(1) 751st Tk Bn: At 241600B Co D moved to objectives and assembled there Vic 008312. Co C held up due to ditches returned and assembled Vic LA VILL 2 Tks damaged (undetermined) and 1 Tk hit mine at 241600B from B Go. Co A attacke from ISOLA BELLA toward CISTERNA. 2 Tks from Co A destroyed by AT fire at 014324. Bn CP located in Vic 996265 at 242040B.

(2) 601st TD Bms Co A 601st: 1st, 2d and 3d Plat advanced in support of Inf to Vic of 042350. 1st Plat Co B advanced with Inf Vic 036330, 2d Plat advanced with Inf NORTH of objective Z-1 Vic 056329. Co C: Losees due to mines necessitated forming 2 Plat, one of 4 and one of 3. 1st Plat advanced with

Inf to 021315, 2d Plat adv to 017333.

h. Chemical: 84th Cml Bn: CP at 984181. Co A at 975296. No missions fired. Co D at 003280, 1st Plat adv to 003294, 2d Plat adv to 005290 fired smoke in support of Inf advance. 84th Cml Bn (-Co's B & C) Co A attached to 30th Inf; Co D attached to 7th Inf.

6. Combat Efficiency:

a. Lowered somewhat by current losses.

b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations: Division continued to advance and consolidate objectives upon seizure. Contact maintained with the enemy. Elements of the Division were engaged in mopping up CISTERNA at the end of the period. Many PWs taken during the period. Contact with the 1st Armd Div on left and with 34th and SSF on right by Liaison Officer.

3. Tank Status:

UNIT	RUNNERS	FIT IN 24 HRS	FIT IB 48 HRS	LOST SINCE OPNS	LOST TO DATE
751st Tk Bn	44 M	0	5	4	41
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601st TD Bn Co B 805th TD Bn	*26 M-10	os 3. Towed)	0	7. NONE	9
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Information of Adjacent and Supporting Units:
a. SOUTHERN FRONT:

(1) FEC: Stiff fighting continued. 2 DIM attacked direction
PASTEMA (G5718) meeting lively resistance. At end of day 2 DIM was firmly installed in COLIE COC 0 (C595168) and Hill 470 (596176), 2 DIM armd det had reached PASTEMA RD bend Vic (596182). 4 DMI - On its L, 4 DMM succeeded in stopping
enemy counterattack coming from VALLECORSA (G4915) in direction of CIMA DIL NIBBIO (G5313); armd elements of 4 DMM were stormed by demolitions on LENOLA -VALLEGORSA rd at (G516127), but light elements are believed to have reached M PIZZU'TO (G4814). 3 DIA continued stiff fighting in PICO and M LEUCIO area, though enemy pressure seemed to relax in late afternoon. 3 RTA advanced into MATRICE area Vic (G6619). Armd elements 3 DIA reached (635180).

II Corps: 88th Inf Div: Completed regrouping and continued displacement (2)fwd behind leading atk elements. Unconfirmed reports place leading elements of 350th Inf at dirk 23 May on obj ROCCAS DCA DT VOLSCI (63519). 349th Inf continued adv NW on R flank 350th Inf. 351st Inf garrison M CHIAVINO (5212) and MONSICARDI (G4911), protecting Corps flank. 350th Inf: 1st and 3d Bns on Li CURIO and occupy ROCCAS DCA (G3419), 2d Br (C4114). 349th Inf; 1st and 2d Brs (G4414) with 3d Br (G4612). 351st Inf: 2d Br M MARINO (G4311), 1st Br MONSICA DI (G4912), 3d Br assisting FIC in area M CHIAVINO (G5313).

85th Inf Liv: 339th Inf captured SOUNING (G3612) dark 23 May. 338th Inf continued atk toward LUANO (G3416), leading elements 1000 yds E of Hill. 337th Inf continued atk on TERRACIMA, with the and elements of 2 Bns fighting in thetown. 339th Inf: 2d and 3d Bns SOUNINO. (G3612), lst Bn (G3810). 338th Inf: 3d Bn 364045, 2d Bn 1000 yards E of crest of M L MANO (G3503), 1st Bn (-) (G4104), B Co at E tunnel entrance (G4006). 337th Inf attacked at 240800B and occupied TERRACINA, 1st Bn (M371993), 2d Bn (M375992), 3d Bn (M470995), 91st Ren with 117th Ren attached are to reconnoiter SW along coast.

> (3) Eighth Army:

Polish Corps. Germans counterattacked in PIEDMONTE at 232300B,

no news since.

Viry little firing in that eren this morning.
13 Corps: Patrols to G757217 and G755211 made no contact. In-

tend to clear AGUINO and thrust up Highway 6.

Cdn Corps: 3 Bdc - WNSR on line G724190 - G726186 - G725183; 22 R in area G730195; C and Y 732180. Contact kept until 2300B, but now believed lost. Armor of 5 Cdn Armd Div now passing through, but having trouble with deep wadis across line of advance and with tank traps. Intend to thrust NORTH to River MTLFA. 1 Cdn Bde made little progres on PONTECORVO due to thick wire and many mines; forward lements Vic G727172.

b. 45th Inf Div: 157th on obj as of 1215B; 180th Inf on obj as of 24 Me VI tanks attacked from NW along the RR and were taken under fire -1 tk KO'd by arty. 1st Armd fired on enemy tks in sector and KO'd 4 or 5. Reoccupied all positions after the attack. An attack against right of 180th repulsed. Considerable resistance met throughout the sector and contact with the enemy maintained. At end of period total enemy tanks knocked out reported to be 9; remaining 15 forced to withdraw. Considerable enemy harassing fire of sector during the pariod.

c. 1st Armd Div: All initial objectives r ched by 231630B. At 232100B total enemy tanks knocked out 29 and 2 SP guns. Losses were 11 the knocked out, 44 tanks damaged; 8 M-10's damaged but replaced. Adv nce of the Div was slowed by mines. Snakes were used successfully for clearing mines. At 0800B 24 May 4 Bns of Inf and 2 Bns of tanks across the RR. At the end of the period was making rapid progress and engaging enemy tanks.

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d. 134th Inf Div: Sector generally quiet during the period. the period preparing to pass through left flank of SSF in support of that unit.

36th Inf Div: In Corps reserve. At end of period 142 Inf Regt had

moved into Vic COMCA.

f. 1st 35F: CP located at 020245. Attack progressed satisfactorily against very heavy resistance. Counterattacks launched were successfully dispersed after having permitted penetration of several hundred yards. Positions restored. Elements across Highway 7 at end of period. Many casualties inflicted

on the enemy; armor destroyed and many MVs taken.

g. 36th Ingr Regt: Considerable vehicular activity noted. 3 PVs taken
Patrols to front maintained contact. Slight arty fell in rear areas. Some flare

activity.

- 4. Weather and Visibility: Fair to cloudy. Visibility limited.
- 5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: Division continued to attack overcoming stiff resistance. Contact with the enemy maintained. Physical contact maintained with 1st Armd Div; 34th Inf Div and 1st SSF by In Off. During the period the three Regiments continued their advance toward CISTYNA and highway 7 on either side of the town. Elements of all regiments had moved across the enemy's defensive line at the railroad and the 7th Inf, after taking LA VILLA (GOO7330) was preparing to move EAST to CISTERNA with its 3d Bn as the period ended. Artillery continued to neutralize enemy strong points in front of our infintry. Battle sleds were used successfully on limited objectives, however enemy mines prevented continued employment.

b. Infantry:
(1) 7th Inf: 3d Bn, which had taken objective H (G009314) at the close of period 231200B May, moved to objective I along the PONTE ROTTO road (G009319), during the night 24 May encountering stiff resistance from seven tanks and infantry while doing so. After the 1st Bn passed through objective J (GOO7 327), the 3d Bn moved up and reorganized on that position in preparation to move through the 1st Bn, which had captured objective T (GO15335), and take CISTERNA as the period came to a close. The 2d Bn took objective K (GO14309) by creeping and crawling behind rolling artillery and was in position with I and G Cos on the objective and F Co on the right flank by 232110B. From there the 2d Bn regrouped during the night and at first light 24 May moved up to objective L (GO19317) where it was reorganizing as the period ended. The 1st Bn assisted the 3d Bn in the capture of objective I, which was in our hands at 240700B, and moved through the 3d Bn to take objective J (GO07327); B Co reaching that point at 0730B. By 0935 forward elements of the 1st Bn were 300 yards SOUTH of the railroad, where they ran into stiff opposition. An hour later troops moved across the road a Plat at a time to take LA VILLA (G007330) and objective D (G013330) simultaneously. At the close of the period both objectives were consolidated and the 1st En jumped off for a coordinated attack with the 1st Armd Div on objective T (GO18337).

(2) 15th Inf: During the Afternoon 23 May the 3d Bn was held up in front of objective M (G025299) so I and K Cos were committed to help L Co and the woods were cleaned out by 231540B. By 1815B—the 3d Bn had left objective M to move against objective P (G029313); patrols were at the railroad MORTH of P by 0335B and the objective was taken at 0455B. E Co occupied Chateau Woods Vic G030290 during the afternoon 23 May and G Co moved through to attack objective O, near the road junction at GO32298, which it took at 1755B. G Co then headed for objective o, followed by F Co and E Co in that order, the objective falling at O710B to G Co. The 2d Bn tried to move troops across the railroad NORTH of objectives P and O but was petting fire from two enemy tanks, P and Q were well organized and the Bn was moving slowly up to the railroad. Task Force Paulick w s held up WIST of creek at bridge Vic G036289 and the Battle Patrol was committed to aid the Task Force. A Co assisted the Task Force, the bridge was taken by 1735B, and an advance toward objective X at CO39291 got under way immediately. The Task Force occupied objectives X, X-1, X-2, X-3 and was on X-4 (GO48309) at 0720B. Little resistance was encountered during the night advance. The 1st Bn, held out of the attack, joined forces with the Task Force and the two were pro-

held out of the attack, joined forces with the Task Force and the two were propared to attack objective 2-1 (G055321) as the period closed.

(3) 30th Inf: Incountering stiff resistance at all objectives, especially at A (F994308) and alon the railroad track, the 30th Inf moved on to objectives D (F996329) and G (G001328) as the period closed and was preparing to drive to objective U-1 (G002335) in conjunction with the lat Armd Div. I Co, which had boved into the draw at objective A, was forced to pull back and wait for artillery support, following which it moved onto the objective prior to might fall,

killing and capturing many many who had ben trapped in draw. I to report objective E (G000310) as being taken at 1410B. Elements of the 3d En took objective F (G000318) by 1705B and repulsed a counterattack from the NORTHEAST at 0300B with the assistance of artillery, mortar and S/A fire. The lat Bn took objective C (F991318) during the afternoon and objective D fell at 09008, when a platoon of B Co moved onto the high ground there. C Co vecred to the right across FOSTO DILLE CASTILA to objective G, which was taken at the end of the period. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units fired missions as follows: IRTOD 231600B - 241800B May : 24 Fd: UO: 0:UO Tanks Fersonnel MG & Mortars: Register : 2:60: : 12:2:58:1 : 18:60:19:13:15:62:5 0 - Observed UO - Unobserved Harassing LATOT Expended -30,443 AA Artillery: 441st CA Bn (AASP): Bn fired barrage fire between 0255 - 0308 on enemy craft which were on bembing mission. No bombs dropped. Damage to planes undetermined. Bn CP 949185.

e. Engineers: 10th Ther Bn: Co A: Completed by-pass of blown bridge at ISOLA BILLA. Cleared road of mines NORTH of ISOLA BILLA as far as 013303.

Swept road for mines TAST of ISOLA BILLA as for as 015294; began clearing road of mines from 032273 - 034289. Co B: Completed by-pass across CISTIRMA CREEK at G035287; sweeping road 021296 - 032298 for mines; constructed by-pass from 022293 to 023296. Co C: Cleared mines from road 995297 to PONTE ROTTO as far NORTH as

000310. Started clearing mines on road 930297 NORTH to RPMTE ROTTO.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: Blown bidge at ISOLA BRIDA 007293 and 036289 by-passed. All roads badly shell cratered. All main roads in Div sector are heavily mined. Bridges 013303 and 016307 not blown.

MIN'S AND MIN'TI LDS: Teller mines, German wooden box mines and Schu mines encountered to date. Approx 70% of teller mines encountered have been activated. Many of the Box mines encount red have not been buried.

Cavalry: 3d Ren Tr: Operated Div OF. Prepared to carry out operreconnaissance and screening missions to MORTHEAST.

g. Armored:
(1) 751st Tk En: Co A supported attack of 7th Inf, ran into great number of mines LAST of ISOLA BULA-CIST RNA road. Lost 6 tanks by mines - 1 lost by AT fire; and 1 temporarily immobilized. 3d Flat Co A destroyed SF at 012299 at 1750B. KO'd Mark IV at 017307 at 1745B. B Co supported attack of 15th - battle sleds used effectively to destroy many strong points in houses Vic 0428. Co C supported attack of 30th Inf. 2 light tanks temporarily immobilized. 1 Lt tank destroyed by AT fire. 1 Lt tank attached to 30th Inf as of 2000B to continue working with Spec Task Force. Assault Plat fired in support of 39th FA, fired 9 missions a total of 1637 HE and 12 UP. 3 Med destroyed by AT fire. Replacements received to bring unit up to strength. Bn CP at 989236; Co A 010280; Co B 029313; Co C 989281; Co D in Div Reserve.

(2) 601st TD Bn: A Co in support advance of 30th Inf; B Co supporte advance of 15th Inf; C Co support advance of 7th Inf. A/636th TD relieved attachment as of 232025B and re-attached to SSF. B/805th in Bn reserve, B Co 805th TD attached to 168th Inf. lst Plat Co A advanced to 995318 suprorted Inf by fire on cnemy Infantry: lost 1 M-10 on mines. 3d Plat/A lost 2 M-10's, 1 or minefield and 1 d maged. 1 T-2 destroyed by mine attempting to retrieve M+10. 1 Plat of Co B advanced to 030299 supporting Inf by fire on enemy strong points. 2d Plat/B advanced to 023299. 1st Sec 3d Plat/B lost 1 M-10 on mine. Non Co marined arms reving OPLs and sweet mines for our Cols. roving OP's and swept mines for gun Co's.

h. Chemical: 84th Cml Bn: CP at 984181. Co A at 975296. Co D at 003 328. Co's fired area fir s in support of Inf requests on observed and unobserved targets of enemy personnel and houses. Fired smoke in support of advance of Inf. Co A attached to 30th Inf; Co D attached to 71. A attached to 30th Inf; Co D attached to 71.

Combat Efficiency: Excellent.

Morale exc llent.



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7. Results of Operations: Division continued the advance during the period to saize objectives and claim out pockets of resistance. Contact with the anany maintained. 768 Fig. taken as of 2317008. Progress satisfactory at and of the period.

8. Tank Status: Unit	Runners	Fit in 24 hrs	Fit in 48 hrs	Lost since 05230600B.	Total lost
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From: 1201B 22 May 1944 To : 1200B 23 May 1944 Ho 3d Inf Div - APO #3 * Auth: C * Init: Date 23 May 1500B 23 Pay 1944 No. 123 1 APS: 1/50,000 ITALY - Sheets 158 I, II, 1. Our front lines: 990320 - 008315 - 015084 - 025976 - 004293. 2. Location of troops: See attached overlay. Information of adjacent and supporting units: SOUTH THE FRONT: (1) Fo: A strong German force counterattacked M. LEUCIO last night and was repulsed, flanks pushed back. Counterattack on PICO repulsed, infantry withdrew from town. 7 RTA started elements into town upon indications of relaxed pressure. Hemonts of the 4th Diff occupied M CASTOLO. Resistance in front of 3 DIA reported definitely weakened, PICO taken and troops advanced NORTH. At end of period PICO and LENGLA occupied.
(2) II Corps: (a) 85th Inf Div: 337th Inf - Reorganized and regrouped to continue attack of TTRRACINA. 338th Inf - 3d Bn at tunnel entrance Vic 405063, 2d Bn moved to join 337th Inf Vic 412030. 339th Inf - Captured Hill 634 (G4109). (b) 88th Inf Div: 349th Inf - Continued attack against very strong resistance during period and captured Hill 862 (0462122). 350th Inf lst and 3rd Bns continu d advance from M MARINO (04312) during period to M ALTO (03716). 351st Inf - Cantured M CHIAVINO (05212). b. 45th Inf Div: Considerable enemy artillary during the period.
Nam fleres in evidence throughout frontlines during the night. Attack jumped off 230500R. - 180th Inf on objectives, cartured several PWs. 157th Inf 800 yds NORTH of cometery at 954344 at 0900B.

c. 34th Inf Div: K Co 168th Inf closed 95383 at 230120B. Patrols drew M fire in all sectors. I snumy natrol reported in front of 133d Inf sector. Arty light and mostly of small caliber during the period on forward clements and on roads. I tank hit mine in 133rd Inf sector and caught fire. d. 36th Ener Rest: Enemy MC silenced by mortars, firing from Vic of 043220. Light arty received in the left sector. Intermittent flare activity throughout sector during the night. 1st SS Force: Generally quiet during first part of the period with intermittent harassin, fires. Attack jumped off on schedule and by 230755B were in Vic 044275. A total of 34 PWs had been taken by 231100B. A reported enemy force forming in Vic 058284. Friendly tanks occupy the 88 woods. Contact with the enemy maintained. 4. WTATHIR AND VISIBILITY: Fair to cool. Visibility - limited. 5. Our Operations for the Period: a. General: The division launched its attack toward CIST RNA general along the ISOLA BELLA and PONTO ROTTO roads at 230630B hours, with the initial General: The division launched its attack toward CISTERNA generally objectives of all regiments reached by the end of the period in spite of strong enemy MG and S/A fire. The attack was preceded by a 45 minute artillary barrage and was supported by tanks, TDs and aircraft. 7th Inf: Attacking through ISOLA BILLA along the road toward CIST RNA, the 7th Inf ran into fierce enemy resistance, particularly at objective H, BO3CO MONACO Vic GOO8313. L Co successfully reduced enemy resistance at objective H, taking 16 prisoners during the attack. The company was assisted by tanks in the attack, and at objective H.L Co consolidated the position while I Co pushed on through. The 2d Bn captured S NICHOLI (F011298) at 0830 and G Co moved on to G015301 and E Co to G011303 before the end of the period. The Battalion was about 300 yards short of objective K Vic (GO15318) at the end of the period, recliving heavy S/A and Arty fire. The regiment had taken 35 prisoners. (2) 15th Inf: Under cover of smoke, 2d Bn moved into CHATIAU WOOKS Vic (G034293) after a stiff fire fight and was morping up resistance in the woods at the end of the period. Aft r taking the woods I Co moved through to RED TOP road at G035293, and L Co moved up to the edge of objective M Vic (G025297) and elements of the regiment moved toward DETROIT RJ at G032299. M-3 battle sleds were moved into position in the CHATMAU TOODS has the period ended and a heavy fire fight was in progress. -1- 2

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30th Inf: Moving up the PONTE ROTTO road, that strongpoint was taken after E Co moved around the left flank to occupy Hill 77 Vic F994319. L Co advanced into objective A along a draw Vic F993308, was pushed back by an enemy counterattack, and was still fighting for the position as the period ended. 2d Bn took objective B (F986314) by C745B and moved toward objective C along N-S road Vic F992313. The 2d Bn was moving into objective C and pushing N from there. 30 PWs were taken at G003294 shortly after the attack got under way. As the period cam to a close 3 Co was advancing midway between objectives C and D at Vic F994322. It was meeting stiff resistance and getting considerable arty and morter fire from pillbox at F995325, and other automatic weapons in good positions in that vicinity was giving the Bn consideralbe trouble at end of

Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units fired mis ion as follows:

				PIP	COD	2218	1001	B - 2	318	300E	May	V							
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Tanks				-		1			:	The same	:			3					4:
Personnel Personnel		1	:	6		6	:			8		1		7			:10:		32:
MG & Mortars	1	The second				2	:	1	:	7			:	3			: 2		14:
Register	;	2	:		1		:												2:
Harassing				18	:	FILE						23		1	:	6	: 2	9:	3:6
Preparation			1	5		34	:	36		6		5			*	5		5:	:5
TOTAL	1	5	:	29		12		39	:	17		35	:	14	- 7	11	:14	14:0	52:1
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d. AA Artillery: 441st CA Bn (AASP): No enemy flights within range

during the period. In position furnishing AA protection for 3d Inf Div Arty.

e. Engineers: 10th Ingr Bn: Bn CP 987228. One plat attached to each the 7th and 30th Inf. Two Plats attached to 15th Inf. 2d Plat Co A at 975224. Co A less 2 Plats at 952185. Co B less 2 Plats 945182. 1st Plat Co C 991279. Co C less 2 Plats at 944182.

MINES AND MINEFIELDS: Cleared mines from road 995297 to PONTE ROTT

Teller mines found laying on top of road SOUTH of PONTE ROTTE.

f. Cavalry: 3d Ren Tr: Operations of OP 1 continued. Troop remained in Div Reserve prepared.

Armored: (1) 751st Tk Bn: Co's A, B, C, D and Mortar Plat departed from areas to pass IP at 2100B. All tanks closed by 222350B. 1 Tk Co B hit mine and was destroyed by fire Vic 023272. 1 tank Co A hit mine Vic 008298, threw sprocket - both to be replaced by end of period. One bulldozer Co A attached to Co B. One bulldozer Co C.

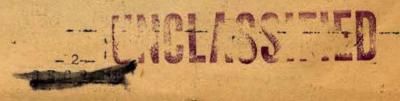
(2) 601st TD Bn: Co A in support 30th Inf. 1st and 3d Plats attacking in support of Inf as of 0630B. 1st Sec 3d Plat in support of PAULICK FORCE attacking to EAST from LD; 2d Sec 3d Plat in Div Reserve. Co B in support of 15th Inf. 1st and 2d Plats supporting attack of 15th. Co C in support of 7t Inf using 1st and 2d Plats. 1st and 3d Plats attacking with 7th Inf 0630B. 1 M-10 B Co blew up on mine Vic 029279 at 0100B. A Co 636th TD Bn in Bn reserve. B Co.805th TD Bn attached to 168th Inf.

h. Chemical: 84th Cml Bn: Co A attached to 30th Inf; Co D attached to 7th Inf - attachments effective 230630B May 1944. 84th (-Co's B and O) CP at 984181. Co A at 975296 fired 1490 rounds of HE and 30 rounds of WP in support of attack. Co D CP at 003280 fired 390 rounds all types in support of attack.

6. Combat Efficiency: a. Excellent.

Morale excellent.

Results of Operations: Attack jumped off on schedule at 0630B, with successive objectives taken as scheduled. Central sector met considerable resistance. Lany prisoners of war taken in all sectors and contact with the enemy maintained along fronts. Progress being made in all sectors.

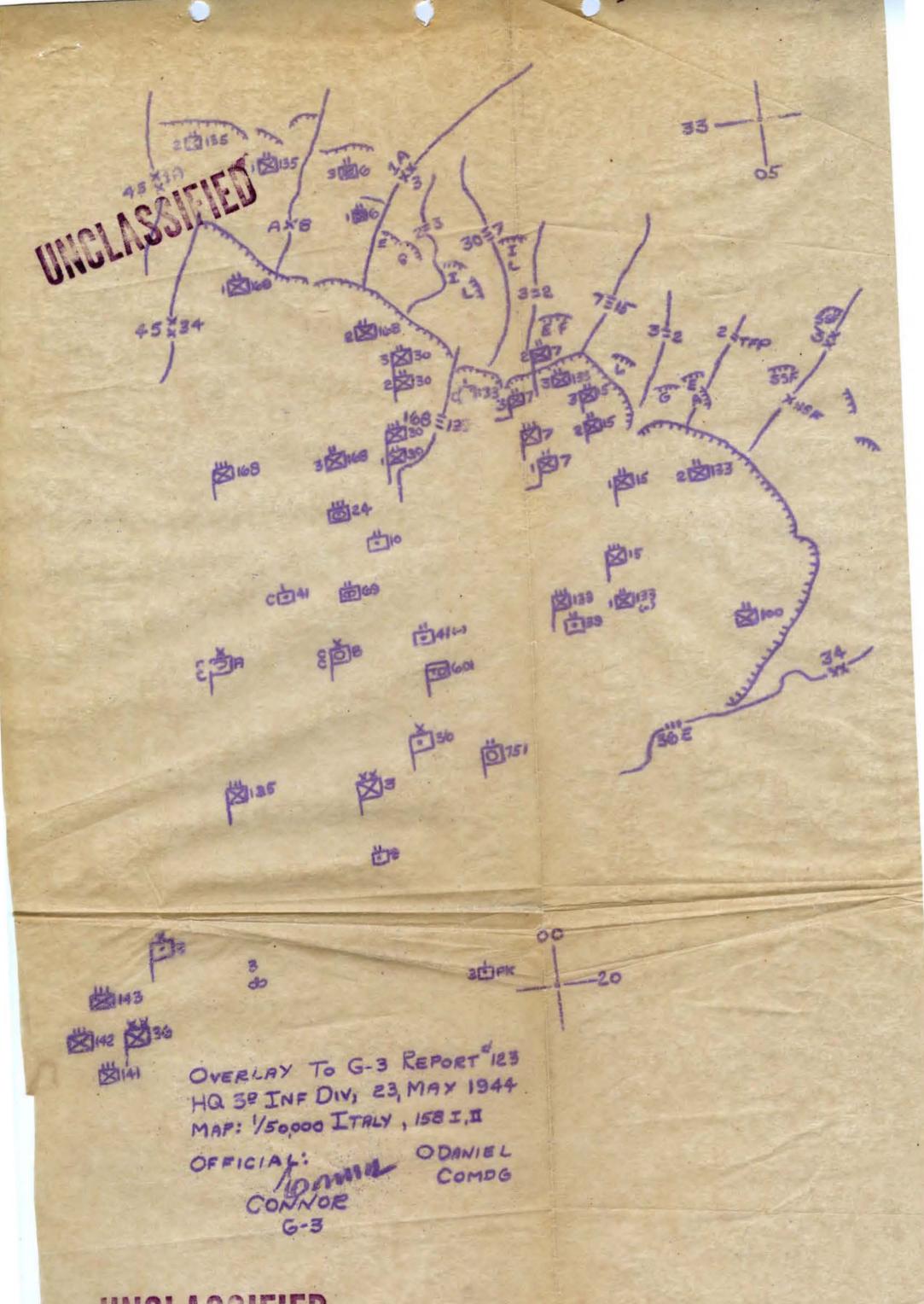


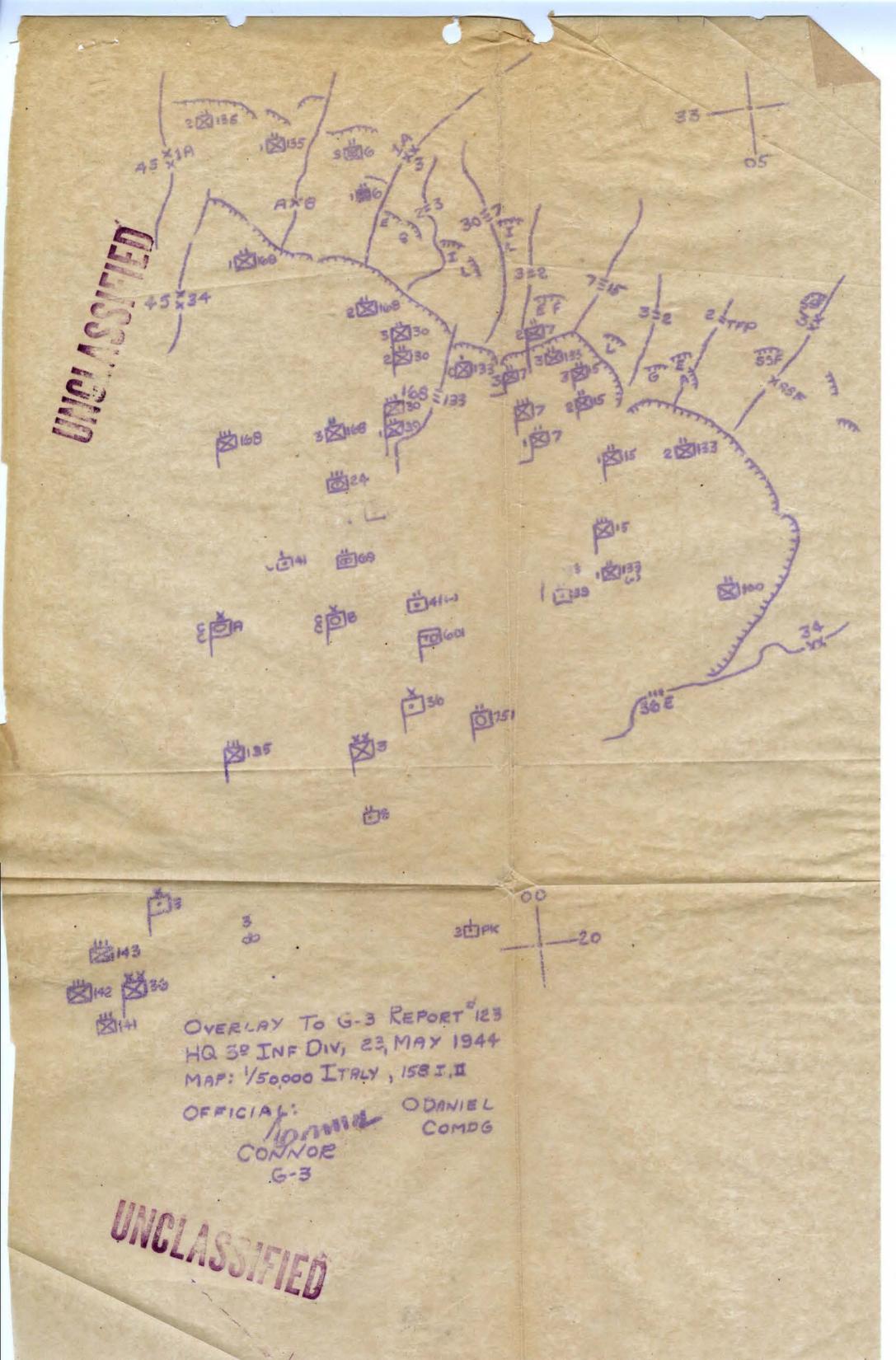
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8. Tank Status:					
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3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Units:

SOUTHERN FRONT:
(1) FEC: The Germans counterattacked with 20 tanks supported by Infantry about 212030B against 1 DMI in the Vic of M LEUCIO. 1 DMI pushed back to

Vic 680175 but still claim control PICO-PONTECORVO road.

(2) II Corps: 38th Inf Div: 349th Inf attacked NORTH afternoon 21 May from an assembly area Vic PASSIGNANO toward DEL HONTE and MONSICARDI. 2d Bn reached 501098 followed by 1st Bn. 3d Bn 515085. 350th Inf - 1st and 3d Bns captured M CASARECCIO during afternoon, continued their advance to SCUTHEAST slopes M MARINO Vic 435115. 351st Inf assembled Vic 5309. 85th Inf Div: 337th Inf overcome resistance to seize M CALVO during the afternoon. M COPICCIO and M AUTONE occupied by 2200B. 1st Bn advancing WEST on FONDI - TERRACINA road, met resistance on 42 Easting. 338th Inf - 1st Bn embarked GAETA area. 339th Inf enroute FONDI area via ITRA - FONDI road.

b. 45th Inf Div: Sector generally quiet with light interdictory arty on the forward areas during the night. Considerable increase of flare activity uring the night. Quiet at the end of the period.

c. 34th Inf Div: B/751st Tk relieved C/751st Tk Bn 2130B. Patrols engaged in fire fight vicinity 960323, and suffering 1 missing and 5 wounded from might's activity. Some scattered light enemy arty fire, believed to be SP guns.

- Arty engaged enemy targets (Rocket guns) with undetermined results.

 d. 36th Engr Regt: Patrols active in clearing of lines in sector. One
 Co which went to Vic ECRGO FIAVE encountered strong enemy resistance. A counterattack force of 25 enemy Vic 053199 engaged and dispersed by our arty, five known enemy dead, one captured. Enemy force to Vic 048230 had strong fight, captured 16 enemy, including one officer. Enemy force estimated at from 250-300 men, engaged with NG and pinned down with arty. Total enemy casualties for period: 34 known dead, 70 estimated killed and wounded, suffered 7 killed, 1 missing presumed to be killed, and 15 wounded.
 - 4. Weather and Visibility: Fair. Visibility unlimited to limited.

Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: Elements of the division moved into position for proposed oftensive action during the hours of flarkness 21/22 May and spent the remainder of the period preparing local defenses and camouflage. The new division CP opened Vic F972231 at 221030B.

Infantry: (1) 7th Inf: Remained in bivouac area in the beach vicinity until. 211900B, then began its movement to assembly area. No training was conducted, instead a final check was made on personnel and equipment for maximum efficiency. Foot and motor elements of the Regiment moved into their new area without incident, the movement being completed by 220200B, at which time individual emplacements and

preparation of camouflage was begun. Forward CP is located Vic G005282.

(2) 15th Inf: The Regiment moved from the beach area to its concontration area Vic MUSSOLINI CANAL during the period, with the new CP located Vic GO13260. The Regiment closed into its new area at 2202058 without incident. Rear

elements of the Regiment remained in position near the beach.

(3) 30th Inf: The Regiment closed out of its beach area and moved into its concentration area; 3 men killed by enemy arty at F981238 at 212200B. Closed at 220040B. The forward CP is located Vic F983282.



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- c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty fired a total of 220 rounds in 8 missions; 5 unobserved and 3 observed. Three registrations were fired, 1 counterbattery mission (unobserved), and four (4) harassing missions, unobserved.

 d. AA Artillery: 441st CA Bn (AASP): No enemy aircraft within range during the period. Continued to improve new positions.

 e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Bn CP moved to 987228; 1 Plat atchd to each the 7th and 30th Inf and 2 Plats attached to the 15th Inf. Co A: Completed construction of two snakes at 008275 and 008277, concluded work on Div PW cage, established Engr Supply Dump at 006290 and 004292. Co B: Completed construction of two snakes at 016263 and 018267. Co C: Prepared positions for Plat to occupy night D-1/D. D-1/D.
- f. Cavalry: 3d Ren Tr: OP 3 closed as of 1600B. Operated Div OP 1. Troop preparing for support of future operations.

(1) 751st Tk Bn: Bn preparing to support operations. Preparing to move into new positions night 22/23 May.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Preparing to move into new positions to support

- h. Chemical: None attached at end of period.
- 6. Combat Efficiency:

a. Excellent.

- b. Morale excellent.
- 7. Results of Operations: Infantry Regiments moved into concentration area, dug in and prepared for future operations. New Div CP established without incident. No combat operations.

8. Tank Status: No change.

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