thru we'll let you know.

S2 Lt. Asai to Necco102: Neon rpt for the last 12 hour period. 20 rds of Arty. 4 were aerial bursts. No OP activities. Weather is cold and clear.

Necco 103 to S3: On demolition point it's OK. When the Engrs take out the charges from the upper ones, wouldn't it be a good idea to cache it some place; leave it handy in case we need it? S3: Yes. Necco: Gen agrees in taking your 3rd Bn. and leaving them mobile. You probably will be able to switch them with others. But we need a completed plan. Necco: that will give you a chance to work more on the secondary positions. S3: yes, thanks.

S2 to Necco102: The mayor of Peille request to tabulate number of houses and the number of people housed etc. Now how about it from the standpoint of security? Necco: No soap. Just tell the French No.

S2 Lt. Asai to Necco102: on this man you picked up, where was he picked up and was he spotted before being picked up? He says that he just walked into your men. S2: I'll find out and call you back. Did you get anything from him? Necco: not too much, he seems too anxious to give his story and talks too fast. We'll probably use a baseball bat on him.0

Necco102 to S2: On this man Joseph that you picked up, he says that 12 more of the same caliber are coming over. He had a light gray trench coat and he says those other two men have the same thing and they'll have good shoes, because of the terrain. He stated they will be

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in either today or tonight. Just a little above the place he came through.
S5 to Blue Capt Graham: will you give me all the information on Lt. Moseley's burial. All the details.
Capt. Graham: Yes sir.
Red6 to CO: A company of Moroccans came marching into Menton from Monaco for exercise and promptly got shelled. Could you have something done about that? CO: OK, make a note of this and give it to Col Scovill.
Maj Colyer to S3 DO: Here's our schedule, 11 Jan. school for mine & booby traps and Arty demonstrations.
Red2 Sgt to S2 Sgt: C Co. rptd obsvd 2 grps of 9-P47's, 1 grp bombed Bordighera and other bombed Valle Crossia. Only response was s/a fire.
Can Co OP rptd sinking mine way out to sea. Weather clear cold and vis good.
S2 DY O to Red2: what did you have? Wh: 5 rds total. 17-rounds for period. Can Co. saw mine destroyed by navy.
Wh2 Sect to S2 DO: change the number of rounds in the area to 3 instead of 5.

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Red3 Sgt. To S3: no change in disposition. 3-missions. 5 rds on eny mortar pos, 4 rds of eny mortar, area well covered and 4 rds on rail and rd junction and bridge. Needle firing: personnel believed 1 KIA and 3 WIA
S3 Sgt to Engr Sgt: Will you send same demonstration crew up to Maj Colyer's school on 11 Feb. and 12 Feb. to give the same demonstrations as last week? Engr Sgt: I'll tell Capt Nakada.
Necco102 to S2: there is a supplement in today's periodic rpt on the man, you know who I mean and if he doesn't answer all of your questions, let me know and I'll send the interrogators out to get what you want.
S3 Lt. Massengale to S1 CWO: Neon 6 wants a copy of memo he put out on venereal disease rate. S1: We'll bring it in right over.
S3 to Red3 Sec: Will you tell Capt Kim, a Col Bates will be up there to talk to him about the location of a certain AA weapon.
Red Sgt to S3 Sgt: I have a WD letter fr 7th Army. It states that the WD film will be shown. S3: we got schedule fr higher up and 442nd was not included.
Wh2 to S2: We have 2 line crossers here. One is a line crosser and the other says he was interned in Switzerland. Both are characters and I don't believe their stories. One is too well dressed and his money is all in consecutive bills. He is young but a punk. They were observed before being picked up. One has about 4700 francs and the other 5000 francs. One is from Breil a Frenchman who guided the young guy who previously worked for the Germans. The young ones parents are Italian.
S2 to HQ Co.: These 2 characters are on the way. I have the wallet. Send Cpl. Matsuo back with the wallets because they have to go down with them.
Necco4 to S2: The French brought this German m/g in. Could you get it back tomorrow as it came from the line. I'll try to get some ammo fr our Ordinance. S2: now you have an m/g and a rifle. Can you get the burp gun? Necco; The French did not have a burp gun but I'll keep working on it. S2: Can you get us a German uniform? Necco: We can get them from the PW in our stockade or at least part of uniforms. I'll work on that too!
S2 to Wh1: The IG will be in tomorrow to your Bn. Have a staff O here for a guide. He wants to look over the living conditions in the front
Necco102 to S3: There might be more of the same type of men coming over. This one said 2 started the same time as he did but was detained. Those other men may be detained too and the story is just like the 1st one you picked up. This man says he was sent only on a test run and to get only minor things. Notify your Bn about it. He said the others are coming through your sector and around Breil.

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Red2 Sec to S2 DY O: our OP rpts motor launch outside the coastal area. Will you check and see if we have any out? S2 says there are none of our boats out. Red2

Sec: How about the navy? Red2: also there is an unidentified plane flying toward Beausoleil.

Bl2 to S2 DY O: I Co. CP rpts heard planes overhead going SW to NE. While the planes passed over, saw blinking light off shore. Also saw boat off shore.

Maj Miller to S2: Did you hear anything more about the boat? Nothing! Red and Blues heard it off shore. If any were taken with anyone alive, call me right away. There is something that is tied up to this situation. S2: Yes.

misty.

Wh2 Sec to S2 DY O: weather rpt: cold, clear, good ceiling. Tonight is a little

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S2 to Bl1: IG will be in this morning. Do not disrupt routine. It's up the Col. Pursall to suggest what they want to see.

S2 to Wh2: This old fellow seems to be implicated too! Maybe they got it out of him last night. There's a meeting of all 2's you can bring it up at the meeting.

Maj Colyer to S2: What about the weapons? S2: we can get the m/g but not the machine pistol. Maj C: well, I can get a burp gun from Maj Akins. S2: good and I called the ammo dump and they said they can get all the ammo we need. Maj Colyer: fine.

S3 to Bl5: here are the details starting tonight. Set-up 2 listening posts. One in Cape Martin and the other at Monaco. It seems that something is going on there. Any group of eny is going in to town and going out between Cape Martin and Monte Carlo. Have 3 to 4 men on each post and they will start 30 minutes before dark and stay until 30 minutes after dark. That's to start tonight. I checked on the maps and there doesn't seem to be a great location so you better have someone rcn. Bl5: we'll have I Co. take care of that, they are familiar with this area. S2: This deal is on the water along the shore and with all the traffics, it'll be hard if you set up a listening post near the rd. You have to pick a good spot. Bl5: I'll give the coors of the spot before dark.

S2 Lt Asai to Bl2 EM: Re: shelling of Cape Martin, can you give me the exact loc? Bl: we have not got it in yet. When we get it we'll send it in.

Bl2 Sgt to DY O Lt. Asai: Position of listening post. Lt. Wheatley has a good suggestion. We could use a couple of more listening post. Lt. A: It would be a good idea if it's not going to hurt your operation. Bl Sgt: Is it OK if we put those in? Lt. A: when you give us the location. Bl Sgt.: Yes sir.

Bl La O to SD2: I got those guns you requested. S2: OK

Capt Nakada 232nd Engr .to Capt Bonin: Where is Col. Miller? Capt B: he is on a pass. (CO to Capt Nakada) The IG is going to ramble all over the unit, we can't tell where or when he'll drop in. So be on your toes. He spoke favorably of your showers.. Capt. N. Thank you Sir.

Bl6 to S3: I want the plans of movement as once planned before. Bl6: I see, well it seems we'll have to go to L'Escarene. S3: yes, but there is no room. Well what about those move on the listening post? It'll be hard to have to shuffle them back and forth. If we have a good large platoon there stationary. S3: yes, I'll come up tonight and we'll hatch it over. Bl6: Yes, glad to have you up there.

Necco103 to S3: with regards to the listening posts effective tonight through recon pos 5 or 6 will do the job. Best way to leave the platoon in the kitchen for them also. Necco103: well, I guess you know what the reason is behind it. Yes, if you think it's necessary, we'll go ahead and do it.

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Necco103: yes, of course you can't have it completed tonight. S3: No, only what you have suggested. But I'm going to see the 3rd Bn CO now and work it out with him. Also the housing plans we talked about.

Red2 to S3: we have a line crosser and we're going to send him back to Brigade MP HQ. S3: OK, any advance dope you can give me? Red2: No. He looks German and I think he can give them pretty good dope.

Capt Bonin to Capt Putnam: I understand they're going to have school up there again? Can you give me more detail on it? Capt P. well didn't Maj Gopel give you the dope? Capt B: yes, Capt P will arrange something for you. We will start the school on the 14 February, Capt B. OK.

Red2 Sgt to S2: we have a line crosser, caught in the B Co. area. We are turning him to MP HQ. S2: did he give himself up? Red2: No sir: he was trying to slip by and got caught. S2: what is he, German? Red2 Sgt: No, Italian. S2: What coor was he picked up? Red: I can't give you any coors but I'll send it in tomorrow. So did you have any Arty in the last 12 hours? Red: 5 rds.

S2 to Wh2 Sec: How many rds in the last 12 hour? Wh: 4 rds and 1 air burst. S2: any other importance? No Sir. We had rpt of planes flying fr S to N. A man heard something like a falling dud; whether it was from the planes he couldn't say.

S2 to Necco102: 24 rds Arty in area, unidentified plane flying S to N over Sospel. You have the dope on the line crosser caught by the 100th?

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S2 to Necco10: Weather rpt: Cold, clear, vis good, temperature below freezing. What about that man last night? Necco102: up to last night it wasn't quite certain if he was one of those or not, but he was more than an ordinary line crosser.

Necco Lt. Warren to S2: French secretary is coming down today.

Lt Kurlan White School to S3: Are Red and Blue going to send more men here? S3: none contemplated.

S3 Lt Asai to Necco102: our periodic rpt, no change.

Red2 to S2: Have you anything on the evacuation of the civies that Necco2 was talking about? He said we could keep the ones who are working for us. So I'll tell all the Co. Cmdrs to keep those who are working for those who are not on the pay rolls. S2: OK.

Necco103 to S3 Lt. Asai: are you familiar with the situation on the coast? S3: yes, sir. Necco103: The detachment that is in the area around there for a couple of weeks and requisitioned a hotel there. Well, there's a night security man there. I wish you'd warn them not to plug him. S3: Yes sir.

Capt Bonin to Cn Co. CO: The school is for 9 O's and 22 NCO's and it's for 5 days. Could you send Lt. Yonemura to the Brig on Tuesday afternoon to prepare for the school which begins on Wednesday? If you can't spare Lt Yonemura, will you call Col. Pence? Can CO: OK

B13 to S3 Lt. Asai: This meeting tomorrow at 1300 is that still on? S3: Yes, B13: did the major put out a verifications on it? B13: when I come down tomorrow, I want to pick up occupancy forms for Lt. Wheatley to fill out for the place.

Red3 Sgt to S3 Lt. Asai: No change in the situation. 1-81 mm mortar mission, 4 rds harassing. 422nd FA 4 mission on rds, prsnl, ptrl, mortar pos and 49 rds on pos neutralized.

Our KIA loss for this day was, Private George M. Futamata, Of E Company
442nd RCT, home address unknown.

So France, Part 4b

Rotating the 2nd and 3rd Bn in the mountains; 100th Bn to remain at Cape Martin; troops to receive 100-tons of wood for heating; floating mine at sea.

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S2 to Necco112: Neon weather rpt: cold and cloudy, vis good, ceiling high, slight NW wind. No precipitations. Rds are passable and temp about freezing.

S2 to Wh School: are you going to use the German m/g tomorrow? Wh: we'll be using them on Wednesday. S2: we have to turn that one back to Brig, but we have another one for you and after tomorrow use this one. I'm sending up another thru Ln O. We also have some German uniforms, 3 pants and 2 coats. We'll send them up to you too! Wh: OK.

CIC to S2 Capt Bonin: I understand you have a man working for you by the name of Grimaldi. I think he has been on several ptrl. S2: I see Grimaldi on my list. CIC: Just a minute the names are Nolinari and Giacobi. There was a change.

S2: Maj Kovac: Isn't here and I can't find those names. CIC: will you have Maj Kovac ask these men what they know about a man by the name of Piera Cottalorda and ask him to call me back? S2: will you repeat those names? CIC: Nolinari, others are 2 brothers Antonne and Giacobi. S2: OK.

S3 to AT CO: will you tell your men on rd block to keep a watch on a stolen 2-1/2 ton truck from the 2nd of 28th Infantry Signal. There is a lot of important and valuable information on it. AT Co. CO: We'll be on the look out for it.

S2 to Wh2: do you recognize the name Nolinari? CIC would like to get information about Cottalardi Piera. They'd like information about him because they don't know about him. Wh2: OK. S2: also about Giacobi.

Red Sgt to S3 Sgt: I'm looking for a field manual 23-7 on carbines. Do you have any extra copies there? We like to have one because we're going to fire carbines. S3

Sgt: OK, I'll see if I can't find one.

Wh2 to S2 Lt. Asai: is Maj Kovac there? Lt. A no. Sh2: what does he want to know about them? Lt A: The two Nolinari brothers have been leading patrol for us and do they know this new man Nolinari? Wh2 He's OK. CIC knows about him.

S2 Lt Asai to CIC: Mr. Young: you called here this morning regarding some individual? What types of information did you have in mind? Mr. Y: Well, do they know anything of the man? Lt. A: well, our 2 works with him. Mr. Y.: Well are you sure he doesn't work for the Germans or such? Lt A: I don't know, but the others says he's OK. Mr. Y: I'll work on that angle he's all right.

Capt Bonin DO to Necco102 CQ: Firing rpt. 7 rds of arty fell in our area during the day. Calibers 105's and 155's. Weather warm, clear, ceiling and vis good. Necco102: Thank you sir.

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Capt Graham to S2: Do you know where the patrol is going to operate? We know just about where it is. You're to get in touch with the French officer today. I think they'll let you know more about the description and the boundaries. Capt. G: Col. Pursall wanted me to call you first before I saw them. S2: If they are not there, call me back.

S2 to Necco 103 Capt Lewis: I wonder if those Frenchmen are going to be there? Capt L: I checked and I'm sure they will be there. S2: Our Bn. called and I wouldn't want them to make a trip for nothing. Capt L: If they're not there I give up. On this other thing about one area of increase in responsibility of the patrols, I've checked that and the Col. says he didn't know, but we'll work on that and I'll let you know. S2: thanks.

Capt Graham 3rd Bn to S2: S3 on line, Lt Wheatley and I are supposed to meet some Frenchman at the 100Bn, but no one seem to know anything about it and from the looks of things I don't think they

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will come up here. S3: I'll call the Brigade and check on that and call you back. Capt G: Thank you.

S3 to Necco Maj Miller: Capt Lewis made arrangements for the Frenchman to be at 100th Bn to discuss some matters with our 3rd Bn O and they just called up saying that the Frenchmen were not there. Maj M. Capt Lewis is out now. As soon as he gets in, I'll have him call you. Also those bombing missions in front of the 100th Bn, what are the reaction of the men? Is it a moral lifter? This is a tactical rpt, but, I would like to know. S3: I'm sure it's a morale lifter. The next time I call 100th Bn I'll ask them.

S2 to Necco102: I've been checking up on this arty that has been falling. Maybe, the Jerries are saving it up for something. Necco 102: I told the Nighthawk about you. I heard you got a KIA from sniper at one of your OP. S2: Yes. Necco: That snipers school does some good. S2: Yes. That sector isn't very far and a sniper can get through and fire from range of 1000 yards without being seen.

Bl6 to S2: those Frenchmen never did come. S2: Yes, I just called Brig on it. Bl6: I was down to that tip and the French are about 2/3rd way around in houses down there. The area is already mined and the French should be able to pick-up any one who comes in the front door. I have made a run of the area with Lt. Wheatley and yesterday I told the Col Pence we agree on 7 points. Neon will you contact the Brigade and call me back. S2 Sgt: Yes Sir.

Red 2 to S2: Capt Taylor of 522nd FA is worried about the one who were working for him disappeared. I have sent names to CIC and Ln O will bring the names down to you in the morning. S2: OK, You're having a meeting in the morning. You bring it up in the meeting with the French? Red2: Yes.

Capt Lewis to S2: That deal of French taking 2/3rd of the Cape Martin is OK. S2: OK.

Bl3 to S3: This move in getting complicated. We are getting very GI with this.

We'll move when we get the orders and how about making it Wednesday? S3: we'll have our orders out in an hour. Wednesday will be OK. How many trks can we get? S3: call on us for as many trks as you need.

Necco102 Lt. Warren to S2: are your reports annexed #2, 2nd Bn 1st CP: it doesn't sound right. The coor for the French ptl, it reads 800704. S2: It must be 800074. Lt. W: it still doesn't sound right. S2: I'll check with Wh Bn and call you back.

S2 to Wh2 EM: Wh2 is not in. S2 on your rpt of the 11th, one item, route of Moglia Bn., CP Informatory. What coor do you have? Wh2 EM: 80074. That's wrong. Wh2 EM: it must be typographical error. I'll check and call you back sir. S2: yes sir that is very important that it is correct.

Wh2 EM to S2: the correct coor fr this is 800074. S2: are you sure. Wh EM: yes sir.

S2 to Necco102. The coor is 800074. Necco: That sounds better. S2: they check it with the original French rpt.

S2 to Bl5: How did you make out? Bl5: I got the info I wanted fr Brigade HQ and Wheatley is going to contact the others tomorrow morning. We should have the rpt completed by tomorrow night. This person you referred to never showed up. S2: when did you get the info, at 1300? Bl5: yes. S2: is it a 2/3rd deal now? Bl5: Yes, that's right and if higher HQ keeps it that way. I'll suit us fine. S2: I don't think they'll change it, that's what they want. Who is Wheatley going to contact? Bl5: He is going to contact some important people on the location., Do you want Lt. Wheatley to phone you after he contact them? S2: Yes.

DY O Lt Asai to Necco102: 10 rds 81 mm mortar, 2 rds smoke, 12 rds 75 mm 6 rds 105 mm 1 rd 150 mm, 3 rcn ptls out. A very slow activity observed. OP heard sounds of construction going on and

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s/a fire on the Cape of Monaco. Flares and s/a fire, in the direction of Peina. Weather cold, clear

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S2 to Necco102: Weather is cold, clear, vis good and ceiling high. No wind or precipitations. On periodic rpt you will get this morning, you will note that the figures adding up of the enemy facing us is incorrect.

S2 Lt Asai to Necco102: no shell rpt. Unidentified planes at 0925. Necco102: That's our plane. There is French War Correspondent who wants to take pictures and look over your area. So you can ask Maj Kovac to set a time sometime this week and have somebody take him around the dangerous spots. Lt Asai: How long does he plan to stay? Necco102: Maybe a day.

Wh2 to W3: Capt Shirey just told me they're coming out there tomorrow, so It'll be good idea to have a guard ready up there. Wh3: yes.

Wh2 to Necco103: we misplaced one of those mechanics. I'd like to have his address so we can pick him up. Necco103: What's his name? Wh2: Jean Lordo. Necco103: call a little later, I'll have to check our list. Wh2: OK.

Wh2 EM to Wh2: Mt. Grosso called up and wanted to know who's in charge of the workers up there? W2: I don't know. Have Akita call up and find out. What's it all about? Wh EM: They have a generator all apart and wants to take it to Nice. Wh2: have Akita get the dope on it

CIC Mr. Church to S2 Lt. Asai: I was calling on the pass situation. Mr. C: anyone who is qualified to go up there should have a stamped and also affixed signature of Lt. Besse's signature. The pass should be in English. Otherwise they shouldn't be there. Lt. Asai: well they come up on the train and we have no check point between Nice and Sospel. So at present we can turn any people who do not have proper ID. Mr. C: Yes.

S2 to Neon10: did you read the letter on Signal Security dtd 10 Feb? Neon10; Yes.: S2 Par 7 calls for name of O's who handle code and cipher. Lt. Mackey is for 2nd Bn, Lt Teraji for the 3rd Bn and Lt Kodama for the 100th Bn. is that right? Neon10: Yes. S2: is there another besides you and Mr. Yamamoto? Neon10: That's all.

S2 to S1 Sgt: on this letter on Signal Security, dtd 10 Feb. we have cut some orders out for the Par 7 names of O's who handles code and ciphers, etc. do you think we should also include S1. I believe so. S2: can you think of anyone else besides all the como O's, Adj and staff. S1: no sir

Neco102 to S2: on the evacuation going on your place, I was talking to Maj. Miller and we thought it will be better off, if you have your Bn take care of businesses because it is mostly in his area.

S2: OK. Necco103: also you could tell him to be up here tomorrow morning. I have some things I have that will be of help to him a lot. S2: OK

Red3 Sgt to S3 EM: have you a manual on BAR, #2315, also have you received a msg of MTR? S3: both are at the Sv Co. When we get them we'll give them to your Ln O. Red3: also can you get me manual 2345? S3: OK.

Wh5 to S6: Got that OK'd this afternoon. S6: yes, I know what you mean, that short cut. Some heavy planking is needed for this short cut. Who is furnish that? It will cost money. Some heavy planking is needed for approach at the other end. Wh5: could we use logs? S6: I don't thin so. Wh5: Col. told me he got permission from the French and just let him know when we get started. S6: well, we do need those materials. Wh5: could we get Maj White to requisition them? S6: well, I'll see Capt Nakada in the morning about it.

Red3 to S3 Lt. Cooper: we just got words from French that CO of 23 Bn is having a practice march tonight at St Agnes. Will you please notify Blue Bn so that they wouldn't kill them! S3: OK

S2 Lt Cooper to Necco102: Shell rpt, 4 rds art hvy, 4 rds 81 mm. Weather cold vis good cloudy afternoon, no rain or snow.

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Necco103 to S3: I have a letter requesting 3 training films. How long will you want them for? S3: about 3 weeks. Necco103. I would like to be at your Red tomorrow morning, could you have your Ln O stop in? S3: sure will. S5: out to aid station. S6 is out to Colle de Braus.

S3 to B15: just wanted to check your guards on the extreme left flank, we'll need to leave them there and rotate them as you see fit. Will you tell Capt Shirey? B5: OK, I'll check.

I & E Lt. Massengale to Wh2: Yesterday AT Co. and Engr Cos asked for News Bulletins, so can you knock those off of your distributions? Wh2: OK

I & E Lt. Massengale to Red EM: Please send this message to Capt Kometani: news bulletin increased by 3. Please distribute them also to AT Ca. Co, Engrs and Plats Attached.

Necco103 to S3: Marseille doesn't have any of those films. We can get them through Paris, if you wish. I'll can you back after I check with Medics. The substitutions are Sex Hygiene but there is no substitution for Chemical Picture

Capt Bonin to Lt. Todd: B13 just told me that you could pick up 3 BAR's at the RR Station at L'Escarene. Will you bring them with you? Lt. T.: righto.

Capt Ritter to S2: I'm trying to locate Maj. Buckley, where is he located? S2: He's Brigade Surgeon now. S2 is out, Lt. Massengale out to Sv Co. and to 359th Trucking Co.

Capt Keegan H Co. CO to S2: I have a boy good in cartoon drawing in Maulden style. I know he'll do good work. So if you will ask Maj Gopel if he can use him as a unit historian. He's a LA man in my Co. S2: OK

Capt Riebesell to S2: 6th Army Group sent down for a roster of all LA men and they ask us how many can we absorb now and give them the ans by TWX. Now the situation here, we can use most of them, but when we're offensive, we can't use any of them. So will you tell Col Pence. I'd like him to call me on how to ans this letter. S2: OK.

S3 to Necco103: Re: training film: could you use those substitutes for 3 weeks? Necco103: Ok. S3: How long will it take to get them?. Necco103: I'll call up Marseille now and let you know.

S1 to Lt Massengale: did the French soldier and civilian rpt to S2: Lt M: no they haven't. S2: I'll send them over if they come back.

Lt Schettler AT to S2: There's a couple of civilian shooting at one another at the bridge. Do you want me to get the Gendarmes over to take care of that? S1; Yes. That's the correct procedure. CO and S2 going out to Sv Co.

Lt Massengale DY O to Necco102: we got a call of unidentified plane flew over Red Bn.

Necco102 to Lt. M: that was a transport plane.

Necco102 Lt Warren to Lt. Massengale DY O: Have you your rpt? Lt. M. just got it. Red rpts 10 rds, Wh 28 rds. Weather cloudy, cold. Vis poor, rds passable, Red Bn rpt a plane going to Italy. Necco102: we checked the plane and they are friendly.

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Capt Bonin to Cpl. Matsuo: will you tell S4 that if he wants wood today he can have 3 trucks. The drivers know where to pick them up.

Maj Colyer to Lt. Massengale and Capt Nakada: School schedule,; Sat: Mines and booby traps by 232nd Engrs.

Mon: Arty demonstration, 522nd FA

Mon: Attack on fortified positions, 232nd Engrs.

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- Necco102 to S3 Lt Asai: we believe you borrowed a m/g from us and this party wants it back, can you return it? S3: yes.
- Necco102 to S2 Lt. Asai: we got words that there was some action around Menton. S2: just north of it, but behind our lines. They have a PW in civilian clothes and have reason to believe there are more. I don't know what time that was. Necco102: did they kill any? S2: I don't know.
- Necco102: I got words from Crossfire, they had 1 PW and killed 2. Could you check on that and also what was done with the PW? S2. OK, the spot was coor 781864.
- S2 Lt Asai to Red3: did you get more on that? Red3: no. S2: Brig would like to get him for questioning. Red3: Yes, but the Brig would like to get him for questioning but the French is interrogating him first.
- S3 to B13: Lt. Schettler is on the way to see you. He will handle the guards up there and you can switch and take the guards down there. B13: OK, I'll be over to see you in about an hour. Is Capt Nakano going to bring the showers down here? S3: well, that will leave the shower up there with only one company, wouldn't it?. B13: yes it will be more sensible having it down here. S3: OK.
- S2 Lt. Asai to Neon10: on boys what are they? Neon10: 2 of our Engrs. S2: What happened? Neon10: They were neutralizing a mine near Castillon. S2: we didn't hear about it.
- S2 Lt. Asai to S2 HQ Sgt: are these two men fr 232 Engrs? HQ Sgt.: Yes sir.
- Lt. McCall to DO Lt. Asai: we have a line crosser picked up at the location we had in question. On that action we'd like to know right away. Lt A: is he Italian? Lt M: Yes, when he is ready to go back to your HQ, I'll can you back.
- Necco102 to Lt. Asai DY O: will you tell your Public Relation man Mike Masaoka, that I got an interview for him with the General at 1330 Monday. Lt A: Yes sir. We have a line crosser for you. He was picked up at 1300 opposite Olivetta. The man is Italian. Necco102: what time will he get here? Lt A: he will be here about 1700 and should be at your HQ at 1830. Necco102: We'll take care of him.
- Lt Asai DY O to Sv Co .CQ: will you tell Mike Masaoka that his appointment with the General came through. Monday,1330. CQ: Yes, sir.
- Lt Asai DY O to Capt Crowley: There is a line crosser coming in about one hour or so. Capt C: yes, but I won't send him to Brig until the garrison prisoners from I Co comes back. Tell the Col Miller that I don't want to use extra guards: Lt A: OK. While the I Co. CP was located in the buildings of the Italian Naval Academy adjacent to the French Fortifications, east of the village of Rocabrune. Some men of the unit were incarcerated being processed for disorderly conduct while on a pass. These charges were proved to be unfounded and rescinded many years latter due to collected efforts of Sadaichi Kubota and others.
- Lt Asai DY O to Wh2: did the line crossers leave yet? Wh2: the line crossers left at 1415. Lt A: is he like the others? Wh2: definitely not. He has a couple of suit . cases filled with civilian clothes. And he is intending to stay. I gave the driver 2 wallets. One from the German Officer picked up from previous engagement. Do not confuse the two, there is no connection between the two. The pocket book were sent from the company.
- Necco103 to S3: We are expecting a counter part of the other to be in tomorrow night. I'll have you handle it and see to it that all units in your sector sees it. S3: Yes, sir: Col H: We'll give you 3 days to show it and if it takes less time the better. The film is for 17 minutes and it's a 16 mm as far as I know. And there should be an operator with it. You can have the operator run it and you can make the necessary time arrangements. S3: Yes sir.
- Lt Asai DY O to Lt. Nagai: 232nd Engr: how did the accident happened on the mine? Lt N: we had a cpl and sgt of each squad, they were to deactivate the 2 mine fields. They finished one, and the cpl who laid the mine lead the others men.. He stepped on a trip wire and set it off, a bouncing baby. It didn't go up so it was faulty. Anyway

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the sgt was in between the cpl and the others men a little higher ground and didn't get hit, while the other two we re killed. Lt A: what time was it? Lt N: I don't know. I just heard about it. It happened in the K Co Area this morning.

Necco102 to S2: on this French PW that was brought in while your were here. He says that 6 line crossers are coming over there tonight around the coastal area or the meddle sector. S2: I'll tell Red Bn. Neccdo102: on the PW, there were 4 in the party. 3 that were killed were 1 officer and 3 NCO's. On those men killed, I would like their identifications and all the papers that they had. Also if they have been buried, have them dug up and get their clothes. S2: I'll do that.

S2 to Necco102: I got a call from Brigade that there will be a man named Armstrong leaving Brigade at 1800, he wants to be parked just a mile out of Sospel and wait for him. He has a special mission. He says he cannot go through HQ. Wh2: I'm going to Cannes so I'll have some one there to meet him.

Lt Asai to HQ Co. 1st Sgt: It will be up to you to notify all the attached units to see this film tomorrow. 1st Sgt: Yes sir.

Wh2 to S2 Lt Asai: I wonder if we could get a line on the plane that flies over us just about every night: Lt. A: When was the last flight recorded? Wh2: at 2200 last night. Lt A: is it identified as a 2 motor job? Wh2: Yes. Lt A: We called Brigade on it and they says it is our transport plane. But I'll check again. It's pretty peculiar to have a schedule run.

S2 Lt Asai to Necco102 1st Sgt: We just had an unidentified plane rptd over our Wh Bn area. Necco102 EM: We had several calls and I checked on it and it is a friendly plane. There probably be more planes tonight.

Capt Putnam Necco to Lt Asai Dy O: we just received words from the radar sta and they say there will be more friendly planes over tonight. Lt. A: OK.

Wh2 to S2 Lt. Asai: Do you know what the msg called up about the Armstrong deal? Well tell him the 2 will attend to that tomorrow. Lt A: OK.

S2 Lt Asai to Necco102: Shell rpt: 1 rd 102, 1 rd 81 mm. No eny activity of importance. OP rpts of unidentified plane going N. Weather, cool and all rds passable.

Our KIA losses for this day is as follows:

Cpl Noriyuki MASUMOTO~232 Eng Co 442nd RCT from Kaumana, HI.

Sgt Theodore T. UYENO~232 Eng Co 442nd RCT from Honolulu, HI.

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S2 to Necco102: What did you find out about the line crossers? Necco102: as soon as I find out about it I'll call you. I heard 3 were killed and 2 got away in the water. S3: we are checking on that now.

Necco102 to Lt Asai: on this episode on the Frenchman, I have so many different stories on it. I can't seem to get the real story so will you try to get the whole story for me/ Lt A: The Red Bn Ln O is interested to get the dope when you go down to the Bn. He will be there sometime this afternoon. I'll call you back.

CO to S3: Do you have any plans to fire the '03's for the reinforcements? S3:

2nd Bn is having a school also the 100th Bn. I'll have Shirey look at the range and have him work it out. CO: OK

Red2 to S2: on that French business, Galloway called me on it. Now is the French is going to handle it why ask us? They have a Ln O. I know the boat has a motor on it and I don't know whether it was a rubber or a wooden one. Now on the man killed I know for a fact there are 2 bodies, but I don't know about the 3rd. S2: well, they said they buried 3. Red2: well, I saw only 2 bodies.

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- S3: I'll like to see you sometime tomorrow morning and work something out on the Cape Martin deal. Red2: Yes Sir.
- S3 to New Life5: In regards to the movie tomorrow afternoon, you can send men on the hrs 1330, 1430 and 1550. NL5: what about tomorrow morning? Its all packed. But however you can send 4 or 5 men at a time. It starts at 0745, 0805, 0830, 955, 0920 and 0956. NL5: OK, I'll send some of my men down in the morning.
- Lt Asai to Necco3: On that must see film is there any late dope on it? Lt A: we just wanted to be sure so in case it has changed again we will juggle the schedule.
- Necco101 to S5: I have to make a rpt of 1 name to receive the British Distinguished Person Medal. S5: can we put in man who is up for DC now? Necco101 yes. S5: well, I'll talk to the Col on it. Necco101: Is the IG there? S5: no, he hasn't showed up
- 232nd Engr CO to S5: did the Col ask you to use some Prisoners? Engr: Maj White did. S5: can you use any? Engr: as high as 50. S5: are you going to undertake the project? Engr: If the Col. thinks it's worth while.
- Wh3 to S2: The mayor was here this morning and he wants some license for some men to shoot rabbits and birds. There was a directive on it. S3: Yes, I know, I know they will not allow it. That boundary is still holding but I'll check and call you back.
- S3 Lt Massengale to Red3: I want to find out it on this film if you can show it Sat. Now the reason is that we will have to show it to all supporting units. Red3: what time will it be here? S3: Anytime tomorrow. You'll have to include Nero and Plunder, Needle and have the time on it.
- Red2 to S2 Lt Massengale: There are 2 bodies and they can't find the third. They are going to bring the 2 this afternoon. On that boat, it is a rubber boat with a outboard motor. The French has it. Will you notify Necco about it? S2: Yes.
- S3 Lt Asai at B13: On your secondary positions what's the percentage of completion B1 75 %, S2: all these are decreasing. Last week it reported 90%. B13: you have alternant and secondary confused. Alternate about 90% and S3 Oh! I see. Thank you.
- S2 Lt Asai to B13: The 3rd Bn. rd Block taken over by your Bn from the Red, are you still maintaining them? You mean those by Item 4? S3: Yes. B13: I don't think we are maintaining them now. S3: on the Red Bn they have a note saying you are maintaining it. B13: since we moved out we have no one up there, but if the people wants it maintained, we'll put troops up there. S3: I'll check and call you back.
- S3 Lt Asai to Wh3: You're going to get some new personnel. Wh3: How about sending them to school first. S3: There are too many for the school. Sh3: We are conducting a school. S3: If you think you can send them there, it's OK. Wh3: How many are coming? S3: I don't know the break down but there are a total of 300. Wh3:
- On this other thing how long can we have it? You're scheduled for Sunday all day and we'd like to get it back as soon as Sunday night. Can you arrange it? Wh3: OK. How about Arty? S3: You'll have to take care of them also. Wh3: We do not have control over them, you'll have to notify them. S3: I'll call them.
- S3 Lt Asai to Red 3: You are getting some new personnel today and a memo will follow saying that they must be familiarized with the '03's. Will you see that they will have been familiarized and fire with the '03's before put on the line? Red3: Yes.
- S2 to Necco103: What's the policy on hunting? Necco: Anyone up in your area, no soap. They will have to submit a letter to Maj Weygand. Then it comes to me and we disprove of it. No hunting in your area.
- Red2 to S2 Sec: OP saw floating mine out to sea 3000 yds due S of Cape Martin. Shall I call the navy to blow it up? S2: I'll call Necco on it.
- S2 to Necco102. About 3000 yds S of Cape Martin there is a floating mine. I hope the navy is interested. I hope they blow it up.

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Necco103 to S2 Capt Stevenson: Maj Kovac called me this afternoon and asked what time to pick up the film for tonight?. Col Hamilton tells me the arrangement has been already made to pick it up in the morning. S2: Yes that's right. Necco: OK, and will you give Maj Gopel this msg? He asked if expected changed would effect certain responsibility down below. The Col says for the present there are no contemplated changes.

Capt Stevenson to Lt Cooper: Where is the movie tonight? Lt. C AT 2nd Bn. Capt S: There is a possibility that you may have it at Red Bn by 0840, because we have a must film. Lt C: The movie could be set up in the mountain so I'll check White Bn. Movie projectionist Cpl to S2 Capt Stevenson: On the equipment we brought from Marseille, we have everything but the film. S2: That's fine the film is at the Brig.

S2 Capt Stevenson to S2 CO: Call up 2nd Bn and tell them never mind and that the projector and everything is set.

Wh2 to Capt Stevenson: weather, cold clear. Vis: fair to poor. Rds assable.

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S2 to Necco102: Weather rpt, cold, partly clear and no rain. All road are passable, and temperature about freezing. I'm coming your way by the Red Bn. I'd like to pick-up the overlay of that restricted area. Maj Miller has a copy in file. Necco102: I'll be expecting you. S2: I'll be there around 0900.

S5 to Necco 105: Did you get that? Necco I did. S5: what do you think about it? Necco5: The General says it's fine. Some Higher up HQ sent a letter of what awards he has already. Necco: Did it come in recently? S5: It came in a day before yesterday. Necco5: That wont effect the other one. (British Distinguish Medal, Barney Hajiro?)

S2 to S2 Lt Asai: How are things? Lt Asai: OK, its pretty quiet. S2: You know those 3 small blocks, they are to be kept. Lt. A: Who is going to keep them? The B1 Bn. Will you tell the B1. Bn they are to maintain them until further notice.

S2 Lt Asai to B13: There is 3 small blocks I called you about yesterday, the Brigade would like them maintained. B13: those are not really blocks. They are demolition they were not named. S2 Lt A: we'll continue the same policy you had to begin with and you'll be responsible for them. B13: Yes. They were never manned but we have certain moral responsibility for them.

S2 Lt. Asai to Engr Sgt: On that accident you had the other day, can you give me the exact locations. Make up a written rpt and send it down by msg Ctr.

B13 Sgt to Se Massengale: Where is the Engr CP located? I'll call you back on that.

S3 to Lt Massengale: Your Sgt just asked me to quote the location and the answer us Sclos.

B12 Sgt to S2: The one KIA by the mine at Cape Martin, where Lt. Dunn was at this afternoon. We did have all of the information at present. We wanted to notify you as soon as possible.

Wh3 to S3 Lt. Asai: Well, those blocks be maintained by B1. Bn? S3: They will be maintained. Wh3: What time will the films be up? S3: Early tomorrow morning. What time do you start? Wh3: 0745. S3: OK.

44th MP to S2: We have a boat patrol up at Cape Martin, just wanted you to know. S2 to Red3: Nothing definite on that yet and to looks right now that it will be

later on tonight before they'll know. Red3: Then we'll have to go on and plan to Red over. S2: Yes, that's right as it stands. It also appears there will be some other outfit, other than the Engrs. You know whom I mean. As soon as something comes to a head. I'll let you know.

S3 Lt Asai to Wh2: that film will reach your CP around 0745 tomorrow morning. It will be delivered by Needle. Wh2: What's the name of the film? You'll see when you get it. Your request is not considered feasible. Wh2: I was talking to some officer who saw it and they said it's pretty

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good. There were more than a dozen tp conversation for the RCT to organize the RCT and all the attachments to see the required film.

S2 to B13: Have you heard the deal on Cape Martin? B13: the 1st Sgt of K Co. called in and said that one man had been killed and wounded another one. So I don't see

how it can happen. There was only a driver with Lt. Dunn. B13: Yes that's true. I really don't know the details, but as soon as I find out, I'll let you know.

B13 to S2: 748844, place where the man was killed. It was believed to be an enemy mine These men were out looking at our installation and while inspecting the are one man stepped on a mine. I can't tell you the whole story because of security. They were new men. More details later.

Red Bn. Capt Kim to S2: We have official notifications for the French Brigade that the 21st Bn will continue it's mission until new orders come out. S2: OK, that's fine.

S2 Necco103: Did you know of the score I was talking about, has been cleared. Col Scovill to S2:

What's worrying you? S2: Red Bn had a message from

French Brigade, saying they are going to continue patrolling the beach. Co. S: There's more French confusion. Two days ago there were to discontinue the next day. So I started to investigate this morning. I got a note from Ln O that they would discontinue Sunday. I have the Algerian in mind to help patrol the area and they are 3000% better than what we have had. They're just waiting to get their bayonets wet. And If that deal don't come through, I'll talk to the General and see if we can't use our Engrs up there. Wait until tomorrow morning. I'll keep you informed.

Wh2 Sec to DO Lt Massengale: Weather cold, ceiling good tonight. Cold, cloudy in valley. No precipitations rd passable

Lt Massengale DO to Necco103: Total 20 rds Arty, one on Red Bn with 19 on

White Bn. OP early morning sighting of a periscope off of the Cape.

Our KIA loss for this day was Cpl. Bertram A. Tsunematsu, of K. Company, from Waiialua, HI

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*Joint French defense at Cape Martin. more line crossers.

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Red EM to S3 Lt. Massengale: We have a claim here for 100 tons of logs. S5: we'll send down a receipt for the troops. CO K Co: Yes sir.

S6 to Wh6: How about letting lose of Lt. Kurlin for AT Co? Wh6: All right sir. S6: You want to keep him in college? Wh6: Yes sir. Until we get another man to take his place. S6: OK, we'll transfer him to AT Co. and put him on SD with our 2nd Bn.

Lt Massengale to Wh3: Did you get the films? Wh3: Yes. Lt M: B1 Bn will have it tomorrow at 0745, be sure you get it here by then. Wh3: OK.

S2 to S2 Asst Lt Asai: On that 2 rpt, Lt. Noyama signed for it Lt A: I got the 16th. S2: You should also have the 17th too. Check with him, incidentally, the Engrs will take over that area. They're to man it and we are not. There's more to it than that. I'll see you in about an hour. Call Lt. Dunn and tell him to be at Red CP at 1400.

Col Ransom to S6: I think we ought to get together pretty soon. S6: Were in a tail spin now with the must film, there's plenty of time to get together. I'll go to Brig in the morning and get the overlay? Col R: I wanted to talk to you about the installations and etc. S6: You mean the telephone and wire. Col. R: Are you busy this afternoon? I'd like to bring my S3 and S4 and talk to your S3 and S4. Dy O: we have lots of time, I'll see you in the morning. Col R: OK.

Plunder to Lt. Massengale: Can you give me the schedule so I can get my men in each showing? S6 to Plunder: Why didn't you send your men yesterday afternoon? Plunder: I just got the letter this morning. S3: our 3 called someone at your HQ. Plunder: I haven't had any call sir. S6: Ok,

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- we'll see what we can do for you. (Lt M to Plunder) Lt. M: Gave the show schedules.
- Capt Riebesell to S5: Did you want to see me about the 2 first Sgt: S5: Yes, how many extras do we have? Capt R: said that 3 were 1st Sgts in 1 & 2 HQ Co. But none in A Co. and H Co. S5: said to check with A Co. CO and see if he will take the extra 1st Sgt or I Co. The 1st Sgt for 2nd HQ is limited service.
- New Life to Lt Massengale: In reference to showing pictures, we still have 3 batteries to see that. Can you accommodate them tomorrow? Lt. M: The place is pretty small, we had planned as your unit broken in three groups..NL: That is lot of men you see. Lt. M: Well we can break them up into 3 groups. NL: Ok, then I'll plan on getting the bulk of them in than.
- New Life3 to Lt. Massengale: Can you manage a little over 100 for each showing? Lt. M: No, because the place only hold 70. The original figures you have with us is only 100. NL3: Yes, that's HQ Battery, but we have other units only 15 minutes or so from here. Probably, they did not originally intended to show it to the others. In all we have about 450 men. (S6 to NL3) S6: I understand you had only 110 men, to show originally. S6: Ask if (New Life) could get his men down to Service Company tomorrow evening at 0845 and the film would be shown for them on until all the men have seen it. NL: said he would get his men down to Sv Co. with enough of them who will see it tomorrow afternoon, 80 men at each showing..
- Lt. Stivers to Lt. Massengale : Lt M: I gave you the time of showing, can you spread your men out? Lt. S: OK, we'll spread them out.
- Necco103 to S3 Lt. Massengale: S2 for area 3 of the French Civil Affairs aren't working today. Area #31 and #2 are cleared of Civis but Area #3 is where you'll have your problems. Lt. M: Well, I just can't tell you to what extent it will be used. Necco: well, I'll call Red Bn and find out from them is that is OK. Lt M: OK
- Lt Massengale to Wh3: Could you give me an idea how much NL you are taken care of.. Wh3: We are taking care of 1/3rd portion today. We are taking care of all they send down.
- S3 Lt Massengale to B13: Re: periodic rpt. Didn't you have one WIA? B13: The fact are just one KIA and that's all. The first rpts were a little excited, I guess.
- Lt Massengale to Sv Co. CO Lt. Guthrie: New Life is sending about 130 men down to see the film. At 2030 a man will be down at your CP fr Plunder to pick up the film. Will you be sure to meet him? Sv CO: we'll take care of it.
- Necco102 to S2: Wasn't that periscope seen at the same date as the floating mine? S2: I don't believe so. Necco: What do you evaluate as to the periscope? S2: I don't know, but it must be true, that's a good OP. How about the fiasco up North? Necco: I'm checking in that. That increase to #7 was a good idea. S2: Yes.
- Red2 to S2: I went over all that stuff with the Engr and made arrangements to complete it by Tuesday evening. Now you know the blockade over there? The MP's from Brig pulled out of it. S2: Have you got anyone on it now? Red2: Yes we'll also setting up those 4 road blocks now. S2: Good. I'll see brig about the road block. Red2:
- I got my mine field sketches marked "secret", shall I mark it "confidential" ? It doesn't make too much difference.
- B13 Sgt o S2 Lt. Massengale: I Co. OP rpts flashes at 80 degrees coming from Menton.
- B12 to S2 Lt. Asai: Rpt from K Co. They're where the I Co CP used to be. 2100 destroyer off shore fired 6 rds immediately after which 6 white flares set near or maybe set off by the destroyer. Run a line due S of CP and the lines due W from Can. Co. OP to intersect with the first line, that is the exact location.
- B12 to S2 Lt. Asai: Another rpt 2030: as same Co. have a listening post and they heard a motor boat due S from them 1200. They couldn't see it but heard motor boat. It may have a connection with the previous rpt..

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Necco102 to Lt Asai: You might have our boys on a lost business. This thing ties into with what happened sometime ago. S2: OK.

S2 Lt Asai to B12: I checked with them and they don't know anything scheduled. However, there may be a connection between them two. B12: another rpt says, the sound comes from close W and coming down to Coast. If you can check with Co. C OP they might have something. S2: Yes. I'll do that.

S2 Lt Asai to Can Co: Do you have a como with those with your OP? They might have something. S2: Did you have a rpt from them. Can Co: No. S2: there is some rpt of Blue of the shore activity near you. So will you alert the boys up there? Can Co. OK. I'll give them a try.

S2 Lt Asai to Necco102: Periodic rpt: 2 rds 75 mm no other activity except the boat incident. Weather cold and cloudy, fog in the lower valley.

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Can Co. 1st Sgt. to Necco2: Do you have any manuals on Gas Warfare? Lt. M? I don't have. I'll check and call you back.

Necco102 to S2 Lt Asai: Did anything happen on that boat deal last night? Lt A: Our Can Co. rptd 3 yellow flares and that must have been the same ones the destroyer threw.

Battle Lt. Henning to S4: I'd like to see about 4 men we have at the OP now and I'd like to have them see the film this morning. S4: Yes you can send them down.

Necco3 to S4: I tried to get Bonin but I missed him last night and this morning. I believe he went up to Luceram. So if you can get hold of him, tell him what Col Miller suggested. S4: OK.

S2 to Mr. Yamamoto: Are you Cryptographer O? Mr. Y: Yes sir. S2: well drop by here I have something for you.

S2 to Capt Nakada: Is your plat up by White Bn. doing lots of work? Capt N: Yes, they are doing some work. S2: well, S6 was asking about them and he says to make a preliminary housing arrangement for those men at your place. He was thinking of pulling them back. Capt N: OK say have you heard anything about the tunnel deal? S2 I asked 5 and he said the Col said no. Capt N: OK.

Wh2 to S2: we have 10 more line crossers. S2: What time are you expect them in here? Wh2: in about an hour. S2: Fine but let me know as soon as they get there. Wh2: OK. About this Armstrong deal, they should give us more advanced notice on it. As it was, we couldn't show him anything. S2: Yes the whole thing was badly handled.

S2 to HQ Co. 1st Sgt: Tell Capt Stevenson he should be prepared to go on rcn with S3, CO and myself. HQ 1st Sgt: Yes sir.

Wh2 to S2: We have 16 line crossers. S2: OK. Some other area claimed they have partisans here. Do you know if they are? Wh2 No; S2: Could you use the ration trucks? Wh2: No. S2 well, if you don't have any truck let me know quickly so I can send them up.

Wh2 to S2: We can't get any trucks, so will you send one up? S2: OK.

S1 to S5: Do men from 100th Bn need passes for the rest center at Beausoleil? S5: I didn't know they had one in Beausoleil, is it authorized? S1: I don't know. S5: Yes: They need a pass.

S2 to Sv Co CO: I just got a call from Wh. Bn that they got 17 line crossers. Can you send a truck up there? I think we have some trucks about 1400. S2: OK. Sv: notify Wh Bn.

S4 to S1 Sgt: On this consideration of strength sheet. You have to S6 and S5. In the HQ Co. you have 87 EM is that right? S1: Is that copy for S5 or S6? S4: I got it off of S5's desk here. That's 87 men present for duty and 5 men on pass. S4: Thanks.

New Life to Lt. Massengale: I went to check your time. Lt M: the proposition will be back at 1400 and my time is 1/2 now to 1/3rd. New Life: Thank you.

S4 to B1 OK: I talked to your 6 and he said it was OK for me to take 4 of the Sv

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Co. trucks from your motor pool to haul wood. I'll hear Capt Bonin pickup the goods at 0930 tomorrow. We're going to haul wood to your Wh Bn and Maj Colyer's school.

S3 to Sv Co: Unit Historian: How are you working out our history? Sv Co: I'm still waiting for the Bn. to return in the reports. I want to finish my other work as I am putting all my effort into it. S3: We can get the dope into chronically order. Sv Co: Yes. Did you get the events I sent for you from the Bn and Cos? S3: Yes, they are very helpful.

Necco102 to S3: What's the story on the line crossers? S3: we have no words from our Bn as yet. Necco102: The reason I ask is because we had a few partisans yesterday and they said more line crossers are coming today, tomorrow or the next day. If they are partisans we want to send some men up there and question them up there and hand them over to the proper authority. S2: I'll call them and let them know.

S3 to W3: What's the dope on the line crossers? Wh3: I thought they had left already. Wh3: They are still up there waiting for a truck which is supposed to be there to pick them up at 1450. S3: are they Partisans? Capt A they claim to be Partisans. S3: Brigade wants to send some one up there and question them and if they are partisans, they will take them off of your hands. How many? Wh3: about 50 of them. Necco103: How many? S3: 50. Necco103: well hold them up with you until you get works from CIC. S3: OK..

Necco102 to S3: Do you know if they're around? S3: No, I don't Necco; Will you find out if they are around or are in uniforms or are they partisans S3: OK, I'll call up Wh and call you back. S3 to Wh3: How many are actually there? Wh3: 17, S3: Do you Know if they are partisans or not? Wh3: No, I don't. They're most likely just folks, men, women and children. S3: Any arms? Wh3: No. S3: Same route? Wh3: Yes just about.

S3 to Necco3: Is Capt Bonin through with you up there? Necco3: No, he is but Lt. Yonemura is supposed to finish up the school. By the way we rcd a wire that confirms what me and the Col. Pence were talking about the other day on the people next to us. The date is the same.

S2 to Necco103. The figure is 17 not 50. They are only line crossers. Necco102: OK.

Necco102 to S2 Lt. Massengale: Necco was talking to S2 about these news correspondents around Nice. Well, Maj Kovac says we could set any day for these news men to spend a day in front. I've set the day for Wednesday at 0900, will you pass that on to Maj Kovac. S2: OK.

S2 Lt Massengale to Capt Matheson: Did they send the trucks up there to pick up those line crossers? Capt M: That's the first I heard of that. S2: Maj Kovac talked to Capt Hawkins about it. Capt M: Yes, the truck left here at 1300 to bring up RTU's and were supposed to bring back those line crossers. S2: OK, they may be up there now.

S2 Lt. Massengale to Sgt Sv Co: says the trucks left with reinforcements and were supposed to pick up those line crossers on the way back. Wh3: Yes, but I don't think they're here yet. I'll check and see.

S1 Asst to S2 Lt. Massengale: 2nd Bn picked up about 16 line crossers. They got them out in front of S1 now. What shall we do with them? They're supposed to bring them back down to MP HQ in Necco. S1: OK.

S2 to Can Co CO: one of these men from the French School, do they cause much noise over there? Can Co: They are sort of a noisy lot. Last time I had to chase them off. They're messing around. They tried to show us how much they know, but if they are serious, I'm glad to do anything for them. But I don't want another sight seeing tour. S3: Ill give you a ring tomorrow and if they want to play around why that's different. I'll call you back.

Lt. Yonemura Brig School to S3: Have you the 7th Series of the Infantry Manuals? S3: I believe No. Lt Y: Could you send it down? "Org of Inf Regt and Co and Bn". I think it is one book. S3: We'll get it down.

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Red2 to Lt. Massengale: 100 Needle OP rpt flares vic, area well covered by mortar. 1-mission covering eny in dugout and pill boxes. Fired with good result. Weather clear, vic good. No snow or rain or wind.

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Necco102 to S2: The General, Col Erakin and another Col. from the 6th Army Group, also Maj Miller will be going to Menton and maybe Castillon. They want to inquire about the evacuation in your area. The O fr 6th Army Group want to ease their conscience on the evacuation in your area. It seems that the HQ in Paris is putting pressure on SHAEF on evacuation. They especially want to see Maj Mc Kenzie and tell him to tell everything. They will be up around 0830 to 0900 to Red CP. Also have him prepared to go to OP. S2: I'll call them.

S2 to Red2 Sgt: Take this msg as above. They particularly want to see Maj McKenzie in regards to the evacuation. Make sure Maj. McKenzie knows that. They'll be asking questions.

S2 to Wh2: a French correspondent will be up there tomorrow around 1000 to spend a day in the field. If I cannot come with him, I'll send the Wh Bn Ln O with him. Wh2: Can he speak English? S2: I don't know that, they want to put some write up in the local papers, since the people around here don't know that there are soldiers up there and being killed. Wh2: OK

Lt Massengale DO to Necco103: I checked on the film and it will be at your office at 0900. Plunder is taking it over. I called up and they said it will be in your office at 0900. Necco103: OK.

Capt Demaiolo to Lt Massengale: Is Maj Kovac there? Lt. M: He left for the outfit to our left and will be gone all morning. Capt D: We placed our outpost for the evacuation. Lt. M: OK, I told him about the overlay and also I told him you had all of the details.

Capt Nilges to S5: I was wondering what as to my status? S5: You stay at the Brigade as Ln O and send Lt Todd back. Capt N: Yes sir.

S5 to Capt Crowley: We are going to have some visitors and I want this whole town cleaned up. And also spoon up the men and have a officer meet the visitor at the foot of the bridge. The Gen. will be with them also. Warn your men about military courtesy. Capt C. Yes sir.

S5 to Blue 5: Pass the word around that there will be a visitor around noon. I want to see some military courtesy. I caught 6 of your men yesterday and had Lt.

Gilmore take them up to their CO. Be sure they salute all officers. Bl5: Yes sir. I saw the 6 men, we'll take care of them.

Wh6 to S6: I just heard about sending Lt. Adachi to L Co. S6: Who? Wh6: He was just made Lt. Was there any special reason, could I send someone else? S6: I think the Col. is taking a interest in that. He is coming up to see you. Wh6: It's never been done before. S6: I think that this is the beginning. Wh6: OK.

S2 Lt Massengale to Engr: If you have any men who had not seen the film, they can see it this afternoon at 3 PM in Neon Personnel Bldg. Give me a ring if you have any men. Above msg also given to Sv Co, B1 Bn, Wh. Bn, New Life, Personnel, Red Bn, Needle, Can Co, HQ Co, AT Co, Plunder and Nero.

Necco102 to S2: Re: French newspaper man. He's coming here at 0330. S2: OK, send him here and will forward him a guide to Sospel. Do you know when the men shall be posted on blocks? Necco: I'll check with Maj and call you back.

Red2 Sgt to S2: I'm calling Maj McKinzie and he says to tell you the General won't be down to Neon until 1300. He is up front with the Maj now.

Rd1 to S2: We've posted those blocks on this evacuation business. S2: All those people got their passes stamped? Red2: Yes, but they have to have another pass to get in and out. CIC can tell you more about it. S2: OK, I'll check with CIC.

Red2 to S2: Can we borrow the German uniform for the school for about 3 weeks? S2: When do you

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want it? Red2: Saturday. S3: OK, I'll send it to you by your Ln O.

S3 to Bl6: The CO feels the ammo should be pulled out of those places. Bl6: OK, I'll try to pull out the bulk of it today and on the rest tomorrow. S3: Anything more on that deal? Bl6: I'll be through with Smith at about 1430. S3: OK.

Red2 to S2 Lt. Asai: We found out from the French Security Officers that the town next to us is not being evacuated. The original plan was to evacuate it. We just talked to the French Security Officer and he says that he had orders of changed plans. We're already started putting in the road blocks. Lt. A: OK, I'll tell Maj Kovac about it.

S2 to CIC: I've had rpt all of Castellar is not being evacuated, is that so? CIC: The story is all except those Capt Demaiolo requested and their wives. S2: I understand there is another pass needed. CIC: If they are traveling further say to Nice or Menton, then Lt. Bessay wants to have another pass. We have nothing to do with that.

Necco102 to S2 Lt. Asai: Have you anything across the way? S2: No, not yet. Necco102: FA rptd one of those line crosser who goes back and forth gave info something brewing Ventimiglia. The same thing happened the other night, might take place. S2: you mean in the Red area? Necco102: Yes, we have not enough to evaluate, but warn those men. S2: Yes sir.

Necco103 to S3: Call Col. Bates in the morning, we just got another wagon for you. The boys down the coast were on line for one. S3: you mean the Red Bn? Necco: Yes, another thing the 65th Inf. Got a PW in a firefight this afternoon. He's a genuine German PW. He was not from the I & R reserves. It seems they are desperate and these may be a possibility that there is something to the FA information. Inform your Bn so they will be alert. S3: How many were there in the firefight? Necco: I don't know. I didn't get the whole detail. It must have been a patrol. Have the Engr all set. S3: That was tonight wasn't it? Necco: Yes. S3: How about the boat? Necco: We'll have them out and put Engrs there too. S3: it better be soon. I'll be down your way.

Necco3 to S2: Did you want to see me about something? S2: No, I didn't. Necco: some one must have their wires crossed. S3 I have something in mind about those blocks. Necco: I think the center one would be sufficient. S3: I don't know, there was 10 in all. Necco3 agreed to take over fr restricted area to where we are and told Maj Gopel about the Engrs. S2: I'll give my plans to Maj Gopel when he goes to see you tomorrow.

Red to St. Stivers DY O: Weather, cold, foggy, vis poor no wind no arty. Ptls results you already have. DY O: OK: No arty, no change in disposition.

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S2 to Neco102: What did you find out last night. S3: they got him. Did you get in a firefight? Necco: They caught him before the firefight. He wandered off and they nabbed him

S3 to Necco103: I've been trying to call Col Bates on this Flake Wagon on our right. I've been trying to contact him but I can't. Will you call him and tell him that we would like him to meet our Red CO tomorrow at the Red Bn?. Necco: OK.

S2 to Necco2: Did you want me to call? Necco: Your newspaper man is on his way up to see you. You'll have to turn in all the stuff to Brig fr censorship first. S2: OK.

Wh2 to S2: Is the French reporter coming? S2: They just left. Wh2: Do we have to feed them? S2: Yes, there are two of them. They won't stay long and can speak English well. Wh2: These is a same Differ up here who was working with Capt Maraud and has been separated fr him, and would like to get in touch with him again. S3: I'll find out. I'm going to be up at Brigade this afternoon

French reporter to S3: I'm stuck with the French Gendarmes. Could you tell them to let me pass? S2: I'll go right up there now. Cleared French Gendarmes by S2.

Wh2 to S2: Do you know anything about some Administrator of War coming up here? S2: No. Wh2:

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They are coming fr Paris, are the same men coming up, that was a correspondent? S2: No one has informed me that any one was coming up. May be they can't find our CP. S2: Perhaps it's hard to locate. I'll check with Brig. Wh2: That won't be necessary.

Wh2 to S2: Can you give me any dope on those Minister of War fr Paris? There are 6 or 7 in the party, a total of 10 including your reporters. S2: I'll call Necco right away.

S2 to Necco3 Sgt: Do you know anything about the Minister of War fr Paris? They dropped in at White Bn. Necco will you call back there is no O here. I don't know anything about it.

HQ Co. to S3: We want to zero our carbines in on the range. We need some targets. S3: We can give you some old maps.

Necco5 to S3: Did you want me to call? S3: Yes, about this Minister of War. Necco: I don't know anything about them. S3: 4 French Engr and 4 French Officers arrived for dinner unannounced. Necco: I'll check on it.

Wh2 to S3: Did you get anything on these people. Minister of War S3: No, Maj Kovac left words for me and no one there knows anything about them. They are going to look into it and call back. Wh2: I'll find out in the meantime and If I get anything, I'll call back. They came fr Engr Office in Nice.

S1 to S3: Tell S1 that Capt Kawano has requisitioned a building now being used by the 100th Bn as rest center. Wh2 to S2: Weather rpt: cold day and clear. No rain wind or snow all rds passable, slight wind.

Our KIA loss for this day was Tech.5 Hidio Fujiki, of 552nd FA Hq. from Honolulu, HI.

22 February, 1945.

S2 Lt Asai to School Lt. Kurlan: On this German uniform are you through with them? Lt. K: Yes, finished. Lt. A: Well send hem back here with the first transportation coming here. Lt. K: OK.

Red3 Sec to S3 Capt Bonin: No change in dispositions. 81 mm mortar missions: one mission 6 rds on eny OP harassing. 522 FA mission: 4 harassing mission, 61 rds.

Blue3 to S2 Lt. Asai: There are some Engr at K Co. Now, what are they supposed to do? Lt A: They are supposed to take over the block ptls. Blue3: I see and take care of the listening Post until further notice. Lt A: Right. Blue3: OK, I'm having Dunn over them now.

S2 Lt. Asai to B13: On these Engrs, did they make any reconnaissance yet? Blue3: I think so. I'll come over about 5 minutes and straighten this thing out. Somebody has screwed things up.

S2 Lt Asai to Capt Jones: Strategic Service: I'm calling for Maj Kovac, He would like to contact Capt Morand. Capt Jones: OK. I'll give his number 6908 on the Nice Commercial circuit. I'll tell you I'll call Capt Morand and connect him to Jones. By the way, there will be 3 fellows, French Civilian agent going through to at your place, before going up. Lt A: OK, I'll be expecting them.

Capt Conen to B16: There will be an Australian War Correspondent and a Canadian War Correspondent down to your Bn sometime this afternoon. Now if you can have someone take them around.

S2 Lt Asai to B13: On those 5 pos of rd blocks, you only have 5 coors. B13: We are in a dark about that. Maj Kovac and Lt. Dunn worked it out between them and we are waiting for the overlay fr the Company. I'll send it however as soon as it comes in. S2: give it to your Ln O. B13: OK.

B13 Sgt to S4: Lt. Asai asked about the coor at the rd block near the coast. I was wondering if we should send it through tp or other means. S3; send them through msg center.

Engr CO to S3: Have you heard anything about what they talking about? S3: Well, you have the orders. Engr: Yes, but it doesn't specify anything. S3: Yes, it's still an improbability yet. Engr: OK, I see.

Necco102 to S3: we have 12 war correspondent who will be at your place tomorrow. You will have to feed them. In the morning they will go to the White OP area, and afternoon they want to go to

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Menton. S3: Are they Americans? Necco: Yes: We would like an O guide for them at all times.....pause.....We decided to reverse the program, they will go to Red Bn first about 0930. They will also want to see a pack outfit.

Red3 to S3: What about those I & E correspondent? Feeding them is a problem. You can take them to Capt Shorey's place because I don't think they'll want to climb up to any OP. There is nothing we can do. Red3: I may not be able to give them an O guide but I'll furnish a guide.

Wh3 to S3: Where are these visitors going after they leave here tomorrow? S5: To the rear I presume.

Wh3: On the pack do they want to see mules? Because they are up here and mules are back there. S3: Show them the field pieces, etc. What you have there and turn them over to pack..

S2 Capt Bonin to Necco102: Arty rpt negative: cold clear rain, misty-low ground fog, slight N wind and rds passable This will come in your rpt tomorrow because I can't give locations. People obs: working in the fields with women's clothes with machine pistols, 4 people. Mortar put on area and 25 eny, some in women's clothes came running out. Full rpt will be in tomorrow. And just a bit of information these war correspondents were telling up north during the break through, the Germans are using trained dogs with flash lights on them and when our boys would follow the lights the Jerries would ambush them

Capt Bonin D O to Necco2 CQ: Our K Co. OP #5, 12 reported s/a fire. From hill side north of OP

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B12 to S2 Lt. Gilmore: We have another rpt, appears to be same weapon, same location. We sent out a 7-men group led by a O, trying to run down what ever it is. They are going to rpt back and either Capt Shirey or myself will take the call and send it in. I believe they are attempting to draw men fr our listening post. That was the reason we sent other men beside them. It sounds like a carbine.

Necco102 to Lt. Gilmore: The msg I had for Maj Gopel is that the war correspondent will be coming up today. They will first go to Menton and work down to L'Escarene. Be sure to have an O preferably Capt Demaiolo meet them at the first rd bl around 0850 Lt. G: I'll notify them.

S3 Lt Asai to Red3 Sgt: At 0850 have a O at the first rd bl that leads to Menton to meet the press agent and have the O stay with them all the time. Red Sgt: Yes sir.

Capt Bonin to Necco5: I made a check on the film and we have no body to go. Negative rpt. Necco5: Thank you.

S2 Lt Asai to B12: Did you get any rpt from the patrol? B12: No not yet. I was going to call them as soon as I got info. I'll call you. S2: OK.

S2 Lt Asai to Necco102: Necco 12 war correspondents will be up fr 6th Army Group. S2: We have the info to the Red Bn already. Last night one of our OP heard s/a fire and they sent out a patrol of 1-O and 1-EM to investigate, rpt has not come in yet. The firing was in friendly area. Necco: was there any exchange of fire? S2: No, it may have been some drunk firing. As soon as the rpt comes in, I'll call you. (Time 0810)

The report from 0811 to1034 this day is not in file

(Time 1038, continued): S3: now about those rd bl? (road blocks). Necco3: They are the problem. I don't know the answer just yet. S3: Will the French take them over? Necco3: There won't by any French left. Suppose you come down this afternoon and we'll hash it over. S3: OK

S3 to B16: Those listening post can be pulled out at any time. B16: Who is going to take over the rd bl? S3: We are stuck on that and I am going down to Brig to talk it over. How may men involved?

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- Bl6: There are 4-blocks. The Engr are handling one fr the last point. I can send down the info.
S3: No, I'm coming up to see you.
- S2 Lt Asai to HQ Co: Do your motorized patrol still go out? HQ Co: Yes, sir. S2: What time. Hq Co: 1230-1300 and 1500-1530.
- S2 Asai to Wh3: Do you know about those correspondent? Wh3: Yes. S2: They are on their way to your CP. Wh3: What? We were told three times they will eat at Red. S2: We just got word fr msg cen they left Red at 1030 and want a guide on the rd to Sospel. Wh3: We have dinner all cooked and the plans were already to meet them this afternoon. S2: Yes I know.
- Bl2 Sgt to Lt. Asai: We would like as many maps of pos of area we are going to. This was the preparation for the next big move. (The environment in the high mountains were so harsh that the White and Blue rotated their positions between the high mountain and the warmer inner positions. The 100th Bn stayed on the coastal defense position. The 2nd and the 3rd Bns kept improving their position and was also improving the second line of defense which Lt. Wheatley the acting commander of I Company was largely responsible in the designing and location for the second line of defense.)
- Red3 to S3: We had to change one of our bazooka area. S3: Give me the coor and when are you firing?
Red3: Coor 774867, and we are firing this afternoon. There are no civ around. S3: OK.
- S3 to Red2: Say this correspondent deal messed up everything. Red2: There was a col. in charge and he said they had K ration. They wanted to go and I told them about food. I had plans for them to climb up to our OP and eat after, but they didn't want to climb.
- S3 to Red3: Did you get some visitors? Wh3: Yes. S3: I'm told they have K rations. Wh3: Well, we'll feed them. S3: Red had it arranged for them to go up to our OP, but they didn't want to climb. Wh3: Well, we'll take care of them.
- Necco102 to S2 Lt. Asai: I have 2 Navy men here and they want to see the Cape Martin fr land. S2: More of them? Well, I'll call Blue and make arrangements and call you back.
- Necco1 to S2 Lt. Asai: I have 2 new paper women coming up to Red. Will you notify them? S2: More? OK. They're women? Necco: Yes. Send a guide to meet them at the rd below.
- Radio sec. to Lt. Asai: You better send that msg to msg cen first so they can decode it. Then give it to us. S2: It has to get there by 1600
- Neon11 to S2 Lt. Asai: It will take to 1630 to decode that msg that you just sent in. Is it OK to send it in clear?. S2: OK.
- S6 to S1CWO: On these passes to Nice, notify Bn and Sep Cos CO's it's up to them as to when the men shall come back. But they must be back for breakfast.
- Necco 102 to Lt. Massengale: Re: periodic rpt: about those eny seen vic : women clothes digging in the field. Do you think they are removing mines? S2: I'll have Lt. Asai call you.
- S2 Lt Asai to Necco102: What's up on those men in women's clothes? Necco I was looking at our maps. May be they are mining, that place or digging up mines. S2: I'll try and check on that. Our Red line is out.
- Red5 to S3: We called up about duds over here in Castellar. S3: That's the first time I've heard of it but we'll get right on it.
- S3 to Necco3: We have some duds we want to take care of. Is it the 133rd Bomb Disposal Co? Necco: Yes. S3: will you have them contact Red Bn first thing in the morning? Necco: Yes. S2 Capt Stevenson to Necco103: Weather cold and clear, vis good but misty in valley tonight. No wind rain or snow, just 2 rds of med Arty.

So France, Part 4d

*Air drops; new wood supplies; trench foot prevention; French labor law.

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S3 Lt. Massengale to Red6: Necco6 will be at your CP for the ceremony at 1845. Necco102 to S2 Lt. Asai: I just checked with the Navy and they had nothing out last night. Could you tell what direction it was going? S2: No, we couldn't. S3: Well, I'll have to check with the Navy and find out about this.

Necco102 EM to S3 EM: Will you have Maj Kovac tell Maj Mc Kenzie that those signs for the town are ready. There is a load for a 2-1/2 ton truck. There is more than 100 signs. S3 EM: OK. Necco it's at the 1269th Engr.

S2 Lt Asai to Red5: I understand you had some signs made by Nero? Red5: Yes, Maj Kovac knows where it is.

S3 to Necco3: Do you know anything about the attachment to the 3 Bn? Necco: The Pack outfit. S3: are they attachment? Necco: No, they are under FA. S3: Is that all? Necco3: The Engr. I don't know if they are attached. I'll have Col Scovill call you back. S3: OK.

S3 to Necco3: What's the dope on that? A plat of A is attached the rest is General. S3: And no other attachment? Necco3: No, I'll check on the Arty again for you.

S3 to Bl6: The small outfit is an attachment, and the other are in general support. They will stay up with you. Bl6: OK, Now what are the indications? S3: Favorable.

Necco3 to S3: Capt Nilges: 60l is in direct and also A Btry of the other is direct secondary mission. Will you tell Maj Gopel that. Capt N: Yes sir.

S3 Capt Nilges to Bl6: Necco3 just called up and he said he made a slight mistake. The Arty is in direct support. Also A btry of the other is helping on that. Bl6: OK.

Necco102 to S2 Lt. Asai: There is another war correspondent here to see you. He is the one who was with you yesterday. He wants to spend a night with the boys at the Gulf Hotel. I'll send him up sometime late this afternoon and don't forget to have him here tomorrow morning not later than 0830. Wh1: OK.

Necco1 to S2 Lt. Asai: Please tell Col Miller we are very pleased the way the correspondent were rec'd and the correspondent felt every possible arrangement was made for them.

CO to Nighthawk6: How about those cots, are you leaving them? Nighthawk6: We're planning to transfer them to you. CO: OK.

S3 Lt Asai to Nero3: Re: signs you made for our Red Bn, where can we pick them up? Nero: Here at the CP.

Necco 103 to S2 Lt. Asai: If we send that correspondent to Wh2 Bn, can you guide him to Gulf Hotel? S2: Yes.

Capt Howard to S3 Sgt: Will you tell Maj Gopel that we have silhouette targets. S3: how many? Capt H: 50-E's and 100 F's. E are for kneeling pos and F are for standing pos.

Necco 102 to S3 Lt. Asai: Did you check on that thing I was talking about? S2: Yes, The distance was great and they didn't talk to the individual. But its quite possible that it might be what you think. Necco: What do you think of the possibility of sending a patrol in there? Lt A: Yes, I'll check with them.

S2 Lt Asai to Red2: On that info yesterday on the civilian you suspect them as eny aid? Red2: Yes. Lt A: The rpt says they looked like digging mines. Red2: No, they were just farmers. Lt. A: What made you believe they were eny agents? Red2: one women was carrying a Machine Piston and anyway no one was supposed to be in that area.

S3 to Necco asst: can you give me the full name of Col. Gunn? Necco asst: His full name is Thomas F. Gunn. Address is Cannes Military 527.

Red EM to S2 Lt Asai: On OP just rptd ptl boat heading toward Italy. It looks like our boat so I want to confirm it. Lt A: How far out were they? Red: I don't know. It just happened now. Lt A: OK, I'll call Brig and call you back.

Necco102 to S2 Lt. Asai: 2 motor boats heading toward Italy, I just wanted to know if you know any schedule by the Navy? Necco: Not off hand, but I'll check. What time was it? Lt. A: 1850.

Wh2 to S2 Lt. Asai: What happened to those war correspondent. Lt A: He left Brig about 1730. He

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- should be up there by now. Wh1: well, he isn't. He must be lost. Lt. A: I'll check and call you back.
- S2 Lt. A to Necco102 EM: That war correspondent, has he left yet? Necco: No sir: He left right after supper. Lt A: I understood he was to be up here before dark? Necco: well, I don't know the arrangements.
- Necco102 to S2 Lt Asai: The Navy says they do have boats operating down toward the line and over back toward us. Lt A: Yes, I was under that impression. Necco: I'm going down there tomorrow and try to get some schedule on these things. I guess it must be OK. Ln A: Now on this correspondent, he must be lost. Necco: Well, he left 1980. He was at Monte Carlo and he just got back. Lt A: I'll be over tomorrow to see you. I've got something from the 100th to discuss with you.
- S2 Lt Asai to Red2 Sec: we got a msg here about an hour ago, the 2 boats were found out that it is friendly. Red: Yes sir.
- S2 Lt Asai to Wh2: Is he there yet? Wh1: No. Lt A: Well he will be there. He left Brigade at 1900. Wh1: Boy he'll be in about 2100. Lt A: Bed him down at CP. Isn't it quite some distant to where he want to go?
- B13 Sgt to S3 Lt Massengale: I'm calling in regards to the 2-60 mm mortars the Regt borrowed. How soon can you get them back, now that they're going up? Lt M: I'll check and see if I can get it back for you.
- S2 Lt Massengale to Maj Colyer: The sgt from B1 called about the mortars. Are the 2-60 mm mortars busy now? Do you have them? Maj C. Yes. Lt M: Well they're going up the line soon and will need it. Can you send it back? Maj C: Yes. Lt M: I'll see S3 and see if he can get some other mortar for you. Maj C: Do you know the serial numbers on it? Lt. M: No. I'll call B1. And get them for you.
- S3 Lt Massengale to B13 Sgt: What was the serial numbers of the mortars? B13 Sgt: The numbers one, mount 16455, tube 3344, sight M4-2016 and case and base plates. Mount 11935, tube 7372, sight M4-13807 and case and base Plat. Also BAR: they didn't call for a BAR but I guess we can let it go for a while. Lt. M: They're located at Maj. Colyer's School. B13: Well the Co. that needs it is going to pass through early tomorrow morning., Lt M: OK, I'll have the school have it ready to be picked up early tomorrow morning B13: Yes sir.
- S3 Lt Massengale to Maj Colyer: The sgt says I Co. will pick up one of the mortars up early tomorrow morning. B13: Yes sir.
- S3 Lt Matsumoto to Wh Sec: Have asked arty post. Negative. Wh2: Have your arty report. Negative. Wh2 sec: Yes sir. Lt M: next time post as such in TC. Wh2 Sec. Yes sir.

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- S3 Sgt to Ruler Dog CQ: I haven't rec'd confirmation rpt on chemical warfare. It was due last night. CQ: I'll send it in this morning.
- S3 Sgt to B13 Sgt: On this requisition of Tng Cir 1914, only M Co. sent theirs in. What happened to the rest of them? B13 Sgt: Maybe they don't need any. S3 Sgt: They are supposed to have it. I'll requisition the whole set for you anyway, in the meantime check on it. S3: OK.
- B16 to S3: On those rd guard and bridge guards, when are they going to be relieved? S3: What Cos. are they fr? B16: Fr L Co, they're to be relieved at 1000 so could you make arrangements to relieve them at that time? S3: I'll have AT relieve them and by 1000 if possible, also those mine field in this area you vacated. Would you get the Engrs to tape it off? B16: I think it's better to have representative for both Engrs who put the mines in. It's marked as it would be but there is no tape or signs. S3: OK. B16: It'll take several days. S3: That's OK.
- S3 to AT CO: Blue is moving out so you'll have to take over the rd and bridge guard. AT: Yes sir. But

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we'd like to use the 3 plats who is holding the regtl reserve line S3: Take it over initially with what you have and then we will work on this other. AT: Yes sir.

B16 to S3: I Co. just cleared at 0500 and K Co. is clearing now. They're a little early. S3: Are they having any trouble? B16: Only truck shortage. According to Lt. Guthrie, some one shorted them 4-trucks, but they'll manage. S3: About the AT Co. on the extreme rt flank, are they doing any good now? B16: They're protecting all rd nets. There's about 8 of them and 3 pos in depth. They could be some good. S3: Well, we'll make a reconnaissance and find out.

Maj Colyer to S3: 3rd Bn. is supposed to pick up their 60 mm mortar, but they haven't yet and the Bn is raising a rumpus about it. Do you want me to send it to Regt?

S3: No, keep it there. There are some still moving and they'll probably pick it up. If they don't by noon, have it sent to the regt. Maj. C: OK.

Capt Bonin to Necco102: Do you have any wood credit on hand? Or could I put in a requisition?

Necco102: How much do you need? Capt B: I'll be need about 50 tons in the near future.

Necco102: I can put in a requisition for you. Capt B: I don't want it from the same person who is running it. Necco102: I'll call you back.

S2 Lt Asai to Necco102: No shelling, motor boat heard off Cape Martin at 0008.

1- unidentified plane. Necco102: That was friendly. S2: Weather cold, scattered cloud. weather is fair, and no wind.

B12 to S2 Lt. Asai: We're going to have to borrow 4-men and 1-NCO fr the regt's I and R to operate this. OK's. S2: OK, Where are they now? B12 at Nighthawk's CP. S2: Where do you want them?

B12: Here.

B16 to S3 Sgt: I Co. is closed in all pos as of 1205.

S2 Lt. Asai to I & R O: 3rd Bn want some of your men for OP. I & R O: Yes I have the same men who were in Peille. We're all set.

S2 Lt Asai to B12: Those I& R men will rpt at ur CP tomorrow morning. Same men you had at Peille

S2 Sgt to Lt. Massengale: Is Lt. Asai there? Lt. M. No, He is out but will be back this afternoon.. S1: Will you ask him about civ employees?

Lt Massengale to B13 Sgt: The mortars are up here now, since no one picked them up. B13: one of the cos was supposed to pick it up. I'll have someone pick it up.

B12 to S2: Lt Asai wants the Icon rpt thru the TG for tonight. But we haven't the equipment set up. S2: Call in the number of arty that falls in your area and also the weather rpt. B12: Yes sir.

B13 Sgt to S3 Sgt: I'm just making the unit rpt, and I don't know what ABC is for. B13: 1st paragraph- front line, 2nd loc of friendly troops, 3rd loc of friendly adjacent unit,

4th weather, 5th operation for the period, 6th arty and attached units. B16: E is for moral, isn't it? S3: Yes.

S1 Sgt to S2 Sgt: On the roster of trench foot, O and EM. Do we keep it here or do you keep it? S2: Capt Farr is here and he says you will keep it.

S2 to S2 Lt. Asai: Our K Co. has been trying all afternoon to call the people on our left. They can't talk because of bad connections. Now could you get words over to them that we will send physical contact to them so they can prepare. The contact required 5-6 hours. They will leave 0800. I believe those people can't understand our lingo very well. S2: OK, I'll try to get words to them.

S2 Lt. Asai to Necco102: Can you get in touch with the French on the left? Necco102: Yes. S2: Our left flank co. will send out a contact patrol at 0900 and they will take about 4 hours. Could you notify them we will be going up that way and will be expecting them about noon. Necco102: I'll try my best and call you back.

S2 Lt. Asai to Wh2: On this Capt Morand, I talked to him today. Do you still want to see him? Wh2: There is a civ here who wants to see him. He used to work for Capt S2. Well, this guy wants to go over the line to see his father. He used to work for the 3rd Bn. Well it's no use, too much trouble.

B12 to S2 Lt. Asai: How did you make out to alert the people on our left? S2: I

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called Brig on it and he hasn't call back yet. I'll give him another ring on it.

S2 Lt. Asai to Necco102: Did you have any luck? Necco102: Yes, they understood. They asked what area and I gave him the general area where the other unit was.

S2 Lt. Asai to B12: Brig got a hold of them all right and they understood. He said they will use the same trail. B12: Yes, that is right. He also said to be a little cautious.

S2 Lt. Asai to Necco102: During afternoon, heard M/G from 5 different positions. Also 1-4 motored Bomber, and arty 3 rds of 150 mm and 4 rds of 105 mm. Weather is cold clear, no wind. Vis is good. Thick haze in valley tonight. All rd passable.

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I & E O to S2: I got a call fr Blue for an OP and I have only 3 men and those are the ones who goes on ptl. Others are on pass to Paris. S2: Send what you have and forget the ptl.

S3 Lt Massengale to Medic: Have you shown the film yet? Medic: No, not yet. The Capt is waiting to show them with something else. Can you call Capt Okonogi at S7?

B12 to S2 Lt. Asai: "Morning Isum rpt": Weather: only 7 degrees, vis 10 miles. Slightly overcast, roads and trails passable. No wind or eny actvy. A animal exploded a booby trap about 100 yds NE of our CP. Investigated and found nothing.

Wh2 to S2 Lt Massengale: Can you get words to Commandant Weygand, the French Army, that Col Handy is not ready to fire those guns. They were supposed to come up here to watch them, but the Col. will not be ready for several days as yet. It might save him trouble of coming up here. We'll let him know when it's ready. Lt. M: OK.

Lt Massengale to Necco: May I speak to Commandant Weygand? Necco: He doesn't answer. There is no one in his office. Lt. M: I'll call back later. Our written rpt: I'm not going to be able to submit the overlay of the routes accurately so I won't submit them. I'll submit them after the ptl reconnoiter it.

Lt. Massengale to Necco103: Just got a call from Wh2: he wanted to talk to Commandant Weygand and let him know that those guns are not ready to fire yet. He'll let Commandant Weygand know when it's ready which will be 3 or 4 days more. Necco103: OK.

Lt Massengale DY O to Necco104: Did you know anything about the SSO meeting? EM: Only what the bulletin said. Lt. M: Does it mean all company SOI? EM: I think it's only unit SSO.

Capt Shirey to Lt. Massengale: They include L Co., which closed in at 1130. That makes it complete. L: Thanks.

Capt Bonin DO to Necco102: Can you still approve the requisitions? Sgt Necco: Yes sir, as long as the dealer OK's it. Capt B: I'll have the hauling start tomorrow. (fire woods).

Lt. Massengale DO to Red3: I didn't notice Neon AT Platoon on your rpt. Red3: I'm sorry it's still here and it's no change. Lt. M: I'd like also to ask you about the Navy. Red3: No mission fired as far as we know. Lt. M.: I'll just put down a negative rpts. Red3: OK.

Wh Bn to S2: Who are these 2 men who came up here? S2: The Brigade called and said 2 men are coming over for lunch. One is an interrogator. They wanted to look over the area where the PW's are coming from. They said they will go to Col de Braus and maybe to Moulinet, but I didn't encourage them. White Bn: Thank you. S2: I don't think they'll go to Moulinet

B16 to S2: The Ln O you asked for is now at the Engrs dump and it'll be after

1700 before he gets down here. He has the equipment. Do you want him to check in at the Regimental? S2: Yes. B16: OK

S2 to Necco Civ Affair Capt Welch: One of our Bn wanted to know the work scale of waitress and chamber maids under the French labor scale laws. There is a new labor scale out. It's 12 to 13 Francs per hour and for 48 hrs week labor. It is 11 Francs and after 54 hrs overtime. S2: Is that all? Is there a decrease or increase after long period of time? Capt W: there is an increase but I'll

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check and call you later

Capt Welch to S2: The chamber maids is 15 – 16.50 and common labor is 11.40 – 16.50. depending on age and also the French pay master. Weekly labor is 48 hours and 54 hrs for hotels and 40% for overtime, holidays, time and half. I'll send you the poop if you want it. S2:

Yes, I'd like to have one.

B13 to S3 Lt. Massengale: the 65th has left 1- O from I Co. and 1- O and 4 NCO from K Co. up here to orient us in their pos. They've got to get down to Antives, so we'll send them down to you on the ration truck.

S3 Lt. Asai to Red3: What do you know of the presentation ceremonies that you're going to have at 0845? Red3: On Thursday and 3 consecutive Thursday after that. Lt. A: Where? Here: 766898, What' that for? Lt: Brigade. Red3: If it's for the General he could come down to CP and we'll guide him over.

CO S3 Lt. Asai: Tell the shower unit not to wait for me, but to close up. Lt. A: Yes sir. CO: Anything doing? Lt. A: No sir. Col Hamilton called and wanted to know

what time and day the Red Bn is going to hold ceremonies? S1 EM to S3 Sgt: On that film we did not patch it out on our DB. It came out on the Brigade DB dtd 24 Feb, 45.

Necco102 to S2: A local news correspondent will be up from Nice, Wednesday at 0930.

Red5 to S4: will you send me the field manual 31-5 by our Ln O tomorrow? S4: If we have it we'll send it down.

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S2 to Necco102: Neon weather: Cold clear, vis & ceiling good. No wind, rain or snow. All rds and trails are passable. How much arty did that outfit up N get? Necco: they got quite a bit. They didn't run any numbers or rds, they got 3 stages. S3: I wonder what brought it on? Necco: It must be that the Frenchmen were walking around, and not taking security measures. I don't think there is anything to worry about. S2: I hope not, thank you.

Civil Affairs Miss Bandy to S3 Lt. Asai: Civil Affairs asked how many men were needed for cutting wood. Lt Asai said 10 men were needed and to line up the labors, but not to take definite steps to hire them. He will call further on it. Civil Affairs said laborers will have to fed and housed.

Red5 to S3: B Co. has no idea about those rd blocks. Where are they? S3: I had reference to rd blocks in K Co. area. B Co. is operating on these now. Others then that, they operate a motorized patrol. Red5: Where does the patrol go? S3: Fr B Co. area to Monaco. They better check in with you so there won't be any recurrence of the shooting of last night.

B13 Sgt to S3 Lt. Massengale: I told the S3 1st Sgt, I was sending in an overlay of our cos this morning but we don't have one Co location, so we'll wait and send it in with the Ln O.

S3 Sgt to Can Co O operator: Will you tell Capt. Shorey to submit an overlay for his complete locations. That is for every Cannon plat positions he has.

Can Co to S3 Lt. Massengale: We got a call of our position, but couldn't identify the call. Do you know about it? S2: Yes, it was the S3 Sgt up here. Can Co.: OK.

S3 Sgt to Can Co: Did you get off your troop disposition overlay? Can Co: No, not yet. S3: It seems the Brig wants it pretty bad. Can you give me it in F code or buzz code? Can Co: Yes, I'll have msg como Sgt put it in code and call it back.

S3 Sgt to B13 Sgt: On your rpt you didn't mention anything about 81 mm mortars. B13: well, I don't think we fired any. But I'll check and call you back. S3: What about the overlay? S3: can you give me the code name fr your arty support? B13 Sawdust.

Ord Capt Clark to S6: S6 what supervision are you giving those men of ones working for you? Ord: They have their own officers there but it's up there all of the time. S6: well, keep an eye on them, their quarters and spot check them will you?

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S2 to Wh2 Sgt: Tomorrow morning another news paper man is coming up. Will you tell Lt. Massengale to call?

Capt Welch to Lt. Cooper DO: Is Lt. Asai there? Lt. C: No, he isn't Capt W: will you have him call Capt Welch at Necco107, first thing in the morning? He was talking to me about some wood. I better talk to him. Lt. C: I'll have him call you. Capt

W: Thank you.

Mr. Kobayashi S1 to Lt. Cooper DO: What do you want done with the rpt on French Army? Lt. C.: What do you supposed to do with it? Mr. K: I don't know, that's why I called. Lt. C: Bring it over here. I guess Mr. K: M/Sgt Kubo will bring it right over. Lt. C: OK

Bl2 Sec to Lt. Cooper DO: Bl rpt: #1 ptl #1 out at 1049 followed previous routes contacted no eny returned 1345. Overlay to be submit later. #2 K Co. patrol #13, out at

0945 in at 1235 encountered no eny, heard eny m/g firing from long range from Ft Mille Fourches at 1030 to 1123. OP #1 and #2 obsvd smoke near eny gun pos, obsvd 6 rds friendly arty on smoke area with good results. #4, I Company patrol out at 1700 and suspected automatic weapons..

Here is more details on I Co. Lt. C: Aren't you supposed to send that in through TG? Doesn't Lt. Androvette know about it? Bl CQ: I believe he does. I'll send a detailed rpt tomorrow

Capt Galloway to S4: VOCO tr S2: Crossfire has a plan up and rpts spot sight in beach area. Do you have any lights there now? S4: No we don't.

Blu Lt. Lee to Lt. Cooper O P: I Co. 1-rd med Arty landed as rptd at 2145.

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Wh2 to S2 Lt. Massengale: There will be 3 line crossers this morning. They came in about 1600 hr. There were 4, one woman hurt her foot by a mine and we routed her through the aid station.

Capt Welch to S4: Are you familiar with the wood cutting deal? S4: Yes, Capt W. About 3 weeks ago arrangements were made to take out only certain wood. This area is allocated to the companies and I wonder if you were taking it from the right places. It's burned our wood but very good. S4: Where is the place? Capt. W: I can't give it to you over the phone. S4: Give it to Bushyeager our Ln O who is at Brig. Capt W: OK.

Lt Massengale S3 to Capt. Galloway Necco102: we have a rpt here Paul Ghio. Capt G: Yes, I know him, he's OK. Maj Kovac and I made arrangements and Maj Kovac was supposed to take him around. Send him up there, Lt. M: Maj Kovac is not here. Capt G: Have him go out anyway and have an O with him and then have Maj Kovac call Wh Bn. Lt M: OK, I'll send him up with our Wh Bn Ln O.

S3 Lt. Massengale to Wh2: In regards to this reporter, Paul Ghio, I talked to Capt. Galloway about him, he's OK. Wh2: Maj Kovac talked to me about a reporter but we don't have a jeep for him now. Send him on up and we'll get along someway.

S3 Lt. Massengale to Necco102: Weather: cold clear, ceiling high. Rds and trails passable. No shell rpt so far. We had 3-line crossers in the area. Originally there were 4 but one was wounded by a mine and evacuated thru aid station. The one wounded was a woman. They are now in transit between our Wh Bn and here. You probably have the msg since they were picked up 1600 yesterday. Necco102: OK, I'll check.

I & E Lt. Massengale: On the I & E distribution, both you and Crossfire have been distributing to Needle. I checked and of course it was usual thing, but Maj Bannister said, Needle is attached to Crossfire. That'll knock us down 17 units to 10 units. I'll send you the distribution on msg. Lt. M: If you have extra will you send them too! Necco102: OK.

Necco102 to S1 Lt. Massengale: I'm checking on the Menton area. Are they getting along as well as the boys thought they will? S2: I've not heard anything one way or another. Necco102: Have you the Isum? S2: OP threw some grenade at noises last night and also some mines detonated, cause unknown. We also had 4-line crossers at

1600 yesterday and 1-woman who was wounded by mine was evacuated through medical aid channels.

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- They should get there before noon and I hope Maj Kovac gets here before I send them to you.
Necco102: Yes, I hope so. How about rpt? S2: Negative rpt.
- S2 Lt. Massengale to HQ Co. Sgt: Is Lt. Gilmore there? HQ Co. No, he is paying the men at SP HQ.
S2: We have some line crossers. Lt. Roland will bring them over. Send them over to Hotel Metropolis and place a guard on them. Nexxo102 to S2 Lt. Massengale: Is Maj Kovac back? S2: No, not yet. Our 80 years old line crossers are here. 2 ladies and 1 man. 1 lady evacuated thru medical channel. Necco: I want to talk with Maj Kovac soon after lunch as possible. S2: OK
Maj Kovac went to the unit on the left of B1.
- S3 Capt Bonin to B13 Sec: The Capt of the adjacent French unit on the left will be up to see K Company Commander tomorrow morning at 0900 and then go to B1 CP.
- B12 sec to S2: This report came fr Sawdust. They saw 6 airplane drop 20 men ea at Soarge at 1330. They were 4 motored airplanes. S2: 20 men in each plane? B12: Yes. S2: OK.
- S2 to Necco 102: Above msg given. Necco we are trying to run that down. We have tentatively identified the planes as B-17's and B-24's. You know who is there? We think it was supplies, they were Red parachutes we hear and it was supplies. S2: I see.
- S2 to B13: About the parachutes, rig thinks they are supplies. They saw B-17's and B-24's and think it may be partisan supplies. Brig is checking and report we got fr individual was 6 planes dropping various colored parachutes and it was 122, vic of Soarge. S2: Brig said the planes were friendly. We'll keep you informed.
- Wh2 to S2: We got rpt of 1 plane dropping some objects due North of Grosso. S2: Brig thinks it is our planes dropping supplies so partisans. Wh2: Just got rpt fr arty now. It says 6 planes dropped approx 100 parachutes, white, green, brown colored, 15 miles E of Grosso. Will you keep us informed and what you get? S2: Yes and make that vic versa.
- Capt Bonin to Civil Affair: I'm calling in reference to wood. Can you tell me where the area is? Civ A: It's that burned over area, perhaps you know the place. Capt B: No, but I don't but if I drop down, can you show me the area? Civ A: OK. Do you need any laborers? Capt B: No, we are having some of our men who are being punished do it..
- B12 EM to S2 Lt. Bonin: Re: planes dropping chutes our OP just spotted another plane, circling to the same area and then flew south. Do you know if it's friendly? S2: I'll call Brig.
- Capt B: to Wh2: Is Lt. Col. Scovill there? Wh2: He is in the forward position. Capt B: Maj Miller called and he wanted Col. Scovill to call him and it is very urgent. Wh2: Maj Miller called and I transferred call to the forward position. I don't know whether he got connections.
- Red2 to S2: Maj Kovac left Brig for this HQ. Wh2: I was wondering whether to route this line crossers to you with the reporter. He is well dressed and has lots of money and I think he's the man we are looking for. Capt: Why don't you route him through here. Wh2: I think I'll do that.
- Red1 to S2: We see a boat S of Cape Martin. A 20 footer on the 7683 Grid Sq. We think they have 2 men in it. Could you check on that? We are ready fire on it. S2: There is supposed to be a couple of boats out there but not that far. I'll call Brigade and let you know.
- Necco102 to Lt. Bonin: Maj Kovac called about a boat and the Maj has no knowledge of any boats out there. Capt B: Thank you. Necco: Tell me what comes out of this deal. Capt B: OK
- S2 to Necco102: On that boat we should not fire on it should we? They're supposed to be a couple of our crafts out there. Not there and not this time of day. Put out a few out there and see which way they run. S2: OK. Necco102: I have one more place to check. MP has a Christaft, but I doubt if it is here. I'll check and call you back.
- Necco102 to S2: No one claim it's there's. Throw a couple of rds and see which way they run. S2: OK, Does the Gen. knows about this? He just came in. S2: I'll be there at 1800.
- S2 to Lt. Plourd Red Bn: I checked with the Navy and MP and they have no boat out there. Throw some rds out there. Lt. P: OK. S2 also will you be at CP at 1810 or 1900. I have some important papers I want to bring up to you.. Lt. P: Yes, I'll be there.
- B13 to S3: On these road blocks, Maj Kovac talk to me and said how about 6 demolitions? What's the

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score on them? S3 Engr O is here now. And he says they are preparing overlay now. B13: As soon as we know where they are we'll man them

B13 Sec to S3: On rpt negative except 6 planes dropping about 20 parachutes ea. HQ says they were dropping supplies to some partisans behind the line. Also our ptl returned without incidents.

Wh2 to S2: Have you any further verification of the parachutes deal today? S2: No. they're checked with British friends and they don't know. The arty reason they can find is they are trying to supply partisans. I'll alert the boys. S3: Yes, it's a good idea. Incidentally I got some info this afternoon, It's very interesting. It might not effect you too closely but It's some kind of commando tactic. I'll send you the dope tomorrow. Wh2: Well I'm going down your way so I'll see you tomorrow.

S3 Lt. Stivers to Necco102: Negative rpt on arty. Weather, cold & clear. Vis good. No wind or rain or snow. All rds and trails passable.

So France, Part 4e

*Moving off the mountains; Preparation to move to Leghorn, sea voyage; on to new battle locations.

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1 March, 1945.

Contact patrol from Co F contacted Co I, 442nd.

3-enemy deserters (1-NC) were apprehended vic Mt. Grosso. After interrogation they were turned over to Brigade MP Hqtrs.

F Co OP heard 10 rifle shots at Col de Braus

Routine motorized patrol, Hq. Co contacted Co I in Moulinet.

Night patrol in vic Sospel operated without incident. E, F and G Co patrol operated without incident.

8-men 232 Engrs worked on demolition. Also 5-men from Engrs made recon of minefield in Co F sector. 2- EM Engrs worked on shower unit.

Cannon Co: Fired no missions, but 81mm fired 6-rds.

2 March, 1945.

Airole.

9-men recn patrol of Co G, went to Bossare, heard s/a fire in vic San Michele and

Recon patrol of 7-men fr F Co went to Colla Bensa. Obs unidentified men, smoke rising fr house and fresh foot-print in the S slope of Mt Grazian

Routine motorized patrol Hq. Co, contacted Co I at Moulinet. No incident.

OP apprehended 2-enemy deserters (Italians) . They came fr Olivetta, following stream. After interrogation they were turned over to Brigade MP Hqtrs.

OP heard M/G fire coming from San Michele

232 Engrs continued work on demolition, check roads for mine. Beer rations of 9 cans per EM distributed.

OP reported 3- mines went off cause u/k.

522 FA fired 152 rds, Cn Co fired none. 12-rds fired by 81mm mortars.

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3 March, 1945.

etc. etc.

Recon patrol of 6-men fr Co E reported no incident

W3 to Piera Cava to discuss plans for defense with Blue3 in regards to mine field

War correspondent fr Chicago Tribune at CP. Left for Forts to inspect defenses

2-EM fr Hq Co sent to Drap to attend, "Mule school," atchd to 602 FA

1-EM E Co KIA while attempting to deactivate a booby-trap. Our own white flare went off, cause u/k

Registration of 64-rds of 75-mm French mortars. 6-rds of 81mm mortars rds

expended.

Our KIA loss for this day was Sgt Masami Sakamoto who served in E Company,

442nd RCT. He was from Sacramento, CA. From Sacramento, CA

4 March, 1945.

Brush fire at 8880-85 degrees az, 2-miles.

5-men F Co patrol went to vic of Col de Braus, no enemy activity or incident. Routine patrol, E, F and G

Cos operated without incident.

Routine Contact patrol, Hq Co Contacted Co I at Moulinet.

2-rds of enemy 105's fell at 90 degrees az.

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1-rd 105 fell at 90 degrees az.

2-rds of 105's fell at 105 degrees az. OP heard bursts of M/G fire fr Libri.

Night patrols in and vic Sospel operated without incident.

Engrs continued to work on demolition and mined area in the Co E sector. 8-men fr Engr Pltn worked on

AP mines at Mt Grosso. 2-men worked on shower unit.

Fire is burning in Pieua.

AT squad rpts 1-rd of 105mm fell but no damage.

5 March, 1945.

OP rpts orange flare down in a gully at 40-degrees az, 4000 yds. OP rpts heavy explosion near the hotel at Col de Braus.

178-rds fired on targets of opportunity by "New Life and Native", between the hours of 0940 and 0500, harassing missions.

Ca Co fired 10-rds registrations. French 75mm fired 44-rds at Fort OP Arbouin. H Co expended 6-rds (81-mm) harassing fire during period.

Recn patrol of 6-men fr G Co went to Cmka Delle Rose and no incident. OP rptd 20-rds of enemy shells caliber u/k

232 Engrs completed minefield on Mt Grosso.

1269th Engrs checked and cleared the road of rocks and debris as follows: Sospel to Moulinet

Sospel to Col de Braus

Sospel to Mt. Grosso

Sospel to Breil

of work.

Rptd that road between Sospel and Mt Grosso is in need

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Night patrol in and vic Sospel operated without incident.

6-rds of 155-mm fell at 45 degrees az.

Neon-1 called and rptd that Neon-6 wants all the council books audited, rpts to be submitted.

OP rpt fire seen burning beyond Pieua.

Fire seen burning caused by our arty, in Col de Braus OP heard 5-rifle shots at 15 degrees az, distance u/k. OP heard tank or truck noise vic Piena.

6 March, 1945.

Our own smoke flare went off. cause u/k.

Recn patrol 6-men, Co E went around Colla Bensa. No enemy activity. Routine motorized patrol, Hq. Co Contacted Co. I at Moulinet. No incident.

OP heard pounding or chopping around coming from vic of Olivetta. Contact patrols E, F and G Co operated without incident.

The 232nd Engr pltn worked on such asgmts as running shower unit, clearing roads, sign painting etc.

The 1269th Engr pltn patrolled Sospel-Castillon and Sospel-Moulinet roads for purpose of removing debris and checking general conditions of road. E pltn, 1269th Engr made recn of bridges on Sospel Moulinet road.

OP saw 8-unidentified persons.

5-eny seen running fr 1-tunnel to another near railroad station. OP heard s/a fire at Olivetta.

Night patrols in and vic of Sospel operated without incident. OP heard s/a fire at Olivetta.

Our own mine was set off, cause u/k.

Unidentified plane came in from 130 degrees az and flew SE. OP rpt, own mine went off, cause u/k.

522nd FA arty fired 140-rds during 0953-0550. Ca Co fired 30-rds.

7 March, 1945

OP rpts our own mine went off near our position. Cause u/k.

126-rds of French 75-mm fired at Mt Grosso between 1300-1445. 271-rds of 81- mm's expended during period – harassing.

OP heard m/pistol fire coming fr Pieua.

Recn Patrol, 6-men Co F, went to Mt Grosso towards Hotel in Col de Braus. When patrol started out from Mt. Grosso, they saw 2-radio antenna among the enemy pill boxes in Col de Braus. Patrol directed mortar fire and destroyed one. Patrol went about and heard enemy voices.

Routine motorized patrol, Hq Co. Contacted Co I, 442nd Inf in Moulinet.

Night patrols in and vic Sospel: Operated without incident. OP saw 2- men and a horse drawn caisson going S.

OP heard some digging noise below OP. Mortars fired with u/k results.

The 232nd Engr pltn worked on such asgmts as testing water, operating shower unit, running electric power plant, etc.

PX rations dist to EM.

8 March, 1945.

31-EM fr Bn on T D to Nice.

OP, 10-rds of enemy 105-mm fell at 100-130 degrees az. No damages. OP rpts 1-rd air burst. No damages.

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OP heard 1-burst of m/g fire at 340degrees az, dist u/k.

Recn patrol, 8-men, Co G went to Mt Grosso. No enemy activity.

Tele call fr Regt. Want all Class B men report to Hotel Continental 10 Mar, 45. With all equipments.
Cos notified.

Routine motorized patrol, Hq. Co Contacted Co I at Moulinet. No incident. OP heard 1-3 burst m/g fire vic San Michele.

OP heard 8-rifle shots N of Le Beglet. Contact patrols from E, F and G operated without incident.

Night patrols in and vic Sospel. No incident.

The 1269th Engr pltn repaired 3rd craters on Sospel-Moulinet road. OP saw fire at Le Beglet also at 45 degrees az, dist u/k.

OP heard s/a fire, vic Mt Diaurus.

91-rds arty Native, fired during period between 1900-0400 on eny outpost. 141- rds (French 75-mm) fired at eny gun, personnel and vehicles between 1040-1110 on eny personnel and houses. Good results.

67-rds of 81-mm were expended by Co H during period.

9 March, 1945.

Recn patrol, 6-men, Co F went towards Cold de Braus from Mt Grosso. Saw no eny activity.

Cos notified to send an O to CP on quartering party.

The E, F and G Co contact patrols operated without incident. G Co forward CP, reports brush fire.

OP heard 5-6 rds of s/a fire.

Routine motorized patrol, Hq Co contacted Co I in Moulinet. No incident rptd. OP heard 3-rifle shot vic Mt Diaurus.

All Cos notified to have Class B men (classified physically disabled for combat duty) assembled at motor pool with all equipment at 1000, 10 March, 11945. These men will be taken to Hotel Continental by 1300.

Cn Co fired 45-rds between 1540-1610 at eny pill boxes.

150-rds of 81-mm expended for harassing fire during period.

G Co Forward CP rpts brush fire started by mine during day, burning E and NE. The men from 232nd Engr pltn operated the Bn shower unit and electric power plant.

Road maintenance by 1269th Engr pltn. Native fired 56-rds of harassing mission.

10 March, 1945.

OP rptd a mine exploded 10 yds away from OP-8.

Quartering party left Bn CP to meet at Hotel Negresca by 0915. Recn patrol, 6-men, Co E went to take usual route, with no incident.

The LS (Class B limited service) EM assembled at Bn Motor Pool and was taken to Hotel Continental, Nice. Lt. Masamitsu in charge with Sgt. Thompson..

OP saw 2-eny digging. Our mortars fired with u/k results. E, F and G Co, contact patrols operated without incident.

The 232nd Engr pltn worked on such asgmts as operating shower unit, and maintaining electricity.

The 1269th Engr pltn road patrols covered 2nd Bn road net, clearing roads of rocks and other debris.

Night patrols operated in and vic of Sospel without incidents.

OP rpts a white flare probably ours, went off E of Sospel in the outskirts of town. A white light at 72 degrees az, at 6000-yds.

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White flare seen vic of Mt Grosso.

Ca Co expended 72-rds on eny OP, road, Fort and Goarge, between 0950 to 1545.

68-rds harassing fire by 81-mm mortars.

67-rds fired by Native Arty, between 1221-0700 on eny troops, road, supply point and outpost, harassing fire.

72-rds fired by Ca Co between 0950-1545 on eny OP, road, Saorge and Fort. No report on the 11th, March, 1945

12 March, 1945

of time

1 Excess O's notified to be prepared to go on TD on call, for about 8-days period

Recn patrol, 6-men fr Co F went toward Hotel in Col de Braus fr Mt Grosso.

Patrol saw about 150yds of burnt area. Foot prints in burnt area, fresh turned over earth.

OP heard m/g fire at 40 degrees az, dist u/k.

Native arty fired on eny strong point with 21-rds. Area well covered.

6-rds fired on eny strong point with one hit.

Red Cross brought do-nuts to Cos. Px rations also distributed.

11-rds Arty (Native) fired on eny pill-box. Area well covered. Routine motorized patrol Hq Co, contacted 3rd Bn on left in Moulinet.

The 232nd Engrs worked on such asgmts as operating shower units, maintaining electricity.

Cn Co fired 88-rds at Cime de Brous and Breil.

The officers of 44th Bn, 2nd Brigade of the French Unit are on recn of our positions.

The 232nd Engrs worked on road Sospel-Moulinet. Native arty fired 78 rds on eny mortar pos.

Native arty fired 30-rds on eny gun pos. OP heard s/a gun fire in 3- Bn sector.

Excess O's at Bn CP to go to Service Co on TD. Lt Futamata also notified to go with above on TD.

83-rds fired by Native arty on eny gun pos with the area well covered.

21-rds of eny arty (149-mm) fell in Bn sector between 1600-1837. No damage.

43-rds fired by Native on gun pos. Area well covered. Night patrols operated in and vic Sospel without incident.

78-rds Native fired on eny gun pos, area well covered. OP rptd rifle shots heard coming fr Olivetta.

Our own booby trap went off, cause u/k.

Another mine went off up in the draw. Cause u/k.

13 March, 1945.

O's fr all Cos at CP to take O's fr relieving unit on recn of their positions etc.

A call fr Regt to W-1, rptd that Lt Conner had not rptd at Sv. Co. Request that another O be sent to replace Lt Conner. Lt Hedani selected to go. access equipment being sent to rear assembly area.

Cos notified to submit "House Vacating" forms to Bn Hqtrs by tomorrow. TD EM atchd to other Cos have been recalled to original Cos.

Excess equipment sent to rear. in Preparation for Movement.

14 March, 1945.

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French O's on recn of our forward positions. H Co. CP closing out.
CP displaced to rear. Bn moved out by train and motor convoy after completion of relief by 4th Bn, 2nd
Brigade (French) at 1515. Arrived at vic Antibes at 1630. Bn closed in at vic Antibes at 2225.

15 March, 1945.

Usual rest area (assembly) activities. Show down inspection of clothing & equipment. All ammo and
excess clothing and equipment turned in to Bn S-4. Co Comdrs meeting at 1630-1650.
60-EM fr each Co. authorized to attend show "Junior Miss" at Nice tonight.

16 March, 1945.

Usual assembly area activity. Dry Run for citations & presentation of awards held at 1300 by O's
concerned. Pass - 10 EM 1 - O's fr each Co sent on pass to Nice at
1300 to 1530. Another group same quota to leave at 1830.
Physical Exam held in Bn Area.
Red Cross brought do-nuts to all Cos. Co. Comdrs meeting at Bn CP at 1700 to
1720.

17 March, 1945.

Passes cancelled.
Preparation for movement, duffle bags to be picked up today. Bn citations ceremony in Bn area held at
1600. Brigadier General Tobin presented the awards to men
& O's (32).
O's party held in Nice tonight.

18 March, 1945

Quartermaster party officer's (1-per Co) met at Bn CP at 0545, Hq Co & H Co provide 1-jeep and driver
each for above.
The Organic Transportation was divided into two unit. Unit #1, composed of vehicles from Hq Co, E
Co, F Co, G Co and medical maintenance trucks. They moved out in the above order, crossing
IP at 0800. The IP is the radio tower about 500-yds East of turnoff on the Antibes road. One
Officer per Co rode in the rear vehicle of his company.
Unit #2, composed of vehicle from Co H, maintenance truck and the medical jeep. Moved out in the
above order crossing the IP at 0815. One officer from Co H rode in the rear vehicle. Med Officer
rode in Medic jeep.

All vehicles were marked: 03/ma-n/075. Remainder of the Bn left the bivouac area by trucks at 0900
and went to RR station in Antibes. Left Antibes at 1030 and arrived at St. Victoret at 1800.
Moved to DBS Staging AREA CP #2, approximately 12 kilometers South of Aix, France at
1835.

Cos began putting up tents, etc.

Co Comdrs meeting at Bn Mess Hall. 2030

The following is the schedule for Monday, 19 March 1945: Breakfast 0700

Sick Call 0800-0900

Dinner 1200

Supper 1700

All vehicles and equipment will be turned in to Mr., Nishitani at RSD (regimental supply dump) before

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1030. No booster shots will be given. Phy inspection will be held.
19 March, 1945

DBS Staging area. CP #2. The T-E equipment and vehicles were turned in this morning. Physical trng held in the Bn area for all Cos. French currency collected, to be exchanged for Lira. Co Comdrs meeting held at Bn CP at 1222. The following was brought up. The Finance Dept out of Lire. The Francs will either be fetch to the men or may be kept and converted after we reach destination. The IG will inspect the property books, M/R's and Co Funds. The EM must have blouses for inspection. The fire and immersion units may be exchanged but not the ranges. Inspecting team of 30-men will mess here. with about 7- men per Co. Shower were available to the Bn and Cos, sent the men by trucks to shower unit.

20 March, 1945

IG inspection held beginning at 0900 in the Bn area of all records, equipment and clothing. Px rations being distributed to Cos. Preparation for movement. Show held in Bn Area.

21 March, 1945

Usual activities, preparation for movement. Candy & Cigt ration fr Red Cross. Sent to Hq Co. & Engrs Co. Co Comdrs meeting at Bn CP at 1730. Discussed preparation for movement, etc.

22 March, 1945.

Bn moved out of DBS Staging area. CP #2 at 1345 by motor convoy. Arrive at Pt in Marseilles at 1450. All personnel and equipment loaded on LST's and remained in harbor during the night. Show held for Hq. Co. 1945 in the Boat carrying E. Co & 2-pltn of H Co.

23 March, 1945.

Cleared port at 1600.

24 March, 1945.

At sea on U. S. 907

I Company was loaded on one LST with others. The ship was riding very high with such a light load. The weather was clear the sea calm. For some reason our ship did not follow others as in a convoy. We passed between the island of Corsica and Sardinia, two big island that you cannot miss as they were very close to one another and can see them both together. So we did not follow others as most of the record shows. But on a calm clear sunny day the GI's were on deck and some of them were pounding silver quarter size coins with their spoons on the ships railing. After hours of diligent pounding of the silver coin with a GI stainless-steel spoon on the top of the steel guard rail of the ship, the edge of the coin were curled around and shaped very much like an automotive tire on a rim. When the coin was pounded to a appropriate size the center of the coin was cut out with a pocket knife, to make a perfect silver ring. Many of the GI's like Sgt. Richard Shinto ended up with a beautiful silver ring and it is an irreplaceable memento of the trip from Marseille to Leghorn on board the LST. It must have

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drove the skipper out of his mind with all the noise. Some of the GI's were reading or just sunning on the steel deck.

All of a sudden a call from the bridge of the ship that, "Torpedo on the port side." Everyone was just dumbfounded. Some just stood there where they were. Some just hit the deck, for there was no shelter topside. We could clearly see a streak in the water where the torpedo was making its way. For a long silence the clock stood still. Then we looked at the right side of the ship and we could see the device just went under the ship. What a lucky day. We thanked our lucky stars. Well, the GI's just kept pounding the coin on the rail as if nothing happened.

25 March, 1945.

Arrived at Livorno at 1140. The port was so bombed out that there were ships sunk all over harbor. In fact the engineers had hastily created a gangway and we literally walked on the sides of the sunken ships. Debarked at 1200.

Entrucked and arrived at Penbase Staging area 43. at 1315. Usual activities.

26 March, 1945.

Reveille at 0655. The Cos. marched to mess Hall by Cos. Pt fr 0800 to 0830. Usual staging area activities. Vehicles and equipment drawn during the day. W3 and advance quartering party rtd in evening with details.

27 March, 1945.

Close order drill.

PT (physical training) in Bn area.,

Quartering party left to reconnoiter for new loc.

Comdr. Gen of 92nd Div to meet all officers of the CT at 1800 at Regtl Hqtrs. Regtl retreat parade in area held at 1700 for Div. Comdr.

Show at Regtl Hqtr area at 1919. Usual staging area activities.

28 March, 1945.

Usual staging area activities with one half hour close order drill followed by one- half hour physical trng.

Rest of day spent in preparation for movement.

Cokes distributed to EM & O's. One per individual.

All Cos. notified to submit names of 1-O per Co. and 1-EM per pltn to attend

Division Mine school, on 29/100 March.

The EM and O to report to present Regtl CP location where transportation to Eden

Theater in Viassigie will be furnished by service Co.

Each student will be issued 1/3 "C" ration. Duration of school to be for 6-days.

Bn began moving out of staging area at 1980 by mtr convoy. Arrived at present location, 2000 meters west of S. Martino at 2100. CP established.

Bn issued Cigt ration. To be distributed later.

29 March, 1945.

Cigt ration being distributed to Cos by IG section, 13 per man. Training schedule began.

All EM who wanted to take showers were taken to shower unit by trucks. Showers located in vic

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of 100th Bn area.

Beer and peanut ration at Service Co. W2 notified to send guard to watch it overnight or have them picked up tonight. Detail sent to pick it up. Will distribute it to Cos tomorrow.

On this day, a Sgt ICHIKI, Stanley T., from Stockton, CA, not from the 442 RCT, but from 302 FA was KIA on March 29, 1945.

30 March, 1945.

Training schedule from 0800. The Command Inspection which was to be held by Major General Almond was cancelled and a 2-hour hike substituted from 1000-1200. Wpns pltns, all Cos scheduled for Tech Trng from 1300 to 1600. The E, F and G Cos. (minus wpns pltn) scheduled for Squad and pltn tactics. Show held in 2nd Bn motor pool at 1900.

31 March, 1945.

All Cos attended the Div Mine Demonstration. Lt. Paddock and 3-NCO's from E, F and G Cos, S.D. W/provisional company, Lt Davy opted Bn GRO. Usual training resumed.

Px rations distributed to EM and O's.

E Co notified to send 30-EM with all equipment to report to Regt Hqrs ad CP guards. EM to report after supper.

H Co notified to send 3-EM to Regt Hqrs CP to be CP guards. Night problem from 1900 to 2300-all Cos.

1 April, 1945.

Easter church Services held in Bn motor pool area. Usual training activity. How held in Bn motor pool.

2 April, 1945.

Cos making preparation for Command Inspection.

Meeting of all 1st Sgts and asst, 1st Sgts at Prs section. M/R & listing of casualties discussed.

Stage show followed by Morice in area between 1st and 3rd Bn.

3 April, 1945.

All Cos to submit all overhead EM & O's to Lt. Stivers by 1500 today. EM to take all equipment.

2-EM & 1-O's fr 599th to be atchd for rations. Arty Liaison

All officers to meeting at Regtl Hqrs.

Usual trng activities, E, F & G Cos – squad and pltn tactics. H and Hq Co. technical trng.

Show held in Bn motor pool area.

4 April, 1945.

Usual trng program carried on during day.

Bn CO on recn. Remainder of day spent in making preparation for movement. Co. Comdrs meeting at Bn CP. Discussion of movement, etc.

On this day, the second Battalion was in Division Reserve while the 100th and the 3rd Battalions were on the line.

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