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TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (Thru Channels)

1. on 1 October 1944 the Quartermaster Company, with a strength of 177 EM and 10 Officers was located near St. Max, France, having moved to that position under verbal tactical orders. During the period 1 October to 31 October the Company made one move.

2. The primary mission of the organization was the receiving, breaking down and issuing of Class I, II, and III supplies to the units of the Division plus attached troops. Since the Division was on the defensive most of the month another important mission was to reequip the division with clothing and equipment and get necessary repairs made. Class I supplies are issued daily with units submitting strengths 48 hours prior to issue. During October 561,416 rations were issued; an average of about 18,000 rations daily. Sixty percent of the rations issued during the month were B's, twenty percent 10 in 1, twelve percent K's, and eight percent C's. These rations were picked up by the organization and hauled to the breakdown area adjoining the Company bivouac area. At the breakdown area they were broken down and issued to the various units of the Division and attached troops. In addition to the regular issue of Class I Rations, the drawing, breaking down, and issuing of free PX Rations, including cigarettes, candy tobacco, razor blades, toothpaste, chewing gum, etc. were handled by men of this organization.

3. All Class II Supplies for the Division and attached troops were issued at the Class I Breakdown area. Requisitions were submitted by organizations, consolidated by this organization and then taken to Army Class II Depots where supplies were drawn by our organic trucks and brought back to the area the same day. These supplies were issued to the units the following day. In addition to the regular replacements of Class II Supplies, winter clothing was also being issued during October and at the end of the month the issue of overcoats and mackinaws was completed. Over fifty percent of the overshoes had been issued, fifty percent of the new type high-neck wool sweaters were issued, and twenty-five percent of the men of the Division were issued the new type sleeping bag, front line troops having first priority on all winter clothing and equipment.

4. Three two and one-half ton trucks and trailers carry the Division Reserve gasoline consisting of 4000 gallons. A Class III DP was set up near each Class I breakdown area for the purpose of refueling vehicles drawing Class I Supplies and for each unit of the Division and attached troops to draw their daily quota of gasoline. Gasoline was a rationed item during most of the period. Therefore six Quartermaster trucks were used daily to get the Class III Supplies for the Division and attached troops from the Army Gas Dump and haul it to the Quartermaster Class III Dump and there it was issued to the various units.

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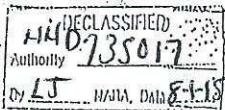
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5. Another function of the organization during this period was to get the field ranges, gasoline lanterns and outfit, cooking, one and two burner converted and repaired. Due to the lack of parts this organization carried eight to ten field ranges on hand. The units brought their ranges needing repairs in and received direct exchange of another one. This organization then took the ones needing repair back to a field range repair unit near the Army Class II Dump and had them repaired. Work was also begun in October by a field range repair unit going to all units of the Division and attached troops to convert and repair all field ranges, lanterns and outfit, cooking, one and two burner. This work is being done at each units kitchen or a point designated by the unit. The reason for the conversion of field ranges and lanterns is to permit the burning of leaded gasoline. (6)

6. The Division Quartermaster, in addition to his other duties, is the Graves Registration Officer for the Division. During this period there was a Graves Registration Section attached to this organization. It was the responsibility of the Division Quartermaster to set up collecting points and handle the evacuation of the dead to the cemetery as well as handle the personal effects of casualties.

7. Bathing and laundry facilities were also established by the Division Quartermaster and were under his supervision.

8. All salvage, including enemy captured materiel were turned in to the salvage dump at the Class I breakdown area. The salvage was then sorted according to the various branches of supply by men of this organization. Quartermaster salvage was taken to Army Class II dumps and other branches of salvage were turned over to their respective supply Officers. Shoe repair, tentage & tarpaulin repair was also handled by this organization. This was done by each unit tagging the items and bringing them in when they came to draw supplies. This organization then took the items, three times a week, for repair to salvage repair located near the Army Class II Depot. Utilization of Quartermaster repair units to the fullest extent has cut down considerably on the issue of like new items. The only item where there has been a limited repair on is typewriters, and this is due to lack of parts.

10. On 10 October, while located near St. Max, one member of this organization was wounded by a shell fragment from enemy long-range artillery which struck near by. This brings the total of Purple Hearts awarded within the organization to two during the entire campaign.

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