

# **Reports of Operations**

**1<sup>st</sup> Recon Troop**

**Jun 1943 - Apr 1944**



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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
A P O # 1 NEW YORK NY

12 June 1943

SUBJECT : Historical Records and History of Organization for June, 1943.  
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.  
THRU : The Commanding General, 1st U.S. Infantry Division, APO# 1, New York, N.Y.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-104, as changed by Changes No 3, dated March 9, 1943, the following report is made:

HISTORY & RECORD OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 1943.

June 1, 1943	The Troop was stationed at Assi Bou Nif, Algeria, with a strength of 213 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers.
" 2nd	No Change-Usual Camp Duties
" 3rd	" "
" 4th	" "
" 5th	" "
" 6th	" "
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" 13th	" "
" 14th	" "
" 15th	1st Lieut. Blake and 1st Lt Skogsberg, & Sgt Wilcox & T/5 Pappachriston, & Parker & Pfc's Petersen & O'Briant and Pvts Marshall left at 0800 hours as advance detail to Algiers (Auth VOCC, 1st U.S. Inf Div )
" 16th	The 1st Rcn Tr. less the advance detachment and Rear Detachment left the Troop Bivouac area at Assi Bou Nif, Algeria, at 0530 hours, and marched by motor convoy to Orleansville, Algeria, arriving at 1750 hours. Distance marched 146 miles. Condition of men and vehicles : Excellent Condition of roads : Hard Surfaced. Weather : Excellent. The Rear Detachment remained in Assi Bou Nif, Algeria, comprising of : 1st Lieut's Reich and Nickell & T/4 Vitartis, & Opls Strickland, & Mack & Rock & Sechman & Nordblom & Pratt & Dufrane & Johnson & T/5's Carriero & PFC's Alexander, J.G., & Pray, & Kinney, H.D., & Eskola & Rabraker, & Roth & Cunha & Pvt's Gregory & Shaffer & Balster & Ronan & Waters & Vincent & Morgan & Sizemore & Renn & Lindsey & Soliz & Jackson & Pimental & Kelly & Kovac A.L., & Alexander, W.J., & Wood E.H.

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June 17th, 1943

The Troop ( Less Detachments) departed from Bivouac at Orleansville, and marched by motor convoy to Zeralda, Algeria, arriving at 1130 hours. Distance marched 78 miles. Condition of Men and Vehicles : Excellent. Roads Hard Surfaced Weather : Excellent. The Advance Detachment rejoined the Troop at Zeralda.

" 18th	Usual Camp Duties.
" 19th	" " "
" 20th	" " "
" 21st	" " "
" 22nd	" " "
" 23rd	1st Lieut Raymond to DS at Algiers, Algeria, (Ltr O, Hqrs 1st U.S. Inf Div ) Relieved from Primary Duty as Troop Commander and 1st Lieut Blake assumed command of the Troop.
" 24th	No Change
" 25th	" "
" 26th	1st Lieut's Blake and Skogsberg & Sgt Wilcox & T/5 Parker & Papachriston & Pfc's O'Briant & Petersen & Pvt's Marshall & with two jeeps and 2 motorcycles departed on DS with the 1st Ranger Battalion, as advance detachment. 1st Lieut Lenard assumed command of the Troop.
" 27th	No Change.
" 28th	" "
" 29th	" "
" 30th	T/5 Lord & Tumblin to DS on ship D-77. Strength 213 Enlisted Men & 9 Officers.

Remarks : Due to the nature of the missions for this Troop, all orders are destroyed before going into action to avoid risk of capture. For the same reason no journal is kept, and most of the orders received are VOCS.

*William L. Blake*

WILLIAM L. BLAKE  
Captain, 1st Recon Troop  
Commanding.

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1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as changed by Change No 3, dated March 9, 1943, the following report is submitted:

HISTORY & RECORD OF EVENTS FOR JULY 1943.

July 1, 1943 Troop was in bivouac at Zeralda, Algeria. Troop strength is 213 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers.

July 2, 1943 No change.

July 3 .... 1st Lt. Raymond from DS to duty and assumed command of the Troop.

July 4 .... No change

July 5 .... No change

July 6 .... No change

July 7 .... No change /

July 8 .... 2nd Lt. Crumpton from DS on Ship D-80 to duty.

July 9 .... Troop ( less advance and rear detachments ) boarded ships enroute to Sicily.

July 10 .... Ships sailed for Sicily. No Change

July 11 .... On board ships. No change

July 12 .... On board ships. No change

July 13 .... Troop ( less detachments ) debarked from ships on the beach at Gela Sicily. Condition of Men : Excellent. No casualties incurred. 1st Lt. Blake appointed to grade of Captain, per Ltr O Hqs NATOUSA, dated July 8/43, rejoined troop with the advance detachment and assumed command of the Troop.

July 14 .... Troop remained in bivouac while vehicles were being unloaded from ships and the water-proofing removed. Condition of Troop: Excellent. No casualties incurred.

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July 15 .... 1st Lt. Peek with the 2nd Section of the 2nd Platoon was assigned the mission of contacting the 180th Division ( On the 1st Inf Div right flank) somewhere in the vicinity of Caltagerone or to continue on until contact was made with the enemy. They departed at 1230 with rations, gas, water & oil for two days. They kept continuous contact with Troop Hqs. Lt Peek returned to the Troop Bivouac area with 16 Italian PW's. , that were turned over to the 1st Div PW cage. He left the Troop Bivouac at 2130 hours to continue his mission. 1st Lt Lenard with the 1st Section of the 3rd Platoon were ordered to establish an OP on M. Navone, 5 miles S/E of Barra Franca and give timely warning of enemy activity. They were furnished 1 days supply of Gas & Oil & water and rations. Continuous radio communication was maintained. 2nd Lt Crumpton with the 1st Section of the 1st Platoon was ordered to establish an OP on high ground S/W of Barra Franca. They were furnished 1 days supply of Gas & Oil & Water & rations. Major Adams with 1 Scout Car & 2 Jeeps and crews departed from the Troop Bivouac to the 26th Ct, to establish a Troop CP and keep the 26th Ct commander informed on OP reports. The remainder of the Troop remained in bivouac 2 miles East of Gela. No casualties incurred.

July 16 .... Lt Peek continued his assigned mission of the 15th. Lt Lenard & Lt Crumpton & Major Adams remained on their missions of the 15th. Capt Blake with 2 Jeeps from the 1st Platoon & 2 Jeeps from the 3rd Platoon left Troop Bivouac at 0900 hours to reinforce their respective platoons. Lt Raymond left the Troop bivouac with 1 Scout Car & 1 Jeep for the beach to get remainder of vehicles from the ships. The balance of the Troop left bivouac at 1000 hours and marched to new Bivouac  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles South of Mazzerine. Distance marched 26 miles. Roads : Gravel, and very dusty. Weather : Very Hot. Water & Gas & Oil & rations sent to sections on assigned missions. No casualties incurred.

July 17 .... The Troop Commander ordered the 1st Sgt. to take 3 Jeeps and proceed to the 3rd Platoon as reinforcements. Lt Lenard's section ordered to move from his position and proceed toward the east to make contact with the 1st Canadian Division. Before contact was made, Lt. Lenard with the 3rd Platoon and Lt Crumpton with the 1st Platoon were ordered to return to the Troop Bivouac  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles South of Mezzerrine. 1st Platoon returned at 1430 and 3rd Platoon at 1515. Lt Lenard and 3rd Platoon were assigned mission at 1930 to establish OP and LP in the vicinity of M. Serace on the right flank of the 1st Inf Div. Rations issued for one day. Lt Peek and 2nd Platoon was recalled from his mission and assigned a new mission by the Troop CO, to proceed from his location in the Caltagerone area to Barra Franca. Remainder of Troop departed from bivouac and marched to bivouac  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles East of Pietraperzia. Distance marched 12 miles. Condition of men vehicles Excellent. Roads : Good Weather : Hot Lt Raymond returned from the beach with all men and vehicles from the D plus 4 convoy.

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July 18 .... 2nd & 3rd Platoons ordered to continue on same missions assigned on the 17th. Lt Crumpton and 1st Platoon was ordered to make a road reconnaissance from Pietraperzia to Caltanissetta, to RJ-060875 and N/E as far as possible. Lt Peek and 2nd Platoon was relieved of mission and ordered to remain in bivouac, less 1 Scout Car which was to stay with the 1st Canadian Division Hqrs for Liaison purposes. No casualties were incurred. Major Adams with # 1 Scout Car & the 1st & 2nd Platoons departed from the Troop Bivouac to the 18th CP. The Troop was to proceed toward Villa Rosa to determine how far the Infantry could be moved in trucks. The Troop was halted at 115896 and bivouaced for the night. The 3rd Platoon continued it's assigned mission. No casualties incurred.

July 19 .... 1st & 2nd Platoons continued mission of the 18th and were held at bridge at Villarosa, (115896). The 3rd Platoon continued on its same mission. Gas & Oil & Water & Rations were furnished all patrols. Sgt. Koch was evacuated because of pains from old schrapnel wounds. The entire Troop reverted to Division control. Pfc Veiveris and Pvt Thomas were temporarily lost with two Jeeps, but by hiding in ravines until darkness fell, there were able to return. Pfc Veiveris, under enemy machine gun fire recovered both Jeeps and returned to the Troop. The entire Troop was brought to bivouac at - 115896.

July 20 .... Lt Peek and the 2nd Platoon received orders to make a reconnaissance of the roads from Villarosa to Alimenia. The platoon was held up by artillery fire and a blown bridge about 5 miles E. of Alementia. Lt. Peek sent mounted and dismounted patrols to locate suitable by-passes but none were found. Lt Lenard and the 3rd Platoon was relieved from mission in the 1st Canadian Division sector and ordered to make a road reconnaissance from Enna to Alementia, contacting the 2nd Platoon. Contact was made at a blown bridge 5 miles East of Alementia. Troop Hqrs and rear echelon moved to 4 miles North of Villarosa. The 1st Platoon remained in Troop reserve. Gas & Oil & Water & Rations were transported to the out patrols. No casualties incurred.

July 21 .... Troop attached to the 70th Tank Bn. Major Adams reported to the Commanding Officer of the 70th Tank Bn and was informed that the Infantry would capture the town of Alementia and the Troop was to have one platoon proceed the Tank Bn. The 3rd Platoon departed at 0400 to Alementia in front of the 70th Tank Bn. The 3rd Platoon after engaging in a fire fight with the 37mm against MG nests, moved into town at 0700 and continued beyond until held up by artillery about 3 miles North of Alementia. The 2nd Platoon remained in Alementia. The 1st Platoon combed the high ground South and East of town capturing about 141 Italian Prisoners throughout the day. The # 1 Scout Car acted as Liaison with the 70th Tank Hqrs and was brought under artillery fire just north of Alementia. T/4 Keesler was hit by schrapnel and was evacuated to the 1st Medical Battalion Clearing Station. Pfc Henderson

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July 21 .... C.A., was slightly wounded in three places in the shoulder, he  
Cont'd was treated at an aid station and returned to duty. No 1 Scout-Car was retrieved from range of artillery fire. The radio set had been pierced by shrapnel. The 3rd Platoon established an OP and LP 2 Miles North of Alemania. No further casualties were incurred.

July 22 .... 3rd Platoon continued to man the OP North of Alemania. Lt. Crumpton and the 1st Platoon was ordered to make a reconnaissance of the town of Resultano. It was found to be vacated by the enemy. The 2nd Platoon was ordered to make a cross country reconnaissance to the S/E of Alemania to find a suitable cut-off to Gangi. None were found suitable for vehicles. The Troop CP was established 2 Miles S/W of Alemania. The 1st and 2nd Platoons were recalled to bivouac having accomplished their mission. No casualties were incurred.

July 23 .... Lt Lenard and the 3rd Platoon proceeded on reconnaissance from 2 miles North of Alemania by way of Petralia toward Gangi. Lt. Crumpton with 1st Platoon was ordered to patrol both sides of Alemania and Petralia road, to clear up any pockets of resistance that might be left. None were found. Lt Peek was ordered to put up OP, N/W of Alemania to observe enemy movements in that direction. No casualties were incurred.

July 24 .... Lt Crumpton with the 1st Platoon to wait until Gangi was secured by the Infantry and then make a reconnaissance East from Town. The town was secured by the Infantry at 0415. Our patrol reported the bridge blown  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile East of town. Town was reported clear at 0456. Lt Lenard and 3rd Platoon continued it's assigned mission and joined 1st Platoon in the vicinity of Gangi. Lt Peek and 2nd Platoon made a road reconnaissance to Castellana and Polizza, capturing 3 Italian prisoners. 2nd Platoon returned to bivouac 2 miles S/W of Alemania, after by-passing the blown bridge. Sgt Guter with Pvt Wood, R.H., as driver of a jeep continued down the road. On rounding a curve about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile out of town they were fired upon by an anti-tank gun, that hit the jeep killing Private Wood, R.H., and since then Sgt. Guter has been missing. Opl Davis and Pvt Williams in the following jeep were wounded. Later Major Adams & T/5 Burke & Opl Nigohosian searched the area around the jeep for Sgt Guter, but found no trace of him. Lts Nickell and Reich and Chaplain Wills went with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton weapons carrier in an effort to recover the body of Private Wood. Enemy mortar fire opened upon them, and Lts Reich & Nickell and Lt (Chaplain) Wills were wounded, all evacuated to the 1st Med Bn Clearing Station. Pvt LaVertue who had accompanied the foregoing officers as a guide also was wounded, but after being treated at the aid station, was restored to duty. The  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck was destroyed. Capt Blake took the 1st Platoon to Gangi to reinforce the 1st Platoon. Continuous radio contact was maintained. Water & Rations & Gas & Oil were furnished to the out patrols. The 1st & 3rd Platoons remained in Gangi overnight without incurring further

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July 24 .... casualties. Troop Hqrs remained in bivouac 2 Miles S/W of Alemenia. Total equipment lost during the day was, 1-3/4 Ton Weapons Carrier, 1-1/4 ton Jeep, 1-50cal MG, 1-30 cal MG and 1 Radio Set SCR-510, plus the men's personal equipment.

July 25 .... Hqrs and 2nd Platoons marched to new bivouac area, 1 Mile South of Gangi. Sgt. Watkins and 7 men with three 1/2-ton jeeps picked up an Artillery observer at Div Arty and set up an OP on Hill Southeast of Gangi, at 225074. Lt Peek joined Sgt Watkins at 1000. Lt Lenard and 3rd Platoon left bivouac at 0530 to reconnoiter all roads North and South of Sperlinga. Lt Lenard with 1st Section returned to bivouac at 1600. Sgt Beard with the 2nd Section returned at 2000. There were no suitable vehicular roads to be found on either side. 2nd Platoon continued it's mission overnight. No casualties were incurred. Rations & Gas & Oil & Water were furnished to the 2nd Platoon.

July 26 .... 1st Plat & Troop Hqrs remained in bivouac. 2nd Platoon continued OP mission. 3rd Platoon left bivouac at 0600 to relieve the 2nd Platoon. On approaching Hill 1333, on which the OP was to be established they were fired upon by Machine Guns. Private Olsen was wounded and evacuated through the 1st Med Bn Clearing Station. The 2nd Platoon was relieved and returned to bivouac at 1730. No further casualties were incurred. Gas & Oil & Water & Rations were furnished to the 3rd Platoon.

July 27 .... Lt Lenard with the 3rd Platoon continues OP mission, on Hill 1333, reporting much valuable information of enemy movements, that were seen. 3rd Platoon returned to bivouac at 1900. Sgt Beard with 1 Scout-Car left in search of German Stragglers reported in the Castellana area. 3rd Platoon was relieved by the 1st Platoon on OP at 1500. Sgt Beard returned at 1700, without finding stragglers. There were no casualties incurred.

July 28 .... 1st Platoon remained on OP mission until 1500, when ordered to return to bivouac. 2nd Platoon was ordered to proceed from bivouac 1 Mile South of Gangi, by way of Sperlinga, Nicosia, and then N/E until contact was made with enemy. Contact was made 4 Miles N/E of Nicosia and they were held up by arty fire and tank fire. A road block was established and maintained for the night. The 3rd Plat was ordered to proceed from bivouac by way of Sperlinga, Sgt Beard and 2nd Section proceeded S/E from Sperlinga and at RJ 3 miles West of Nicosia, turned S/W to make contact with friendly troops on the right flank. At 325032, it was stopped by 4 craters and land mines. A LP was established for the night. The 1st section of the 3rd Platoon under command of Lt Crumpton proceeded to Nicosia and thence to S/E towards Agira. They were held up by arty fire 1 1/2 miles from town and established an LP. Rations & Water & Gas & Oil were furnished to all units. Continuous radio contact was maintained and all platoons reported no losses of men or vehicles.

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July 29 .... 1st Platoon left bivouac in Nicosia at 1645 to join 2nd Platoon, South of Mistretta, to reinforce the 2nd Platoon in it's assigned mission of the 28th. The patrol was held up by enemy arty fire 2 miles N/E of Nicosia. The patrol evaded the arty fire and passed on. Since darkness was falling, the patrol pulled back to 3 miles South of Mistretta, arriving at 2040, where the patrol bivouaced for the night. Lt Lenard and the 3rd Platoon continued on it's mission of the 28th, found a by-pass around a blown bridge 1 Mile S/E of Nicosia. The patrol was relieved by the 91st Rcn Sqdn, and returned to bivouac at 1500. 2nd Section of the 3rd Platoon returned from its assigned mission and established an OP 4 Miles N/E of Nicosia. There no casualties incurred. Supplies furnished all patrols.

July 30 .... The 1st & 2nd Platoons continued on to Mistretta and captured 353 German and Italian prisoners. All platoons returned to bivouac except the 3rd Platoon which remained on its OP. Private Craddock slightly wounded his left foot when his arm was discharged accidentally. No further casualties were incurred.

July 31 .... The Troop less one section held in Division Reserve in bivouac in Lt Lenard had one section on OP and he maintained it. No casualties were incurred. Strength of Officers - 8 and Enlisted Personnel 192.

REMARKS :

Due to the nature of the missions for this troop, all orders are destroyed before going into action to avoid the risk of capture. For the same reason no journal is kept. Many of the missions received by this organization are by verbal orders of the Commanding General.

*William L. Blake*  
WILLIAM L. BLAKE  
Captain, 1st Rcn Troop  
Commanding.

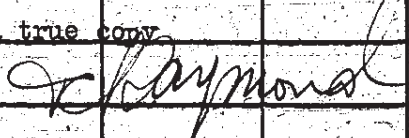


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GUTER PHILIP E	Sgt	20243983	MIA	24 July/43	Sicily

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 T. C. RAYMOND  
 1st Lt., 1st Recon Troop  
 Personnel Officer

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/s/ CLARENCE TURNER  
  
 (Grade)  
 WOJG AUS Horse Company  
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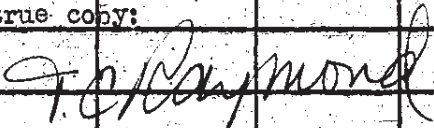
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WOOD ROBERT H	Pvt	11007743	K	24 July/43	All casualties occurred
WILLS CHARLES F	1st Lt	0-427221	LW	24 July/43	in Sicily
DAVIS JOSEPH A	Op1	6899815	LW	24 July/43	
WILLIAMS HAROLD A	Pvt	38132450	LW	24 July/43	
KEESLER WILLIAM C	T/4	11019589	LW	21 July/43	
NICKELL JOHN S	1st Lt	0-454409	LW	24 July/43	
REICH WILLIAM F	1st Lt	0-454137	LW	24 July/43	
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/s/ CLARENCE TURNER  
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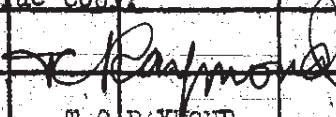
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OLSEN VERNON R	Pvt	37111892	LW	26 July/43	Sicily

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1st Lt., 1st Bcn Troop  
Personnel Officer

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/s/ CLARENCE TURNER  
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/t/ CLARENCE TURNER WOJG AUS Hqrs Co  
Personnel Officer  
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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
APO # 1 U.S. ARMY

2 September 1943

TROOP HISTORY AUGUST 1943

- August 1. The Troop minus 2nd Section of the 3rd Platoon remained in bivouac at Nicosia in Division Reserve. Lt. Lenard with 2nd Section of the 3rd Platoon remained on O.P. No Casualties.
- August 2. Sgt. Beard and 1st Section of the 3rd Platoon relieved Lt. Lenard and his Section from O.P. that had been assigned July 31st. Headquarters, 1st, and 2nd Platoons were ordered to a Position four Miles West of Cerami to be in a Position to push Reconnaissance on through Cerami the following Day. The move was made by infiltration and all were in Position by Dark. No Casualties were Incurred.
- August 3. Mission was to push through Troina at Daybreak after Troina fell to the Infantry. Troop Headquarters moved into Cerami but found that the Infantry had been unable to take Town. The 1st Platoon was brought into Cerami at 0600hrs. and held there waiting for the Fall of Troina and Repair of Road Crater en-route. At about 2000hrs. when Troina still had not fallen the 1st Platoon and Troop Headquarters moved into bivouac behind Ridge just West of Cerami. Throughout the day the 1st Section of the 3rd Platoon under Sgt. Beard remained on their O.P. near Cerami. The 2nd Platoon remained in Troop bivouac about 4 Miles West of Cerami. No Casualties were Incurred.
- August 4. At Daybreak Headquarters moved into Cerami again. Lt. Lenard with a Section of the 3rd Platoon continued O.P. Mission. The balance of the Troop remained in Position in Division Reserve. Troop Headquarters moved into bivouac with 1st Platoon for the Night. No Casualties were Incurred.
- August 5. Lt. Lenard continued O.P. Mission. Remainder of Troop remained in Division Reserve.
- August 6. Troina fell to the Infantry. Lt. Crumpton with the 1st Platoon moved through the Town at about 1000hrs. and was Stopped about 1 Mile the other side of Town by Heavy Artillery Fire and Road Craters. He sent dismounted Patrols to contact Friendly units on the Flanks and remained in Observation. The Remainder of the Troop remained in Division Reserve. No Casualties.
- August 7. Lt. Crumpton was relieved from His Mission when the 9th Reconnaissance Troop Passed through His Position. 1st Platoon returned to bivouac in Cerami. Entire Troop assembled in bivouac at Cerami. No Casualties.
- August 8. Usual Camp Duties.
- August 9. Usual Camp Duties.

August 10. Usual Camp Duties.

August 11. Usual Camp Duties.

August 12. Usual Camp Duties.

August 13. Capt. Blake was ordered to Contact the 91st Reconnaissance Squadron in the Vicinity of Randazzo since the Troop was attached to them. He left Cerami at about 1000hrs. and proceeded to the 91st Reconnaissance Squadron Headquarters about 5 Miles West of Randazzo. A bivouac was Selected in that Vicinity and the Troop was Ordered to move up. Forward Echelon, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Platoons Departed from Cerami at 2040 and closed into bivouac 5 Miles West of Randazzo at 2330. Condition of Men and Vehicles Excellent. Condition of Roads, very Dusty. No Casualties.

August 14. Troop was returned to Division control and given Mission of Reconnoitering the Road Randazzo, Novaro and Mazzara making contact with Friendly Troops upon arrival there. Lt. Lemard with the 3rd Platoon left bivouac at 0100hrs. moving through Randazzo and then at Daybreak continued Mission. About four Miles West of Randazzo one of the 3rd Platoon Jeeps hit a Teller Mine. Pfc Gray was Killed, Pfc Doughton, and Pvt. Bierman were Seriously Wounded. The Men were Evacuated through the 11th Field Hospital. The Jeep was demolished. The 3rd Platoon continued on Mission and by Building their own bypasses and Clearing Mines, were able to get to a Point about Nine Miles South of Novara before Dark. Lt. Crumpton with His Scout Car remained at the 18th Infantry C.P. for Liason Purposes. The Troop Headquarters and 2nd Platoon Followed closely behind the 3rd Platoon and went into bivouac near their furthest advance. That night the 1st Platoon Minus the Scout Car under Command of Sgt. Watts moved up with the 1st Platoon and Headquarters.

August 15. 1st and 3rd Platoons remained in bivouac and the 2nd Platoon passed through to continue Mission of Troop. The ACG ordered the Troop into Division Reserve until Further Orders. The Rear Echelon moved into bivouac with the Troop. No Casualties.

August 16. Troop remained in Division Reserve.

August 17. Troop moved to Area in Vicinity of Randazzo and bivouaced for the night. Liason Group went as Advance Detail to Palma.

August 18. Troop Departed from bivouac by Motor Convoy enroute to New Bivouac at Division Assembly Area, in the Vicinity of Palma Sicily. Troop Departed at 0930hrs. Condition of Men Excellent. Condition of Vehicles Good. Condition of Roads, Rough and Dusty.

August 19. Troop Arrived at bivouac area in Vicinity of Palma Sicily at 0130hrs. Condition of Roads Poor and Dusty. Condition of Men Excellent. Condition of Vehicles Good.

August 20. Usual Camp Duties.

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August 31. Usual Camp Duties.

*William L. Blake*

WILLIAM L. BLAKE  
Capt. 1st Ren. Tr.  
Commanding.



1ST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

**CLASSIFICATION**  
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*Robert Byrnes 1st Lt*  
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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
A P O # 1                      U S ARMY

3 October 1943

**SUBJECT** : Historical Records and History of Organization for September, 1943.  
**TO** : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D.C.  
**THRU** : The Commanding General, 1st US Infantry Division, APO# 1, US Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-104, as changed by Changes No 3, dated March 9, 1943, the following report is rendered:

HISTORY & RECORD OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1943.

1. September 1943 : The Troop was ordered by G-3 to reconnoiter all roads in the 1st Division's defense sector, and to contact all units on the outskirts of the sector. The Troop Commander assigned the 1st Platoon with Lt. Skogsberg and Lt Crumpton in command to the sector around Piazza Armerina. The second platoon with Lt. Reich and Lt. Peek in command, to the sector around Raccalnnito and the Third Platoon with Lt. Raymond and Lt. Ennis in command to the sector around Agrigento. The platoons left the troop bivouac at about 1000 hours with gas & oil and water & rations for two days. Hqrs platoon plus the three mortar squads; P&D Squads and 37MM Gun squads remained in the Troop bivouac in the vicinity of Palma di Montachiari.
2. September 1943 : The platoons completed their reconnaissance missions and returned to the bivouac. The 1st Platoon checked in at 1645 hrs, the 2nd Platoon at 1735 hrs and one section of the 3rd Platoon at 1735 hrs. The 1st Platoon had an accident in which one man was slightly injured.
3. September 1943 : The second section of the 3rd Platoon returned at 0330 hours because of tire trouble, 9 flat tires in all. The road reconnaissance information was consolidated and turned in to the G-3 by the Troop Commander. 1st Lt. Lenard left for six weeks of detached service Seventh Army Headquarters, to attend an arial photography school. The Troop resumed usual camp duties.
4. September 1943 : No change.
5. September 1943 : No change.
6. September 1943 : No change.

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- 7 September 1943 : No Change.
- 8 September 1943 : No Change.
- 9 September 1943 : The 1st Platoon in command of Lt. Crumpton was attached to the 16th Infantry Regt and assigned the mission of patrolling in the vicinity of Licata. The 2nd Platoon commanded by Lt. Reich was attached to the 18th Infantry Regt and assigned the mission of patrolling in the vicinity of Gela. The 3rd Platoon was attached to the 26th Infantry Regt and assigned the mission of patrolling in the vicinity of Ponte Olivio. The Regimental mission to provide security of the air fields at Licata, Gela and Ponte Olivio.
- 10 September 1943 : Platoons continued their mission.
- 11 September 1943 : All three platoons recalled and assembled at the Troop bivouac area at Palma di Montichiari.
- 12 September 1943 : No Change.
- 13 September 1943 : Major Adams relieved from attached duty with the Troop and returned to Headquarters 1st US Inf Div., authority of VCCG. Troop performed usual camp duties.
- 14 September 1943 : No Change.
- 15 September 1943 : The Division assigned the three Infantry Regiments and the Division Artillery to defense sectors and the Reconnaissance Troop was ordered to attach one platoon to each of the three Regiments and to the Division Artillery. The 1st Platoon under the command of Lt. Crumpton assigned to the 16th Infantry Regiment, left the Troop bivouac area at approximately 0700 hours and proceeded to the sector assigned to the 16th Infantry Regiment. The 1st Platoon set up bivouac in the vicinity of Licata. Lt. Reich in command of the 2nd Platoon was notified that his Platoon would not be needed until later. The 3rd Platoon under command of Lt. Ennis attached to the 26th Infantry Regiment left the Troop bivouac area at approximately 0700 hours and proceeded to the sector assigned to the 26th Infantry Regiment. The 3rd Platoon set up bivouac in the vicinity of Naro. A provisional platoon was formed and Lt. Peek given command. This provisional platoon assigned to the ~~26th Infantry~~ *26th Div. Arty.* left the Troop bivouac and proceeded to the Division Artillery sector. This provisional platoon bivouaced about 10 miles south of Raffadali.
- 16 September 1943 : Usual camp duties performed by Headquarters platoon and Second platoon.
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- 18 September 1943 : The 2nd Platoon commanded by Lt. Reich and attached to the 18th Infantry Regiment, moved out and proceeded to the sector assigned to the 18th Infantry. The 2nd Platoon made it's bivouac in Ponte Olivio. Orders received by the Troop Commander to turn in (10) ten Scout Cars complete with armament by 19 September 1943. Scout Cars and crews immediately called in.
- 19 September 1943 : Lt. Raymond and the Scout Car Drivers proceeded to Palermo with the Scout Cars and turned them over to the Base Ordnance Depot.
- 20 September 1943 : Lt. Raymond and drivers return to Troop bivouac.
- 21 September 1943 : Orders received by Troop Commander to make road reconnaissance of routes to Catania from Palma di Montechiarri and to turn in a written report on these routes.
- 22 September 1943 : Road reconnaissance mission completed, information consolidated, and report turned in.
- 23 September 1943 : Platoons out in defense sectors continue mission. Usual duties performed by Troop Headquarters in Troop bivouac area.
- 24 September 1943 : No Change.
- 25 September 1943 : Lt. Peek and 12 men from Provisional platoon return to Troop bivouac to prepare for range firing.
- 26 September 1943 : No Change.
- 27 September 1943 : Rifle, carbine and pistol range firing begin. Lt. Peek and his men return to the provisional platoon bivouac.
- 28 September 1943 : No Change.
- 29 September 1943 : Headquarters platoon fires rifles, carbines and pistols on the range. Platoons on duty in defense sector relieved of mission and called back to troop bivouac area at Palma di Montechiarri. The 2nd platoon returned to the bivouac area at approximately 1500 hours.
- 30 September 1943 : <sup>WLB</sup> The 1st, ~~2nd~~ 3rd & Provisional platoons returned to the Troop area. The Troop and it's officers were paid.

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*William L. Blake*  
WILLIAM L. BLAKE  
Captain, 1st Rcn Troop (Cav)  
Commanding.

1ST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

HISTORICAL REPORT

OCTOBER 1943

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
A P O # 1 U S ARMY

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1 November 1943

SUBJECT : Historical Records and History of Organization for October, 1943.  
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.  
THRU : The Commanding General, 1st US Infantry Division, APO# 1, US Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-104, as changed by changes No 3, dated March 9, 1943, the following report is rendered:

HISTORY & RECORD OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 1943.

- 1 October 1943 : Usual camp duties in Troop Bivouac, at Palma di Montechiarri, Sicily.
- 2 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 3 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 4 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 5 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 6 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 7 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 8 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 9 October 1943 : Staff Sergeant Richard R. Beard, transferred to the U.S.A., per par 1, SO# 164, Hq 1st U.S. Inf Div., under the provisions of "Rotation of Officers and Enlisted Men on Duty Overseas".
- 10 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 11 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 12 October 1943 : 1st Lt. T.C. Raymond departed from the Troop Bivouac with 26 Enlisted Men to turn in the Troop's vehicles at Palermo Sicily.
- 13 October 1943 : Tec 4th grade Stuart, and ten enlisted men departed from the Troop Bivouac to turn in the remainder of vehicles at Palermo, Sicily.
- 14 October 1943 : 1st Lt. Raymond and 26 enlisted men returned from Palermo, Sicily.

- 15 October 1943 : Tech 4th grade Stuart and ten enlisted men returned from Palermo, Sicily. Sgt Hackett trfd per SO#166, Hq 1st U.S. Inf Div, under provisions of Rotation of Officers & EM.
- 16 October 1943 : Troop property sent to P of E.
- 17 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 18 October 1943 : 1st Lt. C.I. Lenard returned from Arial Photography Interpretation School to duty as a Troop Officer.
- 19 October 1943 : Usual camp duties.
- 20 October 1943 : Entire Troop departs from Troop Bivouac area at Palmaridi Montachiarri, Sicily for P of E at Augusta Sicily at 1920 hours. Movement by truck.
- 21 October 1943 : Troop reached staging area at Augusta, Sicily at about 0600 hours and remained there. At 1600 hours the Troop boarded HMT Largsbay.
- 22 October 1943 : Aboard transport at anchor in Port of Augusta, Sicily.
- 23 October 1943 : HMT Largsbay embarked in convoy for the United Kingdom.
- 24 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.
- 25 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.
- 26 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.
- 27 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.
- 28 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.
- 29 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.
- 30 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.
- 31 October 1943 : Aboard transport at sea.

*William L. Blake*

WILLIAM L. BLAKE  
 Capt., 1st Rcn Troop (Cav)  
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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
APO # 1 U. S. ARMY

1 December 1943

SUBJECT : Historical Records and History of Organization for November, 1943.

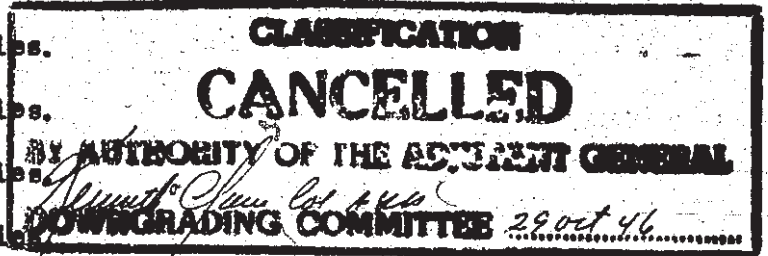
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.

THRU : The Commanding General, 1st US Infantry Division, APO# 1, US Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-104, as changed by changes No 3, dated March 9, 1943, the following report is rendered:

HISTORY & RECORD OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 1943

- 1 November 1943 : Aboard Transport HMT Largebay at sea.
- 2 November 1943 : Aboard Transport at sea.
- 3 November 1943 : Aboard Transport at sea.
- 4 November 1943 : Aboard Transport at sea.
- 5 November 1943 : HMT Largebay docked at Cardiff, Wales, at 1400 hrs. Troop disembarked at 1830 hrs. Troop entrained at Cardiff at 1855 hrs. for Maiden Newton, Dorset County, England.
- 6 November 1943 : Troop detrained at Maiden Newton at 0200 hrs and were trucked to Warden Hill Camp, Dorset County, England
- 7 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 8 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 9 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 10 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 11 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 12 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 13 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 14 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.
- 15 November 1943 : Departed from Warden Hill Camp by truck 1000 hrs and arrived at Camp Piddlehinton, Dorset, England at 1215 hrs.





16 November 1943 : Usual Camp Duties.  
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WILLIAM L. BLAKE  
Capt. Cav.  
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1ST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
APO # 1 U S ARMY

1 January 1944

SUBJECT : Historical Records and History of Organization for December 1943.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D.C.

THRU : The Commanding General, 1st US Infantry Division, APO# 1, US Army

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-104, as changed by changes No 3, dated March 9, 1943, the following report is rendered:

HISTORY & RECORD OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 1943

- 1 December 1943 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 2 December 1943 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 3 December 1943 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 4 December 1943 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
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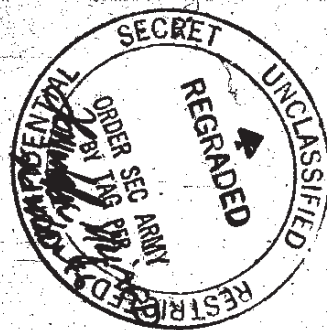
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HISTORICAL REPORT

JANUARY 1944

FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
APO # 1 U S ARMY

10-FEBRUARY-1944

SUBJECT : Historical Records and History of Organization for January 1944.  
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D.C.  
THRU : The Commanding General, 1st U.S. Infantry Division, APO # 1, US Army

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-104, as changed by changes No 3, dated March 9, 1943, the following report is rendered:

HISTORY AND RECORD OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 1944

- 1 January 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties.
- 2 January 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties.
- 3 January 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties.
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FEBRUARY 1944

FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
APO # 1 US ARMY

5-MARCH-1944

SUBJECT : Historical Records and History of Organization for February 1944

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.

THRU : The Commanding General, 1st US Inf Div APO #1 US Army

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 AR 345-104, as changed by changes No 3, dated 9-March-1943, the following report is rendered.

HISTORY AND RECORD OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1944

- 1 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 2 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 3 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 4 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 5 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 6 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 7 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 8 February 1944 : Troop departed from Troop Area at Camp Piddlehinton at 2200 hrs on 48 hour dismounted problem.
- 9 February 1944 : Troop remained in field on problem
- 10 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 11 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 12 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 13 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 14 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 15 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 16 February 1944 : Troop departed from the Troop Area at Camp Piddlehinton at 1000 hrs on a two (2) day reconnaissance and combat problem. Lt., ~~Patricio~~ Lt., Lenard was awarded with Silver Star as per Gen Orders 1st US Inf Div.
- 17 February 1944 : Troop returned to Troop Area at Camp Piddlehinton at 1600 hrs from the two (2) day reconnaissance and combat problem.

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- 18 February 1-44 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 19 February 1944 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
- 20 February 1 44 : Training and Usual Camp Duties
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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
APO # 1 US ARMY

12-APRIL-1944

SUBJECT : Historical Report for March 1944  
TO : Adjutant General, US Army, Washington 25 DC.  
THRU : Channels

1. In compliance with par 10 AR 545-105, as changed by changes 5, 8-March 1943, the following report is submitted.

a. General

During March this Troop held no functions and there is no important administrative data.

Training became more extensive with stress being laid on conditioning of the men and training each platoon to work as a team. Two (2) thirty six (36) hour problems were held and one 1) eighteen (18) hour problem was held in which the Reconnaissance Company of the 629th Tank Destroyer Bn. was the opposition. Much work was also done in dismounted reconnaissance. Troop was also trained in river crossing. Each man fired a familiarization course with his weapon and the crew served weapons (Cal 30 MG, Cal 50 MG, 60MM Mortar and 57MM Gun) were fired.

b. Strength report on 1 Mar 1944 was (8) officers and (176) enlistedmen; (3) enlistedmen transferred to detachment of patients, (5) enlistedmen replacements received. Strength report on 31-March-1944 (8) officers and (176) enlistedmen.

c. Station

Camp Piddichinton, Dorset England.

d. Marches

One (1) night march (mounted) was held for the purpose of training drivers in blackout driving and non-commissioned officers in map reading. The daily marches are of two (2) hour duration and cover nine (9) miles.

e. Campaigns—None

f. Battles—None

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g. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements—Does not Apply.

h. Lessons in Action—Does not Apply

i. Awards, Decorations and Citations—None

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