

HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
A.F.C. 36, U. S. Army

14 December 43

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MAPS: ITALY 1:50,000 Sheets 160 II - 161 III.

1.
  - a. German forces continue to occupy the Mt. LUNGO - S. PIETRO area.
  - b. The 36th Infantry Division attacks on 15 and 16 December to capture Mt. LUNGO, S. PIETRO, S. VITTORE and the high ground N & E of S. VITTORE.
  - c. By progressive movement during the 13 and 14 December the 36th Infantry Division expects to hold hill 729 (960-180), Hill 687 (967-187) and hill 954 (996-204) by daylight of 15 December.
  - d. 1st Mtzd Bgde (Italian) attacks after daylight morning of 16 Dec on Division order to capture, and hold Hill 343, and to mop up slopes of Mt. LUNGO east of 96 coordinate line.
2.
  - a. Mission of Battalion:
  - b. Guns now in position near COLINA MONTECELLO priority of support to attack of Co "A" 753 Tank Battalion by direct fire on located targets in the S. PIETRO area and the high ground N & E thereof. Thereafter general support of the attacks of the 141 and 143 Infantry Regiments.
  - c. Balance of Battalion general support of attack by 143 Inf, 141 Inf, and Co "A" 753 Tank Battalion by fire on targets North of Hwy #6 and West of S. PIETRO.
  - d. Elements of Battalion prepared to displace to firing positions along Hwy #6 North of Mt. LUNGO on Division order.
3.
  - a. Company "A" (3rd platoon of Co "C" attached):
    - (1) Co "A" (less 3rd platoon) with 3rd platoon Co "C" attached, will fire direct missions in support of the attack of Co "A", 753 Tank Battalion, on S. PIETRO. Fire will be placed on all houses along the road east of S. PIETRO as far east as a North - South line through grid line 98.3. The company will begin firing on these houses and other suspected or possible enemy positions at H-hour.

Co "A", 753 Tank Battalion, will cross IP (Road curve at (009-150) at H-hour and advance as rapidly as possible along road to S. PIETRO. Fires of Co "A" 636 TD Bn will be controlled to conform to the advance of the Tanks.

1/1st Infantry will cross the line of departure (Creek north of Mt. FORTINCO) (977-147) to (980-153) at H-hour to advance and seize S. PIETRO.

Fires of Co "A", 636 TD Bn, will be controlled to conform to the movement of 1/1st Inf and when this Regiment reaches S. PIETRO fires must be lifted from that area.
  - (2) The 3rd platoon Co "A" from 1st present positions will be prepared to fire indirect missions in the S. PIETRO area on call from the 1st platoon Co "A".

b. Company "B"

- (1) Co "B" from present positions will register all platoons with closed stack on S. PIETRO and at a point on the road east of S. PIETRO where the grid line 98.3 crosses the road during daylight of 14 Dec 43. After this the company is to be prepared to fire indirect missions in the S. PIETRO - S. VITTORE area on call from the Battalion OP.

Co "B" observers will have radio communication with Bn OP. No fires by company observers until released by Bn OP.

c. Company "B" (less 3rd platoon)

- (1) Co "C" from its present positions will check registration on base point (Road junction) at (957-153). The Company will be prepared to fire concentrations (Con #1) in an area in which the base point is the center of a 400 yard square. Rate of fire two (2) rounds per gun per minute for the first 10 minutes and then one (1) round per gun per minute for the next 10 minutes.

Also be prepared to fire concentration (Con #2) with the point (940-172) as the center of a 400 yard square. Rate of fire one (1) round per gun per minute for ten (10) minutes. These to be fired on call from Bn OP.

After completion of concentrations the Company will be prepared to fire on targets of opportunity within its zone.

- (2) At any time after H-hour the company (less 3rd platoon) will be prepared to move on Division order to firing positions North of Mt. LUNGO along HWY #6 to support the attack of Co "C" 753 Tank Battalion on S. VITTORE.

d. Provisional MG Battery (Cal. .50)

- (1) Cal. .50 Machine guns of Company "A", B, C, Pen and Ranger Platoon will be emplaced forward of Co "A" in positions to cover the S. PIETRO area.
- (2) Beginning at H-hour Machine Gun Battery will search area S. PIETRO and east to culvert on S. PIETRO road at (982-156). Zone to extend 500 yards North to S. PIETRO road.
- (3) Fires will be lifted from the S. PIETRO area as the 141st Infantry attack approaches S. PIETRO.

e. Reconnaissance Company

- (1) Company to be prepared on call to support the advance of Company "C" into positions North of Mt. LUNGO.

4. a. No change in CLASS I supplies.

b. Ammunition to be dumped on night of 14 December 43.

c. Aid Station, no change.

5. a. Battalion and Company OP's, no change.

b. Company OP's, no change.

c. Battalion OP, no change.

d. All units to have yellow smoke for air identification.

e. H-hour, 1200 hours 15 December 43.

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