

FO #6
HQ 3d Inf Div
Trac #1



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MAPS: 1/50,000 ITALY, sheets 158 I, II, III & IV.

- a.** See Intel Summary
- b.** (1) VI Corps consolidates present position with organization in depth. (2) Air Support missions on call to Div Hq. (3) Corps Arty - General support. (4) 1 Bn, 37th Engrs, assists in organization of position along MUSCOLETTI CANAL.
- 3d Div Intel:** Regroups and organizes in depth the zones indicated (Ops overlay).
- 7th Inf:** Attached (Revert to 30th Inf on withdrawal of 2nd and 3d Bns. 7th Inf from OPLR 1): Co B (-1 Flat & Flat, Co D, 751st TK Bn Co A, 601st TD Bn (-1 Flat) Co B, 84th Cal Bn (1) Leave equivalent of a reinforced rifle company on positions now occupied by 2nd and 3d Bns attached to 30th Inf to hold OPLR 1 until ordered to withdraw. (2) Assemble remainder of regt in Area A, prepared to counterattack any enemy that may penetrate the MLR. (3) Provide such labor as may be spared for work on the MLR consistent with the execution of mission assigned above.
- 15th Inf:** Attached: Det, 2nd Bn and Det, 3d Bn, 7th Det, until ordered to withdraw, Flat, Co A & Co B, 751st TK Bn (1) Organize strong defensive position on OPLR 1 and 2 within its zone of action and hold the enemy if thereof until ordered to withdraw. (2) Organize and occupy Area B, with remainder of regt, and hold the enemy if thereof until ordered to withdraw. (3) Maintain equivalent of a reinforced rifle company from 1st Bn in its present location, attached to 15th Inf, on OPLR 1 until ordered to withdraw.
- 125th Inf:** Attached: 1 Co, reinf, from 1st Bn, 30th Inf, until ordered to withdraw, Co C and Flat Co D, 751st TK Bn Co B, 601st TD Bn (-1 Flat) Co A, 84th Cal Bn (1) Organize strong defensive position on OPLR 1 and 2 within zone of action until ordered to withdraw. (2) Organize and occupy segment of MLR with remainder of regt in area C and hold the enemy if thereof at all costs.
- 27th Engr Bn:** Attached: Flat, Co A, 751st TK Bn Co C, 84th Cal Bn Co D, 84th Cal Bn 37th FA Bn (1) Maintain strong defensive position on OPLR 1 and 2 and hold the enemy if thereof until ordered to withdraw. (2) Organize and occupy Area B with remainder of regt and hold the enemy if thereof at all costs. (3) Maintain strong position.
- 10th Engr Bn:** Attached: 1st Bn, 10th Engr Bn (1) Organize strong covering force on OPLR 1 and 2 in zone of action. (2) On order, 30th Inf, withdraw remainder of Bn to Area A in Div reserve.
- Div Arty:** (1) Be prepared to execute defensive fires in front of MLR, OPLR, 1 & 2 on call. (2) Coordinate supporting and counterbattery fires with Corps Arty.
- 10th Engr Bn:** (1) Assist regts in the construction of positions forward of MLR. Coordinate work of 37th Engrs on MLR. (2) Maintain bridge guard at bridges 6, 7, 8, 9, & 11 until relieved by unit responsible for sector. (3) Prepare all bridges on and forward of MLR in Div area for destruction. Other units: No change from FO #5.
- 10th Engr Bn:** (1) Strong points will be organized, employing houses as fortifications, MG positions, and where desirable AF guns, will be dug deeply near the foundations or under the floors. All guns will be sighted on final protective lines for night fire and all areas will be covered by at least two bands of fire. Areas that can be covered by fire will not be covered by men. The tendency to link units together on the perimeter of the position will be avoided in favor of strongpoints with all-around defense, each covering by fire the intervening spaces. Wire and mines will be installed by units, supplied and supervised by 10th Engr Bn, and will be used as OPLs and sniper with telescopic rifles placed under roofs where they may be located. (2) Dug-in positions for tanks with inf protection will be prepared for night operations. Tanks, during daylight, will be prepared for a counterattack role but will occupy dug-in positions at night to be employed as armored pillboxes. (3) Minefields will be laid and carefully guarded by unit responsible for each area. (4) Wire lines will be doubled, each wire laid by different routes, in such a manner that they are not likely to damage from shell fire or tracked vehicles. Cross circuits will be installed. (5) Units will patrol deeply and aggressively to the front to obtain identifications and indications of the enemy's intentions. (6) All commanders will work out a rest system so that at least 1/3 of the command will be alert at all times. Maximum use will be made of camouflage and concealment, i.e., helmets covered with mud and position camouflaged, removal of spoils from fighting holes. Men will not be permitted to walk about in open in daylight. (7) Every Company Commander will inspect their positions in detail at least three times daily, one of which will be between midnight and morning. Regimental Commanders will insure that every element of their commands is inspected daily by themselves or the Bn Commanders and staff. (8) Hot meals will be provided daily. (9) Special attention to sanitation and care of feet. (10) Defensive positions will be so organized that the enemy will have to cross at least two solid bands of MG fire to reach our positions. (11) The fires of all inf weapons, inf cannon, mortars, chemical mortars, tanks, and MGs will be coordinated with the Div Arty defensive fires and necessary communication and registration established to insure that all possible approaches to our position are covered to the maximum depth. (12) All our friendly positions will be dug in so that flat trajectory weapons may disregard the danger of hitting our own troops. (13) Patrols and other activities will remain normal. Houses will not be destroyed but will be booby-trapped. Dets from 10th Engr Bn will place booby-traps and will instruct inf personnel as to manner of arming them. (See Engr Annex).

LEGEND
 — 45th Div
 — 3d Div

MAP: ITALY, 1/50,000.
 TO: CO, 179th, 179th, 180th Inf, 93 Div Arty.
 1. 179th Inf, Co A, 180th Engrs attach, organize sector, coordinate with the 1st Div (Br) W of original beachhead line, with 1st Arm Div S of MLR.
 2. 179th Inf, organize sector, coordinate with the 1st Arm Div on L, with 1st SSF on R. Positions will be occupied on Div order only.
 3. 180th Inf, organize sector, coordinate with 1st Div (Br) on L, 3rd Inf Div on R.
 4. Div Arty, step 645th TD Bn, 894th TD Bn (-), make reconnaissance, prepare plan for support of Div sector and AF defense.
 5. a. Weapons will be fully dug-in, positions wired, likely approaches mined. AF mines will be placed by front line troops only. b. "Booby-traps" will be employed. c. Hill-top positions will be dug in. d. All sectors will be organized in depth. e. Complete plans for defensive fires will be prepared. f. Bulk of work on positions will be conducted during night, to prevent disclosure of our intentions. g. Submit plans of Bn defense areas with E-3 Periodic Reports for 4 Feb. Subsequent reports to show new work completed.

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ANNEXES:
 1 - Ops overlay
 2 - Arty Annex (to be issued)
 3 - Engr Annex (to be issued)

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