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LIAISON OFFICER'S SITREP NO. 2.

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LEGHANO COMBAT GROUP.

Period : 24 March - 31 March 1945.

Ref: Maps : ITALY 1:25,000 Sheets 87-II S.E.
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240800 to 250800 March 45.

1. Speciale Inf Regt.

(a) Piemonte Bn. Enemy mortar activity during the day and evening ; some gun flashes located and reported.

An enemy patrol approached at about 0145 hrs and was dispersed by LMG fire. Enemy mortar and MG fire during night. At 0215 hrs enemy movement at 924326 was engaged by own arty and LMG's.

(b) L'Aquila Bn. Two enemy patrols of a few men each approached at about 0015 hrs and 0430 hrs and fired MG bursts. Both were dispersed by LMG and Mortar fire.

(c) Regtl. Mortar Coy. The Coy fired 600 rds at request of Bns during the 24 hrs under report.

2. 68th Inf Regt.

Enemy veh movement noted and reported on the road C.VALLE - C.RAMBALDA 9534, also North of MERCATALE 9537.

Enemy mortar fire was directed on C.VIGNAZE 964324, C.ORBEGA 949325 and C.COLONBARA 957327.

3. 11th Arty Regt.

25-pdr Btys engaged a variety of targets during the day and night, a total of 460 rds being fired.

4. 51 Engr Bn.

Engaged on road improvement, water duties, and removal of obstacles.

250800 to 260800 March 45.

1. Speciale Inf Regt.

(a) Piemonte Alpini Bn.

At 1600 hrs a German patrol opened fire on C. RONCO CERESA 9234 and at 1800 hrs another patrol was seen at 924336, an area in which the enemy are making use of caves.

- by own arty and LMG's.
- (b) L'Aquila Bn. Two enemy patrols of a few men each approached at about 0015 hrs and 0430 hrs and fired MG bursts. Both were dispersed by LMG and Mortar fire.
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Own arty and mortars engaged enemy posts during the night; some cries and groans were heard. Enemy LMG fire was active during the night.

(b) L'Aquila Bn.

An enemy patrol was dispersed by 2" mortar fire at about 0500 hrs. Enemy arty and mortar fire was on light scale.

(c) Goito Bersaglieri Bn.

Carried out recess for c/attack schemes in res area.

(d) Regtl Mortar Coy.

At request of fwd Bns fired a total of 300 rds.

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2. 68th Inf Regt.

Enemy fired approx 70 mortar bombs on PIZZANO-ORREGA and between C.VOLPIERE and C.VIGNALE 9632.
At 2150 hrs an enemy party was dispersed by fire North of C.COLOMBARA 9532.

3. 11th Arty Regt.

25-pdr Btys fired 464 rds on various targets, mainly enemy troop movements and mortar posns.

4. 51 Engr Bn.

As for previous day. A great deal of road work is necessary in the sector and a large number of motor compressors and bulldozers are being used.

260800 to 270800 March 45.

1. Speciale Inf Regt.

(a) Piemonte Bn.

Enemy mortar, MG and Arty fire increased considerably.
An ambush patrol was put out at 937328 but made no contact.

(b) L'Aquila Bn.

An ambush patrol was put out at 942327 but made no contact.

(c) Mortar Coy.

Engaged enemy targets and fired 300 rds.

2. 68th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st Bn. An increased number of patrols were sent out, all of which returned without having made contact with the enemy.

(b) 2nd Bn. Considerable enemy mortar, arty and MG fire in the Bn sector.

3. 11th Arty Regt.

Engaged various targets during the day, firing 267 rds.
Examples of targets engaged are given below :-

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1255	1	9	Adjustment of fire
1430	1	20	Enemy movement
1820	1	19	Two enemy MG's
1830	1	12	Fortification works
1830	1	10	Enemy post
1945	1	40	Enemy movement
2045	4	48	Enemy located at 968331
0348	1	20	Enemy patrol
0315	1	7	Movement
0315	1	8	Enemy post
0550	4	48	Enemy patrols

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270800 to 280800 March 45.

1. Speciale Regt.

(a) Piemonte Bn.

An enemy patrol located at 924337 was accurately engaged by arty. Two other targets (enemy posts) were also engaged. Enemy shelling slight.

(b) L'Aquila Bn.

Enemy patrols approached fwd posns at 2045 and 0100 hrs and were dispersed by 2" and 3" Mortar fire.

(c) Mortar Coy.

Fired 400 rds on enemy targets.

2. 68th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st and 2nd Bns.

Noticeable increase of enemy arty & mortar fire. Ambush patrols sent out but did not contact enemy.

(b) 9th (Assault) Bn.

At 0505 hrs a patrol of 9 men led by S. Ten. QUACQUERO attacked an enemy entrenched posn. In hand-to-hand fighting one German was killed, one wounded and three others (one of whom was also wounded) fled. A MG was captured and the posn destroyed. The killed was Obergefreiter HEINZ BOIGT, of 577 Gren. Regt., 7th Coy. One of own tps wounded.

3. 11th Arty Regt.

454 rds were fired during the 24 hrs on various targets. A direct hit is claimed on a mortar posn at 958338.

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Reported that 18 enemy mortar bombs fell at C. CROCE and Casa dei GENNARI, of which 10 failed to explode. 76 3" mortar bombs were fired by the Bn during the day.

(b) L'Aquila Bn.

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(b) L'Aquila Bn.

At 1635 hrs the enemy launched propaganda leaflets written in English on the Bn sector.

An enemy patrol was dispersed at 2010 hrs. The Bn fired 316 3" mortar bombs during the day.

(c) Mortar Coy.

Fired 153 3" mortar bombs during the day.

2. 68th Inf Regt.

(a) 2nd Bn. Reported that at 1730 hrs enemy fired 5 med.cal. shells, of which 2 failed to explode, and that at 1740 hrs 24 more med.cal. shells were fired, of which 15 failed to explode.

Pl; reliefs carried out during the night. Normal patrols, but no contact with enemy.

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290800 to 300800 March 45.

1. Speciale Inf Regt.

(a) Piemonte Bn.

Considerable enemy shelling and mortaring, and rockets fired during the day.

(b) L'Aquila Bn.

At 0400 hrs there was sudden activity on the whole Bn sector, with bursts of MG, mortar and rocket-projector fire. The enemy used parachute flares. After about 20 mins the activity died down. One soldier was wounded.

(c) Goito Bn.

11 heavy shells fell in the Res area, 5 failed to explode. Total 3" mortar bombs fired by the Regt during the 24 hrs amounted to 597.

2. 68th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st Bn. Enemy fired 32 mortar bombs on CASERTA DI VIGNALE 9632 and 20 on C.RIO d'ALIANO; another 27 on other targets. Throughout night enemy mortar and arty fire was directed on Bn sector.

(b) 2nd Bn. Enemy fired about 70 shells and mortar bombs on Bn posns during the 24 hrs. One soldier was killed and four wounded.

3. 11th Arty Regt.

Engaged enemy strongpoint at 974332 between 2000 and 2003 hrs, firing 302 rds. A further total of 186 rds were expended on other targets during the night.

300800 to 310800 March 45.

1. Speciale Regt.

(a) L'Aquila Bn.

Increased enemy activity reported and harassing fire during the night; 109 enemy shells fell in Bn sector.

(b) Other Bns.

Nothing of particular interest to report.

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3. 51 Engr Bn.

Engaged on mine-clearance as well as improvement of roads and water duties.

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To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
H.Q. E.M.I.A.
Rome.

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Ref. your INT 183 of 21 March 45.

Herewith two copies of SITREP No:1.

25 March 45.

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Major,
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LIAISON OFFICER'S SITREP. No. 1.

LEGHANO COMBAT GROUP.

Period : 18-23 March 1943.

Ref.Naps : ITALY 1:25,000 Sheets 87-III S.E.
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GENERAL.

Leghano Combat Group came under command of 91 American Div at 0001 hrs 18 Mar 43 with task of relieving 362 and 363 Inf Regts of above Div in the line between 18-23 March.

Comd. Leghano allotted the right sector (held by 362 Regt) to the 55th Inf Regt and the left sector (363 Regt) to the Speciale Inf Regt. Each Regtl area has two Bns forward and one in res.

Allotted for support of each Regt of Leghano are :-

One pl C Coy 100 American Chem. Mortar Bn.
One Coy 752 American Tk Bn with att. A/Tk & AA elements.
Two Groups (Btys) of 11 Arty Regt Leghano Group.
One Sqr Coy Leghano Group.

SECTORS.

56 Inf Regt.

Right Bn. Area CASTILLA DI VIGNALE - C.RIO 1'AIANO 9532 with FDL's on General line 973326 to 959325.

Left Bn. Area ORREZZA - N.PALO 9532 with FDL's on line 958326 to 944324.

Res. Bn. Area of Square 9530.

Speciale Inf Regt.

Right Bn. Area CASOVETTA 9331 with FDL's on general line 943324 to 935325.

Left Bn. Area C.OROZZE 9231 - C. del MARONE 935200 FDL's on general line 934325 to 917323.

Res. Bn. Area FIORENTO 9328.

Specialist Inf Regt. Each Regt area has two Bns forward and one in res.

Allotted for support of each Regt of Legnano are :-

- One pl C Coy 100 American Chem. Mortar Bn.
- One Coy 752 American Tk Bn with att. A/Pk & AA elements.
- Two Groups (Btys) of 11 Arty Regt Legnano Group.
- One Engr Coy Legnano Group.

SECTIONS.

58 Inf Regt.

Right Bn.

Area CASTILLA DI VIGNALE - C. RIO L'ALAMO 9532 with PDL's on General line 973326 to 959326.

Left Bn.

Area ORBEGA - L. LAMO 9532 with PDL's on line 958326 to 944324.

Res. Bn.

Area of Squares 9530.

Specialist Inf Regt.

Right Bn.

Area CAMOVESTA 9331 with PDL's on General line 943324 to 935325.

Left Bn.

Area C. CHOCE 9231 - C. dei MARCHE 935264 PDL's on General line 934325 to 917323.

Res. Bn.

Area PIUMETTO 9328.

|| Group HQ and Main 52 Bn. 3. BENEDETTO di QUERETO 9022.

Serviced and Rear 52 Bn. Along IDICH valley 1-2 miles South of S. BENEDETTO di QUERETO.

FLANKING FEARS.

On Right of 68 Inf Regt : 10 Indian Div of 8 Army.

On Left of Speciale Regt : 361 American Inf Regt of 91 Div.

REMARK.

The sector opposite Legnano Group is held by 305 German Div.

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RELIEF OF SECTOR.

The relief was carried out by stages, one Bn at a time taking over from the Americans from Right to Left in accordance with the following time-table :-

Night 18/19 March	1st Bn 68 Inf Regt relieved Res Bn 362 Inf Regt.
" 19/20 "	1st Bn 68 Inf Regt relieved Right Fed Bn 362 Inf Regt.
" 20/21 "	2nd Bn 68 Inf Regt moved into Res Bn area.
" 21/22 "	2nd Bn 68 Inf Regt relieved Left Fed Bn 362 Inf Regt.
" 22/23 "	9th Assault Bn 68 Inf Regt moved into Res Bn area.
" 24/25 "	One Bn Speciale Inf Regt relieved one Bn 363 Inf Regt.
" 25/26 "	Remaining two Bns of Speciale Inf Regt relieved remaining two Bns 363 Inf Regt.

During the period of the relief the 11 Arty Regt of Legnano Group occupied positions under orders of 88 American Div Arty.

The relief was carried out successfully.

During the period under report, 3 and 51 Enger Coys had 525mm engaged on converting paths into tracks capable of taking vehs, and mine clearance.

EVENTS.

Night 20/21 March 45. Enemy directed mortar fire against the ponds held by 1st and 2nd Bns 68 Inf Regt. 6 wounded.

Night 22/23 March 45. Mortars of Speciale Inf Regt engaged enemy automatic weapons at 938330. Other enemy ponds at 919327 and 924328 were engaged by 2-in mortars.

Enemy activity during the night was confined to sniping, intermittent bursts of 143 fire, and some mortaring, but one enemy patrol which approached the Aquila Bn sector was located by flares and dispersed by mortar fire.

11 Arty Regt fired harassing fire and also engaged

9th Assault Bn 68 Inf Regt moved into Res Bn area.

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11 Arty Regt fired harassing fire and also engaged two enemy posts during the night.

23 March 45. 9th Assault Bn of 68 Inf Regt constructed an OP at 964314 to observe reported enemy movement along RIO BALINO 9232.

One officer and one OR of 68 Inf Regt wounded.

Existence of enemy strong point at O. 361 BROGLIO 9733 confirmed. During the day various enemy posts were engaged by fire.

At about 2245 hrs the Bn Comd and one Coy Comd of Aquila Bn (Speciale Regt) were attacked by an enemy patrol whilst carrying out a recon forward of the FDL's. The patrol were dispersed, but the Bn Comd (Major de COZZELLIS) was seriously wounded and subsequently died of his wounds.

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SECTORS.

68 Inf Regt.

Right Bn.

Area CASELLA DI VIGNALE - C. RIO d'AIANO 953250 with FDL's on general line 973326 to 959326.

Left Bn.

Area CRBEGA - M. PANO 9532 with FDL's on line 958326 to 944324.

Res. Bn.

Area of Square 9530.

Speciale Inf Regt.

Right Bn.

Area CANOVETTA 9331 with FDL's on general line 943324 to 935325.

Left Bn.

Area C. GROCE 9231 - C. del MARCHE 9331 with FDL's on general line 934325 to 917323.

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