

## *90mm Fire in the Breakthrough from Anzio*

Preparatory to the offensive launched from the Anzio beachhead 23 May 1944, all gun battalions on the beachhead were organized for ground fire under one fire-direction center. The batteries were registered on ground targets, and prior to D-day and H-hour conducted heavy preparatory fires on troops, machine gun positions, mortar positions and enemy artillery. Shortly after H-hour on the day of the attack, 1,000 rounds of 90 millimeter ammunition were brought down on 17 enemy locations. An example of the results is given in the following intelligence report:

“ Shortly after mid-day on the 23rd, 300 to 400 German soldiers were observed coming towards our lines bearing white flags and waving white handkerchiefs. The concentration hesitated about coming across a railroad bed which was between them and our lines. Fearing they might return

*A 90 M.M. IN ACTION FIRING ARTILLERY*



The 90's give infantry support during the ANZIO breakthrough.