

Operations Memorandum – May 1945

Found in Files of 328 Field Artillery Battalion

Instructions from 85th Divisional Artillery as it relates to the days after the Surrender

Memo dated 10 May 1945 reminds the units of the vast Partisan organizations and says that the real partisans will have an identification card.

Map (2 sheets) shows areas near BASSANO to be patrolled by 328FA, 329FA & 403FA.

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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY

AFG #65, U. S. Army
4 May 1945.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS #1:

1. While static conditions exists in the present position all troops not otherwise engaged in necessary duties will comply with the following training schedule.

Daily (Except Sundays)

Morning: 1 hour supervised exercise (preferably hikes).
2 hours maintenance - motors and all material.

Comm. insr. 1/2 hr.

Afternoon: Recreation and Athletics.

2. Times for the above will be set by unit concerned. Additional training at discretion of unit commanders.

By command of Brigadier General MALLET:

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Hq 85th Div Artillery
APO #85, U. S. Army.
5 October 1944.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM # 28:

1. II Corps resumes attack to North at 0600G 5 October 1944.
2. 85th Division attacks within zone:- see overlay. 338th Infantry passes through 339th Infantry. 339th Infantry clears MT. SIEBLE (903-235) of enemy resistance and passes to Division Reserve.
3. a. 328th FA Bn: Direct support of 337th Infantry.
- b. 329th FA Bn: Direct support of 338th Infantry.
- c. 910th FA Bn: Direct support of 339th Infantry until 339th Infantry passes to Division reserve, then General support.
- d. 403rd FA Bn (: assault gun platoon, 752nd Tank Bn): General support, reinforce fires of 328th FA Bn, establish wire communication with 328th FA Bn.
- e. (1) Division Artillery Check Points:-
 #10 - Cemetery (95.124-21.042), altitude 751 metres
 #13 - House (RONGO SHITI (95.617-30.154), altitude 574 metres.
 (2) Fires of II Corps Artillery available through Division Artillery Fire Direction.
4. See current Administrative Order, Headquarters 85th Infantry Division.
5. a. Communications: Formal.
b. CP's to be reported.

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1. Vehicles will be parked in line in a motor park in order to facilitate control of motor maintenance.
2. Howitzers - Unless in use will be placed in a gun park and kept covered with paulins.
3. Drill schedules to include disciplinary drills, calisthenics - at least 20 minutes per day; 1 hour marching; 2 hours maintenance, motors and material; orientation $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Athletics in the afternoon. *1/2 hr Cann drill.*
4. Organizations must take this opportunity to police up equipment, straighten out supplies, turn in extra equipment not needed except in battle. Camouflage nets will be cleaned, neatly folded, and retained in units. Basic load of ammunition will be kept on hand for the present.
5. Inspections of men in ranks will be held at intervals to improve the standard of clothing and the wearing of the uniform. Service ribbons will be worn at these formations. Military courtesy and wearing of the proper uniform will be stressed. Special emphasis on saluting from vehicles when officers approach from rear. Head gear will be worn at all times except when engaged in athletics or when indoors - Coats and jackets will be buttoned - general improvement along these lines is badly needed.

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Summary of Training
10-1030 - Cannoneer Drill
Every other Day
10-1030 - Cannoneer Instruction
Every other Day.

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AGO #85, U. S. Army,
5 7 May 1945.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM # 26

1. Reference O.I. # 53, Hq 85th Inf Div, 6 May 1945.
2. Bn commanders will institute immediate reconnaissance for suitable CP and quarters within area assigned (See Overlay).
3. 403rd and 329th FA Bns will occupy area of responsibility without delay. 910th and 328th FA Bns will occupy area of responsibility when detached from CP control.
4. 403rd and 329th FA Bns patrol areas of 910th and 328th FA Bns respectively until such time as 910th and 328th FA Bns are able to occupy their areas of responsibility.
5. Control of FELTRE falls to 329th FA Bn.
6. Complete communications will be laid within Div Arty.
7. Btry installations will be located near Bn for best control. Roving patrols will take care of guarding area of responsibility.
8. Complete instructions for military control will be issued at a later date.

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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY

APO #85, U. S. Army,
10 May 1945.

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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM NO. 27:

1. Reference: O.I. #54, Hq 85th Inf Div, 9 May 1945.

2. Information has been received that small groups of enemy are still at large, hidden in out of the way areas within the Division Zone. Units will thoroughly patrol their assigned areas to make certain that all enemy have been cleared.

3. Units are reminded that prior to the entry of allied forces into the division area there existed in that area a force of partisans well organized into companies, brigades, and divisions whose intimate native knowledge of the terrain had been greatly enlarged by 18 months of combat with the enemy. This partisan force is still intact and eager to cooperate with allied forces in clearing away the Germans. Its members are considered reliable and are all equipped with an identity card (Annex A) which distinguishes them from civilians who claim to be partisans.

4. Units are authorized to make use of such partisans within each unit sector as is considered advisable to gather up small enemy groups still at large.

5. German representatives to accompany American patrols sent to search for enemy groups may be had upon application to this headquarters.

6. A list of partisan forces, with locations of headquarters and sub-headquarters and zones of responsibility will be furnished unit commanders as soon as it is available.

7. Captain Ross, R.A., AFHQ representative with partisan forces is available at Division Headquarters and may be contacted for information.

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Annex "A"

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HEADQUARTERS 328TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

28 May 1945

SUBJECT: Move to New Area.

TO : All Batteries.

1. This battalion will move to new area tomorrow, 29 May 1945.

a. Order of March: Charlie, Able, Baker, Headquarters and Service

b. Convoy Number: 88-5N-55

c. I.P. Time: 0800

d. Location of IP: Bn. CP in Lentiai.

2. Charlie Battery will leave their area so as to hit IP at 0800. "A", "B", Hq. and Sv. will move out at 15 minute intervals.

3. Upon arrival at new area Charlie and Able batteries will immediately unload and release the trucks attached to provisional trucking company.

4. Trucks from the Provisional Trucking Company will be in this Battalion Area sometime this afternoon or early evening and will be distributed in the following manner:

"C"	--	6 trucks
"A"	--	6 trucks
"B"	--	6 trucks
Hq.	--	3 trucks
Sv.	--	5 trucks

5. Loading of vehicles will be as neat as possible. Every man on a vehicle will have a suitable place to ride. Men will salute all officers. Convoy flags will be used on the lead and last vehicle in each march group.

6. Each battery will consider itself a separate march group with the Battery Commander as March Group Commander.

By order of the Battalion Commander:

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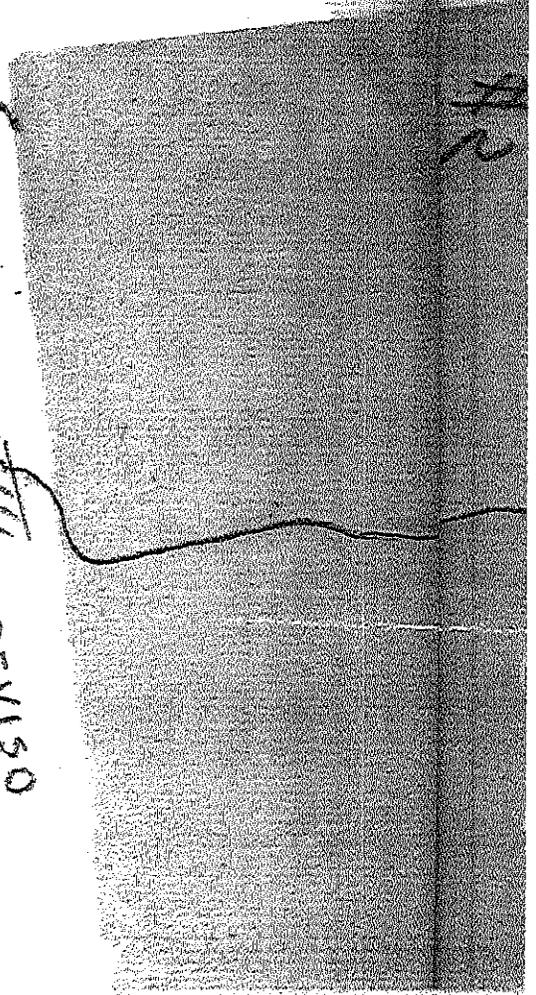
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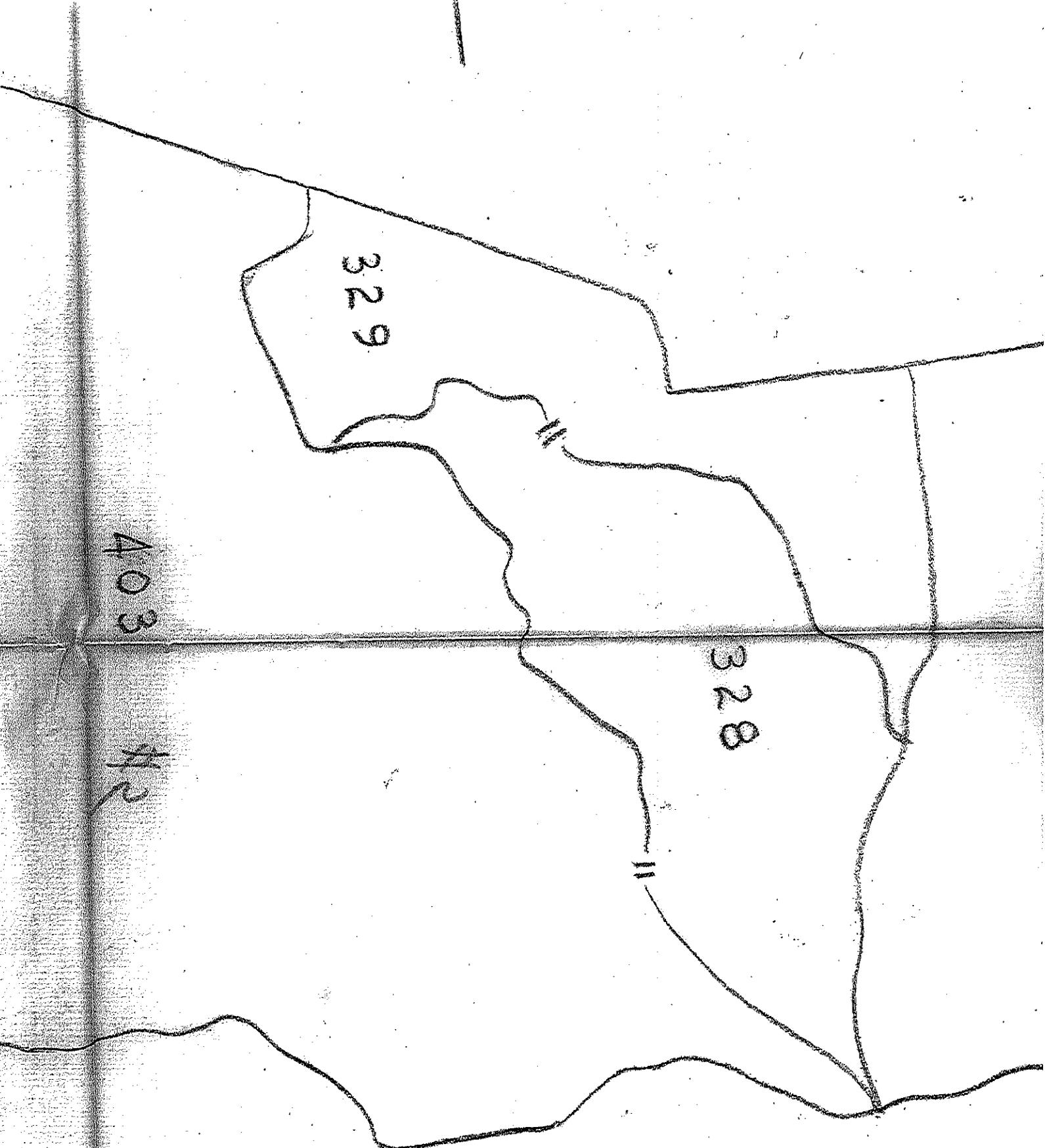
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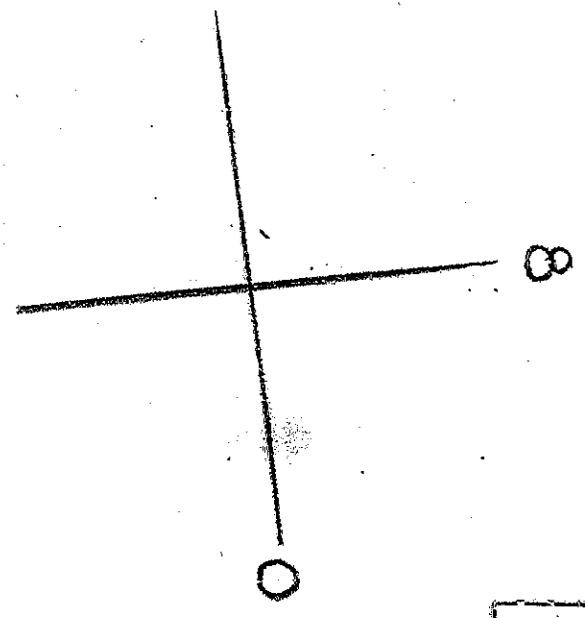


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