

# Regimental History

135<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY

1 July to 31 July 1945

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Month of

JUL 1945

## SECTION I

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY  
JULY 1945

Date	Officers	Warrant Officers	Enlisted Men
1 July	165	2	2808
2	164	2	2803
3	175	1	2801
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5	174	1	2975
6	173	1	2979
7	172	1	2980
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# STATION LIST

July 1945

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Reg't Hqs  
Hqs Co  
Cannon Co  
A-T Co  
Service Co

City of SAN REMO

1st Battalion

Bn Hqs  
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"C" Co  
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City of IMPERIA  
City of SAN REMO

2nd Battalion

City of MILANO

3rd Battalion

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6 July 1945

1st Battalion

Vicinity of CARIGNANO (J-0110)

8 July 1945

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Hqs Co  
Cannon Co  
A-T Co  
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1st Battalion  
2nd Battalion  
3rd Battalion

City of MILANO

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STATION LIST - July 1945 (Cont)

9 July 1945

3rd Battalion

Bn Hqs

Hqs Co

"I" Co

"K" Co

"L" Co

"M" Co

City of SAN REMO

" " " "

DOICIACQUA (880940) and Vic.

BORDIGHERA

VENTIMIGLIA (865872)

" "

12 July 1945

3rd Battalion

Vicinity of CARIGNANO (J-0110)

18 July 1945 - 31 July 1945

Reg't Hqs

Hqs Co

Cannon Co

A-T Co

Service Co

1st Battalion

2nd Battalion

3rd Battalion

C-461-270 Vic. City of UDINE

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(5) JACK E. MC COY (20705734), Staff Sergeant, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 29 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Centerville, Iowa. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dated 5 July 1945).

(6) LEON K. KURLAND (0284283), Major, Headquarters, 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 17 July 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Brooklyn, New York. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945).

b. Division Citations.

(1) JOHN W. KOVACS (33703044), Private First Class, Company "I". For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: Keesport, Pennsylvania. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945.)

(2) CARLETON I. MYERS (32182637), Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 31 October 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: New Brunswick, New Jersey. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945). ✓

SECTION V (Awards and Decorations, Cont'd)

b. Division Citations (cont'd)

(3) HARRY O. OLSON (20707268), Sergeant, Medical Department, 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 3 January 1943 to 2 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO #117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945).

(4) ROBERT M. KOLOSKI (20707239), Technical Sergeant, Medical Department, 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 November 1942 to 2 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO #117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945).

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(6) BERTRAM N. ELLIS (32182706), Private First Class, Company "A". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943 to 15 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: Deans, New Jersey. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945.)

(7) ALBERT LEVIT (33466836), Private First Class, Company "B". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943 to 15 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 311 South 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

(8) CHARLES A. LILLY (35638948), Private First Class, Company "B". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943 to 15 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 231 Hargrove Street, Beckley, West Virginia. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

(9) HAROLD C. JOHNSON (37026226), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: 4031 27th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945.)

(10) CLIFFORD E. EBERLIEN (37078877), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: George, Iowa. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

(11) CLIFFORD G. DAHL (20709310), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "K". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 11 February 1943 to 1 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Dawson, Minnesota. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

SECTION V (AWARDS AND DECORATIONS, Cont'd)

b. Division Citations (cont'd)

(12) THOMAS E. HYDE (37151731), Staff Sergeant, Service Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 February 1944 to 1 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Maryville, Missouri. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945). ✓

c. Award of Legion of Merit.

WILLIAM A. KUNKLE, (33101091), Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, for services in North Africa and Italy from 15 June 1943 to 1 February 1945. Entered service from Irwin, Pennsylvania. (GO #117, Hq MTOUSA, dtd 10 July 1945).

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1st Battalion

Bn Hqs  
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(6) LEON K. KURLAND (0284283), Major, Headquarters, 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 17 July 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Brooklyn, New York. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945).

b. Division Citations.

(1) JOHN W. KOVACS (33703044), Private First Class, Company "I". For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: Keesport, Pennsylvania. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945.)

(2) CARLETON I. MYERS (32182637), Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 31 October 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: New Brunswick, New Jersey. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945). ✓

b. Division Citations (cont'd)

(3) HARRY O. OLSON (20707268), Sergeant, Medical Department, 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 3 January 1943 to 2 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO #117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945).

(4) ROBERT M. KOLOSKI (20707239), Technical Sergeant, Medical Department, 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 November 1942 to 2 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO #117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 July 1945).

(5) WALTER R. HAYES JR. (01325218), First Lieutenant, Headquarters, First Battalion. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 18 April 1945, to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Bronx, New York. (GO 117, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jul '45).

(6) BERTRAM N. ELLIS (32182706), Private First Class, Company "A". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943 to 15 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: Deans, New Jersey. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945.)

(7) ALBERT LEVIT (33466836), Private First Class, Company "B". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943 to 15 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 311 South 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

(8) CHARLES A. LILLY (35638948), Private First Class, Company "B". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943 to 15 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 231 Hargrove Street, Beckley, West Virginia. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

(9) HAROLD C. JOHNSON (37026226), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: 4031 27th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945.)

(10) CLIFFORD E. EBERLIEN (37078877), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: George, Iowa. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

(11) CLIFFORD G. DAHL (20709310), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "K". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 11 February 1943 to 1 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Dawson, Minnesota. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945).

SECTION V (AWARDS AND DECORATIONS, Cont'd)

b. Division Citations (cont'd)

(12) THOMAS E. HYDE (37151731), Staff Sergeant, Service Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 February 1944 to 1 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Maryville, Missouri. (GO #104, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 2 June 1945). ✓

c. Award of Legion of Merit.

WILLIAM A. KUNKLE, (33101091), Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, for services in North Africa and Italy from 15 June 1943 to 1 February 1945. Entered service from Irwin, Pennsylvania. (GO #117, Hq MTOUSA, dtd 10 July 1945).

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SECTION I , ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY  
AUGUST 1945

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 August	175	4	3145
2	174	4	3143
3	174	4	3142
4	174	4	3140
5	176	4	3136
6	176	4	3136
7	173	4	3132
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30	166	4	3061
31	166	4	3056

SECTION II

STATION LIST - AUGUST 1945

1 August 1945

Reg't Hqs	-	C-461-270 Vic. City of UDINE
Hqs Co	-	" " " "
Cannon Co	-	C-476-264 " " " "
A-T Co	-	C-495-292 " " " "
Service Co	-	C-496-292 " " " "
1st Battalion	-	C-484-266 " " " "
2nd Battalion - (-E & F Co's)	-	C-473-271 " " " "
"E" and "F" Co.'s	-	City of VICENZA
3rd Battalion	-	C-458-308 Vic. City of UDINE

13 August 1945

"E" and "F" Co.'s	-	C-473-271 Vic. City of UDINE
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16 August 1945

3rd Battalion	-	C-401-366, City of TARENTO
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20 August 1945

1st Battalion - (-B and C Co.'s)	-	C-391-305, City of TRICESIMO
"B" and "C" Co.'s	-	C-484-266, Vic. City of UDINE

21 August 1945

Cannon Company	-	C-390-361, City of TARENTO
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22 August 1945

A-T Company	-	C-404-352, City of TARENTO
Service Co	-	C-399-363, " " "

23 August 1945

Reg't Hqs	-	C-396-362 " " "
Hqs Co	-	C-399-365 " " "
2nd Battalion	-	C-392-298, City of COGALLO
"C" Co, 1st Battalion	-	C-391-305, City of TRICESIMO

24 August 1945

"B" Co, 1st Battalion	-	C-391-305, " " "
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24 August - 31 August 1945

Reg't Hqs	-	C-401-366, City of TARENTO
Hqs Co	-	" " "
Cannon Co	-	" " "
A-T Co	-	" " "

24 August - 31 August 1945 (Cont'd)

Service Co

- C-401-366, City of TARGENTO

1st Battalion

- C-391-305, City of TRICESIMO

2nd Battalion

- C-392-298, City of COGALLO

3rd Battalion

- C-401-366, City of TARGENTO

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SECTION III

NARRATIVE HISTORY AUGUST 1945

The 1st of August 1945 found the regiment still in the vicinity of Udine, Italy. Two companies ("E" and "F") from the Second Battalion were located in Vicenza, aiding the AMG capture civilians who were suspected of killing Italian political prisoners. The weather during mid-day was fair and warm, but in the evenings it rained and turned chilly. Training continued as scheduled with attack problems, map reading, study of individual weapons, Jap tactics and athletics. The liberal pass policy continued with men going to Switzerland, Venice, Trieste, Grado, and the Brenner Pass.

On 3 August 1945, a USO show, "Three After Three" performed in the Third Battalion area and was very well received. The Commanding General of the British 13th Corps visited the Second Battalion on a tour of inspection.

On 4 August 1945 a regimental awards ceremony was held at the parade grounds. Major General Bolte decorated the eligible men. Company "I" was chosen to be honor guard at the ceremony because of its victory in the regimental drill competition.

After a day of rest, the training schedule was carried out according to plan from 6 to 10 August 1945. Preliminary marksmanship was stressed to the utmost in preparation for firing on the range in the near future. I & E schools continued with classes in English, Mathematics, Small Business, Agriculture, and Radio. Elements of the 75th Highland Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery relieved Company "I" from guard duty at ammunition dumps at Benzone and Gemona. A quartering party left for Tarcento to prepare for the next move from our present area. Company "I" served as honor guard at the Division CP for the visit of Lt Gen Harding, Commander of the British 13th Corps. A new quota of officers and enlisted men left to attend the Army University Study Center at Florence, Italy.

The rainy season began early and the Molina River which ran past the Third Battalion area rose considerably after each downpour. A freak hailstorm on the night of 8 August produced icy pellets  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter.

A competitive gun-drill exhibition was held at the regimental parade grounds on 11 August 1945 and the men of the First Battalion achieved the highest scores. The victorious teams were given seven day passes to Venice.

On 12 August 1945, Companies "E" and "F" returned from Vicenza with their mission completed to the satisfaction of

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AMG officials. There was a large USO show at the Division CP in Cividale starring Allan Jones, Irene Hervey, and Jean Brooks. A great number of men from the regiment attended and enjoyed the performance.

From 13 to 18 August 1945, the First Battalion fired on the range. The range was named after Pvt Furman L. Smith of Company "L" who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. A plaque at the entrance to the range reads as follows:

"This range is dedicated to the memory of Pvt Furman L. Smith of Company "L", 135th Infantry, who at Lanuvio, Italy on 31 May 1944 gave his life in a valiant attempt to halt an enemy counter-attack. Armed only with an M-1 rifle, Pvt Smith singlehandedly fought off 80 of the enemy, killing 10 and wounding many more before he himself fell dead. For his indomitable fighting spirit, Pvt Smith was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor."

On the morning of 15 August 1945, the regiment awakened to hear the thrilling news that Japan had finally surrendered. President Truman announced that the Japanese reply had been received and found acceptable. Hostilities had ceased! The war was over! But, war or peace, operations still continued. The Third Battalion began to move into Tarcento, some 6 miles from its former area. Three companies, "I", "K", and "L", are all billeted in the workers dormitory of an unused silk mill of the Societa Filatura Casocami di Seta Stabilimento di Bulfons, on the outskirts of town. The factory, once employing 1200 workers, had been closed since February 1944. From May 1944 to June 1945 the CRDA (Cantieri Riuniti Dell Adriatico) aeronautical works of Monfalcone had been moving equipment to the plant to get it away from Allied bombings at Monfalcone. Now the aviation concern has moved back to its former site. Each company is on a separate floor, with battalion mess being served in the large hall downstairs.

On 20 August 1945 the First Battalion moved into Tricesimo, Italy although "B" and "C" companies remained in the old area for various guard details. All companies of the Second Battalion began to move to their quarters in the vicinity of Tricesimo on 23 August 1945.

From 21 August to 25 August, the Third Battalion fired on Smith Range and the Second Battalion fired their weapons the following week. High score for the regiment was 202 fired by Tsg 5 Luther Van Over and Pfc Howard C. Langwell, both of Regimental Headquarters Company.

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On 28 August the movie "GI Joe" was shown in the regimental area and received mixed comment from the large audience. Most of the men were disappointed, although they admitted that the picture came the closest to showing actual life in the Infantry.

Training continued for the period 2-31 August 1945. All personnel were paid on the last day of the month raising morale throughout the entire regiment.

SECTION IV

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTS

A. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers on 1 August 1945

Regimental Commander	Col John M. Breit, 019171
Executive Officer	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
S-4	Major Roland Anderson, 0366901
S-3	Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283
S-2	Capt Leo J. Remmetter, 0437485
S-1	Capt Redding C. Souder, 0428259
Regimental Surgeon	Major Arthur Heldman, 0428142
Commanding Hq Co	1st Lt Spencer L. Heerman, 01304527
" Servico Co	Capt Robert A. King, 0406872
" Antitank Co	1st Lt Arthur Schellhaus, 01296434
" Cannon Co	1st Lt Tibor A. Galambos, 0382648
" First Bn	Lt Col James E. Tyler, 023079
Executive Officer	Capt James J. Kelly, 01291130
S-3	1st Lt Walter R. Hayes, 01325218
Commanding Hq Co	Capt Robert G. Davis, 01304875
" Co "A"	1st Lt Robert E. King, 0524350
" Co "B"	1st Lt Donald C. Johnson, 01321416
" Co "C"	1st Lt James J. Long, 01054312
" Co "D"	1st Lt Albert J. Carr, 01306813
" Second Bn	Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762
Executive Officer	Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519
S-3	Capt Norman E. Brown, 01286956
Commanding Hq Co	Capt Nelson L. Hudspeth, 0393620
" Co "E"	1st Lt Herbert F. Renner, 01053325
" Co "F"	1st Lt Robert H. Mikkelsen, 0520259
" Co "G"	1st Lt Howard I. Esterline, 01305029
" Co "H"	1st Lt Charles D. Black, 0537010
" Third Bn	Lt Col John W. Joyce, 0331690
Executive Officer	Major Allison A. Conrad, 0327559
S-3	1st Lt Wilbur R. Coleman, 01299996
Commanding Hq Co	1st Lt Harry J. Brady, 01031894
" Co "I"	1st Lt John E. Holliday, 0530221
" Co "K"	1st Lt Richard T. Bowen, 0512102
" Co "L"	1st Lt Kenneth Jorjorian, 0558096
" Co "M"	1st Lt Donald F. McCaffrey, 01323452

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during month of August, 1945.

1 August 1945

1. 1st Lt Tibor A. Galambos, 0382648, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Cannon Company.

2. 1st Lt Richard E. Malany, 01323153, assigned as Commanding Officer, Cannon Company.



SECTION IV - COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTS, Contd

1 August 1945, Contd

3. 1st Lt Kenneth Jorjorian, 0538096, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "L".

4. Capt Joe M. Hauer, 01303882, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "L".

3 August 1945

1. Capt Robert G. Davis, 01302143, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, First Battalion.

2. 1st Lt Howard M. Kreager, 01304875, assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, First Battalion.

3. 1st Lt Donald F. McCaffrey, 01323452, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "M".

4. Capt Harry V. Shultis, 0382530, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "M".

SECTION V AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONNEL OF THE 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AS INDICATED BELOW:

a. Silver Star

(1) OMAR C. WHEELER, JR (31282248), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 27 September 1944, in Italy. When his company became pinned down by heavy hostile automatic weapons, mortar, and artillery fire, Sgt Wheeler took it upon himself to neutralize some of the heavy fire they were receiving from four enemy machine gun positions. Working his way through the heavy brush, Sgt Wheeler succeeded in reaching of the positions and destroying it with two hand grenades and his carbine. Two of the enemy were killed in this action. Sgt Wheeler then crawled some forty yards to another position and silenced it in the same manner, killing two more of the enemy. As a result his platoon was able to move and knock out the two remaining machine guns and take their objective. Sgt Wheeler's courage and devotion to duty reflect highly upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Bangor, Maine.

(2) MICHAEL F. MCGINLEY (33620094), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944, in Italy. When a squad scout was fired upon by enemy machine guns as Sgt McGinley's squad approached the crest of a hill, Sgt McGinley opened fire upon one of the positions with his automatic rifle, killing two of the enemy and causing the remainder to flee. He then turned his attention to the other position, and exposing himself to the enemy fire, boldly charged the gun. The remainder of the squad, inspired by Sgt McGinley's action, immediately joined the assault and drove the enemy from the hill capturing two of them as they fled. With these two positions eliminated, the company was able to move up and take its objective. Sgt McGinley's courage and daring reflect highly upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Allentown, Pennsylvania.

(3) ELMER G. FIRESTONE (33830779), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 26 April 1945, in Italy. As Sgt Firestone was approaching an enemy-held town, he noticed an enemy vehicle on the outskirts. Sgt Firestone quickly deployed his squad, and although it necessitated remaining exposed to enemy small arms fire, he directed rifle grenade fire which knocked out the hostile vehicle and caused the enemy to abandon it. The enemy then took up a defensive position behind an embankment and a fierce fire fight ensued

SECTION V

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Cont'd.

a. Silver Star, cont'd.

between the two forces. Sgt Firestine immediately proceeded through the concentrated automatic fire to a position where he could bring fire to bear upon the enemy. When the enemy refused his first order to surrender, he continued to advance and subject them to frequent bursts from his automatic weapon. So intense was his fire that thirteen of the enemy surrendered to him. Sgt Firestine's skillful leadership and daring eliminated a threat to his men and reflect highly upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Reading, Pennsylvania.

b. Oak Leaf Cluster for the Bronze Star

(1) ELVIN R. WEALAND (33496927), First Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: Hershey, Pennsylvania.

c. Bronze Star

(1) ARTHUR T. KOCHA (36595288), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Gilford, Michigan.

(2) NORMAN W. GODWIN (35883090), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

(3) SALVATORE J. BARTOLOMA (12200356), Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company. For heroic achievement in action on 5 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

(4) JOHN GAROFALO (31424229), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 3 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Lynn, Massachusetts.

(5) STEVE J. KONTUR (15179221), Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

(6) MARTIN BORTNICK, JR (32848351), Corporal, Infantry Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 10 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Endicott New York.

(7) WILLIAM E. JACOBS (37028718) Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Morristown, South Dakota.

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c. Bronze Star Cont'd

(8) MARVIN O. HORCHER, (36753723), Sergeant, Infantry Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Wheeling, Illinois.

(9) CHARLES J. LATOVICH (33507782), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944, in Italy. Home address:

(10) LOUIS T. MAIETTA (32591294), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 10 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Bayonne, New Jersey.

(11) WILLIAM J. BLICKENSTAFF (37724260), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K". For heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Dodge City, Kansas.

(12) LOUIS FISMAN (32182427), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: Irvington, New Jersey.

(13) JAMES L. GIBSON (33299875), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: Oil City, Pennsylvania.

(14) EDWARD B. GIBIRAS (36229508), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion. For meritorious service in combat from 14 June 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

(15) MARSHALL L. RUNNELLS (W2109810), Chief Warrant Officer, United States Army, Service Company. For meritorious service in combat from 3 January 1943 to 2 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

(16) WILBUR R. COLEMAN (01299996), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters, Third Battalion. For meritorious service in combat from 12 May 1943 to 2 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Denison, Kansas.

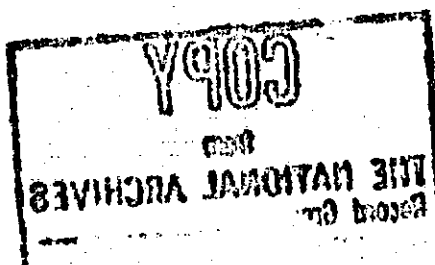
(17) ROBERT A. LEADLEY (01312050), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, For meritorious service in combat from 1 August 1943 to 9 January 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Lincoln, Nebraska.

SECTION V AWARDS AND DECORATIONS Cont'd

c. Bronze Star Cont'd

(18) LEO J. REMMETTER (G437485), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters. For meritorious service in combat from 1 November 1943 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Springfield, Ohio.

(19) ALLISON A. CONRAD (0327559), Major, Infantry, Headquarters, Third Battalion. For meritorious service in combat from 9 July 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Long Island, New York.



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## SECTION I

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY  
SEPTEMBER 1945

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 september	166	4	3062
2	166	4	3062
3	166	4	3060
4	164	4	3058
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27	143	4	2683
28	142	4	2785
29	142	4	2778
30	142	4	2746



## SECTION II

STATION LIST - SEPTEMBER 19451 September

Reg't Hqs	-	C-396-362, City of TARGENTO
Hqs Co	-	C-399-365 " " "
Cannon Co	-	C-390-361 " " "
A-T Co	-	C-404-352 " " "
Service Co	-	C-399-363 " " "
1st Battalion	-	C-391-305, City of TRICESIMO
2nd Battalion	-	C-392-298, City of COGALLO
3rd Battalion	-	C-401-366, City of TARGENTO

12 September

Co "I"	-	City of TRIESTE
Co "K"	-	City of POLA

13 September

Co "L"	-	C-492-342, Villaggio FREDDALEONARDO
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19 September

Co "A"	-	C-637-254, City of SAN LEONARDO
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20 Sept - 30 Sept

Reg't Hqs	-	C-396-362, City of TARGENTO
Hqs Co	-	C-399-365 " " "
Cannon Co	-	C-390-361 " " "
A-T Co	-	C-404-352 " " "
Service Co	-	C-399-363 " " "
1st Battalion	-	C-391-305, City of TRICESIMO
2nd Battalion	-	C-392-298, City of COGALLO
3rd Battalion	-	C-401-366, City of TARGENTO

## SECTION III

NARRATIVE HISTORY SEPTEMBER 1945

The first of September 1945, found the 135th Infantry Regiment still located in the vicinity of Tarcento (C-401366) with the exception of the Second Battalion which was billeted in the vicinity of Tricesimo (C-392299). In addition to conducting the training schedule according to plan, the Second Battalion sent a forty-seven (47) man detail to work in the pits on Smith Range and all men who had not fired record fire did so.

On Sunday, 2 September 1945, the Regiment rested and the men attended various church services. The third of September 1945 was uneventful as the Regiment enjoyed another holiday. The only exception was the report in the evening of some trouble between Italian Police and Civilians near Montepetrato (C-465388). Capt. Chesebro, Regimental S-3, called the Third Battalion and Lt. Sellers with the aid of four (4) enlisted men went to investigate. The cause of the disturbance was not discovered as the people in the vicinity did not wish to volunteer any information.

On 4 September 1945, uneventful training continued. On 5 September 1945, Training Memorandum #17, 135th Infantry was distributed throughout the Regiment. It called for a fourteen (14) week training schedule with six (6) hours a day, five and one-half ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) days a week. Physical training and close order drill were cut to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour a day each, with day ending at 1500 hours instead of 1700 hours. The main purposes of this new training schedule was to attain proficiency in quelling civilian disturbances, to attend A.E.P. classes in preparation for post-war jobs, and to maintain discipline and physical conditioning. This new training schedule became effective 10 September 1945 and also 60 mm mortar firing was started at A.T. Range near Osoppo (C-269394) by Third Battalion. The USO Show Roxy Revue was shown to members of this Regiment in Cividale at Division Theater. Soldiers were well pleased.

The Third Battalion started firing 81 mm mortar at A.T. Range near Osoppo on 11 September 1945. Registration started for the Regimental I and E School, which was scheduled to start the following week with one hundred and fifty-four (154) men being enrolled from the Regiment. Forty-one (41) men from the Third Battalion left for AUSC, Florence.

The twelfth of September 1945, saw a change in the regimental unit position. One platoon of riflemen from Company "A" moved to San Leonardo (C-637254) and closed in at 1800 hours. They relieved 34th Reconnaissance Troops of their mission. Mission of Company "A" platoon was to maintain order in town and not govern. Simultaneous with this move, Companies "I" and "K", were ordered to move within forty-eight (48) hours to Trieste and Pola to relieve elements of the 133rd Infantry Regiment stationed there. Good news was received to the effect that the 34th Infantry Division will probably leave for USA in late October or early November after screening out the low point men.

A twelve (12) man detail from Company "A" was sent to relieve the 125th Field Artillery of their mission of guarding an ammo dump at C-528248. Relief was effected before 1700 hours. Men will feed from parent organization.

On 14 September 1945, Companies "I" and "K" each with one platoon from Company "L" started their relief of elements of the 133rd Infantry Company "I" commanded by Lt. Holliday, was stationed in Trieste, and Company "K"

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commanded by Lt. Bowen set up in Pola, an Italian town, formerly used by the Germans as a port and submarine base. Both companies cleared Tarcento area at 1100 hours.

On 15 September 1945, all men who were armed with bazookas started familiarization firing at bazooka and rifle grenade range in river bed at (C-42303335). An old two man Italian tank obtained from 734th Ordnance Company was used as a target.

After a Sunday of rest, the training schedule was resumed on 17 September 1945, when men of the Regiment saw the V.D. film "Pick Up". Also the Regimental I and E School was set up in a three (3) story building and twelve (12) pre-fabricated huts by Capt. R. E. Leadley, I and E. Officer. Capt. Harry V. Shultis, CG Company "L" served as school administrator with forty-two (42) enlisted men from Company "L" serving as school cadre.

On 18 September 1945, the remaining men of Companies "I" and "K" moved to Trieste and Pola respectively. They cleared Tarcento area at 0815 hours. The remainder of Company "A" moved to San Leonardo on 19 September 1945.

On Thursday, 20 September 1945, it was announced that men with ASRS of sixty (60) points or more would go home with the Division. Men with Eighty-seven (87) points or over left for USA.

Another announcement on 21 September 1945, was made to the effect that only (Officers with eighty-five (85) points or more and Enlisted men with seventy-five (75) points or more) will go home with the Division. However sixty (60) to seventy (70) point men were expected to start home by 1 November 1945. Meanwhile Training Memorandum #19, dated 21 September 1945 rescinding Training Memorandum #17, dated 5 September 1945, was distributed throughout the Regiment. The following schedule for men with less than seventy (70) points was prescribed. Men not attending A.E.P. schools will have one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) hours training per day, five and one-half ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) days per week consisting of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour per day of each of the following; calisthenics, close order drill, and orientation.

The 22 September 1945, saw the high point men (70 or over) from Companies "I", "K", and "L" in Trieste and Pola, return to Tarcento in preparation for leaving with the Regiment. Low point men from Company "L" and from Second Battalion replaced them.

23 September 1945, was a day of rest, but preparations were resumed on the 24th for men leaving, when they were processed and checked for equipment. All passes to nearby towns were cancelled but that was more than counterbalanced by the USO Show "Shuffle Along" which was shown to men of this Regiment. The all Negro cast was rated as one of the best that ever toured the MPO.

Special Order #174, dated 25 September 1945, was distributed within the Regiment. It stated that all officers and enlisted men not going home with the Division (officers, under 85 points, enlisted men with under 70 points); were to be transferred per this order to the 350th Infantry Regiment, 88th Infantry Division. This order was not to become effective however until

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1 October 1945. At the same time Major Andersen, Regimental S-4, relieved Lt. Col. Tyler as First Battalion C.O. Major Conrad became Regimental S-4 and Lt. Col. Tyler became Regimental Executive Officer when he replaced Lt. Col. Greyer who left the Regiment. The weather had become quite chilly at this time and the first snow fell in the mountains during the night. Men who would be leaving with the Division were issued overcoats and winter underwear.

Enlisted men with eighty-five (85) points or more left on their first leg of the journey to the USA as casualties on 26 September 1945.

On 27 September 1945, the first elements of the 350th Infantry Regiment, 88th Infantry Division, arrived preparatory to relieving this Regiment. Preparations continued for the move to the Naples Staging Area with men packing personal equipment and crating organizational equipment to be taken.

On 28 September 1945, General Bolte inspected Company "A" of First Battalion and was well pleased.

A last minute announcement was received on 29 September 1945, stating that the critical score for officers had been lowered from eighty-five (85) to seventy-five (75) points, thereby enabling additional Officers the privilege of returning to the USA with the Regiment. Trucks arrived in the evening and duffle bags were loaded by units preparatory to the move in the early morning.

On Sunday, 30 September 1945, officers and men who were to leave with the Division arose for an early breakfast (about 0330 hours in most units) and boarded trucks which assembled at the Regimental assembly area at Tricesimo. The convoy, consisting of fifty-two (52) carrier trucks (2 1/2 ton) and two (2) semi-trailers (10 ton) departed from Tricesimo at 0600 hours under the direction of PB3 personnel and when last seen were headed in the general direction of the great USA via the Naples Staging Area.

## SECTION IV

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and staff officers on 1 Sept 1945

Regtl Commander	Col John M. Breit, 019171
Exec Officer	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
S-4	Major Roland Anderson, 0366901
S-3	Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283
S-2	Capt Leo J. Remmetter, 0437485
S-1	Capt Redding C. Souder, 0428259
Regtl Surgeon	Maj Arthur Heldman, 0428142
Commanding Hq Co	1st Lt Spencer L. Heerman, 01504527
" Serv Co	Capt Robert A. King, 0406872
" AT Co	1st Lt Arthur Schellhaus, 01296434
" CN Co	1st Lt Richard E. Malany, 01323153
" First Bn	Lt Col James E. Tyler, 023079
Exec Officer	Capt James J. Kelly, 01291130
S-3	1st Lt Walter R. Hayes, 01325218
Commanding Hq Co	1st Lt Howard M. Kreager, 01304375
" Co "A"	1st Lt Robert E. King, 0524350
" Co "B"	1st Lt Donald Johnson, 01321416
" Co "C"	1st Lt James J. Long, 01054312
" Co "D"	1st Lt Albert J. Carr, 01306813
" Second Bn	Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762
Exec Officer	Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519
S-3	Capt Norman E. Brown, 01236956
Commanding Hq Co	Capt Nelson L. Hudspeth, 0393620
" Co "E"	1st Lt Herbert Renner, 01053325
" Co "F"	1st Lt Robert Mikkelsen, 0520259
" Co "G"	1st Lt Howard Esterline, 01305029
" Co "H"	1st Lt Charles D. Black, 0537010
" Third Bn	Lt Col John W. Joyce, 0331690
Exec Officer	Maj Allison A. Conrad, 0327559
S-3	1st Lt Wilbur R. Coleman, 01299996
Commanding Hq Co	1st Lt Harry J. Brady, 01031894
" Co "I"	1st Lt John E. Holliday, 0530221
" Co "K"	1st Lt Richard T. Bowen, 0512102
" Co "L"	Capt Joe M. Hauer, 01303332
" Co "M"	Capt Harry V. Shultis, 0382530

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and staff officers during the month of September, 1945.4 September 1945

1. Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283, relieved of assignment as S-3, 135th Infantry, and assigned as commanding officer Second Battalion.

2. Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762, relieved of assignment as commanding officer, Second Battalion.

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4 September 1945, contd

3. Capt John S. Chesebro, 0454696, assigned as S-3, 135th Infantry.

7 September 1945.

1. Major Arthur Heldman, 0423142, relieved of assignment as Regimental Surgeon.

2. Capt Warren F. Sargent, 0435727, assigned as Regimental Surgeon.

15 September 1945

1. Capt James J. Kelly, 01291130, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, First Battalion.

19 September 1945

1. Capt Norman E. Brown, 01286956, relieved of assignment as S-3, Second Battalion, and assigned as Executive Officer, First Battalion.

2. 1st Lt Charles R. Jacobi, 0535625, assigned as S-3, Second Battalion.

22 September 1945

1. 1st Lt Richard E. Malany, 01323153, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Cannon Company.

2. 1st Lt David C. Duncan, 0513529, assigned as Commanding Officer, Cannon Company.

25 September 1945

1. Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, 135th Infantry.

2. Lt Col James E. Tyler, 023079, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, First Battalion, and assigned as Executive Officer, 135th Infantry.

3. Major Roland Anderson, 0366901, relieved of assignment as S-4, 135th Infantry, and assigned as Commanding Officer, First Battalion.

4. Major Allison A. Conrad, 0327559, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, Third Battalion, and assigned as S-4, 135th Infantry.

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25 September 1945, contd

5. 1st Lt David C. Duncan, 0513529, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Cannon company.
6. 2d Lt Walter A. Tinsley, 02001778, assigned as Commanding Officer, Cannon company.
7. 1st Lt Robert E. King, 0524350, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "A".
8. 1st Lt Huston L. Anderson, 01540595, assigned as Commanding Officer, company "A".
9. 1st Lt Herbert E. Renner, 01053325, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "E".
10. 2d Lt Richard W. McGree, 01999032, assigned, as Commanding Officer, Company "E".
11. 1st Lt Charles D. Black, 0537010, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "H".
12. 2d Lt Harold A. Evans, 02001820, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "H".
13. 1st Lt Wilbur R. Coleman, 01299996, relieved of assignment as S-3, Third Battalion.
14. 1st Lt Harry J. Brady, 01031894, relieved of assignment as S-1 and Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion.
15. 1st Lt Walter O. Dewalt, 01312390, assigned as S-1 and Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion.
16. 1st Lt John E. Holliday, 0530221, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "I".
17. 1st Lt Robert H. Robertson, 0351720, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "I".
18. 1st Lt Richard T. Bowen, 0512102, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "K".
19. 2d Lt Matthias N. Steiner, 01048603, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "K".
20. Capt Warren F. Sargent, 0436727, relieved of assignment as Regimental Surgeon.
21. Capt Joseph Rudolph, 0440179, assigned as Regimental Surgeon.

## SECTION V - AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The following named personnel of the 135th Infantry Regiment were awarded the following medals during the month of September 1945:

a. Oak Leaf cluster for the Bronze Star Medal.

ROLAND ANDERSON (0366901) Major, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 135th Infantry. For meritorious service in combat from 8 November 1942 to 2 May 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Madison, Minnesota.

b. Bronze Star Medal.

(1) SPENCER M. TATUM (34817430), Staff Sergeant, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 26 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: Monroeville, Alabama.

(2) CARL POINDEXTER (36761599) Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 4 and 5 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

(3) JAMES G. BURNETT (32777980), Corporal, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 23 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Tahlsqual, Oklahoma.

(4) SIMON CASTILLE (0234762), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

(5) EDWARD A. HADDERTY (33804089) Private First Class, Third Battalion, 135th Infantry, Headquarters Company. For heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944 and 3 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Philadelphia, Penn.

(6) OSCAR M. HERMANSON (36689101) staff sergeant, Infantry, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 29 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Rockford, Illinois.

(7) DELBERT L. NICKELL (33640379) Private First Class, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Louisa, Ky.

(8) LESTER A. KEARNEY, (01387361), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: New Kensington, Pennsylvania.