

HEADQUARTERS
601ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 464 U. S. Army

4 February 1944

SUBJECT : Report of Operations for Period 22-31 January 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division, APO #3 US Army.

a. Summary of Our Operations:

During the period 22-31 January 1944, the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached to 3rd Division, VI Corps, landed and assisted in establishment of beachhead vicinity ANZIO-NETTUNO, Italy, according to Operation "Shingle". The Battalion operated aggressively in close support of infantry units to which attached, engaged enemy infantry, machine gun nests, anti-tank guns, armored vehicles, and tanks at every opportunity. Indirect fire missions were conducted with excellent results in conjunction with 3rd Division Artillery. (See annexes #1 and #2)

b. Summary of Enemy Operations:

During this period the German has shown that he can utilize hastily assembled units to effect a strong defense of his important lines of communication. Our landing on Red Beach south of NETTUNO was unopposed by any sizeable force and we proceeded inland for four miles on "D" day without encountering any enemy force. It was surprising to note the absence of mines, 88 guns, and German armor. After several days, the German plan of defense became evident. It used houses, ruins and the natural cover provided by canals, stream beds, and draws, as positions for strong points. Strong points often consisted of 5.0 or 7.5 cm AT guns complemented by MG's and riflemen. Frequently, the Boche would permit our forces to penetrate through this network of strong points and then fire upon them from the rear. Houses and, in CISTERNA DI LITTORIA, a tower and a steeple were used for OP's. At night 170 mm and 88 mm guns were brought up close to our front lines to harass installations in our rear. On two occasions harassing fire fell in the vicinity of our trains. The enemy has sniped at our M-10's on many occasions. Crews in M-10's operating in several areas had to keep well inside the TD at all times to avoid being hit by rifle fire. Two men were wounded by sniper fire when they raised themselves up in the turret to observe. On one occasion German riflemen penetrated two miles behind our lines at night, crossed the CANAL MUSCOLINI, fired at houses and vehicles and withdrew before daylight. Our M-10's were able to reduce German strong points by firing 3" A/C and HE delay ammunition into the houses and when the enemy attempted to flee, he was cut down by 3" HE with fuze quick and .50 cal MG fire.

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c. Situation at End of Period:

The Battalion at end of period was engaged in stiff action south of CISTERNA, Italy, providing close support for attacking infantry units and defending the Division front against threat by armor.

d. Status of Personnel and Material:

Excellent.

e. Comments and Lessons Learned:

1. M-8 Scout Cars are unsuitable for cross-country reconnaissance on beachhead due to poor flotation on marshy ground.

2. Shell 3" APC - BDF produced excellent results.

3. M-10's are unsuitable for close support of infantry while under enemy small-arms fire due to lack of vision slits in turret for tank commander. Recommend turret periscope.

4. Shaft of turret traversing mechanism on M-10 has broken on several occasions due to structural weakness.

5. Smooth rubber block tread of M-10 has proven itself unsatisfactory for any type of cross country movement. Recommend issue of steel or rubber chevron tread.

6. Recommend immediate issue of "Tiny Tim" radio generator for all M-10's. On several occasions we have almost lost M-10's through enemy action after battery failure, despite constant motor charging during radio operations.

7. If TD's are to be used as assault guns, recommend a coaxial .50 cal MG mounted in turret facing forward.

x. The planning and mounting operation "Shingle" was based on rapid displacement of the Battalion once the landing was effected. Space on ten ships was used, carrying 83 vehicles and 373 EM and Officers. 3 LCT's carried 3 Platoons of TD's and 3 sections of Reconnaissance Company. 6 of the 7 LST's carried 6 Platoons of TD's. Other vehicles of the Battalion were carried on the 7th LST. This dispersion allowed protection from complete loss and early landing of some elements. Units converged by Platoon on previously map-reconnoitered firing positions, rather than on dewaterproofing assembly areas, which were found to be unnecessary.

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ANNEXES:

#1. Damages Inflicted on Enemy

#2. Summary of Damage Inflicted on Enemy and Casualties Incurred by This Battalion.

ANNEX No. 1

23 January 1944:

B Co 2nd Platoon destroyed Tank with APC, MG nest in house with HE delay.

27 January 1944:

B Co 2nd Platoon 1000A destroyed 7.5 cm Assault Gun PAK 40 at 1000 yds with 3 rds HE delay and 3 rds APC, 1200A. Destroyed 7.5 cm assault Gun PAK 40 at 1500 yds with 5 rds HE delay and 3 rds APC.

B Co 3rd Platoon destroyed tank behind house at 300 yds with APC. Shell pierced 2 walls of house and KO'ed tank. Destroyed 2 MG nests and a 7.5 cm Assault Gun PAK 40 at 1700 yds with HE and APC. Destroyed a 20mm Flakwagon and the vehicle that was towing it with 5 rds HE at 1700 yds (coord. 014254). When inspecting the KO'ed vehicles later the Company C.O. saw 3 dead Germans by them. A Co 2nd Platoon captured 2 Germans who had infiltrated too far through our lines.

28 January 1944:

B Co 3rd Platoon 0900A destroyed an Armored Car and Tank at 030269 with APC.

C Co 2nd Platoon 1230A destroyed Armored Car at 2000 yds with 5 rds (coord. 995295)

29 January 1944:

C Co 1st Platoon attached to 504th Parachute Inf, wounded 3, killed 15 enemy infantry, KO'ed 3 MG nests and took 5 prisoners vicinity 043265. Direct fire at 1500 yds was employed.

30 January 1944:

B Co 1st Platoon fired into houses vic 004277 and KO'ed 2 MG nests.

B Co 2nd Platoon 1200A destroyed one MK III tank, 3 - 77mm AT guns (at 50, 800 and 500 yds) and captured a German medical soldier armed with a P-38 pistol. (Coord: 010290, 016294, 006295).

A Co 2nd Platoon 1545A took 7 prisoners vic 980298.

C Co 3rd Platoon 2130A took 1 prisoner vic 992287.

31 January 1944:

A Co 1st Platoon destroyed 2 MK IV tanks with 6 rds APC and a Scout Car with 4 rds HE delay, vicinity 005325. KO'ed 6 MG nests and personnel vic 996316 using 90 rds HE.

B Co 3rd Platoon 1645A put 3 rds APC in turret of MK VI tank at 1000 yds vic 023295 and KO'ed Tank

C Co 3rd Platoon 1645A firing indirect fire missions for 41st FA Bn destroyed 3 or possibly 4 MG nests at 8000 yds. Fired 81 rds HE. Forward observer reported excellent results obtained.

C Co 1st Platoon destroyed a Volkswagon at 1800 yds vic 055262.

Ren Co 3rd Platoon 2330A inflicted many casualties on enemy infantry counterattacking vic 043253. 37mm HE was used firing point blank at 200 yds.

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OPERATIONS REPORT:

ANNEX No. 2

SUMMARY OF DAMAGE INFLECTED ON ENEMY
PERIOD: 22 January - 31 January 1944

| | "A" CO. | "B" CO. | "C" CO. | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Tanks and SP's | * 2 | * 8 | * * | * * 10 |
| Armored Cars & $\frac{1}{2}$ Tracks | * 1 | * 2 | * 1 | * * 4 |
| Artillery & AT Guns | * * | * 3 | * * | * * 3 |
| M.G.'s | * 6 | * 5 | * 6 | * * 17 |
| Prisoners of War | * 9 | * 1 | * 6 | * * 16 |
| Miscellaneous | * * | * * | * *Volkswagon* | * * 1 |

CASUALTIES INCURRED BY 601ST TD BN
PERIOD: 22 January - 31 January 1944

| | "A" | "B" | "C" | HQ | TOTAL |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| EM (SWA, MIA, LWA, KIA) | * * | * 4 | * 1 | * 1 | * * 6 |
| Officers (MIA) | * * | * 1 | * * | * * | * * 1 |
| M-10's (KO'd not repairable in 24 hrs.) | * * | * 2 | * * | * * | * * 2 |

HQ 3D INF DIV REINF
NAPLES, ITALY
13 JAN, 1944

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MAPS: GSGS 4229 ITALY 1/50,000 SHEETS 149 II, 150 II & III,
158 I, II, III, & IV.

a. See Annex II, Intelligence.

- b.
- (1) Fifth Army attacks and lands an enveloping force in the enemy's rear to hasten his withdrawal from the CASSINO line.
 - (2) US VI Corps lands at H Hour on D Day on beaches vicinity ANZIO (F8517), seizes and secures a beachhead, prepared to advance inland direction COLLI LA ZIALI (F9451).
 - (a) 1st Inf Div (Br) will land 1 Brigade Groupe on BLUE beach and establish beachhead (overlay).
 - (b) Ranger Force will land at H Hour on D Day on YELLOW beach, destroy coastal batteries vicinity of ANZIO by daylight, clear beach area between ANZIO and NETTUNO, and secure a beachhead (overlay).
Attached to 3rd Div when Ranger Beachhead is established.
 - (3) 504th Parachute Regt will drop at H - 35, capture gun batteries NORTH of ANZIO, prevent reenforcement of troops resisting the landing, and harass enemy's rear. Attached to 3rd Div once contact is established.
 - (4) 540th Engr Regt (Reinf) organizes beaches RED and GREEN and assists the 3rd Div across those beaches.
 - (5) Naval Fire Support - Annex 6.
 - (6) Air Support - Annex 7.

2. Third Inf Div (Reinf) lands on D Day H Hour on beaches RED and GREEN, seizes and secures a beachhead (opn overlay) to be held at all costs and prepares for further operations to the NORTH.

3. a. 7th Inf (Reinf):

Attached: 10th Fa Bn
Plat Co A, 751st Tk Bn
Plat Co A, 601st TD Bn
Co A, 3rd Med Bn (Coll)
Det 10th Engr Bn.
Det 3rd Sig Co.

Beach: RED 2.

- (1) Land 1st Bn (Beach Assault Bn) to reduce beach defenses in its zone of action to protect subsequent landings.
- (2) Land remainder of regiment in accordance with landing schedule, advance rapidly to initial beachhead and destroy enemy forces within zone of action.
- (3) Occupy initial beachhead in zone of action with particular attention to Area E and organize to repel attack with particular attention to armored attack from the NORTHWEST or WEST. Send strong reconnaissance patrols to ANZIO - ALBANO road and to Area D.

#1 (contd)

- (4) Establish and maintain contact with Ranger Force, 504th Para Regt (if present) and 1st Br Div.
- (5) Be prepared to attack on division order to capture Objective D or Objective A.
- (6) Protect division left flank.

b. 30th Inf (Reinf):

Attached: 41st FA Bn
Plat Co A, 751st Tk Bn
Plat Co C, 601st TD Bn
Co C, 3rd Med Bn (Coll)
Det 10th Engr Bn.
Det 3rd Sig Co.

Beach: RED 1.

- (1) Land 2nd Bn (Beach Assault Bn) to reduce beach defenses within zone of action to protect subsequent landing.
- (2) Land remainder of regiment in accordance with landing schedule, advance rapidly and destroy enemy in zone of action.
- (3) Occupy initial beachhead in zone of action with not less than ~~one~~ battalion and organize to repel attack with particular attention to armored attack from the NORTHWEST or WEST. Outpost position with not less than one battalion.
- (4) Send strong reconnaissance patrols to and block crossings on DE LA FIOCCIA in zone of action.
- (5) Establish and maintain contact with 3rd Bn, 15th Inf and 7th Inf.

c. 15th Inf (Reinf):

Attached: 39th FA Bn
Plat Co A, 751st Tk Bn
Plat Co B, 601st TD Bn
Co B, 3rd Med Bn (Coll)
Det 10th Engr Bn.
Det 3rd Sig Co.

Beach: GREEN

- (1) Land 3rd Bn (Beach Assault Bn) to reduce beach defenses within zone of action and occupy initial beachhead to protect subsequent landings.
- (2) Land remainder of regiment in accordance with landing schedule, assemble regiment (-1 Bn) in Area L prepared to:
 - (a) Assist the Beach assault Bn in clearing its zone to initial beachhead.
 - (b) Move on order to area M, organize and defend the area.
 - (c) Capture NETTUNO on order and establish contact with 1st Br Div on ANZIO - ALBANO Road.

d. Div Arty: (-10th, 39th, and 41st FA Bns)

Attached: 69th Armd FA Bn (105 SP)
Btry B, 36th FA Bn (155 G)
Det, Btry B, 15th Obsn Bn (Sound)

See Annex 8.

- e. 3rd Rcn Troop:
 Attached: Prov Mtd Troop
 Prov Pakk Btry
 Dets, 10th Engrs
- (1) Land in accordance with landing schedule. Advance rapidly, seize and mine and, in so far as possible, destroy all crossings over MUSSOLINI Canal SOUTH of 0324 and hold enemy EAST thereof.
 - (2) Send reconnaissance patrols with communication to vic LITORIA (G0819), CISTERNO DI ROMA (G0232), and VELLETRI (F9843) to establish observation and listening posts and report any enemy troop concentrations or movement toward beachhead.
 - (3) Reconnoiter to high ground vicinity 875225. Establish contact from that vicinity with Ranger force and 504th Para Regt. (if present).
- f. 601st TD Bn (-3 Plats, Co A):
 Land from LST in accordance with landing schedule. Occupy assembly area indicated. Reconnoiter at once for position areas and tank approaches with particular attention to an attack from the NORTH or NORTHWEST. See Annex 9, (antitank)
- g. 751st Tk Bn (-3 Plats, Co A):
- (1) Land 1 Company in LCT's in accordance with landing schedule, to occupy assembly area indicated in Division reserve. Company to be prepared on order to counter an enemy attack with particular attention to an attack from the NORTH or NORTHWEST. See Annex 9, (Anti-Tank).
 - (2) Remainder of Bn land from LST's in accordance with landing schedule. Occupy assembly area indicated and take over mission assigned company above.
- h. 441st AAA AW Bn:
- (1) Land 2 batteries of AA in LCT's in accordance with the landing schedule. Establish AA protection for Beaches RED and GREEN.
 - (2) Land remainder of Bn from LST's in accordance with landing schedule and reenforce batteries landed previously.
 - (3) Upon relief from Beach protection mission by Corps AA, Bn is attached to Div Arty.
- i. 84th Chemical Bn:
- (1) Land from LST's in accordance with landing schedule, Occupy assembly area indicated.
 - (2) Upon landing A Co is attached to 7th Inf, C Co is atched to 30th Inf. Bn (-Cos A & C) remain in division reserve.
- j. 10th Engr Bn (-3 Plats & Dets):
- (1) Land from LST's in accordance with landing schedule. Occupy assembly area indicated.
 - (2) Assist in preparing AT defenses in initial beachhead area. (See Annex 9)

- x. (1) Craft carrying tanks or SP Weapons will be loaded so as to permit maximum delivery of fire against beaches in the event of a daylight landing or loss of tactical surprise.
- (2) D Day to be announced. H hour 0200.
- (3) Watches will be synchronized with ship's time prior to debarcation.

4. See Administration Order No. 1 (Annex 4).

5. a. CP's afloat:

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| Hq 3rd Div..... | HMS CIRCASSL. |
| Alternate..... | LST 214 (ASN) |
| 7th Inf..... | LCI 113 (ASN) |
| 15th Inf..... | LCI 137 (ASN) |
| 30th Inf..... | LCI 125 (ASN) |
| Div Arty..... | LST 208 (ASN) |

b. See Signal Instructions (Annex 5).

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FO #2

MAPS: 158 I, II, III, IV.

1. a. See current G-2 Summary.
 - b. (1) VI Corps prepares to advance from present bridgehead, seizes high ground vicinity VELLETRI.
 - (2) 1st British Div protects left flank of Corps with 1 Brigade Group. Remainder of Div in Corps reserve.
2. 3rd Inf Div Reinf prepares to advance on CISTERNO DE LITTORI (CISTERNO DI ROMA).
3. a. 15th Inf (Atchd Co B, 751st Tk Bn; Plat, Co A 601st TD Bn; Co D 84th Cml Bn.)
 - (1) Occupy area indicated on operations overlay prior to dark 23 Jan 44.
 - (2) Seize crossings in its zone of action over MUSSOLINI Canal and hold the enemy NORTH thereof.
 - (3) Be prepared to advance on Div order on objective A.
- b. 30th Inf (Atchd Co C, 751st Tk Bn; Plat Co C, 601st TD Bn; Co C 84th Cml Bn)
 - (1) Occupy area indicated on operations overlay.
 - (2) Seize crossings over MUSSOLINI Canal in its zone of action and hold the enemy NORTH thereof.
 - (3) Be prepared to advance on Div order on objective B.
 - (4) Maintain contact with the 15th Inf on the right.
- c. 7th Inf
 - (1) Hold area indicated on operations overlay with not to exceed 1 Bn.
 - (2) Assemble remainder of Regt in area indicated on Div reserve.
- d. 504th Parachute Regt (Atchd, Prov Pack Btry)
 - (1) Relieve elements of the 3rd Rcn Troop on road blocks over MUSSOLINI Canal in Regt's zone of action.
 - (2) Reconnoiter aggressively EAST of MUSSOLINI Canal as far EAST as LITTORI.
 - (3) Protect Div right flank.
 - (4) Maintain contact with 15th Inf.
- e. Ranger Force (Atchd 509th Para Bn)
 - (1) Relieve elements of the 7th Inf in area indicated prior to dark 23 Jan 44.
 - (2) Maintain contact with the 1st Br Div on left and 7th Inf on the right.
 - (3) Protect Div left flank.
- f. Div Arty (Atchd Btry A & B, 36th FA, and 69th Armd FA Bn):
 - (1) Support the attack with massed fire.
 - (2) Provide liaison with 504th Para Regt and Ranger Force.
- g. 751st Tk Bn (less Cos B and C) (Atchd 601st TD Bn (less 2 Plats) Assemble in area indicated, in division reserve.

- h. 10th Engr Bn:
Maintain CONCA-CISTERNA DE ROMA and LE FERRIERE-CISTERNA DE ROMA roads.
- i. 84th Cml Bn (less Cos C and D):
Remain in present area in Div reserve.
- x. 1 Bn will be maintained in each regiment as regimental reserve.

No change.

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28 January 1944.

FO #3

MAPS: 1/50,000 ITALY - Sheets 158 I, II, III, and IV.

1. a. See 4-2 Summary. (Annex 2)

b. (1) VI Corps resumes the offensive and attacks to the North, with the mission of seizing the ALBANO-VELLETRI area and continuing the attack to disrupt the enemy's communications to the 5th Army front.

(2) 1st Br Div attacks North in conjunction with 1st Armd Div commencing daylight, 30 Jan 1944, along the axis AN410+ALBANO road, seizes as an initial objective the high ground vicinity ALBANO.

(3) Corps Artillery (1st Bn, 77th FA (155 M-1); 1st Bn, 36th FA (155 gun) supports the attack.

(4) Air Support - see Annex 3.

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2. a. 7th Inf: *INF DIV, REINF, ADVANCES AND SEIZES CISTERNA DI LITTORIA AND PREPARES TO CONTINUE THE ADVANCE TO SEIZE HIGH GROUND VICINITY OF CORI AND VELLETRI. W.E.B.*

Attached: 751st Tk Bn (-Co's A, C and Co D -1 Plat)
Co A, 601st TD Bn (-1 Plat)
Co B, 84th Cml Bn.

(1) Cross LD under cover of darkness at hour to be announced. Advance rapidly, seize and hold objective "A".

(2) Destroy enemy forces in zone of action.

(3) Block VELLETRI-CISTERNA highway from the Northwest.

(4) Leaving at least one Bn on Obj "A" to accomplish (3) above, be prepared on Division order to:

(a) Attack to the Northeast and assist in the capture of Objective C.

(b) Attack CISTERNA DI LITTORIA from the Northwest.

(c) Advance to the Northwest on VELLETRI.

b. Ranger Force (less 509th Prcht Bn):

(1) Occupy assembly area (to be designated) after darkness night 29-30 Jan 1944.

(2) Cross LD at hour to be announced, move rapidly by infiltration seize CISTERNA DI LITTORIA area until relieved.

c. 15th Inf:

Attached: Co C, 751st Tk Bn (-1 Plat)
Plat, Co D, 751st Tk Bn
Co B, 601st TD Bn (-1 Plat)
Co A, 84th Cml Bn.

(1) Cross LD under cover of darkness at hour to be designated, advance rapidly, seize and hold Objective B.

(2) Destroy enemy forces in zone of action.

(3) Be prepared on order to advance and seize Objective C and to block enemy forces moving South from the vicinity of CORI.

d. 504th Prcht Regt (-2d Bn):

Attached: Btry D, 376th FA Bn
Prov Pack Btry
Plat Co C and Co D (-2 Plats), 751st Tk Bn
Plat, Ren Co, 601st TD Bn
Co C, 84th Cml Bn.

- (1) Cross LD under cover of darkness at hour to be designated, advance rapidly in zone of action, seize and hold Objective D.
- (2) Block crossings indicated over MUSSOLINI CANAL and hold enemy Southeast thereof.
- (3) Protect the Div right flank North of Bridge 5.

e. 509th Precht Bn:

Attached: Co D, 84th Cml Bn
Plat, Co A, 601st TD Bn

Protect the Div left flank from positions along LD in Bn zone with particular attention to an attack from the Northwest.

f. 30th Inf:

- (1) With not more than one Bn screen movement of the 7th Inf to the LD.
- (2) Assemble in Area E in Div reserve. (on div order)
- (3) Protect the Div left rear.

g. 3d Inf Div Arty:

Attached: 69th Armd FA Bn

- (1) See Artillery Order, Annex No. 5
- (2) Commencing at dusk, 29 Jan 1944, occupy positions North of MUSSOLINI CANAL from which the attack can be supported.
- (3) Support the attack by successive concentrations to be fired on call.
- (4) Coordinate supporting missions and counterbattery fires with Corps Artillery.
- (5) Furnish liaison with 509th Precht Bn, 504th Precht Regt and Ranger Force.

h. Remainder 751st Tk Bn:

- (1) Advance from present positions to Area F, commencing at daylight, 30 Jan 1944, and occupy defiladed positions, prepared to assist advance of the 7th or 15th Infantry's by fire, or remain in Div reserve.
- (2) Destroy any enemy force encountered along the CONCA-FAININA MORTA road.

i. Remainder 601st TD Bn:

- (1) Occupy firing positions under control of Div arty, prepared to reinforce Arty fires in support of the attack.
- (2) Be prepared to assemble on 30 minutes notice in vic CR988245, prepared to counter any armored attack, with particular attention to an armored attack from the Northwest.

j. 84th Cml Bn (Co's A, B, C, and D): remain in present area.k. 3d Prov Sq (Mtd) (Less Prov Pack Btry):

- (1) Reconnoiter to line X-Y with strong patrols.
- (2) Outpost line X-Y and be prepared to give timely warning of an enemy counterattack against the Div left flank.

l. 10th Engr Bn:

- (1) Repair bridge at Point M.
- (2) Maintain LE FERRIERE-CISTERNA and CONCA-CISTERNA roads.

x. (1) Date to attack: 30 January 1944.

- (2) Leading elements of all units will by-pass such resistance as may be possible. Support elements which follow are charged with clearing such pockets of enemy resistance as may remain in the Regtl zone of action.
- (3) Upon reaching initial objectives, position for all-around defense will be immediately prepared. AT guns will be on these positions dug in and sighted by daylight.
- (4) During the movement of troops across the MUSSOLINI CANAL, existing minefields will be clearly marked and guarded by units which emplaced them.

4. No change.

5. a. Current SOI.

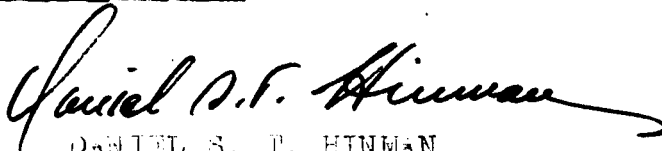
b. CP's: Hq 3d Inf Div Reinf; see overlay.
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FO # 4

MAPS: 1/50,000 ITALY - Sheet 158 I.

1. a. Enemy holds general line 2000 yards South of RR passing NW and SE through CISTERNA DI LITTORIA, disposed from West to East as follows: 104 PRG, elements - possibly Bn strength each of 1st and 4th Pzcht Regts, 2d Bn PGR 1, 356 Fusil (Recce) Br, 26th Recce Bn, GAF Wacht Bn, 1st Bn PGR 2, HQ Engr Bn and HG Recce Bn. Above troops are supported by HQ Tk Regt equipped with probably not over 40 Mk III and Mk IV tanks and an equivalent number of SP assault guns. Arty support consists of at least two Bns of 105mm How, 2 Bns of 150mm How, and one Btry of 150 Nebelwerfer.
 - b. 12th Air Support will furnish air bombardment mission of CISTERNA DI LITTORIA at H hour; thereafter armed recon of all roads out of that place during daylight.
2. 3d Inf Div continues the attack and seizes and holds CISTERNA DI LITTORIA.
3. a. 7th Inf:
Attached: 1st Bn 30th Inf
751st Tk Bn (less Co's A, C, and Co D (1 Plat))
Co A, 601st TD Bn (less 1 Plat).
Co B, 84th Cml Bn.
(1) Cross LD at H hour, advance along axis of POMEI ROTTO - CISTERNA DI LITTORIA under cover of successive arty concentrations and fire of supporting weapons, seize and hold NW portion of CISTERNA DI LITTORIA.
(2) Seize and hold Obj B with no more than one Bn.
(3) Destroy enemy forces in zone of action.
 - b. 15th Inf:
Attached: Co C, 751st Tk Bn
Plat, Co D, 751st Tk Bn.
Co B, 601st TD Bn (less 1 Plat)
Co A, 84th Cml Bn.
(1) Cross LD at H hour, advance along axis PAININA PORTA - CISTERNA DI LITTORIA road under cover of successive arty concentrations and fire of supporting weapons, seize and hold SE portion of CISTERNA DI LITTORIA.
(2) Attack with one Co reinforced with armor on right flank as indicated.
(3) Destroy enemy forces in zone of action.
 - c. Ranger Force (less 509th Pzcht Bn):
(1) Hold LD at PAININA PORTA until passage of 15th Inf.
(2) Assemble in PAININA PORTA area in reserve on Div order.
(3) Assist the advance of 15th Inf by the employment of all supporting weapons available to the force along the general line of the base of fire.
(4) Clear road CISTERNA DI LITTORIA - CONCA of enemy mines.

d. 504th Prcht Regt (less 2d Bn):

Attached: Btry D, 976th Pk Bn
 Prov Pack Btry
 Plat, Co A, and Co D (less 2 Plats) 751st Tk Bn.
 Co C, 84th Cml Bn
 1 Plat Co C 601st TD Bn.

Protect the Div right flank by holding the enemy East of the line EF.

e. 30th Inf:

Attached: 509th Prcht Bn
 Co D, 84th Cml Bn
 Plat, Co A, 601st TD Bn.

Protect the Div left flank and hold the enemy West of the line X-Y. Maintain at least one Bn assembled in Area A, prepared to move on 30 minutes notice. Maintain contact with 1st Br Div on left.

f. 3d Inf Div Arty:

Attached: 89th Armd FA Bn
 1st Bn 77th FA Regt

- (1) See Arty Order Annex #2
- (2) Support the attack of the 7th and 15th Inf Regts by successive concentrations along the area of advance. Coordinate supporting missions and counterbattery fires with Corps Arty. Furnish liaison with 509th Prcht Bn and 504th Prcht Regt.

g. Remainder, 751st Tk Bn: Occupy defiladed firing positions in Area C prepared to assist the advance of the 7th and 15th Inf Regts by fire or remain in Div reserve.h. 601st TD Bn (- attachments):

- (1) Occupy firing positions under control of Div Arty, prepared to reinforce arty fires in support of the attack.
- (2) Be prepared to assemble on 15 minutes notice vicinity CR994260 in Div reserve.
- (3) Reconnoiter routes to areas of probable employment of enemy AFV's with particular attention to West and North.

i. 84th Cml Bn (less Co's A, B, C, and D): Remain in present area.j. 3d Prov Sq (Mtd) (less Prov Pk Btry):

- (1) Rcn missions as previously assigned in FO #3.
- (2) Perform battle rcn dismounted on flanks of each unit to which assigned.

k. 10th Engr Bn: Clean minefields on PONTE ROTTO and FAININA MORTA roads.x. (1) H hour to be announced.

(2) Every supporting weapon available to Commanders will be placed in firing positions in the vicinity of the LD and will assist the attack forward by fire. When the fire of these weapons is masked or the attack progressed beyond maximum range, weapons will be displaced forward by echelon, so as to provide continuous support.

(3) Cn Co's with Inf Regts will be employed as assault guns, and will accompany the leading elements of the attacking Inf. They will be followed closely by tanks and TD's.

(4) Rate of advance of arty barrage fires will be 100 yds per 5 minutes.

(5) Smoke will be kept to absolute minimum prior to H-30, to avoid hiding CISTERNA DI LIPPONIA, the H hour bombing target. After H hour, smoke will be used as a harassing agent against entrenched Inf and to limit the visibility and deny to the enemy extensive observation of our movement.

4. No change.

5. No change.

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