

THE LANDING AT ALGERIA

On 18 October 1942 Companies I, K, L, an attached platoon from Co. M and one officer and 16 E.M. from the Med. Det., 135th Inf were placed on detached service at SUNNYLANDS CAMP, CARRICKFERGUS, North Ireland, with Lt. Col. Edwin T. SWENSON in Command. Capt William F. SNELLMAN, Capt Velhelm JOHNSON (MC) , 1st Lt Emory J. TRAWICK, 1st Lt Robert O. FOSTER and 2nd Lt. George GEORGE also accompanied these units in addition to their full complement of Company Officers. At this camp the Bn. was equipped and organized for combat, predicated on the space available for transporting them to the scene of operations. Administrative personnel and equipment were not included to give maximum space for combat personnel, in view of the fact that only two destroyers were available for the operations. During the time spent at SUNNYLANDS CAMP, troops were trained in boarding and disembarking from destroyers, and practice operations against the dock area of BELFAST.

On 21 October 1942, 3 officers and 24 E. M. embarked from BELFAST, North Ireland on the British Destroyer H.M.S. MALCOLM, and H.M.S. BROKE, all heavy weapons personnel with the exception of one officer. On 26 October the balance of the force, 21 officers and 613 E.M. boarded the British Cruiser SHEFFIELD and put out to sea with a large troop convoy. During the voyage the plans of operation were worked out by Capt FANNING (R.N.), Lt Comdr SEARS (R.N.), Lt Col SWENSON, Capt SNELLMAN, the three Company Comdrs and the Communications Officer. This Bn was to operate with and under the command of the British Navy, and was known as the TERMINAL FORCE. The mission of this force was to break the boom stretched across the harbor entrance at ALGIERS, ALGERIA, North Africa, land, and secure the port and shipping facilities against sabotage. This operation was to be executed simultaneously and in cooperation with the main American and British landing of the EASTERN ASSAULT FORCE just WEST of ALGIERS. Due to the fact that the ship was to put into GIBRALTAR for one day it was impossible to risk disclosure of the destination and

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detailed plans of operation until after leaving. As soon as the ship put out to sea at GIBRALTAR each officer and key non-commissioned officer was given a map, and a copy of the approved plan, and coordination and ironing out of details commenced. Alternate plans also were studied.

On 7 November 1942, at 16.0 hours the destroyer H.M.S. MALCOLM came along-side the cruiser HENRI, and the force detailed to go on the vessel transferred at sea without incident. The force detailed to go on the destroyer H.M.S. BROKE transferred in a like manner immediately afterward. The transfer at sea was completed at 1730 hours. Lt Col JOHNSON and Capt FANCOULT accompanied the force on the H.M.S. BROKE which was commanded by comdr LAYARD (R.N.). Morale and discipline were excellent. The night was very dark, the sky slightly overcast, and visibility fair.

At 0220 8 November 1942 a message was received from Capt FANCOULT stating that the landings of the Combat Teams of the EASTERN ASSAULT FORCE had been successful and that the force was to go in. Capt McCulloch was instructed to get all men in readiness. The two destroyers steamed for approximately an hour toward the port. On nearing the port gun flashes were seen along the coast, but not from the port of ALGIERS batteries. Searchlights on the ILET DE MARINE and at battery DES ARCADES began to search the harbor to seaward. As the lights went off it became more difficult to make out where the boom was located. The destroyers proceeded forward on what was thought to be the right course, and the battery DES ARCADES opened fire on H.M.S. MALCOLM. On approaching the boom it was realized that the ships were heading outside the JETTE DE MUSTAPHA, so they turned seaward for another try. H.M.S. MALCOLM following H.M.S. BROKE out. On the second try the boom was missed again, and the H.M.S. BROKE was under fire of the batteries of both DES ARCADES and JETTE DU NORD. Capt FANCOULT signaled H.M.S. MALCOLM to go in if it could. H.M.S. MALCOLM also missed, and on turning seaward received several direct hits from shore batteries. Fire broke out amidships and the MALCOLM sent a message to Capt FANCOULT that she was badly hit,

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could make only four knots an hour, and consequently was withdrawing.

The heroism of 2nd Lt William MUIR, Co L, 135th Inf, who was on the MALCOLM, was recognized in the following letter received by him:

"Sir, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to inform you, that the King has been graciously pleased to approve the mention of your name in Despatches, for your bravery on passage to North Africa as a Ninth U. S. Army officer who was attached to boarding parties in the H.M.S. MALCOLM, when you jettisoned burning ammunition containers set on fire by enemy gunfire. The Certificate will be sent to you in due course. I am Sir, Your Obedient Servant, N. V. MARKHAM, Officer of the Secretary of the Admiralty."

Lt MUIR, later promoted to Captain, decorated with the Silver Star for his bravery and initiative under fire in TUNISIA, died in the hospital in Italy on 29 October 1943 of Malaria and Jaundice.

Capt MC CULLOCH was informed that the H.M.S. BROKE was going in alone and he relayed instructions for Plan "B" covering that eventuality. The BROKE proceeded in for the third time and received seemingly greater fire from the shore batteries, but missed the entry again and turned back to sea. Surprise was out of the question now and it was becoming daylight. Therefore it was decided to take BASIN DU MUSTAPHA, including the GRAND MOLE, and the destroyer went in for the fourth try, the shore batteries pounding away. Fire was returned from the ship. It seemed likely to miss again, but Comdr LAYARD altered the course, and ordered increased speed. The ship cut through the boom with hardly a sensation of hitting and proceeded toward the quay. The quay at which it had planned to land was filled with ships, so H.M.S. BROKE berthed next to the QUAY DE FALA on MOLE LOUIS BILLIARD. Terrific machine gun fire was encountered from a small vessel in port, and OERLIKONS aboard the BROKE shot up the vessel considerably, silencing the fire. A number of the Naval personnel aboard the BROKE were wounded by machine gun fire which seemed to be comparable to our .50 Caliber. Some machine gun fire was received from the warehouses and ships in the harbor, and the Naval personnel returned fire

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with the Oerlikons which seemed to silence the enemy guns.

The troops on board H.M.S. Broke were quite shaken by the bombardment and were a little slow in getting under way to disembark, however the platoon leaders got their men off and proceeded to their objectives. The landing was completed in broad daylight at 0520 hrs. Small arms fire was directed at the troops from various parts of the city, and automatic fire covered open places and streets. The amount of fire directed at our troops lessened considerably and the situation began to look favorable. At about 0800 hrs. two policemen and two civilians came over to the American forces stating that they wished to have an emissary go into the city to make arrangements for taking over the City of Algiers. While this was being discussed a British Naval officer, one of the boarding party commanders, came back and stated that a French army officer had contacted him and told him that the landing forces were about to be surrounded and annihilated, let it be understood that they were definitely against cooperation. Before there was time to weigh the merits of this information, artillery fire was received from the direction of JETTE du NORD. The third round went through the bow of the BROKE and the commander backed the Destroyer alongside the QUAY de DUNKIRQUE. Fire was covering the areas between the forces on land and the ship, with the radio broken there was no communication to be had. Shortly after this the Battery des ARCADES began ranging on H.M.S. BROKE. After six rounds had resulted in five direct hits the BROKE signaled by siren for recall but the men in the area were not permitted to go to her. It was obvious that the ship would have to leave port immediately or be sunk. It was 09 0 hrs. and the combat teams of the Eastern Assault force, advancing from the west should be nearing the city, as the general plan had set forth. Perhaps the position could be held. The destroyer steamed out of the Algiers harbor only to be torpedoed and sunk as it reached the outer harbor.

The force in the vicinity of the power station and the sea plane

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base seemed to be continuing the fight but there was no report from the platoons to the left in the direction of BRISE LAIES Est. The area south of the warehouse on MOLE LOUIS BILLIARD where there were large piles of sand, wood and baled straw was organized for defense. The outer perimeter was organized so that no one could get within hand grenade range. At this point Pfc. Melvin Lein of the Med. Det. learned of the location of a wounded officer. Disregarding heavy M.G. fire which cut across his path Pfc. Lein went to the officer and rendered emergency treatment. He started back to his post and was killed by enemy machine gun fire. He was awarded the D.S.C. posthumously.

At 1100 hrs. six allied planes came over and bombed JETTE du NORD, destroying these batteries. Artillery fire could then come from only one direction and preparations were made accordingly. Shortly, armored vehicles were reported approaching and men were placed in favorable positions to fire anti-tank grenades. Three tanks commenced circling the area subjecting the troops to crossfire from 37mm and machine guns. A group under S/Sgt. Robert Rooney had to pass a street intersection subjected to heavy MG fire from two directions. Sgt. Rooney saw Pvt. Lawrence Fonder, one of his men fall wounded in the danger zone, he returned and carried the man to safety. For saving the life of his comrade Sgt. Rooney was awarded the D.S.C.

Two more tanks approached, the first three having taken up favorable positions. It was apparent that the enemy was going to cover all openings with fire. One straw stack was ablaze and a number of casualties had been suffered. It was 1200 hrs. and there was no firing heard from the outskirts of the city, evidently something had gone wrong with the advance of the Combat teams and Commando Group. Rather than subject the group to annihilation, Lt. Col. Swenson surrendered the position. As it was learned that although the combat teams had landed the landing taken place much further from the city than what had been planned.

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French officer allowed an Aid Man and several other men to bring the casualties to safety before the fires in the area could reach them. The Senegalese troops tried to strip our men of their personal belongings but upon objection from our troops a French Lt. halted the practice and ordered all articles returned. Firing had ceased all over the Port and it was felt that the other troops had met the same fate or been wiped out. The enlisted men were marched to a barracks where they were held, the officers were loaded into a truck, joined by officers from around the powerhouse and taken to the Admiralty for questioning. They were asked for identification but only the permissible information was given. During the time of imprisonment the French treated the Americans well. Some of the French officers kept the American officers abreast of the situation and seemed fully in accord with the operations, while others showed definite that they were against the Allies. All of the American forces were released on 10 November 1942, after having been P.O.W. for 2 days.

The troops on board H.M.S. Malcolm were not subjected to quite the same fate. On the second try at the harbor the Malcolm received several direct hits causing several casualties among the troops, and seriously damaging the ship. The Malcolm sent a message to Capt FAN COURT that it was seriously damaged and that it was unable to make another attempt to get into the harbor as its top speed was now only four knots per hour; and was forced to withdraw to sea. All men who were killed on the Malcolm, were buried at sea. At about 1100 hours 8 November 1942, H.M.S. Malcolm came alongside a hospital ship and all wounded were transferred from the Malcolm to the hospital ship. That afternoon all troops unloaded from H.M.S. Malcolm onto L.C.V.P.'s and were landed on a white beach about twenty miles outside of Algiers. At 0400 hours 9 November, this force received orders to march to Algiers and make contact with the rest of the battalion. The outskirts of Algiers were reached that night, and contact was made the following morning 10 November 1942. The British Navy had done a fine job of cooperation with the American forces, and the French Naval officers stated that the commander of the destroyer accomplished

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a magnificent feat in going through the boom. During the entire operation the officers and men of the American Terminal Force conducted themselves in a very commendable manner. The 3rd Battalion of the 135th Infantry Regiment was appointed as a guard of honor for divisional formal affairs as token of their outstanding services.

There were 48 casualties during the landing operations, 15 killed and 33 wounded.

The following is a personal account written by Lt. Col. E. T. SWENSON Commanding officer of the Detachment of the 135th Infantry from 15 October - 10 November, 1942, who was a witness during much of this phase.

QUOTE:

"The troops which were to become the American part of the Terminal Force, were assembled at Sunnylands Camp, Carrick Fergus, Ireland, about the 15th of October, 1942. At this camp they were equipped and organized for combat, predicated on the space available, for transporting them to the scene of operations. Administrative personnel and equipment were deleted to give maximum space for fighting personnel. In view of the fact that only two destroyers were available for the operations, this was thought to be the correct procedure. This has proven to be incorrect. Units cannot depend on others to furnish even the minimum of administrative equipment or supply; consequently we found ourselves entirely without facilities for supply, and feeding once the rations carried on the person were exhausted. The operations also exhausted other items of clothing and equipment. I limited the medical personnel to one officer, one non-commissioned assistant and the three aid men with each rifle unit. I also left without a chaplain. This was a serious error. One medical officer with a unit, or force of this size, is inadequate. Fortunately he did not become a casualty. In view of what happened, a chaplain would have rendered invaluable service to the dying and wounded, as well as officiating at burials.

I believed that some weapons of the heavy weapons company should ac-

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company us, but the lack of space forced us to limit them to four heavy machine guns and two 81mm. mortars, operated by reduced crews. This addition forced us to reduce rifle company strength, by the number of heavy weapons company men taken on the mission.

Communication personnel did not accompany the force. One communication officer accompanied the force and organized the communications of the force by using rifle personnel to operate communications. This was not a satisfactory solution, in spite of the outstanding effort on the part of the communications officer. Communication training is not acquired quickly.

By using two destroyers, it was necessary to split tactical units, to three rifle companies on the mission. This I believe, was satisfactorily organized and an adequate reserve for each of two rifle companies was assured. However, a serious overcrowding of the destroyer resulted, in spite of the limitations of numbers of the force. It is very possible that three destroyers would have insured better distribution of personnel and given a better chance of getting more fighting strength landed.

I believe administrative and supply staff and equipment, that is organic in a force this size, should have accompanied the force on one of the other ships of the convoy, so as to be prepared for functioning after the operation was complete, or after it had progressed to a point when they could function.

During the time we were at Carrick Fergus, the troops were trained in boarding and disembarking from destroyers. One night, the operation was planned and executed, involving disembarkation from destroyers and securing part of the dock area at Belfast. The plan was based on surprise and use of darkness as cover, in a problem similar to that which would be used at Algiers. In working this operation it was found that it would be impossible to have the men carry their "A" barracks bag. Room for them did not exist. We experimented on types of packs to accommodate the items necessary for a soldier to carry and arrived at a satisfactory combat pack, carrying necessary rations and equipment and

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still not hampering activity. We decide on a plan of lashing the rather large blanket rolls to the rails alongside the splinter plate on the destroyers as added protection.

On the 21st of October the destroyers "Malcolm" and "Broke" left Belfast. We sent three officers and twenty-five men with them, one officer and ten men on one, and two officers and fifteen men on the other. All heavy weapons personnel except one officer. Heavy weapons and all ammunition except normal personal loads were on the destroyer.

The afternoon of the 26th of October, the balance of the force boarded the British cruiser Sheffield, twenty-one officers and six hundred and thirteen men.

During the voyage, the plans of operation were worked out by Capt. Faneourt, R.N.; Comdr. Sears, R.N.; myself, Capt. Snellman, the three company commanders and the communications officer. Due to the fact that the ship was to put in at Gibraltar for one day, it was impossible to risk disclosing the destination until after leaving Gibraltar. As soon as the ship put out to sea from Gibraltar, each officer and key non-commissioned officer was given a map and a copy of the approved plan, and co-ordination and ironing out of details commenced. All who were to lead men was required to discuss, in class-room manner, in front of assembled officers and non-commissioned officers, his part in the operation. All were thoroughly familiar with the plan and alternate plans, before the time for transfer to the destroyers arrived.

Our voyage aboard the cruiser Sheffield was very satisfactory. In spite of crowded conditions, Officers and men of our force were well received and enjoyed all the hospitality possible. The men were fed very well during the voyage. There was considerable sea-sickness the first few days, but this disappeared entirely after that. During the day that the ship was in Gibraltar, all U.S. Army personnel stayed under cover, unless they could get naval clothing to wear, in which case they were allowed to go out on deck. As a result, the personnel of H.M.S.

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RODNEY, lying alongside, remarked about the number of survivors aboard the Sheffield.

On the afternoon of the 7th of November, at about 1630 hours, the destroyer "Malcolm" came alongside the Sheffield and the force detailed to go on that vessel, transferred at sea without incident. The force detailed to go on the destroyer "Broke", transferred in a like manner immediately afterwards, also without incident. The transfer at sea was completed about 1730 hours. I went with the force on the "Broke". Capt. Fancourt, R.N., also went on that vessel. The destroyer was commanded Commander Layard.

How long we were with the convoy, I do not know. Darkness obscured the convoy and those of us not concerned with the ship arranged to get the force fed and organized on the ship, in a manner to insure most protection from small arms fire and splinters. Everyone tried to get as much rest as possible. The morale and discipline were excellent.

Shortly after midnight I was awakened as I had asked to be, and I went up to the bridge. Capt. Fancourt was there and Commander Layard was in command of the bridge. The night was very dark, the sky slightly overcast and visibility was fair. In a short time we could see the lights of the harbor, but they were quite dim by distance and haze. It was still early and we cruised back and forth, working closer, trying to make out where the harbor works of Algiers were, with relation to our position.

At 0220 hours, Capt. Fancourt informed me that he had received a message, stating that the landings of combat teams had been successful and we were to go in. I informed Capt. McCulloch, the senior captain of the troops aboard and who was in command of the rifle company of the vessel that we were about to head into the harbor and instructed him to get all personnel possible below decks.

We steamed for approximately an hour toward the port. On nearing the port, gun flashes were seen along the coast. I do not know what batteries were firing, however, they were not the port of Algiers bat-

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teries. As we neared the port, the searchlights on the Ilet de Marine and at Battery des Arcades, began to search the harbor to seaward. At first they seemed to end up by illumination of the area we were concerned with and wondered if they were trying to help us. When they turned the lights off it became more difficult than ever to make out where the actual location of the boom was. We got on the course we thought to be correct and proceeded forward. Any thought that we were being helped was dismissed when the battery des Arcades opened fire on the Malcolm. On approaching the boom, it was realized that we were heading outside of the Jette de Mustapha and we turned to seaward again for another try, the Malcolm following us out. On the second try, we missed the boom area again and came under fire of both the batteries of des Arcades and Jette de Nord. Capt Fancourt signaled the Malcolm to go in if it could. The Malcolm also missed and on turning to seaward, received several hits from the shore batteries and we could see fire break out amidships. On this second try for the port we had fired star shells for illumination and a high explosive and Cerlikens at the batteries and lights. The Malcolm sent a message that she was badly hit and could make only four knots, consequently was withdrawing.

I informed Capt. McCulloch that we were going in alone and directed that he relay instructions for Plan "B" covering that eventuality. We proceeded in the third time and received seemingly greater fire from the shore batteries, but missed the entry again and turned back to sea. When we got turned into position to try again I noticed it was getting light, Capt. Fancourt remarked about it and asked what I thought of it. I told him we would have to be satisfied to take Basin de Mustapha including the Grand Mole, inasmuch as surprise was now out of the question and daylight would soon rob us of cover to seize and occupy it. We proceeded in the fourth time and the batteries began to pound. We returned fire from the destroyer.

It looked like we were going to miss again and Capt. Fancourt remarked about it, however, Commander Layard, seeming not to hear anything, altered

the course a little and ordered increased speed. We cut through the boom with hardly a sensation of hitting it and proceeded toward the quay. The quay we had planned on getting to was filled with ships, so we berthed alongside the Quay de Falaise on Mole Louis Billiard. When we went through the boom we came under terrific machine gun fire from a small vessel in port and turned the Oerlikons on that vessel and shot it up considerably, silencing the fire. A number of naval personnel aboard the Broke were wounded by the machine gun fire, which seemed to be of a caliber comparable with our .50 caliber. There was some machine gun fire from the ware houses and ships in the harbor and the naval personnel returned fire with the Oerlikons, which seemed to silence the enemy guns.

The troops aboard the Broke were quite shaken by the bombardment and were a little slow in getting under way to disembark. I went down on deck as soon as we were getting into the quay and helped the officers and the men going. Capt. Fancourt came down on the deck and started ordering the men around and I had to ask him not to, because he was causing confusion of units.

The platoon leaders got their men off and proceeded to their objectives. I had conveyed to the two Captains that we would secure the Grand Mole. It being broad daylight when we landed, about 0520 hours. Small arms fire was directed at us from various directions in the city and it became apparent that there was considerable sniping. The automatic fire seemed to cover open places and streets, but very little seemed to be planned fires on troops. The situation began to look favourable. In a short time there were some prisoners brought back and disarmed. At about 0600 hours two policemen and two civilians came over to see us stating they wished to have an emissary to go into the city to make arrangements for taking over the city. While this was relayed by interpreter and a plan of carrying out such a plan was discussed, a British naval officer, one of the boarding party commanders, came back and stated that a French army officer had contacted him and told him we were about to be surrounded and annihilated and let it be understood they

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were definitely against us. This confused the situation, but before we had time to weigh the merits of the information, artillery fire came down on the area we were in from the direction of Iette du Nord. The third round went through the bow of the Broke and the Commander backed the destroyer alongside of Quay de Dunkerque. I could not get over to the Broke, or communicate with it, fire was covering the areas between us, and the radio had been broken. Shortly after this the Battery des ArCADES started ranging on the Broke and after a half dozen rounds, got on her and delivered five direct hits. The Broke signaled, by siren, for recall, but I refused to let the men in the area I was in, go to her. We could not hope to get even a part of the men collected and in that time she would be sunk. It was obvious that she had to leave port immediately. I saw no reason to subject the men to the bombardment she was sure to get, and by that time, about 0930 hours, I felt sure that the combat teams were nearing the city, as the general plan had set for so I felt we could hold our position.

I was out of touch with part of our force in the vicinity of the power station and sea plane base, but they seemed to be continuing the fight. We were getting more fire and I could not get reports from the platoons that was on our left, in the direction of Brise Lames Est. I decided to take command of the group where I was and organize for defense in the area south of the warehouse on Mole Louis Billiard, where there were large piles of sand, wood and baled straw. I ordered the several NCO's to organize the outer perimeter, so that no one could get in hand grenade range. I felt that as long as the artillery did not get on us, we had a fair chance. At about 1100 hours six planes of our force came over and bombed Iette du Nord and destroyed these batteries. We knew then that artillery could only come from one direction and prepare for it, feeling sure that the combat teams must be coming on, having received help from the air. Shortly after this the men reported armored vehicles approaching. I gathered up the anti-tank grenades and put men in favourable positions to fire. As light tanks came up they were fire

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on, using the grenades; but all tries were misses! The men had not had sufficient practice in firing them. Three tanks commenced to encircle our area, and cross-fire us with 37mm and machine guns. We were able to move around and get cover. I noticed two more tanks approaching and saw the first three take positions and realized that they were going to cover all openings with fire, which would have annihilated us. One stack of baled straw was afire and we had suffered a number of casualties. I found it was 12 O hours and there was still no firing from the areas around the city. I knew something had gone wrong with the advance of the combat teams and the Commando force. I knew in a few minutes we should be under fire which we could not silence, nor could we hope to hold out. I decided not to subject the group I was with, to more casualties and therefore surrendered the position.

We were lined up in the street and disarmed. I had some difficulty conveying to the officer, that we had wounded men that had to be removed before the fire got to them. A French officer allowed an aid man and several other men, to go and get them to safety. The Senegalese troops tried to strip the men of their personal belongings, rings, watches, etc and I objected to the French Lieutenant, who then halted the practice and ordered all articles returned. I noticed that all firing had ceased all over the port, so felt that the other groups had met the same fate as we, or had been wiped out.

We were marched to a barracks where they held the enlisted men. The officers were then loaded into a truck, where we found the officers of the other group who had the area around the power house, and learned their story. The officers were taken to the Admiralty offices where we were asked for our identification. Several tried to question us, but got only the information that training has told us to reveal.

Several officers were not accounted for and a number of enlisted men as well. We did not account for them until we were released on Tuesday afternoon. I visited the hospital first and saw all the wounded and then went in search of our division headquarters.

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During the time we were prisoners, we were well treated by the French. Some officers kept us abreast of the situation and seemed to be fully in accord with the operation; others showed that they were definitely against us.

During the entire operation, the men of this command conducted themselves in a very commendable manner. There were outstanding examples of courage and ability. Separate reports will cover acts by individuals, which will merit at least, commendations.

I do not know anything of seamanship. I do know the personnel of the British navy did a fine job of cooperation with us. I was told by French naval officers, that whoever commanded the destroyer which went through the boom accomplished a feat that was magnificent in naval operations. From observation I know Commander Layard was remarkably cool

I believe that, could we have gone through the boom on the first try we would have got both destroyers into the harbor. We should have had the advantage of surprise and cover of darkness to seize and consolidate our objectives. If the attacks on the flanks had come in on schedule, or the timing could have been determined to get troops into the outer edges of the city shortly after daylight, the operation would have been very successful with two destroyers getting into the port.

Whether a complete tactical unit should be used on operation like this is difficult to say; one must contemplate loss of vessels by gunfire. Task forces of this nature should receive special training.

Air photos received were six days old at the time of entry into port. I believe they should be not more than twenty-four hours old. The shipping in this port was completely rearranged from the day the last air photo was taken.

It was our mission to secure the port and prevent sabotage of the pier and port facilities. It was good fortune to the allied cause, that the French decided not to sabotage the port or installations and not the operation of the Terminal Force. We failed in our mission and at most merely caused a diversion."

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The 3rd Battalion remained in the city of Algiers from 8 November 1942 until the 2nd January 1943 when they were relieved by the 2nd Battalion 133rd Infantry Regiment. During their stay in Algiers the duties of the Battalion was mainly garrisoning and police duty within the city. On 2 January 1943 the Battalion left Algiers via train route for Tlemcen, Algeria.

REMAINDER OF REGIMENT MOVES TO ORAN:

On 8 November 1942, Companies E, G, and H plus the remainder of Co M, with attached communications and medical sections, was detached from the 135th Infantry Regiment to form part of divisional advance party which left Camp Blessingbourne 8 December. The group traveled by motor to Fintons, North Ireland and there entrained for Belfast where ships were boarded to take them to Liverpool. At Liverpool other ships were boarded and the advance party set sail for Africa. After an uneventful voyage, the party landed at Oran on 21 December and assembled in an area 18 miles from Oran. On 30 December the men proceeded by motor, to Relizane, Algeria where the force underwent training until 5 January 1943 when they entrained for Tlemcen, Algeria.

Meanwhile the remainder of the regiment had left Fintons, North Ireland and on 23 December set sail from Liverpool - destination - Africa. This unit landed at Mers-el-Kebir, Algeria on 3rd January 1943. By 11 January the regiment was together again in the vicinity of Negier where training was immediately begun.

PICHON - FIRST ACTION AGAINST THE GERMANS:

On 2 February, 1943, the 135th Combat Team with the 109th Quartermaster Battalion attached, started its move east for Tunisia, North Africa. On 4 February Col C.M. Parkin and Lt Col Carley L. Marshall were relieved of assignment to the regiment and col Robert W. Ward assumed command. After successive bivouacs at Sidi-Bel-Abbes, Orleansville, L'Arba, Bi-bou-Arreridi, Guelma and Le Kef, the regiment moved into an assembly area 10 miles east of Maktar, Tunisia the night of 8-9 February.

The 135th Regimental Combat Team was attached to the 1st United

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States Infantry Division and received orders to relieve elements of the French Army in the Pichon area. Their Mission was to defend the sector against enemy attack, preventing the progress of the enemy moving in any westerly direction with 3 Battalions abreast. The reliefs took place on successive nights in the following order: The first Battalion 135th Infantry relieving the 3rd Battalion of the 1st RTA and the south half of the 2nd battalion, 1st RTA on the 10th-11th of February; the 3rd battalion, 135th Infantry, relieving the 1st battalion of the 1st RTA on the 11th-12th of February; and the 2nd battalion, 135th Infantry, relieving the north half of the 2nd battalion 9th RTA, and the 1st battalion 9th RTA, on the 12th-13th of February. The 125th Field Artillery Battalion relieved 3 batteries of French Artillery (2 batteries 75mm gun 1 battery 65mm howitzer) on the 13th-14th of February and the 135th Regimental Combat Team, as a team, was in position against the enemy for the first time in World War II. All remaining French artillery and anti-tank protection, the British Royal Artillery anti-aircraft and anti-tank units remained in position to support. When the reliefs had been completed, Col. Ward assumed the responsibility for the sector which was protected on the left flank by French Irregulars and elements of the 1st U.S. Infantry Division; the right flank was exposed to enemy attack from both the Fondouk Gap and Rhorab. All the field artillery was formed in groupments of five 25 pounder batteries and furnished direct support to the 135th Combat Team. At midnight the 14th of February the Regiment came under control of the 34th Infantry Division in combat, for the first time in World War II.

The Regiment suffered its first casualties in this sector. Pfc. John J. Dresser, Company "B", was wounded while on patrol on the 14th of February. On the 15th of February, a five man patrol from Company "B" failed to return. Early that evening during an air attack, Captain Charles A. Fanning and 2nd Lt. Charles B. Keys, both of Co. "C" were wounded, and Pfc. Erwin L. Nichols, Company "C" and Technician Fifth Squad Herbert K. Schneider, Band, was killed by bomb fragments. Staff

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Sargeant Swanson and Pvt. Robert Carlson were wounded by the same bomb fragment. It was during this time that the Regiment was issued British Compo Rations in Lieu of our own type rations.

On the 14th of February the 16th Infantry reported an enemy attack on a large scale in their sector in the vicinity of Faid Pass and Sidi-bou-Zid. The attack, by infantry with tank support was preceded by a bombardment by "Stuka" dive bombers. By the next day the situation was grave and the 135th, in a warning order from the Division Commander, Gen. Ryder, was told to be prepared for anything from an attack to a withdrawal. By the 16th the enemy had forced a breakthrough at Faid Pass and 50 to 60 tanks were reported to be moving northwest from Sudaquia at 1400 hours.

The order was received for the 135th to withdraw at 1900 hours, the 15th of February. At 1730 hours the enemy attacked the 135th with a small but fierce and determined infantry attack supported by mortar and artillery fire. This attack was beaten off however and the orderly withdrawal began on schedule. A force made up of three rifle platoons one each from Co's "B", "G" and "I", plus supporting light machine guns from each battalion was left to cover the withdrawal under Com'd of Major Ernest E. Hall. Battery B of the 125th Field Artillery Battalion was to support the covering force in their mission which they did very effectively. The Regimental S-4 Captain Anderson, left 6 trucks at the southern truck rendezvous to transport this force. The 1st Battalion executive officer ~~XXX~~ ^{ed} command the covering forces and the covering force withdrew upon his order at the proper time. This force constituted the Division Rear Guard. The withdrawal covered a distance of some 30 miles. The night was clear and warm and the terrain covered in the withdrawal varied from mountainous to rolling country on and off roads. As transportation was not available, much of the move was done on foot carrying all equipment. What ammunition, there, was that couldn't be carried by hand was effectively booby trapped with grenades. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions moved to the vicinity of Er Rbeiba that night and on to Sbiba the next day where they took up defensive positions. The 1st Battalion was reverted

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to Division reserve and moved directly to the vicinity of Sbiba that night, by way of Maktar. The order of withdrawal was as follows:- Artillery, 1st platoon, Battery "B" 106th CA (AA), 2nd Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 3rd Battalion, Anti-tank Co., "Q" Battery, 93rd Anti-tank Battalion, and 1st Battalion. As for the Anti-tank guns in the Regiment, all guns in the areas of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions withdrew with the Battalion in whose sector they were located. All Anti-tank guns in the 1st Battalion sector, except the 1st Battalion organic 37mm Anti-tank guns, will withdraw with the Anti-tank Co.

Also on the rear guard task force were the three Battalions, anti-tank platoons and the Anti-tank Company. It was at this time that the 1st Battalion front extended three miles.

The 2nd and 3rd Battalions withdrew to the vicinity of Er Reiba, and to Sbiba the next day where these two units were to take up defense positions. Transportation was not available and the Regiment moved on for a distance of 30 miles, closing in on the new area at 2300 hours, the 19th of February.

Although the troops were new in combat, the difficulties encountered in a withdrawal on such a large scale under harassing enemy fire, were overcome and the withdrawal was orderly and successful with few casualties suffered. Upon reaching their respective areas that night and early the following morning vigilance was kept constantly.

THE DEFENSE OF SBIBA VALLEY

The 2nd Battalion was in position on the Division's right flank, the 3rd Battalion, the left flank with one platoon occupying Hill 746 and maintaining liaison with the 1st Division on the extreme left. The 1st Battalion withdrew and was reverted to Division reserve with the route of march via Maktar-Rohia-Sbiba. It then sent a Liaison officer to the 1st Division.

The 2nd and 3rd Battalions were in position when, by noon of the 19th of February, enemy tanks which had broken through at SEBITLA launched an attack on a BRITISH GUARDS Brigade on the Division's RIGHT flank.

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These tank attacks followed by infantry continued for four days. While the brunt of the attacks were borne by the 133rd Infantry Combat Team holding the right half of the division sector, smaller attacks were beat off by the 135th and the defense held. Most of the enemy units were held off by long range artillery before they reached the main line of resistance and those groups which managed to infiltrate the positions were either killed or captured. Their attacks were diversionary efforts to contain our forces in the SBIBA valley so that reinforcements could not be sent to the vicinity of the KASSERINE PASS where the main drive of the enemy, begun the morning of the 20th of February, had broken through the pass and successfully advanced toward TEBESSA and THALA. The situation at THALA became so serious that on the night of the 22nd-23rd of February the Regiment again withdrew, upon orders, to the vicinity of ROHL so as to conform with the lines in the THALA sector. In this withdrawal the 1st Battalion reverted back to Regimental control while the 2nd Battalion went into Division reserve. A new defense was built up by the 1st Battalion on the right Regimental center, and the 3rd Battalion on the left Regimental center, complete with minefields and tactical wire at all positions with well coordinated and situated fire power covering all approaches.

Each individual provided himself with an individual trench, minimum depth 4 ft, maximum length 4 ft., maximum width-shoulder width. Individual trenches constructed to these dimensions provided protection against tanks and dive-bomber attack.

All Arabs passing through the lines in either direction were shot and left on the spot. Arabs acting in a suspicious way in the rear areas were treated in the same manner. Arabs found in the rear areas, but not acting suspiciously, were taken into custody and held for, from 24 to 36 hours with no food, shelter, or water, and then released. These positions were ordered held at all costs by Col. Ward, Commanding the 135th Infantry Regiment.

The main enemy drive, consisting mostly of Panzer units, was halted

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mainly through the efforts of combined American, British and French Armored elements and Artillery units, and information from various sources indicated a general enemy withdrawal from all sectors on this front on 24th of February. A Combat Patrol of 50 men from Co "C" brought a wealth of needed information concerning the enemy.

On the 25th, the 2nd Battalion plus other divisional troops was formed into a unit known as the "WOLF FORCE" which was to be a reconnaissance in force. "WOLF FORCE" was divided into two groups, the first under the command of Lt. Col. Clarence J. LEE went SOUTH through SBIBA and on to SBRITLA. The second group under the command of Capt. Frank A. McCulloch went toward KEF el ANBAR PASS. From the information gained by "WOLF FORCE" the division was able to move forward on the night of the 26th of February to its' original line near SBIBA where a new defensive position was taken up, mine fields laid, and all positions wired. While this was being done, the defense in the vicinity of ROHIA was improved to serve as a secondary position. The 135th Infantry Command Post was in the vicinity south of DAR-CHAOUGH AMARA.

THE ELALA - PICHON DIVERSION

Orders were received on the 4th of March to proceed to the vicinity of PICHON by way of ELALA with the mission of diverting any reinforcements from the northern sectors by a show of force. The following units under Col. Wards command were selected to carry out the operation; the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry; 125th Field Artillery Battalion with one platoon 107th C.A. (Anti-aircraft) attached; one company 751st Tank Battalion; one platoon, 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion; and 34th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop with four pioneer and demolition squads, 109th Engineers attached.

This force advanced to the vicinity of ER RBEIBA by 0400 hours, the 5th of March and continued the advance at 0430 hours. The Regiment maintained 24 hour outposts in the vicinity of ER RBEIBA to give warning of any enemy approaching from the East. The outpost was composed of 1 officer and 2 rifle squads with radio communication with day and night patrols to the East. This position was occupied on the night of the

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9th-10th of March, 1943. They had rations and water for 2 days, and all their reports sent to Regiment were relayed immediately to Division. At 1150 hours contact with the enemy was gained by patrols operating in ea west of EL ALA. The enemy units were driven off with small arms fire and the advance continued. Companies I, and K along with elements of the 34th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop advanced east from EL ALA astride the secondary EAST-WEST ELALA-PICHON road and by 1530 hours had taken t their objectives and were under heavy rifle, machine gun and mortar fir By 1400 hours the 125th Field Artillery who were in position received direct fire from enemy armored vehicles. The 125th Field Artillery fir their field pieces as direct fire weapons and drove the enemy tanks awa

At 1600 hours information was received that enemy motorized infantry was observed detrucking near the LEFT rear of the force and that enemy armor was with them. Other armor was also reported to be advancing north from HADJEB EL AIEUN coming toward the right rear of the force. Because of the size of the enemy forces converging to the rear and too, the advantage they had in position, orders were handed down to withdraw to the original lines. The withdrawal orders directed the tank company and the tank destroyer platoon to take up positions in the rear to meet any enemy threats. The Reconnaissance troop was dispersed along the river five kilometers WEST and two kilometers north of EL ALA; four platoons of the 135th remained in position and the whole covering force was supported by Battery B of the 125th Field Artillery Battalion. The night was very dark and the roads were "ice slick" with mud from the rain which was now falling. In the darkness, some of the leading elements took a wrong road and in order to get back on the route of withdrawal it was necessary for them to infiltrate enemy lines which they did without mishap.

All units closed in on the area near ER HBEIBA by dawn and proceeded WEST to the original positions where the Division made preparations for attack on FONDOUNK.

The following comments on the forementioned offensive are herewith submitted as being the statements of Major, then Captain, Roland Ander

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Regimental S-4 of the 135th Infantry Regiment.

1. The "C" Ration, which every man is authorized to carry on his person, was consumed before he left on this Mission. As a consequence a number of men were without food for 36 hours.

2. (A) Motor Convoys traveled too close together during daylight hours. The Battalion Organic transportation was the biggest offender.

(B) In many instances equipment was on vehicles which was not authorized, thus vehicles were not hauling the prescribed load of Ammunition. Water and Gas Cans were mixed on vehicles.

(C) Battalion Transportation Officers did not supervise Convoys at dangerous places, or leave guides.

(D) Vehicles were cutting into Convoys too much.

3. The pioneer and Ammunition Officers were not reconnoitering routes to move ammunition forward, by Vehicle or by carrying parties. If additional ammunition would have been required on recent Offense it would have taken at a minimum of three hours to supply the unit.

The information upon which the above narrative for phase III based, was obtained from the following sources:

1. Partial History, 135th Infantry Regiment.
2. The Story of the 34th Infantry Division. (Published by the information and Education Section MTOUSA.
3. Regiment 1 and Battalion S-1 and S-3 Reports.
4. Excerpts from Personal diary of 1st Sgt. Richard Tuenge, "D".
5. Eyewitness accounts, 1st Sgt. R. Tuenge, 1st Sgt. E. Flowe S/Sgt. Hardiman all of Co. "D".
6. Letters, Bulletins etc. of the Regiment and Division.

APPENDIX III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

and Education Section (TOBIA)

- 3. Regimental and Battalion 2-1 and 2-3 Reports.
- 4. Excerpts from Personal diary of 1st Sgt. Leonard Tuenge, Co. "D"
- 5. Eyewitness accounts, 1st Sgt. [unclear], 1st Sgt. S. Flowers, 1st Sgt. Hardiman [unclear] Co. "D".

Letters, bulletins, etc., of the Regiment and Division.

The following information and facts are pertinent for this particular phase:

(LOSERS IN ACTION)

1. Killed in action

8 November 1942

Pvt lcl	Lein, Melvin A.	20707266	Med Det
S/lt	Larson, Louis M.	20709158	Co. "I"
Cpl	Johnson, LeRoy P.	20709178	"
Pvt lcl	Hgan, Harry J.	37027372	"
"	Larson, Virgil G.	20709160	"
"	Mace, Lee F.	37027308	"
"	Mason, Carl D.	37027341	"
Pvt	Makita, Andrew	22303993	"
"	Weinhardt, Robert J.	35130700	"
Pvt lcl	Roscoe, Melvin J.	37015399	Co. "L"
Pvt	Winger, Earl H.	36131204	"
and Lt	George, George	01290101	Co. "M"
Sgt	Redell, Donald C.	20709727	"
Pl	Hennings, Alvin I.	20709779	"
Pvt lcl	Bendon, Carl F.	37028699	"
Pvt	Bzehr, Edward	35079379	"

2. Wounded in action

8 November 1942

Pvt lcl	Cross, Henry J.	20708959	Co. "F"
"	Larson, Burton H.	37027318	"
2nd Lt	Bradshaw, Arnold F.	01292287	Co. "I"
S/Sgt	Opsoth, Lloyd W.	20709131	"
"	Sivertson, Silvert K.	20709194	"
"	Skulborstad, John S.	20709110	"
"	Armann, Vincent I.	20709111	"
"	Longhenry, Gerhard S.	20709162	"
T/lt	Linn, Alfred A.	20709161	"
Cpl	Haultos, Wallace K.	20709150	"
Cpl	Persons, Kenneth E.	37027128	"
Pvt lcl	Fachberg, Eugene T.	20709183	"
"	Hildahl, Jordan M.	37027426	"
"	Spiedel, Edwin	3630,909	"
Pvt	Rockhold, Howard L.	35130737	"

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PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY (CONT'D)

(LOSERS IN ACTION, continued)
2. Wounded in action cont'd.

3 November 1942, cont'd

Pvt	Wapleski, Sylvester	20275006	Co. "K"
"	Whirlano, George	33105553	"
Pvt 1cl	Johnson, Arvid B.	37026819	"
"	Wispalle, Albrod W.	37025788	"
Pvt	Wheeler, Harvey B.	36160705	"
"	Waulkner, Lewis E.	35213932	"
Sgt	Wegenhart, Robert	20709511	Co. "H"
"	Wheeler, Daniel J.	20709524	"
"	Wentzel, Paul L.	20708565	"
Cpl	Wenzel, John W.	20709576	"
Pvt 1cl	Brown, Milton F.	36131345	"
"	Wullum, Harold A.	33106515	"
"	Wunder, Clarence H.	20709544	"
Pvt	O'Brien, John F.	32322870	"
Pvt 1cl	Olson, Erling P.	20709784	Co. "L"
"	Mcoparin, George	36302573	"
Pvt	Woolville, Frank A.	37027945	"

SUMMARY:

Killed in action; 1 off., 16
Wounded in action; 1 off., 31

B. ICHON; 12th-17th February 1943

1. Killed in action

15 February 1943

Pvt 1cl	Nichols, Erwin L.	33101950	Co. "C"
7/5	Schneider, Herbert K.	20709878	band

16 February 1943

Sgt	Larson, Raymond E.	20709181	Co. "E"
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2. Wounded in action

14 February 1943

Pvt 1cl	Dresser, John A.	32183377	Co. "B"
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15 February 1943

2nd Lt	Keys, Charles B.	01294391	Co. "C"
S/Sgt	Swanson, Elmer C.	20707886	"
Sgt	Carlson, Robert A.	20707872	"
Captain	Fanning, Charles A.	0358529	"

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3. Missing in action

1. February, 1943

vt lcl	Reick, Hazel M.	33101115	Co. "B"
vt	Wedley, William E.	32102611	"
	Astewicz, Edward M.	3361270	"

17 February, 1943

vt	Leix, Frederick (MIA)	2000102	Co. "B"
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18 February, 1943

vt	Henry, John E.	6028112	Co. "B"
vt lcl	Swloski, John	3016121	"

4. Captured

15 February 1943

Col	Connelly, James E.	10600181	Co. "B"
vt	Green, Paul E.	29701093	"

Summary:
 Killed in action: 3
 Wounded in action: 2 (off.), 1
 Missing in action: 6
 Captured: 2

c. 25th-27th February 1943 (MIA - 1st Bn., 82nd Airborne Div.)

1. Killed in action

22 February 1943

2nd Lt.	Atlin, George E.	0402773	Co. "B", 1st Bn.
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24 February 1943

Col	Michael, Robert A.	10600181	Co. "B"
vt	Logan, John E.	32343139	"

27 February 1943

vt	Leitch, Herbert E.	20701119	Co. "B"
vt lcl	Stevenson, Glen E.	21701133	"
vt	Robinson, Edward E.	12001130	"
vt lcl	Sturtz, Melvin E.	20061197	"

28 February, 1943

1st Lt.	Cruaz, Eugene E.	0375311	Co. "B"
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22 February 1943

Cpl Bachel, Raymond E. 37024833 Anti-tank Co.

24 February 1943

Cpl Balbach, Carl W. 37026207 Co. "B"
Sgt Inter, George F. 20708343 "
Sgt Alton-Peters, Stephen 10001104 "
Cpl Carlson, George A. 37026235 "
Sgt Cassler, Robert H. 37027257 "
S.O.(A) LaBarge, Ralph H. W2109798 Serv. Co.

26 February 1943

Sand Lt Combs, George E. 01290379 Co. "B"

27 February 1943

Sgt Icol Bagileo, Samuel J. 32303813 Co. "B"
Sgt Smith, Milton F. 31152642 Co. "A"
Sgt Volman, Michael L. 32303878 "
Sgt Icol Anthony, James H. 20706634 "
Sgt Moreau, George E. 6690150 "
Sgt Holden, Albert E. 32101921 "
Sgt Icol Schneider, John H. 34109487 "
Sgt Johnson, Earl E. 37024965 "
Sgt Jordan, Robert F. 20708502 "
Sgt Icol Davis, Edward E. 37025902 "
Sgt Lorenzo, Donald W. 20708530 "
Sgt Rolstad, Leroy E. 37025622 "

28 February 1943

Sgt Skulicky, Bill 375412 Hq Det, 2nd Bn

3. Missing in action

27 February 1943

Sgt Perry, Henry E. 043622 Co. "B"
Sgt Mitchell, William E. 20708540 "
Sgt Icol Owens, Robert 37025627 "

DETAILS:

illed in action: 2 Off., 1 S.O.
ounded in action: 2 Off., 1 S.O., 1 S.O.
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PHASE III - BATTALION STRENGTH REPORT

(Details in Column, Continued).

1. Killed in action

1 March 1943

Lt	Escottier		(French Army Officer on duty with the 130th Infantry).
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20 March 1943

Vt lcl	Lorents, Albert D.	33111020	1st Co
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2. Wounded in action

1 March 1943

Vt lcl	Maghin, Louis	32172350	1st Co
1st Lt	Smith, Phineas F., Jr.	0418961	1st Lt, 3rd Bn

5 March 1943

1st Sgt	Mcgroot, Ervin J.	20709712	Co. "A"
1st Sgt	Phillips, Harold I.	37037421	Co. "B"
Vt lcl	Hamilton, Lowell S.	35130773	"
Vt	Wanness, Friedrich D.	36306449	"

3. Captured

5 March 1943

1st Sgt	Speoth, Lloyd E.	20709713	Co. "A"
1st Lt	Skulberstad, John S.	20709710	"
1st Lt	Kerr, Wilford S.	36306424	"

Summary
 Killed in action: 1 Off., 1 EM
 Wounded in action: 1 Off., 5 EM
 Captured: 3 EM

No replacements were received during this period.

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<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>
El Arg	6234	Haddada	6119
El Faouer	0664	Haddadj	82797
El Gales	1111	Hara Kbira	0438
El Jrea	79732	Hara Khira	29934
El Muttar	12273	Henchir Bouhair	6891
El Oultina	5021	Hir ben Hussoun	75452
El Haachchane	0037	Hir bou Rechada	3217
El Haddada	5579	Hount Bedouine	1130
El Hassna	20431	Hount el Aragna	29935
El Hassna-du Djerid	5331	Hount el Arabh	0532
El Hazem	0831	Hount Guelune	2722
El Kartana	1019	Hount Iobbana	0629
El Reduie	0827	Hount Souk (Djerba)	0240
El Ksar	0531		
El Kasul	6256	Jarsine	1884
El Kai	0532	Jouacula	2352
El Kada	2341		
El Kaita	23031	Kairouan	1331
El Kanard	2329	Kasbina	0523
El K'dou	23124	Kasserine	0565
El Kgarca	5382	Lebila	3012
El Telil	02345	of Ahmed B. Abdallah	6190
Es Bogala	0731	Kefer-ayst	0165
En Khamlet	26329	Kelouamene	02590
		Kettana	4320
Fadlour	1434	Karabaou	0646
Falmine	0522	Karubou	0328
Faid	7759	Kracou	0224
Fara jira	29323	Kraoussa	2926
Fatnessa	0912	Kris	6232
Femilie	01980	Ksar Asiat	6319
Feriana	38238	Ksar bou Hendu	5457
Fl Aouina	03877	Ksar bou Sidi	7718
Fogamine	00732	Ksar Chitana	6315
Fondouk el Okbi	08217	Ksar Chouling	87234
Fort-Saint	02027	Ksar Darharie	86111
Foum Tahouine	87531	Ksar Djedid	5771
		Ksar el Ababza	6751
Gabes	3334	Ksar el Ababza	6554
Gafsa	0781	Ksar el Ahmar	16506
Gales	3688	Ksar el Djoumes	5565
Diase	0780	Ksar el Gueirate	5462
Jourine	7712	Ksar el Hallouf	6468
Jraiba	0302	Ksar en Masseur	4215
Quchaine	0737	Ksar Hourikie	5264
Guellada	02389	Ksar Kerechefe	8588
Guermessa	5635	Ksar Khira	1128
Gartoufa	87928	Ksar Mgassa	6207
hert...	2100	Ksar Mguelha	7030
		Ksar Mohamed bou Ammar	5758
		Ksar Mokra	5471
		Ksar Mrabtine	7712
		Ksar Souk el Ghommasene	5401

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

<u>Place</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>
Kear Oued bou	27624	Hanai	22934
Kear Oued bou	21629	Nakas	07014
Kear Oued bou bid	24862	Nechlou	12472
Kear Oued Lebbab	27024	Nefasia	21169
Kear Oued Lahdi	25355	Nefta	22811
Kear Oued Said	26018	Negga	21607
Kear Oued Sottane	28316		
Kear Ohilane	09733	Quallah	20634
Kear Asifa	26343	Oudref	21934
Kear Taleb Seldine	26421	Oued Amhar	17630
Kear Ismelost	27916	Oued Hane	21229
Kear Tarcine	1257	Oued Mabil	20219
Kear Dali Saimed	28428	Quilad Amor	21136
Kear Saouia	26149	Quilad Majed	26031
Kear Saoula	28763	Ouz Seman	1312
Ksour Sjalidat	28229	Oursurben	20824
La Hencha	07076	Phillippe Thomas	27467
La Khrita	09362	Risida	21697
La Skhirra	22778	Richon	07523
Lizague	28012	Rooste de Lassouda	26063
Lortoc	21273		
Madjene Mel Abes	27116	Sabia	22406
Mahares	26100	Sahmat	03327
Mahbobin	21331	Rass el Aine	20536
Mahdia	20211	Medayer	01372
Maknasay	27900	Remada	21963
Mamsoura	22706	Remilla	02061
Mareth	25205	Rhadames	21615
Matarba	22594	Rharsa	00174
Mechigul	28535	Rhelligia (el dar)	23674
Madenin	27478	Rhelligia (el Guodara)	22091
Medjin	20132	Rhenouch	22839
Magnag	20032	Rhidaz	21973
Mehri Zebbens	27910	Rhijone	20939
Meich	27196	Rhousareason	26344
Melameur	26974	Rohia	01919
Melita	20086		
Mellita	29638	Sabria	21363
Menchia	21912	Sakket	21781
Monsal	23033	Sammrou	22027
Motlaoui	27308	Sceitla	22874
Metouda	22211	Sbiba	22008
Meyaria	21236	Sehada	26333
Meyrane	29425	Seidoukesh	20936
Messouna	20107	Seftina	23344
Mehreb	25330	Sembat	20130
Mides	22874	Semra	21120
Midoum	25282	Sandouk	26163
Moulares	28108	Sidi Abdallah bou Sijid	23018
Mteurch	23531	Sidi Ahmed ben Aida	26107
		Sidi Ali	25778

ANNEXE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT W. P. (Cont'd)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Sidi Arabin	13814
Sidi Chennakhi	14257
Sidi Mansour	109243
Sidi Mersouy	11079
Sidi Mousaid	113094
Sidi Sellam	114317
Sidi Nassrallah	119394
Sidi Foui	11796
Si bou Sid	116515
Souahel	11115
Sousse	115973
Taouat	110339
Taoujout	111795
Tafertay el	110725
Taguara	111783
Tamer	113072
Tamerit	111193
Tahrdimesa	110435
Tahrigit	110536
Teboulba	111135
Teboulben	111429
Tebessa	113675
Teshine	111557
Teicha	113978
Tembib	111111
Terhalla	111026
Terhale	111201
Terdaine	111561
Thelepto	110342
Tianest	110734
Tidjma	111197
Tilioume	110325
Tiouadjone	110227
Platt	110226
Tlemine	112504
Touiba	111583
Toujane	111077
Toumbar	112303
Touzeur	115121
Triaja	110455
Trifla	111204
Zaafrane	111274
Zaafria	115114
Zaouiet el rat	110029
Zaouiet el Anness	111311
Zaouiet el Anness	111313
Zerat	111111
Zarid	111117
Zolton	111682
Zeraoua	111186
Zergaie	111130
Zig Zergaie	111019

135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

UNIT OF OFFICERS
 UNIT OF OFFICERS

ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERSREGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer

S-1
 Asst. S-1

S-2
 Asst. S-2

S-3
 Asst. S-3

Liaison Officer

Regimental Surgeon

1st Bn. Chaplain

2nd Bn. Chaplain

3rd Bn. Chaplain

Col. Robert T. Ward, 017637

Lt. Col. Albert A. Woboda, 003849

Capt. Roy J. Erickson, 0401913

Mr. Lawrence P. Cannon, -21 9786 (Jg)

Capt. John T. Carlson, 0288973

2nd Lt. Donald E. Odring, 019 511

Capt. Robert V. Shinn, 0323157

1st Lt. Warren L. Authement, 035564

Major Jacob F. Karn, 0368964

Capt. Carl W. Washman, 018829

1st Lt. Leland A. Larson, 0426590

1st Lt. Hoke A. Bell, 0422401

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Commanding Officer

Ex. Off. & Regtl. Liaison Officer

Regtl. Comm. Officer

1st Bn. Comm. Officer

2nd Bn. Comm. Officer

3rd Bn. Comm. Officer

Asst. Regtl. Comm. Officer

Asst. Regtl. Comm. Officer

Capt. Leroy A. Dahlin, 0325971

1st Lt. Albert I. Peterson, 0375314

1st Lt. Paul F. Lawson, 024429

2nd Lt. Nils H. Anderson, 01294104

2nd Lt. Paul E. Feiber, 01286265

2nd Lt. Alfred Dunham, 01291088

2nd Lt. Elmer P. Funderup, 01290404

Mr. James A. McAllister, -2109419 (Jg)

SERVICES COMPANY

Commanding Supply Service (-4)

Company Commander

Sanitation Officer

Asst. Sanitation Officer

Personnel Officer

Special Services Officer

Regtl. Transportation Officer

Maintenance Officer

1st Bn. S-4

2nd Bn. S-4

3rd Bn. S-4

Asst. Regtl. S-4

Asst. Regtl. S-4

Asst. Maintenance Officer

Capt. Roland Anderson, 0366901

1st Lt. Allen P. Crowley, 0314412

Capt. Albert L. Hoihjelle, 0334466

Mr. Henry A. Salverson, -2109816 (Jg)

Capt. Thomas J. Kolan, 0364408

Capt. Frank G. Tuma, 036769

1st Lt. Robert J. Moore, 0412997

1st Lt. Foster E. Hayden, 0411387

2nd Lt. Anthony E. Vonstuden, 01290506

1st Lt. Harold G. Mainzater, 0415896

1st Lt. Leo J. Voss, 0451700

2nd Lt. Raymond J. Bruy, 0461984

Mr. Ralph N. LaBarge, -2109798 (Jg)

Mr. Marshall E. Sannells, -2109419 (Jg)

ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Commanding Officer

2nd Lt. Command

Reconnaissance Officer

Anti-Tank Mine Platoon Leader

Platoon Leader

Platoon Leader

Platoon Leader

Capt. James F. Marfield, 0370442

1st Lt. Robert E. Jensen, 0397141

2nd Lt. Robert E. Advengood, 01294329

2nd Lt. Roger V. Caholt, 01294351

2nd Lt. Jay F. Hollyfield, 01294424

1st Lt. Jack R. White, 0316830

1st Lt. Joseph E. Pope, 0382646

REGIMENT - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

COMPANY "A"

Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer
 S-1 and Company Commander
 S-2
 S-3
 Transportation Officer
 Ammunition & Pioneer Section Ldr.
 Special Services Officer

Lt. Col. Robert A. Miller, 025008
 Major Garnet A. Hall, 0238359
 1st Lt. Maurice E. Tacy, 0303616
 1st Lt. William W. Smith, 0118790
 Capt. Raymond T. Sellers, 012417
 2nd Lt. William O. Spohrert, 0129411
 2nd Lt. Seymour Littleman, 0129435
 2nd Lt. James Koulgeorge, 0129294

COMPANY "B"

Commanding Officer
 2nd in Command
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader

Capt. Donald G. Landon, 0317710
 1st Lt. John T. Lyons, 0107300
 2nd Lt. Leinald W. Hanley, 0192705
 2nd Lt. Harold T. Egan, 01290477
 2nd Lt. David H. Beatty, 0204062
 2nd Lt. George J. Myers, 01292309

COMPANY "C"

Commanding Officer
 2nd in Command
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader

1st Lt. Matthew Tucker, 0387934
 1st Lt. Noble S. Wickiff, 0452696
 1st Lt. Joseph A. Sizak, 0399302
 2nd Lt. Jay E. Gould, 01291105
 2nd Lt. Rufus W. Marshall, 0192709
 2nd Lt. Warren S. Perry, 01287757

COMPANY "D"

Commanding Officer
 2nd in Command
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader

Capt. Charles A. Fanning, 0358529
 1st Lt. Frank J. Annan, 0407912
 1st Lt. Harold J. Vacura, 0418412
 2nd Lt. Edward Atkin, 0192796
 2nd Lt. Gail R. Bell, 01290367

COMPANY "E"

Commanding Officer
 2nd in Command
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader
 Platoon Leader

1st Lt. Arnold H. Brandt, 0355027
 1st Lt. Leslie A. Bailey, 024045
 2nd Lt. Lawrence A. Boivin, 01292824
 2nd Lt. Harry J. Fotakis, 0129096
 2nd Lt. Donald J. Dodge, 01291087
 2nd Lt. Emanuel H. Roth, 01291089

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, SECOND BATTALION

Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer
 S-1 and Company Commander
 S-2
 S-3
 Transportation Officer
 Ammunition & Pioneer Section Ldr.
 Special Services Officer

Lt. Col. Clarence J. Lee, 0239419
 Capt. Frank A. McCulloch, 0279008
 1st Lt. Joel E. Lawson, 0291001
 2nd Lt. Louis A. Hauser, 01290418
 1st Lt. Carl J. Bestler, 0113426
 2nd Lt. Charles H. Smith, 01290491

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)COMPANY "E"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

1st Lt. Andrew M. Ondecker, 0406795
1st Lt. Hill P. Cooper, 0407297
2nd Lt. Thomas A. Alexander, 01290358
2nd Lt. Joe H. Kinble, 01290435
2nd Lt. Bernard Machinovsky, 01292384
2nd Lt. Richard H. Sugars, 01288324

COMPANY "F"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Capt. Robert F. Voeghtl, 0359626
1st Lt. Gordon P. Boff, 0452111
1st Lt. Henry G. Perry, 0436222 (MIA-27 Feb)
2nd Lt. Alden S. Lance, 01290440
2nd Lt. James A. Lucas, 01291142
2nd Lt. Michael W. Reilly, 01291166
2nd Lt. Horace P. Haight, 0343348

COMPANY "G"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Capt. Vincent P. Goodsell, 0397136
1st Lt. Nicholas W. Bowden, 0413708
1st Lt. Evan A. Hamley, 0415193
2nd Lt. Bernard D. Bell, 01290366
2nd Lt. George S. Combs, 01290379
2nd Lt. Anthony M. Sojka, 01292412

COMPANY "H"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Capt. Alvin M. Lund, 0397371
1st Lt. Ambrose J. Briscoe, 0392531
1st Lt. Joseph E. Rogers, 0416238
1st Lt. Lawrence W. Wakeh, 0416149
2nd Lt. Leon H. Aray, 01290360
2nd Lt. James R. Decote, 01294275
2nd Lt. James R. Iverson, 01280424

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THIRD BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
S-1 and Company Commander
S-2
S-3
Transportation Officer
Ammunition & Pioneer Section Ldr.
Social Services Officer

Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swanson, 0237257
Major William F. Smallman, 0299968
1st Lt. Emory J. Trewick, 0452091
1st Lt. Phineas F. Smith, 0418961
Capt. Gerhard P. Kaske, 0359411
2nd Lt. Mart R. Parker, 01294355
2nd Lt. Vincent F. DeAugustine, 0422765
2nd Lt. Howell O. Misenbunt, 01292969

COMPANY "I"

Company Commander
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

1st Lt. Goodman S. Jroller, 0423209
1st Lt. William L. Muir, 0386785
1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews, 0347921
2nd Lt. John Staffi, 01290483
2nd Lt. Raynold S. Dobak,
2nd Lt. Leo S. Svitavsky, 01288139

PL. 88 III - 195TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

COMPANY "K"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Capt. Paul F. Thaler, 0371590
1st Lt. Thomas E. Oregon, 0402781
1st Lt. Kermit S. Vangone, 0415058
1st Lt. Edgar A. Spicher, 01287775
2nd Lt. Luther D. Doty, 0292844
2nd Lt. John P. Flynn, 01292861

COMPANY "L"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

1st Lt. Louis M. Smith, 0385222
1st Lt. John L. Bridgeman, 0405756
1st Lt. Frank F. Jable, 0397138
1st Lt. Thomas H. Cronshaw, 0316816
2nd Lt. Ervin F. Hall, 01292334
2nd Lt. Stanley W. Brackett, 01294261

COMPANY "M"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Capt. Keith O. Van Krevelan, 0377973
1st Lt. Robert O. Foster, 0425838
2nd Lt. Lee Bewley, 01290369
2nd Lt. Donovan O. Griffin, 0416559
2nd Lt. John W. North, 01290463
2nd Lt. William H. Gardner, 01290409

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Detachment Commander
Dental Officer
Asst. Dental Officer
1st Bn. Surgeon
Asst. 1st Bn. Surgeon
2nd Bn. Surgeon
Asst. 2nd Bn. Surgeon
3rd Bn. Surgeon
Asst. 3rd Bn. Surgeon

Capt. Vilhelm M. Johnson, 0419941
Capt. Carl J. Gumbert, 0373576
1st Lt. Leon F. Pallettieri, 0432492
Capt. John S. Hamlen, 0361491
Capt. Robert E. Tinley, 0359153
Capt. Wyman B. Jacobson, 0404322
1st Lt. Allen J. Simpson, 0381827
Capt. Peary B. Barber, 0344610
1st Lt. Albert A. Kurland, 0418226

BAND

Band Director

Mr. John W. Cafarelli, W-2000730 (Chief WD)

Phase III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

COMMANDING OFFICER IN ASSIGNMENTS:

LANDING AT ALGIERS, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA

8 November 1942:

Commanding American Terminal Force: Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson
 Commanding Company "I": Captain Le Roy B. Dahlin
 Commanding Company "K": Captain Paul H. Thaler
 Commanding Company "L": Captain Frank A. McCulloch
 Commanding Medical Detachment: Captain Wilhelm M. Johnson

(See Inclosure #1, Roster of Officers in American Terminal Force)

MICHON, TUNISIA, NORTH AFRICA.

12 February 1943:

Regimental Commander: Colonel Robert W. Ford
 Executive Officer: Lt. Col. Albert A. Svoboda
 Regimental S-4: Major Roland Anderson
 Regimental S-3: Major Arthur A. Kanstrup
 Regimental S-2: Captain John W. Carlson
 Regimental S-1: Captain Ray J. Erickson
 Regimental Surgeon: Major Jacob F. Karn
 Commanding Headquarters Company: 1st Lt. Maurice C. Murphy
 Commanding Service Company: Captain Thomas J. Nolan
 Commanding Antitank Company: Captain James F. Jarfield
 Commanding Medical Detachment: Captain Wilhelm M. Johnson
 Commanding 1st Battalion: Lt. Col. Robert P. Miller
 Executive Officer, 1st Battalion: Major Garnet E. Hall
 S-3, 1st Battalion: Captain Raymond W. Sellers
 Commanding Hq. Det. 1st Battalion: 1st Lt. Maurice W. Stacy
 Commanding Company "A": Captain Donald O. Landon
 Commanding Company "B": 1st Lt. Matthew Tucker
 Commanding Company "C": Captain Charles A. Fanning
 Commanding Company "D": 1st Lt. Arnold H. Brandt
 Commanding 2nd Battalion: Lt. Col. Clarence J. Lee
 Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion: Major Frank A. McCulloch
 S-3, 2nd Battalion: Captain Emil Skalicky
 Commanding Hq. Det. 2nd Battalion: 1st Lt. Joel M. Lewison
 Commanding Company "2": 1st Lt. Eugene H. Pruax
 Commanding Company "7": Captain Robert F. Voegtli
 Commanding Company "J": Captain Vincent F. Jodisell
 Commanding Company "H": Captain Einar M. Lund
 Commanding 3rd Battalion: Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson
 Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion: Major William F. Snellman
 S-3, 3rd Battalion: Captain Gerhard P. Kaeke
 Commanding Hq. Det. 3rd Battalion: 1st Lt. Emory J. Trawick
 Commanding Company "I": Captain LeRoy B. Dahlin
 Commanding Company "K": Captain Paul H. Thaler
 Commanding Company "L": 1st Lt. Louis H. Smith, Jr.
 Commanding Company "M": Captain Keith J. Van Krevelen

(See Inclosure #2, Roster of Officers 12 February 1943.)

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

Commanding Officers in Engagements, continued.

CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENTS OF COMMANDING OFFICERS AND STAFF FROM BEGINNING OF NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

26 February 1943:

1. 1st Lt. Maurice O. Murphy relieved of command of Headquarters Company; Capt. Leroy E. Dahlin assigned command.

2. 1st Lt. Goodman G. Oreller assigned command of Company "I".

3. Capt. Thomas J. Nolan relieved of command of Service Company and assigned as Personnel Adjutant; 1st Lt. Allen P. Crowley assigned command of Service Company.

28 February 1943:

4. 1st Lt. Eugene H. Truax killed in action; 1st Lt. Andrew M. Ondecker assigned command of Company "E".

12 March 1943:

5. Maj. Arthur A. Hanstrup relieved of assignment as Regimental S-3; Capt. Robert V. Shinn assigned as Regimental S-3.

18 March 1943:

6. Capt. Robert F. Voegtlı relieved of command of Company "F"; 1st Lt. Gordon V. Hoff, assigned command.

23 March 1943:

7. Capt. Raymond W. Sellers relieved of assignment as S-3 of 1st Battalion; 1st Lt. Leslie F. Bailey assigned as S-3 of 1st Battalion

29 March 1943:

8. Lt. Col. Clarence J. Lee wounded in action; Lt. Col. Albert A. Svoboda assigned command of the 2nd Battalion.

9. 1st Lt. Andrew M. Ondecker wounded in action; 2nd Lt. Joe H. Kimble assigned command of Company "B".

30 March 1943:

10. Lt. Col. Edwin F. Swenson injured in action; Maj. Garnet S. Hall assigned command of 3rd Battalion

2 April 1943:

11. Capt. Ray J. Erickson assigned as S-3 of 2nd Battalion.

11. Major Charles B. Everest assigned to Regiment and to duty as Regimental executive officer.

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

3 April 1943:

12. Captain Paul H. Thaler killed in action; Captain Emil Skalic assigned command of Company "K".

4 April 1943:

13. Captain Robert V. Shinn relieved of assignment as Regimental S-1 and assigned as Executive Officer of 1st Battalion.

14. 1st Lt. Emory J. Trawick relieved of assignment as S-1 of 3rd Battalion and assigned as Regimental S-1; 1st Lt. Phineas F. Smith, Jr., assigned as S-1 of 3rd Battalion.

8 April 1943:

15. 1st Lt. Godman J. Broller killed in action; 1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews assigned command of Company "I".

13 April 1943:

16. Captain John W. Carlson relieved of assignment as Regimental S-2 and assigned as Regimental S-3.

22 April 1943:

17. 1st Lt. Maurice E. Stacy relieved of assignment as S-1 of 1st Battalion and assigned as Regimental S-2; 1st Lt. William E. Smith assigned as S-1 of 1st Battalion.

26 April 1943:

18. 1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews evacuated sick; 1st Lt. Thomas H. Cronshaw assigned command of Company "L".

27 April 1943:

19. 1st Lt. Thomas H. Cronshaw wounded in action; 2nd Lt. Reynold S. Dobak assigned command of Company "I".

28 April 1943:

20. 1st Lt. Gordon F. Boff wounded in action; 2nd Lt. James A. Lucas assigned command of Company "F".

29 April 1943:

21. 1st Lt. Matthew Tucker wounded in action; 1st Lt. Kimble E. Kiddiff assigned command of Company "B".

8 May 1943:

22. 1st Lt. Harold L. Bainwater assigned command of Company "F"; 2nd Lt. James A. Lucas assigned as 2nd in command of Company "F".

Inlosure # 1: Roster of Officers in American Terminal Force.

Inlosure #2: Roster of Officers as of 12 February 1943.

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

ROSTER OF OFFICERS IN AMERICAN TERMINAL FORCE.

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Surgeon
Communications Officer

Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson, 0237257
Captain, William F. Smallman, 0229963
Captain Wilhelm H. Johnson, 0419941
1st Lt. Emory J. Trawick, 0452091

COMPANY "I"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Leroy E. Dahlin, 0325971
1st Lt. William L. Blair, 0386785
1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews, 0347921
1st Lt. Hill P. Cooper, 0407297
1st Lt. Kimble E. McKiff, 0452696
2nd Lt. Arnold F. Bradshaw

COMPANY "K"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Paul H. Thaler, 0371590
1st Lt. Thomas E. Chasin, 0402781
1st Lt. Leo O. Voss, 0451700
1st Lt. Leslie W. Bailey, 24045
2nd Lt. John P. Flynn, 01292861
2nd Lt. Luther L. Doty, 0292844

COMPANY "L"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Frank A. McCulloch, 0279008
1st Lt. Louis M. Smith, 0385222
1st Lt. Frank F. Gable, 0371938
1st Lt. John L. Bridgeman, 0405756
2nd Lt. Irwin F. Hall, 01292338
2nd Lt. James Kaulgeorge, 01292904

DETACHMENT OF COMPANY "M"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command

1st Lt. Robert O. Foster, 0425838
2nd Lt. George, George

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

ROSTER OF OFFICERS, 135TH INFANTRY, AS OF 12 FEBRUARY 1943.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer
 S-1
 Asst S-1
 S-2
 Asst. S-2
 S-3
 Liaison Officer
 Liaison Officer
 Regimental Surgeon
 1st Bn. Chaplain
 2nd Bn. Chaplain
 3rd Bn. Chaplain

Colonel Robert W. Ford, 017637
 Lt. Col. Albert A. Svoboda, 0103869
 Captain Ray J. Erickson, 0401913
 Mr. Lawrence F. Sameman, W-2109786
 Captain John W. Carlson, 0388973
 2nd Lt. Donald S. Woodring, 01290515
 Major Arthur A. Kanstrup, 0327511
 1st Lt. Harold J. Vaoura, 0418412
 1st Lt. Warren L. Authement, 0433364
 Major Jacob F. Karn, 0368964
 Captain Neil L. Jashman, 0418029
 1st Lt. Leland H. Larson, 0426490
 1st Lt. Hoke S. Bell, 0422401

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Commanding Officer
 Ex. Off. & Regt'l. Asst. Off.
 Regt'l. Comm. Officer
 2nd Bn. Comm. Officer
 2nd Bn. Comm. Officer
 3rd Bn. Comm. Officer
 Asst. Regt'l. Com. Officer
 Asst. Regt'l. Com. Officer

1st Lt. Maurice O. Murphy, 0388103
 1st Lt. Albert C. Peterson, 0375314
 1st Lt. Paul F. Lawson, 024529
 2nd Lt. Wils H. Anderson, 01294104
 2nd Lt. Alfred Dunham, 01291088
 2nd Lt. Paul E. Feiber, 01286285
 2nd Lt. Wilmer P. Funderup, 01290404
 Mr. James E. McAllister, W-2109819

SERVICE COMPANY

Commanding Supply Service (S-1)
 Company Commander
 Munitions Officer
 Asst. Munitions Officer
 Personnel Officer
 Special Services Officer
 Regt'l. Trans. Officer
 Maintenance Officer
 1st Bn. S-4
 2nd Bn. S-4
 3rd Bn. S-4
 Asst. Regt'l. S-4
 Asst. Regt'l. S-4
 Asst. Maintenance Officer
 Asst. Maintenance Officer

Captain Roland Anderson, 0366901
 Captain Thomas J. Nolan, 0364508
 Captain Albert L. Wehjele, 0334666
 Mr. Henry A. Halverson, W-2109816
 1st Lt. Allen P. Crowley, 0354712
 1st Lt. Goodman G. Jreller, 0423209
 1st Lt. Robert J. Moore, 0412997
 1st Lt. Foster C. Rayden, 0401387
 2nd Lt. Anthony F. Von Ruten, 01290506
 1st Lt. Harold J. Mainwater, 0415896
 1st Lt. Leo G. Voss, 0451700
 2nd Lt. Raymond J. Drury, 0461984
 Mr. Ralph N. LeBarge, W-109798
 2nd Lt. Stanley T. Braddock, 01294261
 Mr. Marshall L. Munnells, W-2109810

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

ROSTER OF OFFICERS CONTINUED

ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Commanding Officer	Captain James F. Jarfield, 0370002
2nd in Command & T. O.	1st Lt. Robert J. Hanson, 0397111
Reconnaissance Officer	2nd Lt. Robert B. Livengood, 01294329
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Joseph C. Pope, 0382636
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Jack K. White, 0336830
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Jay P. Hollyfield, 01290422
Anti-Tank Mine Plat. Ldr.	2nd Lt. Elmer V. Gehalt, 01294351

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DET., FIRST BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lt. Col. Robert P. Miller, 256068
Executive Officer	Major Earnest H. Hall, 0238359
1st and Company Commander	1st Lt. Maurice E. Stacy, 0389516
2-2	1st Lt. William E. Smith, 0416790
2-3	Captain Raymond W. Sellers, 019217
Transportation Officer	2nd Lt. George D. Catlin, 0492773
Arms, and Equip. Sect. Ldr.	2nd Lt. Seymour Hittelman, 01294308
Special Services Officer	2nd Lt. William O. Sportert, 01292414

COMPANY "A"

Commanding Officer	Captain Donald C. Landon, 0317715
2nd in Command	1st Lt. John T. Lyons, 0407368
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Reginald W. Hanley, 0492765
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Harold T. Regan, 01290477
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. David M. Besty, 02043682
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. George G. Myers, 01292369

COMPANY "B"

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Matthew Fieler, 0387934
2nd in Command	1st Lt. Kimble E. Midkiff, 0452696
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Joseph A. Slezak, 0399382
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Jay B. Jould, 01291105
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Rufus S. O'Farrell, 0492789

COMPANY "C"

Commanding Officer	Captain Charles A. Fanning, 0358529
2nd in Command	1st Lt. Frank Openshaw, 0407912
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Jack H. Richardson, 0391256
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Kamled L. Atkin, 0492796
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Jodi R. Bell, 01290367
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Charles B. Keys, 01294321

COMPANY "D"

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Arnold N. Brandt, 0355027
2nd in Command	1st Lt. Lellie W. Bailey, 024045
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Donald J. Dodge, 01291087

PHASE III - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

ROSTER OF OFFICERS CONTINUED

COMPANY "D", (Cont'd)

Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

2nd Lt. Harry J. Fotakis, 01291098
2nd Lt. Lawrence A. Bolvin, 01292824

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DET., SECOND BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
S-1 and Company Commander
S-2
S-3
Transportation Officer *7 Plon.*
Armed, and Plon. Sect. Ldr.
Special Services Officer

Lt. Col. Clarence J. Lee, 0289619
Capt. Frank A. McCulloch, 0279108
1st Lt. Joel M. Lewison, 0291051
2nd Lt. Horace R. Haight, 0243348
Captain Emil Skalicky, 0375412
1st Lt. Carl J. Bestler, 0413526
2nd Lt. Charles H. Smith, 01290491
2nd Lt. Louis H. Hauser, 01290418

COMPANY "E"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

1st Lt. Eugene H. Truax, 0375301
1st Lt. Andrew M. Ondecker, 0106796
1st Lt. Hill P. Cooper, 0407297
2nd Lt. Thomas A. Alexander, 01290358
2nd Lt. Bernard Naphimowsky, 01292384
2nd Lt. Joe H. Kimble, 01290435

COMPANY "F"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Robert P. Voegtli, 0359626
2nd Lt. Jordan F. Hoff, 0452111
2nd Lt. Alden S. Lance, 01290440
2nd Lt. James A. Lucas, 01291142
2nd Lt. Michael W. Uelley, 01291166

COMPANY "G"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Vincent F. Goodsell, 0397136
1st Lt. Nicholls W. Bowden, 0413708
2nd Lt. Bernard D. Bell, 01290366
2nd Lt. George S. Combs, 01290379
2nd Lt. Anthony M. Sojka, 01292417

COMPANY "H"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Ainer M. Lund, 0397371
1st Lt. Ambrose J. Briacco, 0391531
1st Lt. Lawrence V. Walsh, 0416449
2nd Lt. Leon M. Arey, 01290360
2nd Lt. James A. Decote, 01294275
2nd Lt. James R. Iverson, 01280395

PHASE III - 13 TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (CONT'D)

ROSTER OF OFFICERS CONTINUED

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DET., THIRD BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
S-1 and Camp ny Commander
S-2
S-3
Transportation Officer
ammo. & pion. Sect. Ldr.
Special Services Officer

Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson, 0412091
Major William F. Smallman, 0299968
1st Lt. George J. Fradick, 0492785
1st Lt. Phineas F. Smith, 0418961
Captain Gerhard P. Kaske, 03.9411
2nd Lt. Mart R. Parker, 01294355
2nd Lt. Vincent P. Deaugustine, 0492785
2nd Lt. Howell C. Whisenhunt, 01292969

COMPANY "I"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain LeRoy E. Dahlin, 0325971
1st Lt. William L. Muir, 0380735
1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews, 0347921
2nd Lt. Raynold S. Dobak, 0885621
2nd Lt. John Staffi, 01290483

COMPANY "K"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Paul H. Thaler, 0371570
1st Lt. Thomas E. Chegin, 0402701
1st Lt. Kermit G. Vangene, 0115058
2nd Lt. Luther L. Doty, 01292744
2nd Lt. Bobb P. Flynn, 01292861
2nd Lt. James Koulgeorge, 01292904

COMPANY "L"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

1st Lt. Louis M. Smith, 0385222
1st Lt. Thomas H. Bronshaw, 0316815
1st Lt. John L. Bridgeman, 0405756
1st Lt. Frank F. Jable, 0397138
2nd Lt. Irwin F. Hall, 01292334

COMPANY "M"

Commanding Officer
2nd in Command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Keith O. Van revelen, 0377973
1st Lt. Robert O. Foster, 0425338
2nd Lt. Leo Beasley, 01290369
2nd Lt. William H. Jarner, 01290409
2nd Lt. Donovan G. Griffin, 0416559
2nd Lt. John W. North, 01290463

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Detachment Commander
Dental Officer
Asst. Dental Officer
1st Ln. Surgeon

Captain Vilhelm H. Johnson, 0419941
Captain Carl J. Humbert, 0373576
1st Lt. Leon F. Pellettieri, 0434492
Captain John S. Hamlon, 0361491

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PHASE III - 195th INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

ROSTER OF OFFICERS CONTINUED

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, CONTINUED

Aast. 1st Bn. Surgeon
2nd Bn. Surgeon
Aast. 2nd Bn. Surgeon
3rd Bn. Surgeon
Aast. 3rd Bn. Surgeon

Captain Robert E. Tinley, 0359153
Captain Wyman E. Jacobson, 0404322
1st Lt. Allan J. Simpson, 0381827
Captain Feary B. Berger, 0344610
1st Lt. Albert A. Kurland, 0418226

BAND

Band Director

Mr. John T. Cafarelli, W2000730
