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1. a. Enemy holds RAPIDO - GARIGLIANO river line.
 - b. 36th Infantry Division on D-Day will cross RAPIDO river, secure SAN-ANGELO, and establish bridgehead for future operations.
2. a. Mission of Battalion:
 - (1) Occupies firing positions near the E bank of the RAPIDO RIVER N of CESA MARPENO, after 2000 hours 20 January 44, prepared by daylight 21 January 1944 to support the attack by direct fire on definitely located German positions or on tanks attempting to attack the bridgehead; and prepared to execute long range indirect fires in support of the bridgehead after initial objectives are captured.
3. a. Company "A" will move from present position to indirect fire position in the vicinity of 882 - 164 (See Operation Overlay) under cover of darkness 19 January 44. Route (See Operation Overlay attached). "A" Company will register 1 (One) gun per platoon on SAN-ANGELO during day 20 January and be prepared to fire any missions requested by Battalion after registering. Co Company "A" will reconnoiter direct fire positions in area South of LA-FIETA, and be prepared to occupy same on Battalion order.
 - b. Company "C" will move from present position to indirect fire position in the vicinity of 899 - 164 (See Operation Overlay attached) under cover of darkness 19 January 44. Route (See Operation Overlay attached). "C" Company will register 1 (One) gun per platoon on SAN-ANGELO during day 20 January and be prepared to fire any missions requested by Battalion after registering.
 - c. Company "B" will move from present position to direct fire position Southeast of LA-FIETA, at 875 - 165 on Battalion order prior to D-Day, H-Hour. Route (See attached Overlay). Company "B" will be prepared to support the crossing of the 36th Division on targets of opportunity on the West bank of the RAPIDO river.
 - d. Recon Company will furnish 2 (Two) Officers to accompany the 1st and 3rd Battalions 141st Infantry as forward observers and liaison officers with those units. Pioneer Platoon Recon Company will clear all mines in "B" Company direct fire position and routes thereto.
4. a. Administrative orders later.
5. a. Bn CP (See Operation Overlay).
 - b. Co CP (See Operation Overlay).
 - c. Co CP's in company areas.
 - d. Aid Station (See Operation Overlay).

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OPERATION OVERLAY #28 TO ACCOMPANY F.O #1.

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ORDERS:

1. Co's A-B-C WILL MOVE FROM PRESENT AREA TO POSITIONS INDICATED.
2. ORDER OF MARCH - HIT I.P.

A	-	-	-	1630
C	-	-	-	1700
B	-	-	-	2345

3. Co's To CLOSE IN NEW AREAS BY DAYLIGHT.

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