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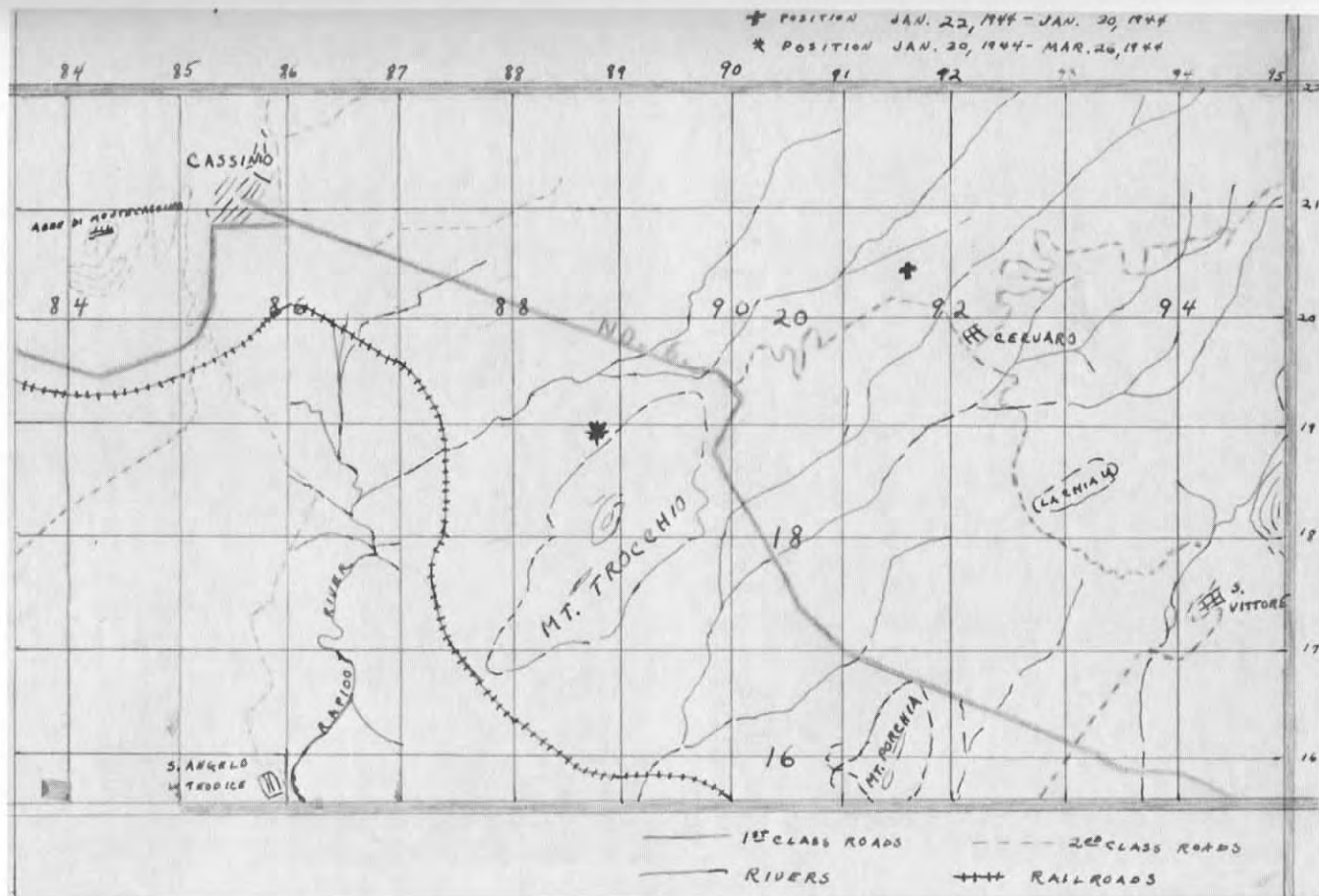


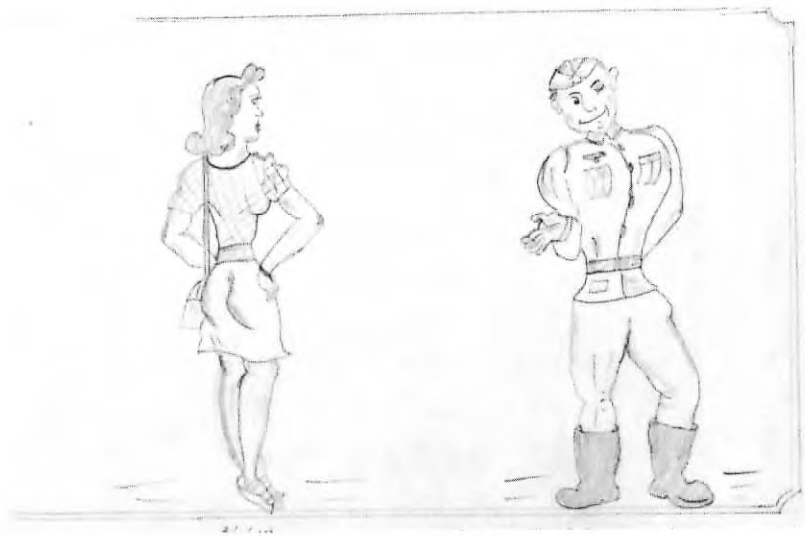
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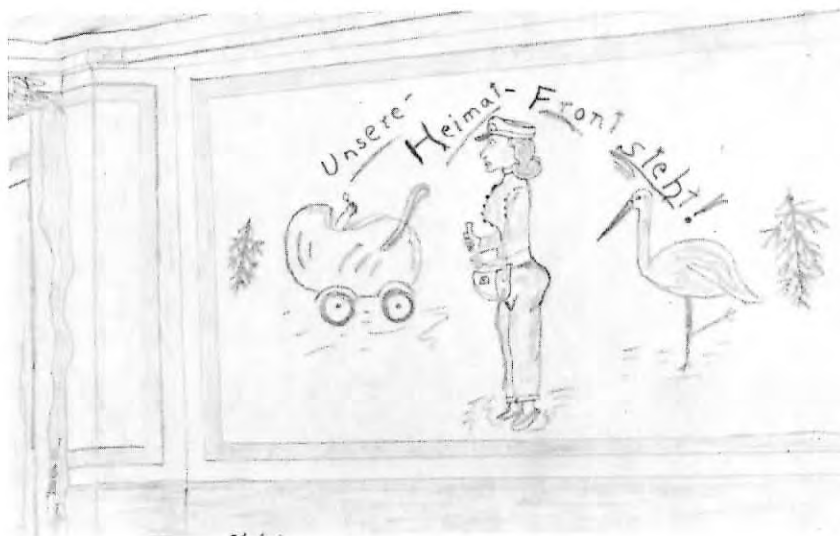


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Copies of drawings on wall of farmhouse near Cassino.  
Formerly occupied by Germans, later used by U.S.



Sketch of Cassino & Monastery before bombing



One of our billets near Piedemonte DeAlife, Italy



Street scene Rome  
June 6, 1944



Columns at St. Peters  
Rome June 8, 1944  
2 Italian Carabinieri,  
Kenneth Petersen, Jim Montgomery



## ITALY



Railroad artillery (Anzio Annie)  
Captured in drive toward Rome



B-Co. half track at Coliseum  
Rome June 5, 1944

September 15, 1943 Noon. We have been along the coast of SICILY all morning but have now left it behind, and are headed north toward our destination ITALY. Troops at SALERNO are getting a walloping and commentators claim, worse is to come before its over. We are due in there tomorrow. So, I imagine we will get hell for a few days. We have gotten it before, so some of us may live through this.

September 16, 1943 Air raid this a.m. at 4 o'clock. Dropped a couple of eggs just back of our ship. Hit nothing. We came almost into port at 10 a.m., then were ordered out to circle a while. Have heard heavy artillery fire all morning. Finally pulled into SALERNO BAY, about middle of afternoon. Things seem fairly under control. One merchant ship, one American plane and possibly a dozen landing craft sunk or burned here within vision. The worst may have been a little further away. Two big ancient Roman ruins within sight (PAESTUM). I would like to see them closer. Several air alerts this afternoon but the air most of the time was protected by our planes.

September 17, 1943 We were kept awake almost all night by air alerts and a couple of bombings. Began unloading this afternoon, but all the 776 men are still aboard.

September 18, 1943 Air raid last night, so close two bombs threw water on me up on deck. I got scared but can't do anything about it. Went to sleep again very soon. I haven't slept very much for two nights. My lungs hurt so from the heavy smoke screen they put up all night and part of the day. I certainly wish we could go ashore. Unloading ship again all day. The three forces at the toe, heel, and SALERNO have supposedly joined up and Jerry is moving back, but it hasn't stopped air raids.

September 19, 1943 Only one air alert last night and no bombs. Unloaded gasoline all morning. Finally got off the boat about 6 tonight. Air alert blew as we came ashore with our equipment. Loaded on trucks and went to our bivouac area about two miles from the beach. There really are some beautiful Roman ruins here. Wish I had some film. Bedded down in a straw pile near an olive orchard and got a real refreshing sleep for the first time in several days.

Saw a bunch of natives and they all seem friendly but beg as much as the Arabs. They grow quite a bit of cotton here and have some nice looking cattle. There is an A-36 bomber base near here, just graded out of a wheat field. I had no idea they operated under such rugged conditions and so near to the lines.

September 20, 1943 Nice day here today. Fighter-bombers are really keeping busy going up and back. Reported NAPLES has been captured and we are still pushing, also fighting reported in SARDINIA and in BRENNER PASS,

by Italians.

Was talking to two Italians this a.m. One had been a soldier fighting against the Russians at STALINGRAD and told how the Russians encircled the city and he had to swim back across the Don River.

We moved north fifteen miles this afternoon almost to SALERNO. There has been some stiff fighting in here. Many Mark-4 tanks have been knocked out.

The Italian people are streaming back much like the Arabs were doing the last few day of the Tunisian fighting.

September 21, 1943 Spent most of the morning cleaning up vehicles then went swimming in the SELE RIVER, along which some heavy fighting was going on a few days ago. Washed a few clothes. While we were watching both Jerry and our bombers drop bombs a few miles away. It's a great life. Mainly great because we still have it. After supper went on a walk with Baker for several miles. Saw several knocked out German tanks with many unburied corpses still lying around. No one has had time to bury them all or ours. The fighting was so fierce and now the advance is so rapid.

Saw the sweetest looking herd of horses and in good shape except one had a large wound through his shoulder. I feel sorry for the poor animal that is subject to such hardships because of man's damn foolishness.

We saw a fine farmhouse with a large dairy barn and five dwelling houses for tenants that were a complete shambles. The large house had a beautiful little chapel with nice statues, candelabra and everything. That side of the house wasn't so terribly destroyed. One bomb had dropped through a corner of the house and knocked down all but one wall on which still hung a crucifix.

This country is a lot like Missouri. Some nice oak trees, alfalfa fields, cotton, nice pastures and fine fat stock. Not like the arid Africa.

September 22, 1943 Worked on vehicles this a.m. Baker and I took another walk toward a town, EBOLI some five miles away. It is really a wrecked place. Railroad yards torn up and everything else. Helped a couple of little boys digging the rubble, of what must have been their home a few days ago. They were crying and I thought maybe some one of their folk was pinned under the wreckage. Evidently not, because I finally understood it was only a piece of furniture they were after. Another tyke about eight years old was asking us for food when he heard a Piper Cub going over. He cowered and shook in his boots as if seeing death approach again. We made him understand it wasn't a bomber, and he was one relieved kid.

Saw an old crippled native who, when I said, "Bon Giorno", he responded "in America we say "Good Morning". He spoke a little English. He said he lived in New York 30 years ago, and came back 30 years too soon. On

questioning, he said he had at one time lived in Poplar Bluff, MO., and had a brother-in-law and a brother still there. His name was Willy Farigone. His brother-in-law was Sorecine, who had a fruit stand on Maple St. and Tom Morino.

I found an Italian bayonet to add to my French and German bayonets. Also, found an Iron Cross ribbon. Most of our outfit came in tonight. Had no trouble at all. Five men from Headquarters were on another ship in another convoy and had their ship torpedoed during the night and lost all their clothing. When they abandoned ship. Came into camp tonight in a sailor uniform.

September 23, 1943 Moved to new area this a.m. Did nothing but scout the country for corpses, lone graves, etc., to mark for the chaplains. Also, looked for abandoned water cans as we are getting low.

September 24, 1943 Went to beach to watch our M-10's unload, which they did. While there saw Gen'l Mark Clark and Gen'l Alexander. Later saw General Montgomery and some American two star General. None of them called me into conference for some reason. Found a dead British soldier and in his hand was a picture of a little baby girl. On the back was written "Christmas 1942, Hello Dad, I'm Sylvia, do you like me? See my nice dress. I am 1 year, 1 month. I have 10 teeth and I can go up the stairs, but can't come down. Love & XXX. From your ain wee lass XXX.

This afternoon went out to BATTAPAGLIA and EBOLI. Saw four Jerry planes, only a half mile from our area that had been strafed and burned.

September 25, 1943 Went to Mass tonight at 6 p.m.

September 26, 1943 Went to Mass and communion in the woods near EBOLI. We have a new Chaplain, Father Hughes. He said Mass on the front of a jeep, and we knelt in a bunch of rocks, where there had been a big infantry and tank battle. Recon moved up tonight. We are to move up in the morning.

September 27, 1943 Didn't move up as everything is going good.

September 28, 1943 Americans have taken AVELLINO, our objective if we had left yesterday. We are still on alert to move.

September 29, 1943 Culps vehicle, with crew left about five o'clock. We went through COUTURSI, and stopped outside QUAGLIETTA for night as the roads were too narrow and dark.

September 30, 1943 Up before daylight and started out through LIONI & MONTMARANO where our Hdq. Green is located. Recon is here doing work ahead of the infantry Lt. Thompson and Lt. Brunt have been hurt and Lt Culp and crew are here as replacement.

We went through CASTELVETERE, which was taken yesterday by Brunt and some other Louie. We stopped several miles past CASTELVETERE, and almost to S MANGO.



Infantry are moving out now and our artillery fire is falling about a mile ahead of us.

We moved up through CHIUSANO and bivouaced near there for the night. We were shelled with a few rounds.

October 1, 1943 Our infantry attacked last night and gained about a mile. Part of Recon moved up and secured MONTEFUSCO. We moved toward PRATOLA with objective of capturing ALTAVILLA. We were stopped by mines, blown bridges and mortar fire near PRATOLA SERRA. Colonel Barney captured two prisoners in some town just short of PRATOLA. As we moved through we were greeted with such a chorus of BRAVO, and clap of hands that I almost dropped a tear or two of joy down my dirty cheeks. We stopped a minute or two before moving on, and were given grapes, apples, figs, cider, wine, etc.

We were greeted by the inevitable (An Italian who had lived in the states.) This one lived in Boston. Yesterday it was two Connecticut Yankees.

2 P.M. Jerry is still blowing the hell out of bridges in his retreat and holding us up. He is doing a good job, I have to hand it to him.

Moved on through PRATOLA, where we met an Italian from Ohio. Big bridge blown here. We had to bypass. Went about two miles to TUFO, where we met another blown bridge. Stopped for night as we were receiving light artillery fire. Was kept up almost all night by intermittent fire.

Oct. 2, 1943 Moved out back through PRATOLA, MONTEMILLITO, MONTEFUSCO, DAN NAZZARO, and SAN MARTINO. Everywhere we are greeted by handclaps and offerings of every thing. Vino, some high powered liqueur, grapes, English walnuts, filberts, cherry preserves. We have been showered with flowers as if it were the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. We were the first troops in to many of these mountain villages several miles ahead of the infantry.

We came into BENEVENTO, after dark and shortly after got a real barrage of enemy artillery. We were in a roadway with high banks on both sides and could hear German voices coming up on us. As we had only a few vehicles with us we ran out of town in one direction until we came to a blown bridge at a river we could not ford. We had to turn around and run the gauntlet back the way we had come. Made it safe with Gods help and we pulled back. Infantry came up to try to secure the town more strongly.

We spent the night, five of us curled up in the half-track while it rained again as it has the past three days. Artillery bursts just close enough to keep us worried and almost sleepless for the second night straight.

Oct. 3, 1943 Infantry got the hell knocked out of them going up the same road we had gone up just a short time before. Artillery was zeroed right in on the place. Learned today that infantry captured six Jerries. just

100 yards from where we were last night. Our Infantry has moved up and have driven Germans out of BENEVENTO. We are hidden behind a good bank of earth protected from fire.

October 4, 1943 Found some straw, stretched my blankets out and had a good sleep from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Our artillery put down a barrage several times but though we were all out in front of it, we were at ease for the first time in a couple of days. Spent most of the day cleaning guns and resting. 34th Division to which, we are attached, are now in reserve after capturing BENEVENTO. The 3rd and 45th Div. are now taking over.

October 5, 1943 Laid around again. Had a bunch of Italian kids singing for us. One had a marvelous voice. They sang some song about BENITO MUSSOLINI. We moved out about 5 o'clock to MONTEMARANO, where we again joined our outfit. We are to stay in reserve for a while.

October 7, 1943 Moved out of our area to join rest of 34th Division north of NAPLES, and northwest of AVELLINO. Left about 9 a.m., and at 3 a.m. had covered only 41 miles. Still short of our destination. Bridges blown and rainy weather and muddy roads held us down.

October 8, 1943 Moved a little farther and bivouaced in a vineyard. Put up our tents cleaned up a bit and tried to get a little rest. Sleeping on the wet ground and with wet blankets. Rained all night.

October 9, 1943 Went down into ROTONDI, near where we are bivouaced. A little circus in town. Had a ring about 20 yards in circumference with a little sheet iron fence around it. The show was pulled, in three little horse drawn wagons. Not quite a Ringling Bros. affair. A travelling fortune teller was with them. He had a cage of 8 or 10 canaries and love birds. He would open the cage and a bird would step out and pick up a folded paper in its beak. On this paper was your fortune, but we couldn't read Italian.

Moved out in afternoon through MOAIA, and near SAN AGATHA. We set up to do indirect firing.

October 10, 1943 Fired a few rounds this morning, and received back a helluva barrage after dinner. Some were near misses and schrapnel cut holes in some of our water cans. No men hurt, though one was covered with dirt, when a dud landed near him. He was so nervous and shocked they had to take him away. We were shelled from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. I crawled into a ditch till morning.

October 11, 1943 Still raining. We fired a few rounds and received a few back.

October 12, 1943 Columbus Day. I wish we were up near GENOA, now. Eighth Army is advancing and Russians have crossed Dneiper R. Still raining here. Infantry made crossing of Volturno R. tonight. We and artillery fired a barrage from 1:30 until 4. Artillery to our right has been firing from 8 p.m.

October 13, 1943 Fairly quiet with exception of our



bombers going over. Saw 47 B-26s go over and all come back. Didn't draw much flak. We fired a few rounds of harassing fire all nite.

October 14, 1943 Raining again.

October 15, 1943 On guard tonight. Got cold. Our forces have moved up five miles across river in this sector. Jerry bombers over today. No hits.

October 16, 1943 Received 15 letters and 5 newspapers. Our bombers active. Jerry over with six planes. We were alerted to move out at 4 p.m., haven't moved yet.

October 17, 1943 Moved out at noon, across VOLTURNO. Had to ford it as pontoons were not strong enough for us. Passed through CHIAZZO, and a little north.

October 18, 1943 Infantry are up several miles from us. Artillery on both sides are fairly active. So is infantry. Machine guns and rifles barked all night. We have been firing today. Lots of friendly aircraft over. Big artillery and infantry attack this evening.

October 19, 1943 Still at same old stand. Nice warm day.

October 20, 1943 Moved out at 4 a.m. Through ALVIGNANO and DRAGONI. Heavy fog which gave us good cover. Had to stop because big bridge on VOLTURNO R. blown. Has really been a stiff fight through here. DRAGONI is wrecked and dead soldiers laying around. Went into position for the night.

October 21, 1943 Kept awake most of the night with artillery and infantry fire. This battle of the VOLTURNO is really a gory affair. Haven't heard or seen the like. Quite a number of Polish prisoners taken fighting for the Germans. We can write home now that we are in Italy.

October 22, 1943 Lt. Culp went up to O.P., and has been gone all day. We lost six miles yesterday in a counter-attack, but gained it back today.

October 23, 1943 Warm beautiful day. Jerry has moved back and I believe we are out of artillery range. Suppose we will move up soon. Our engineers tore up all the ties and rails from a rail line about 20 yards from us and 5 minutes after it was finished convoys were using the roadbed to move up. Today engineers are building another bridge to carry the heavy traffic moving up. We moved up through ALIFE. Several of our destroyers got stuck and we stayed for the night.

October 24, 1943 Moved back through ALIFE, which is heavily bombed. Then up the main road 4 or 5 miles. About 2 miles from ST. ANGELO D ALIFE. Enemy artillery fire is very light. Our infantry captured SAN ANGELO at 8:45 a.m., and are moving toward RAVISCANINA.

October 25, 1943 Another nice day. All of our companies are now up in this valley. Things are quiet this morning. 8th Army has made some good gains. Russians are pushing again. Moved up almost to SAN ANGELO this afternoon late.

October 26, 1943 Up at 5:30. Started laying down an artillery barrage that lasted 3 hours solid. Infantry pushing. Our artillery and bombers busy all day.

October 27, 1943 Started laying in a barrage again at 5:30. Valley up ahead is ours for several miles. 8th Army is moving up slowly just to our right flank.

October 28, 1943 Had an air raid today, but bombs dropped ahead of us. We fired a bit but are almost out of range.

October 29, 1943 Moved up ahead near AILANO, which infantry took last night. Bridges blown everywhere but we bypassed and moved up 5 miles. We were dive-bombed and strafed. Someone in C-CO was killed by strafing.

October 30, 1943 Last night was unbelievably quiet as close as we are to the front. Infantry outposts out just a few hundred yards in front of us. Our air force has been bombing all day. Our artillery has been mighty busy also.

October 31, 1943 Quiet today. Got some sleep last night. Had a pile of straw and it was really soft. Baker and I went up to the town of AILANO this afternoon. Very few troops have been in there yet as Jerry still has control of a hill overlooking it. Some natives showed us where the Jerries had mined the road so we marked it. The town is an old affair snuggled in the mountains and about as dirty as an Arab village. Rained again today.

November 1, 1943 We had an air raid today, and a bomb dropped about 60 yards from our destroyers. As it came down it caught their camouflage net on fire. No one hurt except Nelson had his hands burnt. Were strafed about middle of the afternoon. No one hurt. Moved out at 10:30, up about 5 miles.

November 2, 1943 Just hidden in a cover position today, waiting to move up further tonight. Infantry has driven a spearhead in this sector. Moved up after dark to CAPRIATI, on hill overlooking VENAFRO.

November 3, 1943 Fr. Hughes went back to rear esche-lon, and about an hour after he got back he died of a heart attack. We were bombed and strafed at twice this morning. No hits.

Rochlitz and I went into town of CAPRIATI sight seeing. We were called to one cellar and stuffed with wine until it almost flowed out our ears. We left while we could. The people were telling how the Germans took their clothes food, and about everything before they left. We gave all the kids we saw candy and we were followed like a puppy dog. When we stopped again, we were given another pitcher of wine. We left town before we had too much.

November 5, 1943 p.m. It looks as if VENAFRO is ours as we can see traffic to and from the town. The Russians have cut off the CRIMEA, and things are beginning to take on a rosier hue.

November 6, 1943 Did nothing today, except watch air

battles.

November 7, 1943 Bright sunshiny morning with church bells ringing in the villages, but am unable to go. Started raining in afternoon and is cold as ----. Moved out after dusk across the VOLTURNO for the third time. We are supporting the infantry for a drive in the morning. Went up almost to MONTAQUILA, which is still Jerries.

November 8, 1943 Opened up with all our guns at 5 a.m. Firing on hill to left of MONTAQUILA, then on the town itself. Infantry advanced and took the town about 10 a.m. About that time Jerry artillery opened up on us and threw everything into our area. Lt. Cameron, Andrews, and Ramhorst were wounded. No vehicles knocked out. I was in the half-track all during the affair, and was really peppered with dirt, rocks and schrapnel, flying all around from near bursts. Rained all day and is cold. Pitched a tent and got a little sleep.

November 9, 1943 Has stopped raining but is cold. We haven't been bothered by Jerry though he still has possession of a hill overlooking us.

November 10, 1943 Went to C-CO to see Tom D. He is still o.k. A-CO got a shelling in MONTAQUILA. Three men hurt. One had his leg blown off. Ramhorst died last night. Tough for his sister, who is also Jim Newman's widow. Jim was killed in Africa.

November 12, 1943 Rained all day. We had a new officer come up with us about this time. He was 20 years old and fresh out of R O T C. They assigned him to a destroyer to see how we operated. Our destroyers were camouflaged below the crest of a hill. We were occasionally doing some indirect firing.

We were ordered to do some firing and the Lt. told the men to pull up over the hill and fire but the driver didn't move. He asked again. Still no move. Again, a request with "this is a direct order", and the driver said "why don't you give us an indirect order sometime," and he still didn't move.

When things quieted down a little the insubordinate driver was reported to the Company Commander, who had been with us since the start, and the Lt. was given some sage advise and later turned out to be not such a bad soldier.

November 13, 1943 My birthday. What a day. More rain.

November 14, 1943 So much rain. Moved into a hay barn. Took off my shoes to lay down and felt a pain in my foot. Had stepped on a needle. Boy, who would believe the old needle in a haystack story.

November 18, 1943 Fired tonight from 10 to 11. Artillery fire all night.

November 19, 1943 Jerry over with two planes but dropped no bombs.

November 20, 1943 Still raining.

November 21, 1943 Lt. Culp went to NAPLES today. Bradford took vehicle back to rear to get some repairs. More rain.

November 22, 1943 Rochlitz and I took a walk up mountain to ROCCARAVINDOLA. It is an old picturesque town in the mountains and hard to get to. We went through the church, which is small but has a beautiful marble main altar. Nice painting and statuary. No rain and ground drying up.

November 23, 1943 and November 24, 1943 Rain.

November 25, 1943 Had a nice turkey dinner today. George brought up the kitchen truck. We had to wade through the mud and eat out in the rain, but enjoyed the meal tremendously.

November 26, 1943 Cold today but rain has stopped. British 8th have advanced a little.

November 26, 1943 Walked to ROCCARAVINDOLA. A native showed us a crypt, which was an old well or dry cistern in the church yard, full of human bones. He said the dead were buried in graves and when the ground was all used up, the bones were dug up and put in the well. I guess with ground as precious as it is and villages which have been here for centuries this is the only solution.

November 28, 1943 Walked again to ROCCARAVINDOLA with Lt. Ira, Bible, and Skule. We tried to go to Mass. But they had started 40 minutes before we were told it was to be.

November 29, 1943 Fired all day from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Infantry was trying to push.

November 30, 1943 Fire again from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

December 1, 1943 Fired off and on all day. Quite a number of bombers came over. One group of 9, B-25s, bombed accidentally our own troops about 2 miles down the road from us.

December 2, 1943 Sat up from 1 a.m. Fired all day until 10 p.m.

December 3, 1943 Raining. Our infantry were forced to retreat in this area, but are now holding.

December 4 & 5, 1943 Rain. 8th Army is advancing. Crossed the SANGRO RIVER, all along.

December 6, 7, 8, 1943 Rain. Got a little air support. 34th is to be relieved tomorrow, but 776 is not and will be attached to relieving French Moroccan Division, part of which are already up.

December 9, 1943 Walked up toward MONTAQUILA, but it was muddy, only went a few miles. A lot of French are up here now. Rode back with a fellow from 135th Infantry. He says the hill up ahead is like a slaughter house and fire is so heavy they can't get the dead and wounded down. They have only an average of 30 men left to a Company. 168th Inf. has a company with only 22 men. No wonder they are being relieved. Infantry are using mule packs to carry up food and ammunition. Wheeled vehicles cannot operate in the mud and mountains.



December 10, 1943 More rain. We are now attached to the 2nd French Moroccan Div. The Italians are also fighting (on our side), to our left flank. What kind of a war are we in. The only Americans on the front, now are three or four attached battalion like ourselves.

December 12, 1943 Fairly pretty day. The 8th Army has advanced but the Eyties got pushed back and have been taken off the line and replaced by Americans. I had a tooth filled today, but don't suppose that will help to win the war. 36th and 45th are still on the front. 34th has been replaced.

December 13, 1943 Lots of aerial activity all day. Received two packages.

December 14, 1943 We have been sending a mess of fighter-bombers over all morning. About 10 o'clock, Jerry sent over 8 more planes and got a real reception. The sky was black with ACK,ACK, but saw no planes knocked down. Pretty weather for the third straight day so we should see a little more activity both air and ground.

December 15, 1943 Up at 6 to start an artillery barrage so the infantry might make a drive. Fired constantly till 7. Activity all along the front. This is a pretty day and our air force is busy. Jerry was over about 9 o'clock.

I went down to an Italian house where four of our men have living quarters. They have a room of their own in with an Italian family. The family cooks their meals and wash their dishes and build the fires and in addition have a large supply of wine.

December 16, 1943 Started firing at 11 last night and fired until 8 this morning. Our air force active again. Got a package from Mother and from Sis.

December 19, 1943 Up early, shaved and walked up the mountain to ROCCARAVINDOLA, and got there in time for Mass. The priest gave me an Italian soldiers prayerbook. Captain was over today, and it looks like we are having our company cut down to a new T.O. This supposedly cuts my rating and my job, but I think I can stay and be broke (lose my rank.) I can go out in grade but would probably end up in the infantry. I don't know what I will do, but probably stay.

December 20, 1943 We are to be relieved in a few days and stay here. Built a shack out of paper shell tubes and covered it with a tarp. Makes a fine home and in the dry.

December 21, 1943 Went back to VENAFRO, which seems to be coming back to life again. Saw a sign overhead on a railroad bridge, "TONYS VINO STAND AHEAD, and on the other side painted with whitewash, "BUY BONDS."

Talked with some Arab soldiers from MEKNES, FRENCH MOROCCO, and argued them out of some shell cases for firewood.

December 22, 1943 Kitchen moved in to us and set up to start feeding tomorrow. Order came down late this

afternoon, that we are moving back to SAN ANGELO D ALIFE, and with cutting down in the T.O., it looks as if something bigger is in the offing than just a rest period. I am to stay in the company and keep my rating.

December 24, 1943 Up at 6:30 for early breakfast. Then we went into PIEDMONTE DE ALIFE, where we went through a hot shower, were issued new clothing from shoes up, and clean underwear out. Turned in all our old clothes to be deloused, cleaned, and reissued to someone else, or salvage if it is possible. Luckily, got all new clothes. Came back and had a nice dinner. At 3:30, we left on trucks again for PIEDMONTE DE ALIFE, to go to Mass. We were able to go to confession and communion also as there was an English speaking priest.

Mass was said in a gorgeous cathedral by the bishop of the Diocese. First, there was a lot of prayers, followed by the Bishop in procession carrying the infant in a crib to another crib built at the side of the church. After this the Pontifical solemn high Mass started about 5. With all the pomp and ceremony it was 7 when we got out.

The English speaking priest read the Epistle and Gospel in English and gave a short talk expressing the bishops thanks to the American troops for liberating as much of Italy as had been liberated, and told us that the bigger part of the Italian people had always thought of the Germans as their enemy, but their leaders misled them. He thanked the American troops for their exemplary conduct everywhere they had been in the diocese, and their attendance and conduct at Mass. He thanked them for their contributions to collections which he said were being used to help replace war damaged church property within the diocese. He wished us a Merry Christmas and good fortune in our coming year, and the hope that Peace would soon come. Peace within our souls and to our countries and, to the world.

The Cathedral is a marvelous beautiful structure with an enormous main altar, and numerous side altars. Gold candelabra, inlaid marble work, statuary and in all a peaceful beautiful place where, when a fellow closes his eyes, and hears the "Adeste Fideles" he can almost think he is home. This is the best Christmas I have had for years. Thank God!

CHRISTMAS DAY. Fairly nice day, though a bit cloudy. Cleaned out my old barracks bag and straightened up a bit. Had a big turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and then had to work all afternoon cleaning the half-track, winch, and etc., for an ordnance inspection tomorrow. Worked till dark. Hear we are to move back to front on Dec. 31.

December 26, 1943 Worked cleaning up vehicle, until 10 o'clock. Then went into ALIFE for 10:30 Mass. Cold today and can see snowing, just a short distance away in the mountains.

December 27, 1943 Went into PIEDMONTE DE ALIFE, to a movie this afternoon. Nothing but propaganda. It disgusts me. Sutro, Brueggeman, and Jordan have been transferred out.

December 30, 1943 Bradford, Rochlitz, and I went to CASERTA this morning. We crossed the VOLTURNO, again. Seems a bit warmer back there and can see no snow. Lots of orange trees full of fruit.

December 31, 1943 Rained and snowed. With a heavy wind. Blew most of the tents down. Luckily we were in a house.

January 1, 1944 Still raining and blowing a gale. I struck out anyway to go to Mass in ALIFE. Got there at 10:30, wet as could be and Mass at 11:30. I was the only soldier there and there weren't many Italians. Waded back to my house in water and bucking the wind. Crawled back in bed and greased myself up with Vicks. Stayed in bed until chow time when we had a nice turkey dinner, and after having missed lunch, I was hungry.

January 2, 1944 Nice day today. Went to High Mass in ALIFE. Got paid today and sent home \$80. Right after dinner, Baker and I, went on a hike to take pictures. Went to PIEDMONTE, and clear up into the hills. Alerted this afternoon, we may move in the morning.

January 3, 1944 We are not to move until in the morning.

January 4, 1944 Up at 3:30 to go on radio until 7. Rained all night; windy and cold.

January 6, 1944 Cold. Snowed most all day. 5:45p.m. We were ordered to break camp and be ready to move in 20 minutes. Pulled out a little after 6, through VENAFRO, across the mountains and into the LIRI VALLEY, just past SAN PIETRO. Went into an assembly with a bunch of tanks. Dug in and bedded down about midnite to get some rest. Artillery going over us in both directions.

January 7, 1944 It is a bit warmer in the valley. Tanks were moving all night. Thirty or forty tanks started out across the valley toward CASSINO, and really received some artillery fire. Don't know when we are going to go. Our air force has been pasting the hell out of the Jerries, just a couple of miles in front of us.

January 8, 1944 Up on radio watch from 3:30 to 12:00. Jerry threw in a lot of artillery mostly into the valley at the tanks and infantry. Luftwaffe was over three times today.

Our air force very active and peppered Jerry with bombs.

January 9, 1944 Up at 3:30 again to go on guard. Can't get any sleep for the artillery going both ways. A very close one, day before yesterday, lit about 20 yards away and really threw dirt and gravel on me, but no one was hurt. Baker got a bad gash on his hip about ten o'clock tonight when a shell lit a short distance away and shrapnel ripped through his belt, his shirt tail,

pants and long johns. He came running down to our stone hut barefoot over the rocky ground.

January 10, 1944 Up at 3:30 on radio. Took Baker back to battalion aid station to get patched up.

January 11, 1944 Up at 3:00. Very quiet most of day.

January 12, 1944 Up at 3:30. Lots of air activity. Saw two of our planes knocked down. One pilot chuted down in friendly territory.

January 13, 1944 Our area took a beating last night, though we were lucky again. Carlson's destroyer damaged slightly, and shrapnel cut tents, tires, boxes, and etc. But almost all men were dug in and no one touched.

January 14, 1944 Aerial activity enormous. Jerry knocked the wings off one of our fighters.

January 15, 1944 Our artillery laid it into MT. TROCCHIO, all night long.

January 16, 1944 Lt. Culp, Joe Slatkoski, and I went up on MT. TROCCHIO to establish an C.P. Anti-personnel mines are everywhere. Saw one fellow to our left, step on one. Litter bearers picked him up later. As we came back, an A-Company half-track had hit a mine. Gus Hiney had a simple and a compound fracture of his leg. We called an ambulance, and a wrecker, but left before the wrecker arrived. They swept the area for mines but Colianni hit one anyway and was killed.

January 17, 1944 A lot of our armor came back last night. Rumored we are to be relieved, and sent elsewhere on a mission.

January 18, 1944 We are attached to II Corp., and to be used in 1st Armoured area. Saw a P-40 come crashing down in the mountains, about a half mile from here. The plane hit down on the forward slopes of MT. MASSICO, and the pilot bailed out and seemed to land in good shape not far away.

January 21, 1944 Still in same place. We are in reserve. A & C Companies are to be used in the attack. British 10th Corp has crossed the GARIGLIANO in three places and have captured MINTURNO.

January 22, 1944 We got several battalions of infantry across the RAPIDO. Amphibi landing made at ANZIO & NETTUNO, 28 miles South of Rome. Little opposition and beach head has been established. We are attached to 805 T.D. Moved out at 4 p.m., through SAN VITTORE and CERVARO. Infantry only a short distance out front.

January 23, 1944 I didn't sleep a wink last night, was on radio duty. Artillery and small arms battled all night. Fortresses and medium bombers over this morning. We were forced to withdraw our troops across the RAPIDO last night.

January 24, 1944 Near CERVARO. Jack Larson, wounded by artillery fire, and David Tarshus, was covered with earth when a shell landed at the top of a bank, and caved dirt in on him and his slit trench. Joe Slatkoski, was digging them out, and giving first aid, when more mortar



and artillery fire came in and he was seriously wounded. Ross Baker, Joe Kubala, Eddie Lukes, Elmo Huff and Merlin Parks carried him out about 3/4 miles to 34th Div. aid station.

Pages missing from diary.

January 30, 1944 Fairly quiet today. Moved out tonight, just after dark to take a direct fire position in front of MOUNT TROCCHIO, and almost on the banks of the RAPIDO R. Several of our tanks got stuck. We are in a terribly exposed position and don't like it. Have camouflaged the best we can.

January 31, 1944 Fortunately, it is foggy this morning. As we passed through CERVARO last night, we saw 20 to 25 Jerry prisoners being brought in. The British and the French are beginning to pick up a few prisoners. The new invasion front has netted about 600 prisoners.

February 2, 1944 A few shells came in today.

February 3, 1944 This is the first clear day we have had for some time. This afternoon had a 15 minute notice to lay wire to the destroyers as a tank attack on CASSINO was to come off in that time, and we are to give them direct support. In about that time, all hell broke loose, concentrated on CASSINO. We were to fire only on the road, and saw no traffic whatsoever, except a Jerry ambulance. We are hampered by the fact that we can't shoot at the Monastery atop the mountain overlooking CASSINO, and Jerry is thought to have an O.P. there. I believe though, that we will be repaid in some way if we leave it unharmed. I hope the Army continues to see it that way.

February 4, 1944 Another beautiful clear day. Imagine we will attack again.

February 5, 1944 Rained last night, and snow covers the mountains around us. It's cold today. Our troops are fighting like hell in CASSINO, but so is Jerry's. German planes over in good numbers.

February 6, 1944 Jerry's threw a lot of shells in last night. Not much activity in CASSINO last night or today. Jerry planes over twice before noon. Three New Zealand soldiers were around this morning. They were telling of action they had seen in EL ALEMEIN. They are relieving some troops in this area. We are to stay and be attached to them.

February 7, 1944 Nebelwerfer (screaming meemie), a new multi-barrelled mortar, threw in a few rounds this afternoon. Set haystack afire about fifteen feet away from the house we are in, and ten feet away from our half-track. We stayed in house all day so that Jerry's would see no movement. We just let the straw burn. Stood double guard tonight as there are German patrols in the area.

February 10, 1944 Lt. Culp got back from rest camp. Says we are to be relieved in four to eight days. He says we must be in AFRICA by March 1st, to be attached

to an amphibian division. I don't like the looks of it.

Still not making any headway in CASSINO. We can't move in daylight as we are in German observation. We have been bombed, and shelled so much each night and especially off and on, all day that it cuts our telephone wires to our vehicles. We have used up our wire, and last night two of us went back to the foot of MT. TROCCHIO and started reeling in some smaller, tougher German wire. We reeled in past our house, and down the road almost to CASSINO. When we could hear German voices, we decided we had enough to last a while. We are getting a limited amount of food, water, and ammo brought up to us at night.

February 12, 1944 Jerry's started shelling our area at 4 a.m., and laid in about 200 or more shells by 10 o'clock. About 6:30 they were getting too close. Rocky and I were bedded down in the stable part of our stone house. We left our area, and went around the back of the house to a kitchen door, where we thought we would be more protected. We went into the kitchen, which had a fireplace, and a coffee pot. I stopped to have a cup of coffee with someone. Rocky, went on in to an adjoining room where several fellows were sleeping.

Jerry's at this time, dropped a shell through the wall at the front of our house, and to an interior stone wall before exploding that wall into the sleeping area. We were all covered with mortar and rocks. Lt. Culp got a few cuts on his head and back. Grimes, Newman, and Gardner were scratched and Rocky got it full blast. He was bleeding at the nose and mouth, but seemed not too seriously injured, a few cuts and bruises, but I believe mostly concussion. Sent them back to aid station. Relaid telephone wires again after dark.

February 13, 1944 Slept in my stable bedroom which is well ventilated now.

February 14, 1944 Cold today, but we dare not have any fire during daylight as Jerry's could see the smoke.

February 15, 1944 Four waves of 27 to 36 each, Flying Forts, came over about 9 o'clock. Bombed the Monastery, and all over Monastery hill. Some of them dropped into town, and into the valley in back of the Monastery. I hated to see it happen, but I guess it was the only way, as we have fought for CASSINO for almost a month.

I saw machine gun fire coming from the hill near the monastery two nights ago. After the bomber, our artillery pasted the hell out of the hill, and the Monastery. Medium and fighter bombers poured it to the hill all afternoon.

February 16, 1944 B & C-CO are attached to the 1st Armoured, but we are staying here for a while. Guess our deal to go back to AFRICA, and be in on the invasion, is off. I'm rather glad. Would rather stand my chances here I believe.

The Monastery was bombed again today, until there is little left of it.

February 17, 1944 Monastery hill bombed again several times today.

February 18, 1944 At 9 o'clock last night, the New Zealander's directly to our front, shoved off on attack to drive toward the railway station to the left of town. Other troops tried to bridge the river in front of us, for a tank attack this morning. The Gurkas attacked Monastery Hill in an attempt to take it. The bridge was about half completed when the Jerry's knocked it out. So that, the tank attack is delayed until a bridge is built. The New Zealander's gained their objective, the railway station, but from the looks, I have my doubts about the success of the Indian Gurkas in getting the Monastery.

February 19, 1944 New Zealander's back to our house, say they lost all but 22 men out of two companies. One company has only two men left. They gained the railway station, then all was cut off, and lost contact with the men there.

Screaming meemies threw in about six fast rounds near us last night about 10. Hit nothing. Artillery busy all night and all day.

The remnant of the New Zealand Maoris came up to our house this afternoon for a party. There is a piano upstairs, and they hauled in a big jug of wine on a cart and had a big party. They have lost heavily, but were in a good humor, and happy that they were still alive. Their C.O., a major, was with them. When dark came, they brought a truck, and hauled the piano back to their house playing it all the way, while riding in the truck.

February 20, 1944 Fairly quite today. Rocky came back from the hospital.

February 21, 1944 We were relieved today by A-CO and we have Lt. Merritt.

February 22, 1944 Nice warm spring day.

February 23, 1944 Quiet today. A little artillery inbound last night.

February 24, 1944 Mail call today. Snow last night, cold today.

February 25, 1944 Up early to fix telephone lines. We were supposed to attack this morning at 10. Called off for some reason.

February 26, 1944 Warm and cloudy. While the fog was down Lt. Ira and I took a walk snooping around some of the houses around here. Found a bicycle in one place, and some wheels in another, and fixed it up.

February 27, 1944 Orders we are to move some of our men back tomorrow and leave a third of the men up here to guard, to be relieved every third day.

February 28, 1944 Moved our tracks out this morning and all but a third of the men. Don't know why, unless it was because so many men were getting trench foot. We were in view so that we had to stay hidden under a camouflage net or behind a house all day and with no exercise and wet feet all the time. Feet swell up and

get infected and once you take your shoes off you can't get them back on. Moved back just past SAN PIETRO. It really seems safe though we are only 4 or 5 miles from the front. We build open fires, run around without helmets and feel free.

PAGES OF DIARY MISSING.

March 5, 1944 Fixed telephones in the rain. When I got back, found I was to go to the rest camp for a few days. Left on ration truck.

March 6, 1944 Went back to rest camp at CASSERTA. Assigned a bed, drew blankets, took a shower, and took off for town. Went to an Italian Lieut's. house where he was bootlegging cognac. Such a mess of allies we have. He had fought in Africa against us. Should have knocked the hell out of him.

March 7, 1944 Saw a stage show with John Garfield, also a good movie.

March 8, 1944 Took a train this morning for POMPEII. The army has railroads running again, although, the yards are still a mess with broken rails and burned out equipment. Changed trains at NAPLES, where we had to change to an electric line operated by the Eyties. Arrived in POMPEII at 10. It was interesting. We had a guide describe all the places of interest, Temples, baths, theatres, Vino joints, and ruined houses of ill-repute. Came back at 1, and arrived in CASSERTA at 4:30.

March 9, 1944 Saw a couple of good shows.

March 10, 1944 Came back to camp near SAN PIETRO. All the outfit has moved back to the front so as soon as it gets dark I will go up. Moved our destroyers to better positions, and had to lay new telephone lines. Worked until one o'clock with the help of a quart of cognac.

March 11, 1944 Worked on telephones again. Went to confession and communion at the house in front of us where the New Zealanders are. A New Zealand chaplain was there.

March 12, 1944 Sent home a package of souvenirs; German belt, hat insignia, coins, and etc. Received a bunch of letters tonight.

March 13, 1944 A beautiful sunshiny day. Jerry planes over in the middle of the morning. Artillery from both sides going good all night and morning.

March 14, 1944 Another pretty day. If this weather continues watch out.

March 15, 1944 This is the day. 8:30 a.m. Heavy and medium bombers and fighters swarming. By noon, 427 Fortresses, Liberators, B-25s and B-26s had bombed CASSINO and MONASTERY HILL.

At 12 o'clock, our artillery and our destroyers opened up and laid down a continuous barrage into the hill and valley. French to our right are giving them hell, also. Liberators are coming back from the 8th Army front. This is supposed to be a coordinated attack, and it is



in every respect. Dive bombers have bombed and strafed all afternoon, and our artillery continues.

March 16, 1944 We have most of CASSINO, but Jerry's is still in houses in the south of town. We have part of MONASTERY HILL, but not all of it. Our tanks are held up by bomb craters, which engineers are trying to fill in, and are under sniper fire. Our artillery still blasting away day and night.

March 17, 1944 Another pretty day. The railroad station was taken last night, and we have tanks in the town.

March 18, 1944 Still good weather and still heavy aerial activity and artillery and fierce fighting from both sides. Saw two German planes shot down with wings and fuselage flying to pieces. Jerry artillery fire started a fire in our ammunition dump near bridge.

March 19, 1944 Still battling for monastery hill and south side of town. Had three Jerry bombings today. Knocked another German plane down over bridge, and two more back of MT. CAIRO.

March 20, 1944 ACK, ACK. Outfit moved in close to us. Jerry's laid in a bunch of artillery shells near them and near us.

March 21, 1944 Still fierce fighting for CASSINO.

March 23, 1944 Newman, Grimes, and Stringer are to go home under rotation. Leaving tonight for rear echelon and going back to NAPLES, Saturday.

March 24, 1944 alerted to pull out for rear within 48 hours. Awaken at 11:30 to pull out immediately.

March 25, 1944 Pulled back near SAN PIETRO. Slept an hour or two. Cold, blustery day. Pulled out in convoy at 8 p.m. After we were back a few miles, turned on our headlights. It seems funny to be using lights again. Was snowing slightly, and was a pretty sight.

March 26, 1944 We are in a nice clean area six miles from CAPUA. Went to Mass at 2 o'clock, at a church only a quarter of a mile away.

March 27, 1944 Starting my fourth year in the Army. Took a trip to VESUVIUS to see her spitting up. We went up as far as a truck would go then walked almost a mile further. Almost burned our shoes off walking over lava that had flowed down only three days before. Smoke and ashes are still roaring but the lava flow has stopped. Roads miles away are covered with several inches of dust, and the smoke was so thick we had to use lights for a while. People were shoveling off their roofs to keep them from caving in. We were really covered with dust when we started back. Got almost back when Dautremont and I saw 56th Medic sign. we jumped off the truck and investigated. Saw a bunch of old fellows we knew; Ashcraft, Hannum, Brant, and others. Hannum brought us home after dark.

March 28, 1944 Worked on vehicles and guns all day. Went to Mass this afternoon.

March 29, 1944 Went to showers, then into town of SANTA MARIA for all afternoon. Did nothing much, except walk around the town and drink a little wine.

March 30, 1944 Went to Mass this afternoon.

March 31, 1944 Was paid this morning. On guard tonight.

April 1, 1944 Went to Mass again tonight.

April 2, 1944 Was sick all night with stomach ache, and diarrhea. Went to Mass and communion this morning.

April 3, 1944 Up again all night with diarrhea, but I'm some better today.

April 4, 1944 Went to NAPLES, and spent the day. Saw a Red Cross movie, two or three years old.

April 5, 1944 Went to Lenten Services this evening.

April 6, 1944 Holy Thursday. Went to High Mass and communion at 8:30 this morning. Went to Holy Hour Services tonight.

April 7, 1944 Moved this morning to a new area six or seven miles away.

April 8, 1944 Went to Mass and communion tonight.

April 9, 1944 Went to Easter Mass this morning in a field, but we had a stone wall covered with a cloth and palm branches, and flowers around so it was a little Easter-like.

April 10, 1944 Hauled gravel all day to fix up our new area. Went to Mass.

April 11, 1944 Hauled gravel all day to fix up our new area. Went to Mass.

April 11, 1944 Hauled gravel again today, we are supposed to be going back to the front in a few days.

April 12, 1944 Served Mass this morning for the first time in a long time. Went on guard 5 to 7, then 11 to 1.

April 13, 1944 On guard today until 5 o'clock. Aren't going to the front until about Sunday. Went to show tonight with Shuck, and then a bull session until after 11 o'clock. Shuck, is a boy from my home town, Monroe City, whom I ran into by accident. It seems our B-Company kitchen and maintenance crews in their spare time had found a few lengths of copper tubing, and had made a still, and for several weeks had been distilling Italian wine into an almost lethal liquor. At one time, the inter-company fighting had gotten so bad, that B-CO was declared off limits to other companies in the battalion, but by this time, things had settled down into a smooth commercial routine.

Shuck was in a mobile 105 MM outfit, bivouaced a short distance away, and had come to our area to make a purchase when I met him.

April 15, 1944 This is the day I predicted for the invasion six months ago. Looks like I'm off a bit.

April 16, 1944 Went to Mass and Communion. Went swimming this afternoon, then went for a walk for two or three miles.

April 17, 1944 Had three teeth filled today.

April 19, 1944 Worked on radios a while. Drew destroyers on the back of jackets this afternoon.

April 21, 1944 Special orders that no more pictures, and names are to be painted on jackets.

April 22, 1944 Got a vehicle, and two day pass to go to NAPLES. Drove to POMPEII and found it was off limits. Went on to new POMPEII. Visited the Cathedral and Orphanage. Both are beautiful places. Had some pictures taken with Rocky. Came back to NAPLES, and found nothing to do. Started home, and went through SANTA MARIA, where "THIS IS THE ARMY", is showing. Irving Berlin was there and sang several numbers including a new song he wrote for the 5th Army.

April 23, 1944 Slept late, and did nothing all day. Had ice cream for supper.

April 24, 1944 Worked on radios this morning. Heavy air raid over NAPLES last night. Lasted over a half hour. Low hanging clouds kept search lights from doing much good.

April 25, 1944 We got a half dozen Canadian soldiers to train with M-10s for a few days. This afternoon we had to stand formation while Gen'l Keyes distributed some Silver and Bronze stars to A-CO and Hdq.

April 28, 1944 Went on hike today. Feel sick tonight.

April 29, 1944 Worked KP today. Bombers went over today in droves. Reminded me of the attack on CASSINO, or the preliminary of the taking of PANTELLERIA.

April 30, 1944 We were paid today. Went to Mass and Communion.

May 1, 1944 Had formation today for Colonel Barney. He is leaving tomorrow to go back to Camp Hood as a Brigadier General. Said he was going to bring us home for school troops. Don't imagine there is much chance though. Had our picture taken.

Harry Commers walked in this afternoon. First I had seen him since we left the States. We drank a little vino and cognac.

May 2, 1944 Some of our fellows went up today to dig positions for our guns. Cap't. Martin is to be Major. The battalion Exec. Lt. Anderson is to be Company Commander of B-CO.

May 6, 1944 Lehmann went home today on rotation. I'm on guard tonight.

May 7, 1944 Went to Mass and Communion. On guard today.

May 8, 1944 Went up to front tonight, and dug in gun positions. Supposed to move up tomorrow night.

May 9, 1944 Went to Mass and Communion. We are to move up tonight. Tom and I took our evening walk over by an old castle.

May 11, 1944 Moved up at 11 last night. Got to our positions about 1. Laid telephone lines until after 3, then a few hours sleep. Then dug a big slit trench and

covered it with a roof. H-Hour is eleven tonight when the big push starts all along the front.

May 12, 1944 Big push started last night. We fired 2300 rounds from 12 guns. Are still firing.

May 13, 1944 85th Division gained all their first objectives, but 88th didn't do so good. C-CO moved up last night. We are still firing all day and night.

May 14, 1944 The 155 Outfit that was in behind us moved up four miles last night. We have reconnoitered for a new position but don't know when we will move. Fired right up until we moved. Moved across the GARIGLIANO RIVER past MINTURNO, and went into position left of MINTURNO. Layed wire all night. We were shelled several times.

May 15, 1944 Finished laying wire, and started firing immediately. Fired off and on all day and night. French and British have both advanced, also, the 85th and 88th.

May 16, 1944 Had a big air raid last night. About 20 Jerry planes over. Saw Jerry's shoot down one of our Piper Cubs yesterday afternoon. Pilot bailed out but he fell behind enemy lines. P.M. Our M-10s and Andys track moved up about 6 miles with the infantry. Lt. Kujawski, Bratland, and Sgt. Brunton wounded by mortar fire. It was for action during this time, that we received Croix De Guerre with Palms.

May 17, 1944 Kept radio on all night. Our forces are advancing slightly, so are French to our right. Jerry's has a couple of guns near GAETA that keep popping a few fast ones at us to keep us in our holes. He hit an ammo truck near us tonight.

May 18, 1944 We moved two tracks back this morning across the GARIGLIANO to the rear. At 2 p.m., moved up again to a point about a half mile past our area we left this morning. There is a Mark-3, dug in here in the rocks overlooking the sea, and the valley, but it isn't much good now.

A fellow from C-CO, got killed in here this morning by a booby trapped teller mine. Blew him up. We moved up before dark to our destroyers past CASTELLANUVATO. Just as we got there a bunch of shells come in wounding five of our men. A.C. Anderson, Louvila, Devitt, Bartha and Mikkelsen. None real seriously, I don't believe. Mikkelsen lost a lot of blood. Lots of dead laying around, and a lot of material. We found a German latrine with holes cut in it. Made from dynamite boxes marked Omaha, Nebr., and dated within the period that we had been stalemated at this front for weeks. Impossible that it could have been captured. I guess just came through normal commerce. This world is sick!

May 19, 1944 Slept a little in a cave last night. Artillery was heavy. Raining this afternoon. Everything but our two tracks moved up tonight through FORMIA and toward ITRI.

May 20, 1944 Our two tracks moved back to rear echelon near FORMIA. Bible and I went out this afternoon,



and took pictures. I also found a bunch of Italian pictures taken in EHTIOPIA.

Last we heard, B-CO is past ITRI. Andys track was six miles from FONDI, and our destroyers were so far ahead they were out of radio range.

May 21, 1944 Bible and I walked into and past FORMIA, and did a little sightseeing. Our two tracks moved out about six o'clock, forward. Passed thru ITRI, FONDI and on about two miles. As we got there our M-10s moved on up past MONTE SAN BIAGGIO. Four of our destroyers and the infantry took this town this morning. Our track moved up to SAN BIAGGIO, where we are acting as a radio relay post. We now have troops in TERRACINA, but there are still a lot of snipers, and machine guns causing trouble.

May 23, 1944 Moved up past MONTE BIAGGIO, about two miles toward TERRACINA. Our destroyers are up ahead of us.

May 24, 1944 Had an air raid last night. I didn't even wake up. I was so tired. Moved up a bit. then an hour later had orders to move again. Moved in to an area where there is an old castle with walls about four feet thick. Really slept good last night.

May 25, 1944 TERRACINA fell yesterday, and we are on the move. We moved about 5 o'clock to a point two miles past TERRACINA on the edge of the Pontine Marshes, which are flooded. Our forces have made a connection with the Anzio beachhead. Moved out again past midnight, and was on the move again after daylight. Are about fifteen miles from LITTORIA. We are in a assembly area, and will probably move again before we do any firing. Infantry are taking a hill in front of us. They have tank and T-D support.

May 26, 1944 Moved up again at 1 o'clock last night. Went up through edge of mountains to a point not far from PRIVERNO. Moved again through SONNINO, and just opposite FOSSANUOVA MONASTERY. Four of our destroyers and our track stood guard at the Generals hdq.

May 27, 1944 Moved back with the company to an assembly area. We are detached from II Corp. II Corp is relieved, and IV Corp is at the front. We are with IV Corp.

May 28, 1944 Did nothing much. Went to Mass and Communion this afternoon at the old Abbey, which was started in 800 and completed in 1208. ST. THOMAS AQUINAS is buried in a crypt beside the altar. AQUINO, his home town is not far from here.

May 29, 1944 Moved back south of SEZZE, between that town and the PONTINE MARSHES. We are again attached to II Corp, and are to move up near CORI tonight or tomorrow.

May 30, 1944 Had an air raid last night, lasted about a half-hour. Two or three planes at a time. Must have been after ANZIO HARBOR. Moved up at midnight to a point just past CORI. There is a bunch of knocked out Jerry

equipment through here. CORI is a refugee town. A.M.G. is in there trying to feed the hungry.

May 31, 1944 Got into this area after 6 p.m., and took a walk to see all the destroyed vehicles. CORI was captured only a few days ago. Now is off limits with \$50 fine. Nice war. Destroyers moved up after noon. I stayed behind, We were paid today.

June 1, 1944 Air raid last night. Lt. Ira was wounded yesterday.

June 2, 1944 Had air raid last night.

June 3, 1944 Moved this afternoon, up 6 or 7 miles. I am still with the rear echelon.

June 4, 1944 Moved out and up into the ALBAN HILLS. Stayed until 5 p.m. and, then pulled out again through FRASCATI. A beautiful city and not too terribly damaged. Caught up with the company outside FRASCATI, and only nine miles from ROME. Stayed overnight.

June 5, 1944 No sleep last night, Jerry's was over all night with one or two planes at a time strafing and dropping anti-personnel bombs. Four of our destroyers are at outskirts of ROME. Infantry are in town since yesterday. We moved up about 10 a.m., to outskirts of Rome. These Romans are all full of Vino. We moved on about 3 p.m. Moved in through gates of CONSTANTINE, past MUSSOLINIS BALCONY, past VICTOR IMMANUEL PALACE, past COLISEUM and across the TIBER at the MUSSOLINI MEMORIAL BRIDGE (with a big monument engraved MUSSOLINI DUX, and with a postscript painted in black paint. U.S.A.)

We moved on to a point a block away from the edge of the VATICAN, and about three blocks away from ST. PETERS CATHEDRAL. Stayed here on the side street while the Pope spoke from the balcony. Then we moved back across the TIBER, to high ground above town. I've never been mobbed, kissed and had my hands shook so much. Much vino, and quite a bunch got happy, Romans and Americans. I had to stand guard from 1 to 3. ROME is practically unharmed. Thank God! Have some water and electrical service, and street cars are even running.

June 6, 1944 Report the invasion has started. We moved out about 9 a.m. to a point eleven KM from ROME on Hwy 2. Saw a few dead Americans who were bombed last night. Invasion has started near LE HAVRE and CHERBOURG. We moved up Hwy 2, four more miles. I came on back to rear echelon with kitchen truck.

June 7, 1944 Three truck loads of us went into ROME for the day. We immediately went to St. Peters Cathedral. Saw the tombs of St. Peter, and several of the popes. The Cathedral is built on the site of the crucifixion of St. Peter. I kissed the foot of the bronze statue of St. Peter. It is worn smooth from kissing of the many for these many centuries. This is really a marvelous building. Mosaics by Michaelangelo and Raphael. Gold everywhere, and beautiful paintings, statuary and mosaics. Went from here in search of the Coliseum. After some

time found it. Climbed all over it, where no one was supposed to go, and took many pictures. We weren't leaving until 8 o'clock, so sat for several hours near St. Peters and the Tiber. Little kids were flocking around us, as if we were the Pied Piper. They were wearing our helmets. Sitting on our laps and having a big time.

When we got back to our area, found that they had moved fifteen miles.

Just before, we left ROME today, a bunch of Eyties had caught a German spy, and attempted to string him up to a trolley cable in the middle of the street. M.Ps took him away from the mob, but he was a beat up mess.

The Anti-fascists are cleaning up the Fascists, and the Partisans are sniping at the Jerries from all along the road as we move up north of ROME.

June 8, 1944 Our destroyers are still moving ahead. Knocked out an MK-IV yesterday, and multi-infantry. We moved up past MONTEROSI.

June 9, 1944 Front lines are reported to be 20 miles ahead. I suppose we will move again.

June 10, 1944 We moved up with the company.

June 11, 1944 Rained last night. We are attached to the IV Corp.

June 12, 1944 Moved up through CASTEL ROMANO and past TARQUINIA.

June 13, 1944 Went swimming this afternoon in the TYRHENIAN SEA. Really felt good.

June 14, 1944 Summer is here. Nice and hot. Three staff sgts. and two lt. went to ROME today. Looks like quota is going to be small. Glad I sneaked in when I did. I sent a brooch to Edith.

June 16, 1944 Sent a package with pins, bracelets and other junk home, also one of my diary books.

June 17, 1944 We were supposed to move up 30 miles but didn't do it for some reason.

June 18, 1944 Rained hard last night. Got up at 5 to go to ROME. Rode in 68 miles but it was clear most of the time while we were there. Went to Mass in St. Peters. Went through CASTEL SAN ANGELO. Saw the old QUIRINAL quarters but couldn't go in. Took a bunch of pictures of the Spanish steps, Trinita del Monte, Trevi Fountain, and etc.

June 19, 1944 Moving up. Moved 51 miles to outskirts of GROSETTO. Passed ORBETELLO and other towns.

June 20, 1944 Were alerted to move, but were released about 5 p.m.

June 21, 1944 C-CO moved up early this morning with the 1st Armored. We are awaiting orders. I walked about 3 miles to an area where Harry McGee is located. Had a nice visit with him.

June 22, 1944 Moved up near CAMPAGNATICO, 20 miles from GROSETTO.

June 23, 1944 Moved up past PAGANICO.

June 25, 1944 Went to Mass and Communion over at 1st Armored Division Hdq. Carlson, Zerr and Dutoit, were

killed tonight, and Jodsaas hurt, when their jeep hit a mine.

June 26, 1944 Two of our guns moved up but we stayed.

June 27, 1944 The entire front is moving up nicely.

June 29, 1944 Moved out at 6 a.m. to Mass Marritima. Order to move again at 3:30 toward the coast to a point near SASSETA. A lot of Jerries are still laying dead along the roads.

June 30, 1944 We were supposed to move up and take CECINA, but plans were changed.

July 1, 1944 Moved out at 5 a.m., through MASSA, CASTELNUOVO, DEL VILLE, DE CICINA, and POMERANCE to a position overlooking CECINA RIVER. We are with 1st Armored Division. Crossed the river, and are on the move. At \_\_\_\_\_ is a bunch of steam pipes, all popping off like a big factory. It smells like sulphur. I think it must be hot sulphur wells, because the pipes are all blown, and there seems to be no furnaces or power to make all the steam. A lot of Jerry armor is knocked out. (This was a thermal power generating plant, operated by underground steam pressure.)

July 2, 1944 Still in same position. Our destroyers and tanks are moving slowly but meeting tough resistance.

July 3, 1944 Moved up about 7 miles this afternoon to MONTE -----. Our destroyers have knocked out several Mark IVs, but are all intact themselves.

July 4, 1944 Still in same position. Our destroyers are still up ahead. Gained some, but are having it rough.

July 5, 1944 Our 2nd platoon was surrounded today by Germans, but fired their way out. We were relieved tonight for a while.

July 6, 1944 Moved over with Battalion Hdq. not far from CECINA.

July 7, 1944 We sent up a mortar squad to try to relieve pressure on some of our recon boys who are surrounded by Jerries. I don't see why they don't send up some more infantry to this sector. Hell fire, we can't hold it all by ourselves with our small crews.

July 8, 1944 1st and 2nd Platoons went up a bit to hold the front with recon. Tonight a bunch of our security went up as an outpost in front of our destroyers. We still have no infantry in this sector. Jerry bombers came over and dropped a few.

July 12, 1944 Still sitting here. Not much activity. No one, yet, has been hurt in our company this week. Knocked out 3 Mark VIs.

July 13, 1944 Bartleson left this morning on rotation. Didn't know it was coming. All the men sent so far have been married men. Making slight gains but can't do much because of so many blown bridges and culverts, which are mined, and then covered by anti-tank and sniper fire.

July 14, 1944 Moved about six miles near MIEMO this morning. This afternoon moved on about seven miles



further up the valley near CHIANTI. This is the anniversary of us being overseas eighteen months. Starting on fourth hash mark. Hope I don't get another.

July 15, 1944 Big battle going on here all night and today. Jerry's throwing in screaming meemies, artillery, machine gun, and everything. But we are throwing as much at him, and advancing.

July 16, 1944 Still sitting in the same place.

July 17, 1944 Had two destroyers knocked out and burned. Two more with tracks blown off. Piehl hurt, Ira took a couple of prisoners.

July 18, 1944 Our company moved up to PONTEDERA on the ARNO RIVER. Farther north and east of LEGHORN, and just about twelve miles due east of PISA.

July 19, 1944 Wilson caught a snipers bullet on the edge of his helmet. Sprayed his face with steel, but the bullet didn't hit him. We moved up near PONSACCO not far from the RIVER ARNO. Destroyers moved back. All the battalion is here now. LEGHORN fell this morning. ANCONA fell yesterday.

July 20, 1944 Six of our destroyers are moving up tonight.

July 21, 1944 Destroyers moved up early this morning.

July 22, 1944 One destroyer came back, and was replaced. Nothing doing much.

July 23, 1944 Still here. Went to Mass at 9:30.

July 24, 1944 Two more of our destroyers went up to do some harassing. Fire all night.

July 25, 1944 Half-tracks moved up tonight, but in rear echelon. Stayed near CAPPANOLA. I am going back to radio school near NAPLES, in a day or two, so didn't go up to front.

July 26, 1944 I am not going to NAPLES, until July 29. Supposed to go to PIOMBINO by truck, then by boat to NAPLES.

July 27, 1944 Went to Mass this morning up on the top of the hills.

July 28, 1944 I am leaving in morning for NAPLES. Got partial pay.

July 29, 1944 Left at 8 a.m. Arrived in PIOMBINO about 10. Went down to docks but couldn't get a boat until Aug. 2. Went to airport, and had no more luck. Went back to docks, and they sent us to a staging area where there was nothing but two tents and no personnel. We hunted up the 5th Army Transportation Hdq., a few miles back toward the front, and were told we could go on the next convoy headed south about 5 p.m. We waited until 11 found a hay stack and went to sleep.

July 30, 1944 At 5 a.m. we awakened, and found a Jimmy headed for NAPLES. Went through ROME about noon. Had no breakfast and no way to get dinner. Stopped at a British staging area, and got a cup of tea and a jam sandwich.

Outside LITTORIA we saw a watermelon patch, near

the old beach head. They were the best I've eaten in many a year.

Arrived in NAPLES about 6. The towns back here certainly look different than they did a few months ago. Most of the rubble is cleaned up and the A.M.G. has even set up trash barrels along the streets in some towns.

All along the last twenty or thirty miles out of NAPLES are troops lined up in tents with new equipment, ready for an invasion. 3rd, 45th, and 36th XII TAF and French troops beaucoup.

We went down to the docks to see if we could find where we should go to school. Docks are lined with waterproof vehicles, and a lot of ships are loaded. Four of our battle ships are here. Reminds me of Algiers before the SALERNO invasion. Couldn't find the school, so slept in the MP station all night.

July 31, 1944 Saw Watkins this morning. He is in a tank outfit with 45th Div. Also saw Luikens and his brother. He is in SARDINIA.

Finally found our school, and got here about 3 p.m. School starts Aug. 7. We have a nice big school building with electric lights, toilets, and showers, just a few miles outside of NAPLES.

August 1, 1944 Stood reveille this morning. The first time since I have been in Italy. We were put to work making wooden beds all morning. This afternoon got off and Suess and I hiked to CASERTA to see a friend of his. Left seven rolls of film for him to develop.

August 3, 1944 Worked making beds all day. News is good. Russians are in EAST PRUSSIA. NORMANDY front is going good. Won't be long now.

August 4, 1944 Went to concert at SAN CARLO Opera house tonight. John Barbirolli of N.Y. Symphony was guest conductor with the San Carlo Orchestra.

August 5, 1944 The school had a dance downtown tonight. Supposed to be 70 signorinas. There were close to that many from 6 to 60. All waiting for a free hand out at intermission. I believe that all they came for because it was almost a riot when they were fed. Some few came for other purposes to make a few extra dollars. I danced two dances. One with a buck-toothed gopher and the other with a giggling-twelve-year-old that thought she was some stuff.

August 6, 1944 Had to work all day and didn't even get to go to Mass, though there was a church just outside the gate.

August 8, 1944 They made us all start in Radio Operators Course, though some of us wanted to study maintenance. This afternoon we took an exam for maintenance and started in that.

August 9, 1944 Went to school again today. Doubt if we stay with it, as this is an advanced course in maintenance.

August 10, 1944 Some of our mail finally caught up

with us. No one has heard from brother J since the NORMANDY Invasion.

August 11, 1944 Sneaked into town tonight and took some film to be developed. Can get back Monday. Went to a show.

August 12, 1944 Damned tough school again today, and now we have to work painting from 6 to 9:30. Fixing up the P.B.s recreation room. Time we get if fixed up, we will be leaving. We don't have time to study. If we don't leave and go to town, we are drafted for work.

August 13, 1944 Went to Mass across the street here in PISCINOLA.

August 14, 1944 Went in to NAPOLI to a movie tonight, and picked up the film I had developed.

August 15, 1944 Had test and I made good enough grades to stay another week. Got PX today. First cigarettes we have had since we've been here. Southern France invaded this morning between MARSEILLES and NICE.

August 16, 1944 Had the afternoon off. Took a trip to SALFATRA, a hot mud and sulphur springs north of NAPLES. This is an old semi-extinct volcano, but is connected in some way with Vesuvius, as every time Vesuvius erupts this mud spring is active. We saw the site of Julius Caesars home and also, where Dante wrote his inferno. We saw the Coliseum, where the apostle Paul was thrown to the beasts and not killed and also the spot where he was later beheaded.

August 19, 1944 Got my negatives back from the fellow in CASERTA. They are ten times better than I ever expected. All but two in the seven rolls were good. Knocked out Jerry vehicles. St. Peters Cathedral, Coliseum, and other good shots.

August 20, 1944 Went to 9 o'clock Mass across the street in PISCINOLA.

August 21, 1944 Had a test today and I passed. Can stay until the end of the course, but the chow is so scarce, I'm hungry when I get away from the table.

August 22, 1944 Got a headache again today. They don't feed enough to keep a man alive, much less, enough to enable him to work, and study like we have to do. Rumors that the kitchen force is blackmarketing the food we should have.

August 23, 1944 Went to town this afternoon to see the opera Rigoletto at San Carlo. I really enjoyed it.

August 24, 1944 Sick all night. Went on sick call and supposed to stay in bed all day I'm so hungry, feel like going back to the old outfit, if I had the strength.

August 25, 1944 Back on duty. Feel some better.

August 26, 1944 School half finished. Three more weeks to go.

August 27, 1944 Went to 9 o'clock Mass. RUMANIA is out of the war. Declared war on Germany, and is now doing a good job against them. Russians are along DANUBE for 60 miles and only 80 miles from PLOESTI, BULGARIA, is seeking peace terms and is interning all Germans

within the country. Things look good with French front only 130 miles from Germany.

August 28, 1944 Had a couple of bottles of American beer. First since Jan. 1943. War still going good in FRANCE and RUMANIA.

August 29, 1944 Started work on 508 and 510 radios. Maybe I can learn something now. Hejinowski was dropped from the school today. Can't pick it up fast enough. It is a wonder we aren't all dropped. Too technical for all of us.

September 3, 1944 Still in school. Maybe I'll make it now. Went to Mass in PISCINOLA this morning. News says Americans are eleven miles from German border, and Gothic Line, here in Italy, is cracking. Our outfit was still on the line here, in Italy a few weeks ago.

Saw Faust at the SAN CARLO this afternoon.

September 9, 1944 Recon messenger came here tonight with the news that the outfit had moved back about 15 miles from NAPLES, preparatory to moving to FRANCE. Went out to the area with him.

September 10, 1944 Communist headquarters for this area is in a building just across from the Catholic church. Strange country.

Got my mail today, and find that J has been missing in action, since June 7th, D-Day in NORMANDY. Maybe there is some hope for him, but I don't hold any since I've seen too many people reported missing.

Our address is changed to APO 758 7th Army address. We are due in FRANCE as soon as we can get new equipment. We have turned in all our M-10s and are bringing half-tracks on boats. Only the jeeps are here so far.

September 15, 1944 Graduated from Signal School. Hitched on out to camp. Had a pile of mail with more bad news. Mother is seriously ill in the hospital. But that was August 30, she surely must be better by now.

September 16, 1944 Have been in ITALY for a year now. Went back to school to pick up my bed roll and clothing.

September 18, 1944 Went out on firing line with our new M-36s.

September 19, 1944 Have had a toothache for three days, so had one pulled this morning. Was called into NAPLES this afternoon to report at Red Cross for a telegram that Mother had died on Sept. 1. Took 19 days to get the news here. Wonderful Red Cross humanitarian work. Pony express could bring news quicker than this. I tried to send back a cable that I had received news but Red Cross said NO. That under Clause A, I could send one but the case covers Clause B, so I can't do it.

September 21, 1944 Finally found out by inquiring a bit that I could send a cable home so did so without having any Red Cross to help. Also fixed up my insurance to Dad with Sis as secondary beneficiary.

September 24, 1944 Went to Mass in Naples this morning.

September 25, 1944 Went up in pouring down rain to



CASSINO, but I wanted to see it. CASSINO is completely wrecked. Hardly a wall standing. Saw Barons Palace, Continental Hotel, Rose Palace, Coliseum, the Round House, and other hot spots of a few months ago. We went up the hill to the Monastery. Nothing is left at all except one little chapel which is undamaged. There are paintings of the 14th century unharmed in this little room. The monks said there were only ten monks and a Cardinal in the Monastery at the time of the bombing and none were killed, though some were injured. No Germans were inside. Four Jerry soldiers and one officer were outside guarding to keep other Germans from looting. Until we bombed hell out of it, then they used the rubble for a fortress. They were using the hill all around but not the Monastery.

This is what I have thought all along, but we are too damn dirty to let it out now. It would be bad propaganda.

CASSINO is to be rebuilt a couple of miles from the ruins and they say the monastery will be rebuilt on the same site.

September 26, 1944 We are to pull out tomorrow for Texas area to load on LSTs. K. Petersen, accidentally shot himself in the leg today.

September 27, 1944 Pulled out at noon, down through POZZUOLI, and into our staging area.

September 30 1944 We were paid this morning in Francs. Went to Confession. Went to NAPLES this afternoon and drank too much vermouth and champagne.

October 1, 1944 Moved out this afternoon to NISIDIA docks and loaded on LST. Soon as loaded pulled out into harbor.

October 2, 1944 On KP today. Pulled away from harbor at 8 a.m., as soon as we pulled out and with heavy seas and greasy kitchen combined I had to quit and go to bed. Stayed in all day and night without eating and while the sea was bouncing around like a cork.

October 3, 1944 A bit quieter today. Ate breakfast and felt better. About noon we can see SARDINIA to our left and CORSICA to our right. We are going through the STRAITS.

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