

7 December 43

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Also Italy 1:50,000 Sheets 161 III - 160 II.

1. a. German forces continue to occupy Mt. SANGRO, S. VIETRO and Mt. MARCIANO.

b. The 143rd Inf begins attack at 0800 on 8 Dec 43 to capture S. VIETRO and Mt. MARCIANO.

c. The 1st Motorized Brigade (Italian) at 0800 on 8 Dec 43 attacks and captures Mt. SANGRO.

2. Mission of this Battalion is as follows:

a. Support attack of 143rd Inf from suitable positions.

b. Prepared to fire missions in support of 1st Motorized Brigade (Italian) on call.

c. Prepared to cover tank approaches from the west as the attack moves forward.

3. a. Company "A"

1. Third platoon will move during darkness Dec 7 - 8 to positions shown to be prepared to fire direct into S. VIETRO to cover advance of 143rd Inf. This platoon on the alert for any tank movement along road through VIETRO.

2. 1st and 2nd platoons will register one (1) gun per platoon on 15 Dec during daylight 7 Dec 43. From 15 to 1, 000 these platoons will cover area (S. VIETRO - 600 yards west). Rate of fire 100 rounds per gun per minute.

3. After completion of scheduled fires the company will be prepared to fire on targets of opportunity and mass fires in area as shown in operations verlay #24.

b. Company "B"

1. Company will register one (1) gun per platoon on concentrations 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4 during daylight of 7 Dec 43.

2. These concentrations to be fired from 15 to 1, 000 Dec 43. Rate of fire 100 rounds per gun per minute.

3. Company to be prepared to give direct support to 1st Italian Brigade on call.

4. After completion of scheduled fires and 7 on to fires requested by 1st Motorized Brigade, company will be prepared to fire on targets of opportunity and mass fires in area as shown in operations verlay #24.

c. Company "C"

1. Company will register one (1) gun per platoon on concentrations 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4 during daylight 7 Dec 43.

2. These concentrations to be fired from 15 to 1, 000 Dec 43. Rate of fire 100 rounds per gun per minute.

3. After completion of scheduled fires the company will be prepared to fire on targets of opportunity and mass fires in area as shown in operations verlay #24.

d. Maintenance Company

1. Reconnoiter and guard Mt. SANGRO and Mt. MARCIANO to west for routes toward S. VIETRO. Reconnoiter routes from west area to S. VIETRO - 500 Yards - 1, 000 Yards.

2. Prepared to furnish liaison officer with radio for 143rd Inf.

3. Reconnoiter routes to be prepared as soon as routes are known.

4. Reconnoiter routes will be prepared on call to move to west area as attack moves forward.

5. Reconnoiter routes of class 1's.

6. Reconnoiter routes to be done during daylight of 7 Dec 43.

7. Reconnoiter routes to be done.

1. Installation of no change.
2. Installation and company G's (see operations overlay)
3. Company G's no change.
4. Radio and fire 501.
5. All units will carry yellow smoke for identification of aircraft. At night identification for ground troops, long and short flashlights.
6. H - hour to be announced later.

ENCLOSURE:

- ANNEX #1 - Operation overlay #24
- ANNEX #2

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**J. L. ...
Commanding**

ACBTM

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REFERENCES:

- 1 - CG 36th Inf Div
- 1 - 66th Div Arty
- 1 - CG 36th Inf Div
- 1 - CG 63rd TD Bn
- 1 - 3rd Unit
- 1 - Journal
- 1 - File

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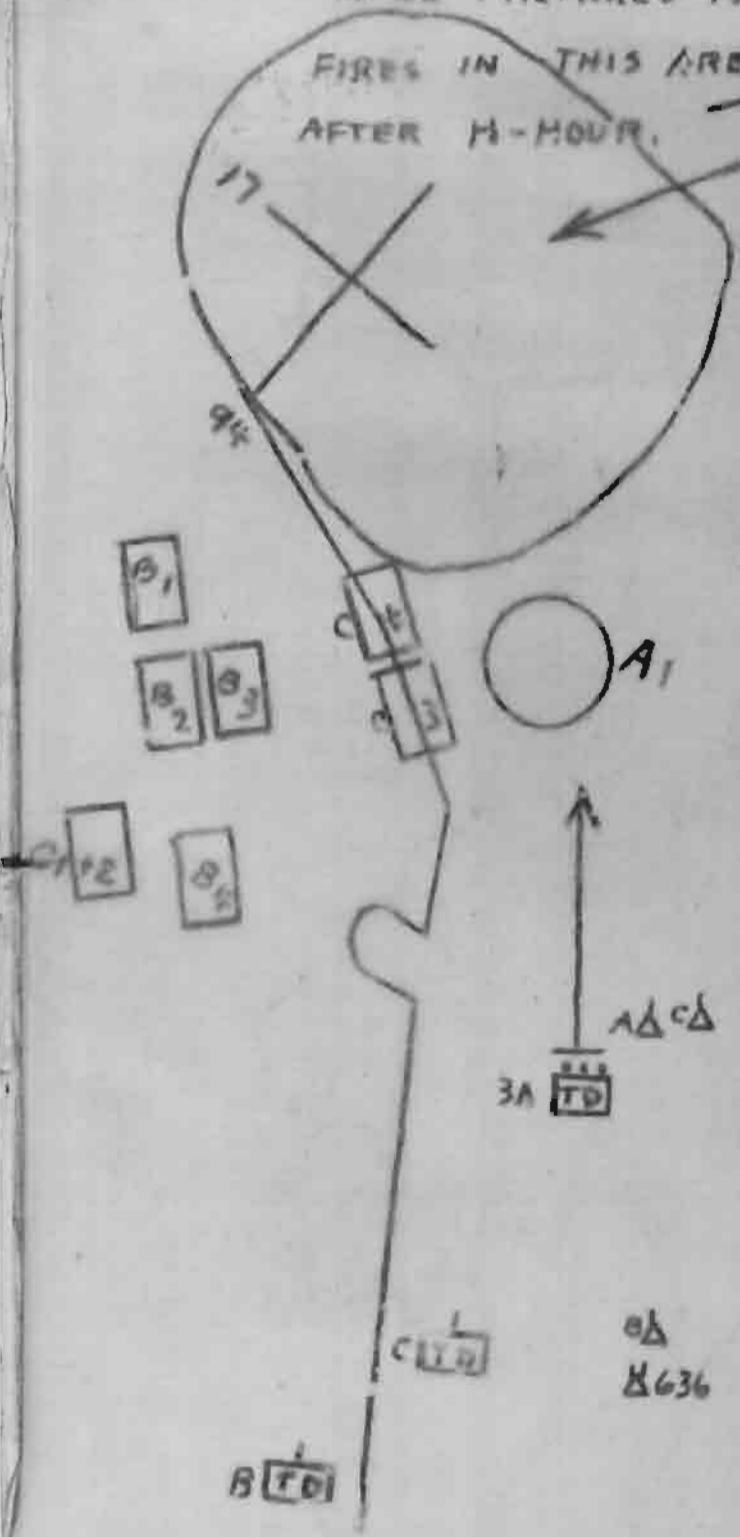
ALL COMPANIES
TO BE PREPARED TO MASS
FIRES IN THIS AREA
AFTER H-HOUR.

APPENDIX #1 TO FO #2
OPERATION OVERLAY #24
HQ 636 T.D. BN APO #36
0900 7 DEC 43
MAP: ITALY 1:50,000

ORDERS:
1. SEE FO #2

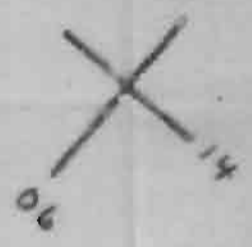
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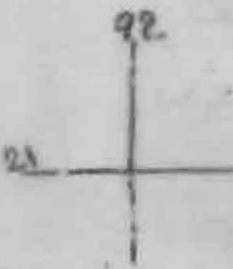
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A TD (3RD PLAT)

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RE TRAINING
LINE - CORPS ARTY



ANNEX No 2 to FO #2
FIRE PLAN
HQ 636 T. D. BN APO 30
0900 7 DEC 43
MAP: ITALY 1:50,000

ORDERS:

1. PLAN OF SUPPORT
BY DIV. AND CORPS ARTY
As REQUESTED BY HQ
143 INF. 636 T. D. BN
TO CONFORM TO PHASE
LINES OF ARTILLERY
PLAN.

2. DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT
ART.
H-30 TO H-20 SERENA
H-20 TO H-10 LINE C
H-10 TO H-5 LINE D
H-5 TO H LINE E
12 H To H+15 LINES F & G

NOTE: THIS PLAN HAS BEEN
SUBMITTED TO THE
ARTILLERY COMMANDER.
IT HAS NOT YET BEEN

APPROVED.

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