

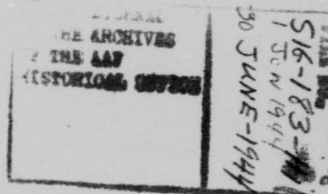


**183rd Signal Surface Air Warning Platoon Battalion  
594th Signal Air Warning Battalion  
XIIth Fighter Command  
12th Air Force**



**June to December, 1944  
Italy**

*Images LEFT TO RIGHT: Signal Corps crossed flags, 12th Air Force Shoulder Patch*



183 SIGNAL SURFACE WARNING PLATOON

JUNE 1944

MICROFILMED

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DESIGNATION SHEET

SIG-183-H1.

June 44

AIR FORCE 12th Air Force

COMMAND XII Ftr. Cmd.

WING \_\_\_\_\_

FIGHTER CONTROL SQDN. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL A/C WARNING BN. 594th S. A. & Bn.

SIGNAL A/C WARNING CO. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL A/C WARNING PLATOON \_\_\_\_\_

COAST ARTILLERY SURFACE WARNING PL. 6607 C. A. S. & P.

Redesignated 183 Signal S W P

SECRET  
HEADQUARTERS  
183rd Signal SWP  
APO 650

30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 12th Air Force, APO 650, US Army  
Attention: A-2 Historian

Thru : Commanding Officer 594th Sig AW Bn. APO 650, US Army  
Attention: Historian

1. Outline History of the 183 Signal SWP for the period of 10 June to 30 June 1944:

- a. Original designation
  - (1) Original designation-183rd Signal SWP
  - (2) Place of activation-APO 650
  - (3) Date of activation-~~11/11~~ 10 June 1944
  - (4) Authority for activation-Cen G-35 Hqs XII Fighter Command, dated 31 May 1944
  - (5) Sources of personnel-transferred from the 6607 CA SWP
- b. Changes in organization  
No Change
- c. Strength
  - (1) 10 June 44, 22 EM 2 off
  - (2) 30 June 44, 22 EM 2 off
- d. Stations of unit  
Pt. Canastel, Algeria
- e. Movement of unit  
None
- f. Campaigns  
None
- g. Operations  
Routine reporting of shipping plots to Filter Room
- h. Losses in action  
None
- i. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action  
None
- j. Number of photographs being submitted  
None

2. Inclosed is War Diary 183rd Signal SWP for the period of 10 June to 30 June 1944

For the Commanding Officer

*Edward B. Mayer*  
Edward B. Mayer  
2nd Lt. Sig.C.  
Historian

1. Incl.
  1. War Diary

SECRET

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Edward B. Mayer 2nd Lt. Sig.C.

DAY

EVENTS

10. The 183rd was activated today, and personnel from the disbanded 6607 C.A. were assigned to it. We'll try our luck under the crossed flags instead of the crossed cannon. Despite much good-natured griping by the men it apparently made little or no difference to any of them.
11. Many of the men off duty attended church services today. It was the nicest day in a long time, we have been having too much heavy fog.
12. Sgt. Waldorf returned from the hospital, ready for duty.
13. Half of the outfit went in to see the British "Mafia Knights" perform at the Empire Club. It saved them making a special trip to our unit. The show proved to be very good, the jokes in particular, although they were a bit on the risque side, as one of the men put it. M/Sgt Donald from the 178 Sig SWP stayed with while in this neighborhood in search of some spare parts. He is well known by many of the old group.
14. Lt. Weber visited Lt. Col. Wagner at Mostaganem, reporting for duty.
15. Had our weekly beer ration, and on a hot day it was extra good.
16. Lt. Mayer met T/4 Raymond Schiedel from his home town, their first meeting in nearly four years.
17. Some of the boys went in for a swim today. The water was grand.
18. Usual group attended church services today.
19. The local PX had some film on sale again so several of the men drove in with the mail clerk to obtain some.
20. Major Martin, Exec of the 594th inspected our unit today with the En. medical officer and chaplain. The men had their first "short Aprn" inspection in weeks.
21. T/5 Bright won a wrist watch, our unit's allotment from the PX.
22. T/5 Bradley hospitalized with a fever. Had some more of that good beer today.
23. PX rations today, with plenty of chocolates and do the men like it.
24. Several of the men that visited Bradley report him to be feeling fine.
25. Church day again, and the usual lazy Sun. except for those on duty.
26. Caught a mess of rats again last night. They seem to move in on us in groups, But they leave this world in a hurry when they do.
27. T/5 Bradley returned to duty today.
28. Supply Sgt. kept pretty busy trying to draw our new T/E equipment.
29. Drew most of the T/E supplies today.
30. Pay day and PX rations sure raised the men's morale another notch above the high level it usually is at.

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FOR RETURN TO THE ARCHIVES OF THE GAF HISTORICAL BRANCH	

183 SIGNAL SURFACE WARNING PLATOON

AUG 1944- OCT-1944

MICROFILMED

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DESIGNATION SHEET

AIR FORCE 12th Air Force

COMMAND XII Hq. Command

WING \_\_\_\_\_

FIGHTER CONTROL SQDN. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION BN. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL A/C WARNING BN. 594th Signal A.C. Warning Bn.

SIGNAL A/C WARNING CO. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL A/C WARNING PLATOON \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL SURFACE WARNING PL. 183rd Signal Surface Warning Platoon

RADAR REPORTING PLATOON \_\_\_\_\_

VHF INSTALLATION CREW \_\_\_\_\_

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS  
183rd SIGNAL S.W.P.  
APO 650

SECRET  
By Auth. C.O.  
183 Sig. S.W.P.  
31 August 1944  
E.B.M. Int.

31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, XII Air Force, APO 650, US Army.  
THRU : Commanding Officer, 594th Sig AW Bn. APO 650, US Army.  
Attention: Historian.

1. Outline History of the 183rd Signal Surface Warning Platoon  
for the period from 1st August 1944 to 31st August 1944.

- a. Present Designation - 183rd Signal Surface Warning Platoon.  
Assigned to: 594th Signal AW Bn.
- b. Changes in organization -
  - (1) Changes in T/O  
New T/O & E 11-400, 1 March/44 as amended by Sec 5V  
Cir 201, W.D., 1944.  
Old T/O & E 11-437, 28 June/43 as amended by  
Changes 1, 2, 3.
- c. Strength-Commissioned and Enlisted:
  - (1) Month of August 1944
    - (a) At beginning- 1 Officer, 46 EM
    - (b) Net decrease- 7 EM
    - (c) At end- 1 Officer, 39 EM.
- d. Stations of Unit-  
Point Canastel, Algeria
- e. Movement of Unit-  
None
- f. Campaigns-  
None
- g. Operations-  
Routine reporting of shipping plots to Filter Room.
- h. Losses in Action-  
None
- i. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action-  
None
- j. Number of photographs being submitted-  
None

2. Inclosed is War Diary, 183rd Signal SWP for the period from  
1st August 1944 to 31st August 1944.

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Historical Records. Hq. 183rd Signal S.W.P.. 31 August 1944 (Contd)

*Edward B. Mayer*

Edward B. Mayer  
2nd Lt. Sig. C.  
Commanding

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## C O N F I D E N T I A L

Sheet No 1 War Diary 183rd Signal S.W.P. Open AFO 650  
 (Station)  
 Month of August, 1944. Prepared by Edward E. Mayer, 2nd Lt. 183 Sig SWP  
 (name, rank, unit)

## DAY

## EVENTS

1. Started the month off with a group going swimming. All were pleased with the lunch and cokes served in plenty.
2. Mail was plentiful and newspapers far behind schedule came.
3. Lt. Weber paid us a visit, getting some information he knew of as he was CO here for 18 months. He is always most welcome and we want him to think of our unit as ever his group.
4. PX day with big 10¢ Hersheys.
5. Orders came through from the 594th Sig AW Bn making Sgts Bates, Lay and Waterway relieved from DS - - - nothing like orders in the Army.
6. We enjoyed some very delicious ice cream - all you could eat.
7. Our Sgts newly received with Sgt Stalnaker were paid and then went to the 6th Dispensary to get the Typhus and Smallpox inoculations due them. Guess they are full fledged members now.
8. Received a new tent to relieve our crowded conditions and now all have good sleeping quarters. Several enjoyed a swim at the beach.
9. Today we lost 8 EM: a T/3 and 7 T/5's who were transferred to 62 and 63 Ftr. Wings.
10. T/3 John V. Malay had a Red Cross girl from his hometown, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to supper. The boys sure were just such good little boys, very self-conscious.
11. PX today, O'Henry bars & Cashew nuts, something we've waited for anxiously.
12. S/Ldr Radcliff & 1st Lt Nelson, 210 Wing, visited and stayed for dinner. Our weekly ration of beer and ice cream came all in one day. With these hot days, both taste excellent. Our cream was much richer this time.
13. Lt. Weber came to dinner and left to take in the 4 o'clock show.
14. We got some stone for our driveways to keep down the dust.
15. Several Catholics went to Mass this morn. Sgt Kaplan reported after 11 days in the hospital.

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Sheet No 2 War Diary 183rd Signal S.W.P. Oran AF0 650  
 (Station)  
 Month of August, 1944. Prepared by Edward B. Mayer, 2nd Lt. 183rd Sig SWP  
 (name, rank, unit)

DAY

EVENTS

15. (cont'd) Ice cream with a peach flavor was enjoyed at noon - tastes as good as any you can get in the States.
16. Our weekly beer ration was much appreciated. We had a group go swimming to the Red Cross Beach Club.
17. Ice cream with pineapple was enjoyed by all today.
18. PX and our first candy in pound weight - they were kept fresh by being packed in tin.
19. Several enjoyed a swim at Red Cross Club beach.
20. Just the usual attending Sunday services happened today.
21. Sgt Stalnaker came up with a sore arm, having been jumped by three (3) sailors in town. A major passing by saw the incident and saved the day.
22. Our first rain since Spring fell and we didn't look for any until late in September.
23. The morn was like a cold Fall day, cloudy, damp and a cold strong wind blew. Soldiers ordered off streets of Oran at 8 P.M.
24. Had delicious ice cream for our dessert. Loads of packages came in so plenty of candy and cookies in the day-room.
25. All morn it was nasty and rainy, our first real uncomfortable morn. At noon Sun came out and it was really hot due to a very low ceiling.
26. Notified we were reorganized under a new T/O & E so a lot of work will be ours for days to come.
27. Two Chaplains visited, but did not hold service since our unit attended service in town this morn.
28. Our first day of a real rainy nature, attended by violent winds.

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Sheet No 3 War Diary 183rd Signal S.W.F. Orgn AF0 650  
(Station)

Month of August, 1944. Prepared by Edward B. Mayer, 2nd Lt, 183 Sig SWP  
(Name, rank, unit)

DAY

EVENTS

29. Lt. Miller of 114 C.A. visited and had dinner today. Today is the hottest on record.
30. Several of our boys were shown how to field-strip a 50 Caliber Machine Gun by experts of 114 C.A. Bn. Also our maintenance men received plenty of help on the SCR 584 Set which we shall soon get.
31. Pay-day and so for a while all pockets will be flush.

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..ING : 03a fighter wing

GROUP :

SQUADRON: 594th Signal AW Battalion

OTHER : 1st Sig. Surf. W. Platoon

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183rd SIGNAL S.W.P.  
APO 650

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3 October 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, XII Air Force, APO 650, US Army.  
(Thru channels)

ATT : Historian.

1. Outline History of the 183rd Signal Surface Warning Platoon for the period 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944.

Platoon. a. Present Designation- 183rd Signal Surface Warning  
Assigned to: 63rd Fighter Wing.b. Changes in organization.

(1) Units.

(a) Assigned to 63rd Fighter Wing.

(b) On DS with Co. "B", 594th Signal AW Bn.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of September 1944

(a) At beginning- 1 Officer, 39 EM

(b) At end - 1 Officer, 39 EM

d. Station of Unit.

(1) Name of station.- Mostaganem, Algeria.

(a) Date of arrival- 16 September 1944.

e. Movement of Unit.

(1) From- Canastel, Algeria to Mostaganem, Algeria.

(a) Purpose- Staging area.

(b) Dates- September 13th to 16th incl.

(c) By motor convoy

(d) Excellent travel conditions.

f. Campaigns, Operations, Losses in Action, Photographs.

(a) None for month of September 1944.

2. Inclosed is unit War Diary for month of Sept. 1944.

1 Incl:  
War Diary.

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*Edward B. Mayer*  
 Edward B. Mayer  
 2nd Lt. Sig. C.  
 Commanding.

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## C O N F I D E N T I A L

Sheet No 1 War Diary 183rd SIGNAL SWP Orgn (Station)

*Edward B. Mayer*

Month of September, 1944. Prepared by Edward B. Mayer 2nd Lt. 183 S.  
(Name, rank, unit)

## DAY

## EVENTS

1. Officially closed our Radar Station at midnight last night which concluded 19 months service from the unit. Started on dismantling during the day. We also have our new T/E to fill out.
2. Got boxes and lumber to crate our equipment. Passes are cancelled for day and only evening passes are issued.
3. Crated several things and are now ready to waterproof boxes. Many special-odd sized boxes were made.
4. After much struggle no waterproofing paper is available so we will get tar paper and tar.
5. Turned in all T/T tubes and work is progressing, waterproofing everything. It is a job with felt tar paper and much patience is required.
6. Still packing the 582 and our equipment. Got in the .50 Cal. M.G.'s today.
7. Got a motor crated and water proofed as well as our two big cabinets; a lot of work is required.
8. Returned all the junk about the place to salvage. PX today, plenty of pineapple juice, etc.
9. Had ice cream today. What a treat!
10. Have 582 crated and waterproofed, marked, labeled for shipment and now we start on the two houses.
11. Lt. Mayer made arrangements with Capt. Wilson, C.O. of Co. "B" for the movement of the unit to Mostaganem.
12. Half of portable house was taken to staging area.
13. The remaining half of portable house taken to staging area and the power plant house torn down.

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Sheet No 2 War Diary 183rd SIGNAL SWP Orgn (Station)  
 Month of September, 1944. Prepared by Edward B. Mayer 2nd Lt. 183 S.  
 (Name, rank, unit)

- | DAY | EVENTS  |
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| 14. | Took our Radar equipment to staging area.   |
| 15. | Took our T/E equipment to staging area and T/4's Gnewikow & Miller, T/5's Riddel & Strange went as guards for eqpt.   |
| 16. | The unit moved to Mostaganem where we wait orders to depart for places elsewhere.   |
| 17. | Sunday all went to church and more or less got settled. Three of the Jewish faith have overnight passes for Oran.   |
| 18. | Marked things in conformity with shipping regulations. Our boys started on guard mount.   |
| 19. | Continued marking equipment. Boys enjoy evening shows.  |
| 20. | Finished marking everything and have the list ready for S-4.  |
| 21. | Having the work completed, several went to Oran for the day.  |
| 22. | An all night rain and continuing thru the day warns us of the approach of the rainy season. P.X. was obtained today and a much better choice than we got in our little group. |
| 23. | Lt. Weber came to get supplies and spent the night. Our unit was glad to see him.   |
| 24. | Everyone went to church that desired. The group from Bizerte came and after 21 months of separation a fond reunion was enjoyed.   |
| 25. | Started painting the 2½ ton truck.  |
| 26. | Spent most of the day cleaning and getting the weapons carrier ready for a paint job it did not get.  |

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary 183rd SIGNAL S.W.P. Cmn

Month of September, 1944. Prepared by Edward B. Mayer <sup>(Station)</sup> 2nd Lt. 183 S.  
(name, rank, unit)

DAY

EVENTS

27. The morning was spent on many details and most men went on pass during the afternoon as there will be no more until after October 7th which marks the end of our training program.
28. Training program began. Reville at 6:45. And on thru the day.
29. P.X. and a good supply is had for all. A march plus a lecture on Chemical Warfare was the afternoon schedule.
30. Inspection and pay day.

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HEADQUARTERS  
183rd Signal SWP  
APO 650SIG-183-H1  
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: 183 Sig. SWP :  
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1 November 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, XII Air Force, APO 650, US Army.  
(Thru channels)

ATT : Historian.

1. Outline History of the 183rd Signal Surface Warning  
Platoon for the period 1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944 incl.

- a. Present Designation- 183rd Signal Surface Warning  
Platoon.  
Assigned to: 63rd Fighter Wing.
- b. Changes in organization- None.
- c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.  
(1) Month of October 1944.  
(a) At beginning- 1 Officer, 39 EM  
(b) At end - 1 Officer, 39 EM
- d. Station of Unit.  
(1) Name of station- 1st Staging Area PBS  
(a) Date of arrival- 30 October 1944
- e. Movement of Unit.  
(1) From Mostaganem, Algeria to Staging Area  
CP2, NBS.  
(a) Purpose- To facilitate rapid embarkation.  
(b) Dates- 11 October 1944  
(c) By motor convoy.  
(2) From Staging Area CP2, NBS to 1st Staging  
Area PBS  
(a) Purpose- En route to new station.  
(b) Dates- 25th October to 30th October/44  
(c) Via S.S. Arundel Castle. (Br.)
- f. Campaigns, Operations, Losses in Action, Photographs.  
(a) None for month of October 1944.

2. Inclosed is unit War Diary for month of October 1944

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War Diary

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*Edward B. Mayer*  
Edward B. Mayer  
2nd Lt. Sig. C.5673-1  
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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 183rd Signal SWP APO 650 US Army

Month of October 1944 Prepared by *Edward B. Mayer*  
Edward B. Mayer 2nd Lt. 183 Sig.

## DAY

## EVENTS

1. The Catholics went to the French Church to Mass in the morning. In the afternoon Chaplain Bagby held Battalion service for Protestants.
2. The training program started off again after a days vacation. Drilling, Chemical Warfare, Military Courtesy, and Interior Guard were on the schedule.
3. The Battalion training program again filled in the day with the afternoon devoted to a three hour march.
4. The morning was spent in drill and classes, the afternoon was soldier voting day for the battalion. Each company took care of its own.
5. PX as well as laundry day was sandwiched in among the various classes. The afternoon was devoted to weapons and a review on how to fire as we go on the range tomorrow.
6. Range day. Half of our platoon went today.
7. Range day. Remaining half of platoon went to fire. A complete shakedown inspection was held to find certain missing items; the 561st Signal Aq Bn was included.
8. Church day. The afternoon was livened by the Officers playing the EM a soft ball game.
9. Last minute preparations for moving to the staging area are keeping all busy.
10. Tomorrow we move out. All equipment is at the docks and the drivers are wondering if they will go to the boat or staging area.
11. The Bn. moved to MBS staging area back of Lion Mountain. Everything went smoothly and we had only a slight sprinkle during the forty mile journey.
12. Today the men are fixing up their tents and a ball league is being formed.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 183rd Signal SWP APO 650 US Army

Month of October 1944 Prepared by *Edward B. Mayer* 2nd Lt. 183 Sig.

DAY	EVENTS
13.	Eleven teams form the league, 10 EM & 1 Officer. Our team lost a tough one- lto O. We are the Pirates.
14.	Again we lost a hard game after leading. Final score: 9 to 4. The games draw big crowds. The umps. sure take their share of razing.
15.	Today we beat a strong officer team 7 to 2; so now maybe we will get going.
16.	We have a day off. The officers beat the team who beat us 9 to 4; shows how breaks go. Lt. Mayer celebrated his first anniversary as an officer.
17.	Those driving the big trucks left us and are on their way to Italy. The weapons carriers were taken to the docks to go in a different boat and the personnel will go in still a different one. Some mix-up there will be no doubt.
18.	The weapons carriers were loaded on the second boat. Our team won their game today. T/5 Bright left with the 6x6 in the first boat.
19.	Our team won again 9 to 0 and they played their best ball game so far. Another beautiful sunny day like every one the past week. Our French money was changed into gold seal.
20.	Another sunny day and our unit team won 6 to 3.
21.	Company formations were held for retreat.
22.	Church was attended by many. Ball games continued.
23.	T/4 Ogle and T/5 Molar left on second boat. Battalion drill was held and all looked fine. All passes stopped.
24.	Our team won its fourth straight game.
25.	Battalion drill held again. Lt. Mayer was OD.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary 183rd Signal S.W.P. APC 650 US Army

Month of October 1944 Prepared by Edward B. Mayer 2nd Lt. 183 Sig.

DAY	EVENTS
25.	(Cont'd) Unit embarked from Mers El Kebir, Algeria on the British S.S. Arundel Castle.
26.	First day aboard was a bit rough. A few men were sick.
27.	The chow is fair and the accommodations crowded. Officers cabins and meals were excellent.
28.	Our ship is waiting in Algiers harbor for more passengers.
29.	On our way once again and all are glad to be on the move.
30.	Unit disembarked at Naples, Italy and proceeded to PBS Staging Area in that city.
31.	Our payroll is ready for submission to the local finance officer.

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183 SIGNAL SURFACE WARNING PLATOON

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HEADQUARTERS  
183rd SIGNAL S.W.P.  
APO 650

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4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, XII Air Force, APO 650 US Army.  
(Thru channels)

ATT : Historian

1. Outline History of the 183rd Signal Surface Warning Platoon  
for the period 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 Inclusive.

- a. Present Designation- 183rd Signal Surface Warning Plat.  
Assigned to: 560th Signal AW Bn.
- b. Changes in organization-
  - (1) Units.
    - (a) Relieved from assignment to 63rd Fighter Wing.
    - (b) Assigned to 560th Signal AW Bn.
- c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
  - (1) Month of November 1944.
    - (a) At beginning- 1 Officer, 39 EM
    - (b) At end - 1 Officer, 41 EM
- d. Station of Unit.
  - (1) Name of Station- Leghorn, Italy
  - (a) Date of arrival- 21 November 1944.
- e. Movement of Unit.
  - (1) From 1st Staging Area, FBS to Leghorn, Italy.
    - (a) Purpose- Change of Station
    - (b) Dates- November 16th to 21st 1944 Incl.
    - (c) Via- S.S. Joseph Pulitzer.
- f. Campaigns, Operations, Losses in Action, Photographs.
  - (a) None for month of November 1944.

2. Inclosed is unit War Diary for month of November 1944.

*Edward B. Mayer*  
Edward B. Mayer  
1st Lt. Sig. C.  
Commanding

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 183rd Signal S.W.P. APO 650 US Army  
Month of November 1944 Prepared by Harry F. Weber S/Sgt. 183 Signal SWP

DAY	EVENTS
	1. We are messing with other outfits and our main duty is guard.
	2. Some men visited Mt. Vesuvius and other points of interest.
	3. The local Red Cross is a source of enjoyment for all. Entertainment galore!
	4. Some men will drive our vehicles north and all others will proceed by ship it was learned today.
	5. Five of our original unit visited Sorrento with our Signal Corp installation team.
	6. P.X. day and the men were glad to get back rations due them.
	7. Our own mess is well established now and the meals reflect it.
	8. Men on pass are buying gloves and silk stockings while on pass.
	9. Every man is sleeping on a cot now and they are a welcome relief from the hard floor.
	10. Red Cross movies were enjoyed by most of the outfit tonight as usual.
	11. Cpl. Molar, Sgts. Ogle, Weber, and Cantlon left today to drive to Pisa.
	12. Drivers visited Rome and took in everything that time would permit.
	13. Truck convoy continued northward while the bulk of the outfit awaited ship transportation.
	14. Truck convoy arrived safely at 594th Signal AW En. bivouac area.
	15. PFC's H. Levine, Messecar, Nielson, Mulcahy, and D. Levine were transferred to the 561st Signal AW En. These men had been on DS since they were first assigned to this unit.
	16. Unit embarked on S.S. Joseph Pulitzer at Naples.
	17. Ivts. Alexander, Baldassini, Reeves, Robbe, and Snedeker were assigned to this unit from Hq. & Hq. Sq., 63rd Fighter Wing.
	18. Unit was relieved from assignment to the 63rd Fighter Wing and assigned to the 560th Signal AW En. per GO #225, Hq. XII Air Force dated 5 Nov/44.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 183rd Signal S.W.P. APO 650 US Army  
 Month of November 1944 Prepared by Harry F. Weber S/Sgt. 183 Signal SWP

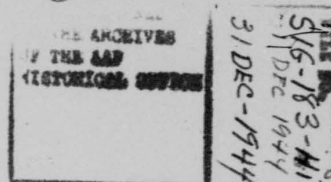
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19. Pvt. Baldassini was transferred to 186th Signal Surf. Warn. Plat.
20. The men on board ship are a bit restless and will be glad to step once again on Italian soil.
21. Unit disembarked at Leghorn, Italy and proceeded to 560th Signal AW Bn. bivouac area.
22. The four drivers joined the rest of the outfit at the new bivouac area.
23. T/5's Bucinski, Casp, Cleveland, and Myers were relieved from DS with the 594th Signal AW Bn. and reported for duty.
24. Pvts. Keller, Kilbride, Kirby and T/5's D. Levin, and Welsch were assigned to this unit and reported for duty.
25. PFC Robbe was transferred to Hq. 51st Troop Carrier Wing.
26. Lt. Mayer was promoted to 1st Lt. effective 17 October 1944.
27. All EM except Sgts. Ogle, Davis, Weber, and Cantlon were placed on DS with Hq. & Flotting Co., 560th Signal AW Bn.
28. The Special Order assigning Pvt. Alexander to this unit was rescinded.
29. T/3 Jennings was promoted to S/Sgt. to rank from date of rank of T/3 on 4th June 1944 and this information was forwarded to the 16th MRU.
30. The month wound up with 41 men on our morning report and with 37 of them on DS.

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183 SIGNAL SURFACE WARNING PLATOON (PIN)

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SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, XII Air Force, APO 650, US Army.  
(Thru channels)1. Outline History of the 183rd Signal Surface Warning Platoon  
for the period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 inclusive.

- a. Present Designation- 183rd Signal Surface Warning Plat.  
Assigned to: 560th Signal AW Battalion.
- b. Changes in Organization- Unit reorganized in accordance  
with Change No. 2 to T/O & E 11-400 on 30 December 1944.
- c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.  
(1) Month of December 1944  
(a) At beginning- 1 Officer, 41 EM  
(b) At end- 1 Officer, 45 EM
- d. Station of Unit.- Leghorn, Italy.
- e. Movement of Unit- None.
- f. Campaigns, Operations, Losses in Action, Photographs- None.

2. Inclosed is unit War Diary for month of December 1944.

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1 Incl: War Diary

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<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
	1. T/5 Molar was transferred today to the 178th Signal S.W.P.
	2. This was inspection day and all tents were found to be in perfect order.
	3. Many of the men attended Church Services.
	4. Christmas packages have started to arrive and morale is very high.
	5. Lt. Mayer and T/3 Cantlon left today for Florence in order to prepare an educational program in the 560th Signal AW Battalion.
	6. The evening movie was attended by a record crowd.
	7. Lt. Mayer and T/3 Cantlon returned from Florence with encouraging news about the educational classes which will start very shortly.
	8. Today was hike day and the men really enjoyed the healthful exercise.
	9. Extensive preparations are being made for the battalion anniversary party.
	10. Once again the Church Services were well attended.
	11. Everyone is looking forward to the party tomorrow as the day is to be crammed full of entertainment.
	12. T/5 Bright was transferred to the 64th TC Group today. The anniversary party was a huge success.
	13. A great number of men are planning to take advantage of the schooling scheduled to start as soon as possible.
	14. Lt. Mayer left for Rome today to obtain necessary texts, etc. for the educational program.
	15. The battalion hike was the big event of the day.
	16. Lt. Mayer returned from Rome well equipped to open the proposed school.
	17. Our C.O., Lt. Mayer, was placed on DS today with En. Hq. & Flot. Co.
	18. Plans are being made for the men to visit Rome over Christmas.
	19. T/3 Cantlon and T/4 Ogle were placed on DS with Hq. & Flotting Co. today.
	20. A few of the men visited Florence and returned with many souvenirs.

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21. More tents were winterized today. Soon they will all be completed.
22. The area is starting to look very much like Christmas with a tree, etc.
23. The battalion "Tavern in the Pines" and Snack Bar continue to be very popular with all the men.
24. Christmas Eve was celebrated by opening gifts that had been arriving for several weeks.
25. Christmas Day was one high in morale. An excellent turkey dinner was served complete in every detail.
26. A clear, cool day made an excellent semi-weekly hike in order.
27. T/3 Fiorelli was transferred to the 64th TC Group today.
28. Classes are now held every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.
29. Another hike was the main event of the day.
30. T/4 Waldorf was transferred to the 560th Signal AW Bn. today and eight (8) EM were assigned to this unit and placed on DS with 560th Signal AW Battalion.
31. New Years Eve and everyone has high hopes for the coming year.

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