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The First Battle of Fondouk

Although the Regiment had suffered combat casualties, the actual contact with the enemy was through patrols or small attacks by both sides and with enemy artillery and aircraft. The Regiment had seen FONDOUK mountain ridge to their right front when they first were at PECHON, had received long range fire from German positions there, and were well aware that it would be a rough battle to take those positions. By 0600 hours, the 27th of March, the 135th Infantry had moved through Kefel Ahmar Pass, reached HADJEB EL AIOUN and were advancing in the attack with the 168th Infantry on the right. The axis HADJEB EL AIOUN - FONDOUK EL OKBI served as the boundary between the two regiments, 135th Infantry to the north and 168th Infantry to the south. The 3rd Battalion was in the assault with the 2nd Battalion echeloned to the left and rear in depth to protect and exposed flank. The 1st Battalion was again serving as the Division reserve. Some artillery was received by the 2nd Battalion from DJEBEL TROUZA, but the entire attack moved forward rapidly until 1123 hours when the 168th Infantry reported they were held up by heavy mortar and artillery fire. The 3rd Battalion, that had continued the advance, were ordered to hold up until the 168th Infantry could come abreast. At 1130 hours the 2nd Battalion received an attack from a small force of Germans in scout cars with 2 tanks supporting, coming from their left rear. Element of Company "F" engaged this force by fire and successfully held off the attackers until artillery fire finally forced them away. By 1.47 hours, the 3rd Battalion was reported to be receiving enfilading artillery fire from their left. From then on, enemy fire from both front and flanks became general, ceasing all forward movement of the division. Night attack orders were issued by Colonel Ward, but both the 2nd and 3rd Battalions encountered intense hostile fire, suffered heavy casualties and were forced to withdraw for a reorganization. Contact with the 168th Infantry had been lost, and in the darkness and in the confusion of their first real night attack over such rugged terrain, units had become inter-

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Mingled and control made difficult for even the small unit commanders.

Upon reorganization, contact with the 168th Infantry was regained by patrol and preparations made for a dawn attack. The 2nd Battalion attacked at 0700 hours the following morning, preceded by a heavy artillery concentration. But the leading elements again ran into the intense flanking and frontal fire of the preceding night. This time, however, they were able to return fire, and take advantage of their initial successes, the units dug in and held. Infiltration attempts were made but the enemy's defense was well organized and alerted and they were unsuccessful. The 168th Infantry pulled a diversionary attack on March the 29th, following a heavy artillery barrage, during which time the 2nd Battalion again attempted to pierce the enemy lines without success. All positions were consolidated and held until the night 1st-2nd April, when the Regiment was ordered to retire two miles to the west, to positions which had been prepared for the assault battalions by the 1st Battalion, which had moved up from division reserve.

The 1st Battalion, while in Division Reserve, patrolled Djebel Trognas a high hill mass on the left rear of the regiment. While in this position two enemy tanks moved up within range of the 1st Battalion area and shelled; causing some casualties.

THE SECOND BATTLE OF FONDOUK

The withdrawal from the FONDOUK sector had not made the first heavy battle of the Regiment and the rest of the Division a failure, true, FONDOUK GAP had not been captured, but enemy strength had concentrated on this sector, making easier the task of the American assault toward MAKNASSY to cut Rommel's line of retreat.

For a week following the withdrawal, the troops were exposed to harassing aircraft raids and artillery fire. Every movement was under the enemy's commanding observation. The 135th Regimental Combat Team moved from two miles west of Fondouk to a position west of Fondouk Gap on the 7th of April and at 0500 hours, in conjunction with the 133rd

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Infantry launched a second attack directed at the high ground just south of Fondouk Gap. The Regiment attacked in column of battalions with the 3rd in assault and the 1st in reserve, and the 133rd Infantry on the right. This was the second attack; this time directed at the high ground south of Fondouk Gap. The advance guard moved from defensive positions in the vicinity of Hill 342 and Hill 329. They arrived in an assembly area in the vicinity of ZIASS at 0150 hours with Cos. "A", "L" and part of "M" and made contact with the 133rd Infantry on the right. At 0310 hours, "K" and the balance of "M" Companies arrived. The 3rd Battalion then received orders from Col. Ward not to jump off until ordered to do so by him.

The First Battalion continued in Regimental Reserve protecting the left flank of the regiment by covering with fire the hill mass RHORAB. Our mortar fire drew direct fire from enemy 7.6's.

The Regiment moved to their line of departure in the open ground at the foot of the mountain, under cover of darkness. At 0510 hours, the orders arrived and the 3rd Battalion jumped off with "K" Co. on the right, "L" Co. on the left and "I" Co. in reserve. The leading elements had a platoon of heavy machine guns and 81mm mortars in direct support.

At about 0635 hours, work was received from the leading elements that they reached the 51st coordinate line. They fired the green and white star-cluster, which started the prepared artillery barrage. This concentration preceded the attack and it was almost dawn before they were lifted. After the barrage lifted, our troops were making favorable progress. However, their progress was stopped by orders from higher command when they were told to stay at their position until assigned bombers had worked over the hill. The bombers did not come! At 0930 hours, the enemy artillery barrage again came down on the leading companies. The 3rd Battalion was also receiving artillery fire from RHORAB and Hill 252 on the left and left rear. The movement forward was very slow and costly. The excellent enemy observation made maneuvering impossible, and the barbed wire and minefields on the bottom slopes of the hills made the head on, frontal attack against the withering fire from well concealed positions.

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the second objective was in the hands of the Regiment. The 168th Infantry Regiment relieved this, the 135th Infantry, at noon. The 1st and 2nd Battalions moved near Pichon while the 3rd Battalion stayed at Rhorab until the following day at 2115 hours, at which time they left for a new assigned area, arriving there at 2300 hours on the 12th of April.

The move east of Beja by the 1st and 2nd Battalion, meanwhile, was an all night motor march of 165 Kilometers. The entire Division moved that night. It was later stated by the German High Command that they were quite surprised to the Division (34th) in the northern sector.

It was the belief of Major Garnet E. Hall, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, at this time that had the left flank of the 3rd Battalion not been open, their objective could have been taken, since this, more than anything else, held up the advance of the units. As criticisms and comments of this manuever, Major Hall writes: Quote---- Most of the Infantry attacks were not coordinated. Most attacks were too individual with little or no contact with units on the flanks. The tank attacks were not followed by Infantry; in many instances, the Infantry did not know which tanks to follow nor which way they would come, whether from rear or either flank. The artillery was not used to its fullest extent, communication was defective from forward observation to the batteries. Many times the artillery barrage would come down on our own troops, injuring many of them and took a lot of aggressive spirit from the men. Aviation and engineers did not come to my attention. Communications at best were poor, too many units on the same wire, 536 radios were not dependable, messengers were too slow and uncertain. O.P.'s in this sector were very poor, the nature of the terrain being such that at their best, the O.P.'s had very little and limited view, as a result hardly any information was recieved from them. Supply as far as food and water, was fair, there was not enough ammo. expended to test that phase of supply. Morale at the beginning of the attack was very high, but due to misinformation, changes in plans, receiving fire from our own artillery and the nature of the

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ground over which we operated, the men lost heart and confidence. The Medical Detachment, in my estimation, was the only department worthy of any commendation. They did an exceptional piece of work under the worst conditions. Their personnel should be an inspiration and example to the rest of us. I recommend in conclusion a better means of communication, more coordination between infantry, artillery, tank, and air; that future training include these arms in training exercises. "Unquote".

For the next few days, a rigid training program was put into effect.

The following is a true copy of the Training Program No. 1 issued by Col. Ward, C.O. of the Regiment on the 13th of April 1943.

Quote: "1. The Boche Rat in the closing trap will now be more viscious than ever. The longer he holds Tunisia the longer he delays an invasion of the continent, and thereby accomplishes his mission. You have seen and felt him use every means from booby trapped bodies to cannon-carrying airplanes to kill you. Your only chance is not to avoid him, but to close with him, and personally kill him first. Battles are won by closing with the enemy and killing him. The quicker you can reach his position the better your chance of not suffering heavy casualties.

2. Training will be continuously and aggressively carried out by all units of this command, wherever and whenever the tactical situation permits.

a. Operations against the FONDOUK PASS, just completed, have taught invaluable lessons. The break will be exploited. These teachings will be emphasized, explained, and practiced, without delay, so that the entire command will derive the maximum benefit from them.

3. The following will be emphasized in current training:

a. Develop aggressive spirit in each individual, and men will be trained to shout the Indian Warhoop as they close with the enemy.

b. Use of rifles on located or suspected targets even at long ranges to build up confidence in riflemen prior to time of

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delivery of real effective fire.

- c. Use of mortars and machine gun overhead fire on definitely located or suspected targets or areas.
- d. Automatic advance without orders of rifle platoons at every available break in their favor as:
 - (1) Opening of friendly artillery, mortar, or machine gun fire.
- e. Automatic displacement of heavy weapons and supports of reserves without receipt of orders.
- f. Use of bayonet in assault and at night.
- g. Artillery and infantry cooperation in the attack
- h. Tank and Infantry cooperation in the attack
- i. Driving through the objective and reorganization to continue attack.
- j. Night scouting and patrolling (Practical)
- k. Night attack and raiding parties.
- l. Communications and maintenance of Cp's close up
- m. Coordination of effort by front line units
- n. Crossing mine fields, path cutting by AP men and specially trained men in each company.
- o. Straggling (Control by 1st Sgt.)
- p. LEADERSHIP ABOVE ALL

4. In from present areas:

- a. Night patrols will be driven a minimum depth of 4 miles with:
 - (1) Definite missions
 - (2) Definite routes
 - (3) Definite time out and return
 - (4) Definite and complete report of observations and actions with sketch by each member of patrol

b. Platoon and company attack exercises and drills in assigned Battalion areas (See Battalion Security Overlay), with particular emphasis on the proper use of terrain in the approach to objective, upon movement at full speed over the last 100-200 yards and upon closing with the enemy with the bayonet.

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c. At least on night exercise with Infantry Company in attack will be scheduled by all companies.

d. Under Regimental Control:

(1) Specific Small Unit problems

(2) Attack problems in cooperation with tanks.

5. The "Buddy" system will be instituted for all replacements: i.e., All new officers and men will be teamed with personnel that have had battle experience.

6. Don't theorize about these things. Get out and work them over on the ground."-----Unquote.

The men derived a great deal from this program due primarily to the serious type of instruction.

On the 15th of April the Regiment moved to an area seven miles east of MAKTAR, and it was there that the units trained strenuously with special emphasis on night attacks and cooperation between infantry and artillery in the assault behind a rolling barrage. On the 23rd of April, the Regiment left this training area near MAKTAR by truck convoy and moved to the Corps assembly area which was approximately 15 kilometers northeast of BEJA, arriving there on the following morning at about 0700 hours. The order of march from MAKTAR to ROUMES SOUK was as follows: - 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry with Captain Shian as march commander; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry, with Captain Dahlin as unit march commander; 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry with Lt. Col. Svoboda unit commander; 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry with Major Hall, unit commander; Co. "B", 109th Medical Battalion, with Capt. Dieters, unit commander; 1st platoon, Co "B", 109th Engineers, and Service Co., 135th Infantry (Kitchen and ammunition trucks) with Major Anderson, and 125th Field Artillery Battalion and Battery "A", 107th CA(AAA), Automatic Weapons Battalion with Lt. Col. Tracey as unit commander; Divisional (34th) military police handled the traffic control. Each vehicle had alerted air guards and vehicles with mounts for automatic weapons was dispersed thr-

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oughout the columns, weapons were mounted and manned by qualified personnel. There were no special duties, so for the next 2 days, the units enjoyed showers, good food, and rest.....

HILL 609

It is interesting to note the difference in terrain between southern Tunisia and the new sector further north. While the mountains were still dangerous, almost cliff-faced, impossible terrain that they had been in, the difference came in the ground leading up to these heights. Where before it had been barren save a few poor looking shrubs that offered little shade let alone concealment and cactus, now the soldiers saw cultivated fields and thicker shrubbery near the base of the mountains and extending up onto its lower slopes. So this type of terrain was to be the stage and the scenery for one of the most important battles of the campaign to drive the Germans from Africa; the battle which rates as one of the outstanding combat feats of the Regiment--The Battle of Hill 609.

Hill 609 was an enormous mass of rock, its lower slopes covered with vegetation and lined with a number of crude rock walls twisting across these slopes.

Direct approach from the west was extremely difficult since the face of the mountain rose almost sheer. On the eastern face, however, an easier approach was possible, and it was to be decided therefore, that the way to assault the position was from the German side. The enemy defending the hill came from a German airforce Regiment called "Regiment Barentin" after its original commander. These troops were deeply imbued with the Nazi doctrine, were boldly and courageously led, and of Hill 609, these troops had prepared a citadel blasted out of the solid rock. The hill naturally was also used for enemy artillery observers. Only one way up was known and this was by a goat-trail which led in from the northeast.

On the morning of the 26th of April, orders were received for the 135th Infantry Regiment to relieve the 2nd Battalion, 168th Infantry of its outpost positions to the southwest and west of Hill 609. They were

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to be prepared to make local diversional attacks to support the main attack of the Division which was being made by the 168th Infantry on the Division left flank. Accordingly the relief started at about 1300 hours and by 2000 hours, the 1st Battalion went to the vicinity of Hill 533 and the 3rd Battalion to Hill 344 and the 2nd Battalion, in Regimental reserve on Hill 575.

The general plan was for the 1st and 3rd Battalions to send on company each forward to secure the general line Railway station Si Nair, Hill 374 and Hill 484 by 0200 hours, 27th April. This line was to be used as a line of departure for an attack by the balance of the 1st and 3rd Battalions at 0415 hours the next morning with Hill 490 at the 3rd Battalion's objective and Hill 529 as the 1st Battalion's objective.

The following information is available at this time concerning the 3rd Battalion. During the morning of the 26th of April, the 3rd Battalion was ordered to move approximately four miles north east of the assembly area to the vicinity of Hill 575 to relieve the 2nd Battalion of the 168th Infantry. The move was to be completed in time to allow for the necessary organization for an attack on the morning of 27th of April 1943. Accordingly, the 3rd Battalion Commander, accompanied by the Battalion S-3 and the Company Commanders, moved forward to the Command Post of the 2nd Battalion of the 168th Infantry to make a reconnaissance of the situation.

The 3rd Battalion left the assembly area at 1730 hours on the 26th of April and detrucked on the south slope of Hill 575. From this point the Battalion Command Post group moved to depression on the west slope of Hill 575 and established the Battalion Command Post.

Meanwhile, the companies proceeded to positions along Hills 425 and 533. One company from each forward Battalion was sent forward immediately to secure the general line Railway Station SI NAR, Hill 374, and Hill 484 by 0200 hours, the 27th of April. This line was used as a line of departure for an attack by the balance of the 1st and 3rd Battalions. In accordance with the plan prepared following the morning's reconnaissance,

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Company "I" was ordered to proceed from Hill 533 to Hill 374. The occupancy of this hill by enemy out-posts was uncertain, but after reconnaissance of the hill brought a negative report, Company "I" proceeded. By 2400 hours, the 26th of April, the Battalion was in position for the attack.

Battalion objectives, as stated earlier, were Hill 490 for the 3rd Battalion and Hill 529 for the 1st Battalion. Due to the extremely rugged and mountainous terrain, Company "I" did not reach Hill 374 until 0230 hours and Company "A" did not reach Hill 484 until 0300 hours. Instead of the attack starting at 0415 hours, the 27th of April, it started at 0600 hours as the remainder of the battalions had the same rugged terrain to cross and did not reach the line of departure until 0530 hours. The attack was, therefore, made in daylight and progressed very slowly. By 0830 hours, leading elements of the 1st Battalion had reached Hill 501, and were then pushing patrols on to Hill 529. By 1050 hours, the leading elements were reported on the reverse slope of 529 and meeting very strong resistance. No further progress was made that day with the 1st Battalion.

Meanwhile, returning to the 3rd Battalion, with its disposition completed was ordered to attack enemy occupied hills 435 and 490 at 0430 hours, the 27th of April 1943. Accordingly, the battalion Commander designated Companies "I" and "L", "I" on the right, "L" on the left, to lead the assault. Company "K" was placed in reserve and ordered to move to Hill 374 at 0500 hours to take up positions occupied by Company "I". The first and second platoons of Company "M" were placed in support of Companies "I" and "L" respectively. The mortar platoon of Company "E" was directed to take up positions on the south slope of hill 374 to support the attack.

A fog of extreme density made the attack at the originally scheduled hour also impossible, and it was not until 0630 hours that the companies could move forward. As the attack began, the Battalion Commander, with his necessary staff officers, moved forward from the CP to a point of vantage for observation on the north slope of Hill 575.

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vantage for observation on the north slope of Hill 575.

The approach march of the assault companies was made over open, rolling terrain toward hills 435 and 490, with the main effort being directed against Hill 490. The attack proceeded to the forward (South) slope of Hill 490, where enemy wire and booby traps were encountered. Here, too, the attacking companies were met by intense machine gun and artillery fire particularly from Hill 490. The attacking companies were in contact with each other on their respective flanks, and on orders of the Battalion Commander, they held the positions they had attained to wait for darkness in order to resume the attack.

At 1115 hours, the 2nd Battalion was ordered to move by means of trails and wadis to the vicinity of Hill 484 and be prepared to repulse any counter-attack coming from Hill 490, 609, and Hill 529.

At 1600 hours Company "L" made a reconnaissance in force up the forward slope of Hill 435 preparatory to the night attack. On this same day the 135th Infantry was given the mission of supporting the attack of the 1st Infantry Division on its right, by attacking Hill 609 from the direction of Hills 529 and 490. The main effort was to be made on the west slope of Hill 461 attacking Hill 609 from the northwest. To secure Hill 490, which together with 461 was to be used as a line of departure for the 2nd Battalion, ~~to pass through~~ the 3rd Battalion planned a night attack. The plan was for the 2nd Battalion to pass through the 3rd Battalion at 0500 hours, and attack Hill 609. For the night attack Company "L" on the Battalion's left flank was to assault Hill 435, while Company "E", which had been ordered to move forward from Hill 374, with Company "I" was to attack Hill 490. Unavoidable difficulties, due largely to the nature of the terrain and the confusions inherent in organization at night, made it imperative that the attack be postponed until 0415 hours, the 28th of April. Meanwhile, the 3rd Battalion Commander moved his OP forward to the foot of Hill 490.

The night attack was, as stated, unsuccessful and when the 2nd Battalion approached the line of departure at 0500 hours, they came under

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Very heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Fierce fighting broke out with heavy casualties on both sides and the battle to take and hold hills 435 and 490 was on. By 0515 hours, the 28th of April, all objectives were taken. In its advance to Hill 435 Company "L" encountered little opposition. Companies "I" and "K", however, encountered enemy wire and booby traps approximately 150 yards from the crest of Hill 490. Patrols went forward to clear a path through these obstacles. To "I" Company's front as the companies were moving through the paths, enemy outposts were seen withdrawing. Fire, however, was held as "K" Company's presence on the left apparently had not been detected. When the assault platoons had reached to within 75 yards of the crest of the hill, the enemy turned and ran. With bayonets fixed, Companies "K" and "I", proceeded to the top of the hill.

Immediately the work of consolidation was started. Company "L" prepared positions on Hill 435 and throughout the day drew only spasmodic rifle fire. All companies "K" and "I" consolidated themselves on Hill 490 the enemy attempted a counter attack which was broken up by rifle and BAR fire and hand grenades. Later in the morning a second enemy attack was repulsed in like manner. For the remainder of the day the companies held their hastily prepared positions under intense mortar and artillery fire. By 1500 hour, Hills 435 and 490 were securely in Allied hands.

During the attack on Hill 490 Captain Vincent F. Goodsell of Company "G" observed a hostile group armed with machine guns moving into a position from which the Battalion would be enfiladed. This Company Commander personally led three of his men forward to attack this group and were spotted by the Germans who took them under fire immediately. Despite the fact that they were badly outnumbered and were receiving point blank fire the attack was driven forward and the entire enemy group was liquidated by either being captured or killed. The three machine guns were also captured, thus a serious threat to the 3rd Bn was removed. Captain Goodsell later was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The enemy attempted two more counterattacks at 1600 and 1900 hours,

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of Hill 490.

At 0500 hours the 29th of April, with Company "K" in reserve in a deep gully that emanated from the base of Hill 609 and extended south west along the foot of Hill 490, Companies "I" and "L" proceeded towards Hill 609 to take up positions for an attack. Company "I" was on the left moving in an almost easterly direction from Hill 490. Company "L" moved toward Hill 609 following the course of the gully in which "K" Company held reserve positions. After an advance of approximately 400 yards, both Companies were held up in such a manner, the 3rd Battalion Commanding Officer called for a rolling artillery barrage to begin at 1030 hours to support an assault on the southwest slopes of 609. With the advance held up, the Battalion Commander issued orders for Companies "I" and "L" to attack at 1030 hours. The Commander of Company "L" had reported back to the Battalion Commander for further orders at the time his company was held up, while Company "I", without contact with Company "L" on its left, remained in place. Communication forward at this time was by runner and while Company "L" received the attack order in time, the message failed to reach Company "I" until 1130 hours, one hour after the time for the attack. Consequently, while Company "I" remained at its point of farthest advance, Company "L", with all its available rifleman, numbering but 36 at the time, attacked at 1030 hours. Under the cover of a rolling barrage Company "L" was able in spite of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire to advance to a depth of 200-300 yards into the enemy's positions. When the artillery barrage ended, the enemy countered with heavy mortar fire. Under the threat of this fire which had already caused all casualties, with ammunition very low, and with both flanks exposed, Company "L" withdrew 400 yards and took up new positions. Using every weapon they could master including bayonets, grenades and bare fist, they fought their way back to regain this lost ground by 1500 hours, and were back at the base of the escarpment by nightfall.

The courage of the men in this encounter was recognized when they were cited by the 14th Division for its initiative and determination. "The men faced heavy machine gun and mortar fire coming from concrete reinforced

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Commander and learned that the orders had been changed and that the control of the Battalion was passing to the 135th Infantry, and that further orders could be expected from the Commanding Officer of the 135th Infantry. At about 1700 hours the Battalion Commander received oral instructions by telephone from Colonel Ward, Commanding Officer, 135th Infantry, that the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry would "Be prepared to move to new assembly area, at dusk, on the Southeast slope of Hill 490, prepared to execute one of the following three missions:

1. Carry out a night attack.
2. Attack at dawn with or without tanks.
3. Attack at dawn with a rolling Barrage.

Regardless of which of the foregoing missions to be finally assigned the Battalion, the objective, the line of departure and the zone of advance were to be the same. The time of attack was not given over the phone. This was to follow in the written order. The mission of the Battalion, as given, was to capture and hold the Northwest slopes of Hill 609, and clearing and holding the area. The orders, as given, directed that, initially, the direction of attack would be North and that the direction would be changed to the right so that when the Battalion captured and occupied it's objective it would be facing to the Northeast; Hill 461 on it's left, to be taken care of by another unit. Also at this time "I" Company of the 1st Armored Regiment, 133rd Infantry was attached to the 135th Infantry.

The 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, was prepared to move at dusk, troops on foot, weapons to be transported about half way by motor. Movement of the Battalion was held up until about 2130 hours, pending the arrival of the written field order. The Battalion Commander, at frequent intervals, contacted the Commanding officer of the 135th Infantry by telephone concerning the non-arrival of the written field order and the time of movement. In view of the fact that the route was long and treacherous, the Battalion Commander secured permission to move the

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Battalion at 2130 hours and made arrangements to pick up the field order while enroute. The field order secured enroute directed that the attack was to be made with a company of tanks, crossing the line of departure at 0500 hours, the 30th of April 1943. The battalion completed its movement to the new assembly area at 0400 hours. A large percentage of officers and men were ill for reasons not definitely known. Although physical exhaustion was probably partly responsible, it is believed Atabrine tablets were largely the cause. Although the route from the old assembly area to the new assembly area had been thoroughly reconnoitered during daylight, it was most difficult to traverse at night, a large portion of it being along a narrow, rocky winding trail at the bottom of the cliffs along the SI NSIR river. The Battalion commander was greatly disappointed at not being able to arrive in the assembly area at an earlier hour, particularly in view of the physical condition of the men upon arriving in the area. The men were allowed to sleep during further local reconnaissance and the issuance of the final order by the Battalion Commander. The jump-off was made in co-ordination with tanks which had moved up during the early morning, at about 0515 hours.

THE ATTACK

FORMATION: Companies "A" and "B" in the assault, Company "A" on the right, company "C" following in reserve, and Company "D" supporting the Battalion. The advance progressed rapidly and the Battalion, by 0645 hours, had accomplished its mission. Never before in battle had there been a finer example of Co-ordination and co-operation between Infantry and supporting tanks. They literally "grabbed and held on to the tails of their tanks". It is a fact that during this fight the riflemen attracted the attention of the tank gunner to designate targets, as instructed after FONDOUK. In turn, tanks were quick to reduce the targets and their co-operation throughout was most effective. Troops advanced due North of the prescribed line of departure about 600 yards and then executed a change in direction to the Northeast, then advancing about 800 yards to the Battalion objective. Company "A", in accordance with the Battalion

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Commander's instructions, cleaned out the foothills at the base of the rocky precipice, pivoting thereon so that the Northwest slope could be firmly secured. The right assault platoon of Company "A" attacked directly over the foothills, which no doubt took the enemy by surprise and thwarted any plans for delivering effective enfilade machine gun fire from positions on the reverse slopes. The importance of cleaning out these foothills was verified further by the taking of 21 prisoners in this area, most of whom were manning either machine guns or machine pistols. Company "B", being the left assault company, had to move over considerably more ground during the attack than Company "A", the pivot company. Notwithstanding, it advanced rapidly, completely occupied and dug in on its position as ordered. The mortar platoon of Company "D" emplaced its weapons so as to effectively support the Battalion during the initial phase. After the objective had been taken they were displaced forward and most skillfully emplaced on the South west slopes of Hill 609 to further support the Battalion. Both platoons of heavy machine guns were employed during the earlier stages of the attack for supporting the Battalion under Battalion control. They took up positions on the right flank and were able to deliver very effective fire. The 2nd platoon received enemy mortar fire and its guns were silenced for a short period only. The majority of casualties were sustained after the occupation of the positions. Enemy artillery fire on the Battalion sector continued and at times was very intense, particularly in the afternoon. It did not cease until the morning of the 2nd day, the 1st of May 1943. Small arms fire also was received. The area as far back as the Battalion CP received much harassing and sniping fire from enemy small arms as late as the forenoon of May 1st. Early in the morning, May 1st, the enemy made a move against the Northeast slope of Hill 609 which was most effectively repulsed by the 2nd Battalion of the 168th Infantry Regiment which had gone into position on the right of the hill early that morning. On the 2nd of May 1943, the Battalion was ordered to extend to the right and occupy the entire North slope of Hill 609, in addition to the ground already held. A reconnaissance was made and the new position occupied

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promptly at dusk. During the nights of the 2nd and 3rd of May, 1943, patrols to the front located and reported many German bodies.

During the attack on Hill 609, enemy planes made their appearance on two occasions. In the second and last attack the planes passed over the Battalion positions at a very low altitude. However, no damage was inflicted.

The following casualties were suffered by the battalion in the attack and occupation of Hill 609:

Battalion Headquarters Detachment

None

Company "A"

Staff Sergeant	Donald G. Murphy	Killed
Sergeant	Ambrose L. Kueper	Killed
Sergeant	Albert J. Smith	Killed
Pvt First Class	Samuel A. Puccio	Killed
Private	Alexander A. Christians	Killed
Sergeant	William Pope	Wounded
Sergeant	Carl J. Koenig	Wounded
Corporal	Robert J. Gilliam	Wounded
Pvt First Class	Robert J. Sykes	Wounded
Pvt First Class	John A. Peter	Wounded
Pvt First Class	Anthony Michels	Wounded
Pvt First Class	Merrill D. Cox	Wounded
Pvt First Class	Lloyd R. Hakenson	Wounded
Private	Clement A. Hannon	Wounded
Private	John W. Wells	Wounded
Private	Charles W. Offenbacher	Wounded
Private	John G. Wenzel	Wounded
Private	Richard Hamer	Wounded
Private	Abel N. Laracuente	Wounded

Company "B"

Corporal	Richard L. Remetch	Killed
Pvt First Class	George a. Janssen	Killed

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Sergeant Sherwood J. Gray Wounded

Sergeant Orval W. Wilbur Wounded

Sergeant Clarence E. Pearson Wounded

Sergeant Henry H. Nelson Wounded

Corporal Leroy J. Swale Wounded

Corporal Ardin D. Wilson Wounded

Pvt First Class Paul L. Cox

Wayne T. Simmons

Bernard A. Kersten

Private George Lee

James W. Brice

George A. Dreles Jr.

Valentine Herault

Joseph L. Organick

The strength of the Battalion on 30th of April 1943, was:

22 Officers, actually present exclusive Med.,

678 enlisted men, Comm., Serv. and Chap. personnel attached.

Company "A" suffered 12.6 casualties

Company "B" suffered 9.69 casualties

For the entire Battalion, excluding attached personnel, the casualties were 5.1.

The Battalion captured and sent to the rear a total of twenty-three (23) prisoners, all Germans. An accurate estimate of casualties inflicted on the enemy by the Battalion cannot be made, but a considerable number of enemy dead were left lying on the field in front of the positions.

By 1100 hours contact had been established with the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry on their left, which had pushed forward at the same time and were in possession of Hills 389 and 461. With the 2nd Battalion, 135th on these two hills, and the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry on the North and northwest slopes of Hill 609, the two battalions coordinated the defense of this sector on Hill 461 to repel any attempted counter-attacks.

The first attack, on April 30th, by the 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry to take Hill 531 had been unsuccessful and several enemy counter-thrusts had been beaten back. Another attack was planned for 1530 hours with the mission to seize and hold Hill 531, The Roman Ruins southeast of 609, and Hill 455. Just as the attack was to start, the enemy began a counterattack with a force estimated to be about a Regiment. Lieutenant Colonel Miller, 1st Battalion Commander, ordered his troops to go forward and then directed full division artillery against the enemy attack, successfully breaking it up. The 1st Battalion's advance was very slow and costly and only two platoons of Company "A" were able to advance to the top of the northwest tip of Hill 531. Meanwhile the 3rd Battalion, at 0600 hours the 30th of April, with three companies on line and a company of tanks supporting, renewed the attack. One troublesome machine gun on the right flank was eliminated by Company "K". And the Battalion, using assault small arms fire very effectively, advanced under comparatively light small arms fire from the enemy. Throughout the day the companies were engaged in searching out lurking enemy snipers. While this mopping up was progressing, parts of Companies "K" and "I" directed their small arms fire toward Hill 531 on their right flank to aid our First Battalion in taking its objective.

Meanwhile the 3rd Battalion had sent a combat patrol of platoon strength up the goat trail which the German defenders thought was not a feasible means of approaching their positions and took the stubborn men of the "BARENTHIN" regiment by surprise from the rear! Temporarily stunned, the enemy was quickly overcome and an Allied observation post was set up on top of 609 by 1540 hours. Most enemy activity seemed to have ended.

On the 30th of April, 1943, the 2nd Battalion, 168th Infantry was in an assembly area attached to the 133rd Infantry. At 1430 hours Major Bird C.O. 2nd Battalion, 168th Infantry received orders to move the Battalion to a new area and send an officer to contact Colonel Ward, Commanding Officer, 135th Infantry, on hill 531. The orders stated the

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2nd Battalion, 168th Infantry was to be detached from 133rd Infantry and attached to the 135th Infantry, effective 1800 hours, the 30th of April, 1943.

The Battalion started moving at 1600 hours and closed in an new assembly area at 1730 hours, just south of Hill 609. Lt. Hall, Co. "E" was sent to contact Colonel Ward on Hill 531 but did not make contact. He was told, Colonel Ward was back at his Regimental C.P. By this time the Battalion had wire communications in and Major Bird received a call from Colonel Ward, telling him to come back down on the road and meet Major Everest, Executive Officer 135th Infantry, about 800 yards back. This he did, but after walkin about 8 miles, was unable to find Major Everest. He contacted Rear C.P. of 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry, and called through to Colonel Ward. Then caught a ride with the 3rd Battalion adjutant and met Major Everest along the road. They moved along the road to where they could see the right (south) side of Hill 609, and, Major Everest gave the mission for the 2nd Battalion to Major Bird.

At 2300 hours, the 2nd Battalion, 168th Infantry was to move forward and relieving the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry on the right half of 609, move over the ridge between 609 and 531, clearing the ridge of enemy and clearing the north and northeast slopes of Hill 609 of snipers, then take up a defensive position on the north and northeast side of Hill 609, repelling all counterattacks in their area. Then they were to make contact with the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry on their left and the 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry on their right. It was too late in the day to make a ground reconnaissance so Major Bird made a visual and map reconnaissance from the road. A patrol was sent to contact the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry and arrange for the 2nd Battalion of the 168th Infantry to move in.

Rations were brought up after dark, the men ate supper and then rested while waiting for the patrol to return. At approximately 2300 hours Major Bird led the Battalion on to 609. It was a very dark night and the traveling was slow. Upon arriving at the back side of Hill 609

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Major Bird could not find the Battalion Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion 135th Infantry. He contacted some enlisted men of the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry, who did not know where their Battalion Commanding Officer was, but told him they had withdrawn from the top of 609 because of our own artillery landing some short ones on top, and on the forward slope, some of which landed after we had taken positions. Major Bird accompanied by Sgt. Zink of Co. "F" made a reconnaissance around to the forward slopes of 609, returned and gave his orders to the company commanders.

Company "F" moved around to the forward side with Company "G" on their right, extending around the right side. Company "F" went into support. At this time heavy clouds had covered the hill and it was so dark you could see only three feet. As Company "F" moved into position they heard German voices and motor vehicles in the low ground forward of the hills. Some of the Germans came on up the hill, ran into our men, caused some confusion, although no shots were fired. Lt. Good, Commanding Officer, Company "F" ordered his company to pull farther up the hill. In the confusion some of his men, also some Company "G" came to the back side of the hill through the Battalion forward Command Post, where they were stopped by Major Bird and Captain Reynolds and sent back around to their companies.

It was so dark our men and the Germans couldn't tell each other except by speech. The Germans seemed confused and disappeared back down the hill without a shot being fired. Our men took up hasty positions and just at daylight spotted between 50 and 100 Germans advancing up the hill in front of Co. "F". The platoon leaders of Co. "F" let them advance to within 100 yards before giving the command to open fire. This opening fire accounted for a large number of Germans and pinned the rest to the ground. However the strength of their platoons was so low, Lt. Good asked for an additional platoon. Major Bird ordered one platoon from Co. "E" to Co. "F" and under Co. "F"'s covering fire moved around to the extreme left of their position.

During the mixup before daylight several Germans had reached the top

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of the hill and began sniping at some of us along the right and rear side of the hill. Major Bird sent a platoon from Co. "G" to the top. Between this platoon and some of the weapons platoon of Co. "F" already on top, they cleaned it off. Staff Sgt. Leonard Nelson Co. "F" routed one German O.P. and captured the telephones. Lt. Hall, Co. "G" platoon leader was wounded in the face during this action. Co. "F" with the one platoon of Co. "E" mopped up the Germans they had pinned down, capturing approximately six to eight. There were at least 35 counted dead in front of Co. "F" and it is believed that only a small number were able to get back to their own lines.

The M-1 rifles and light Machine guns did a splendid job in this action. Information gathered from the prisoners show that an estimated Company made the attack resulting in about 50% casualties.

Returning back again to the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry, we find "K" Company's position on the left was supplemented by the forementioned 2nd Battalion, 168th Infantry who extended around to the north slope of the Hill 609.

As for the 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry, it continued to attack and mop up Hill 531, the Roman Ruins and Hill 455 and were completely in control of their sector by 1500 hours. The seizure of these positions placed all of Hill 609 and neighboring strong points completely in the hands of the 34th Division. It was a victory gained through growing experience and aggressiveness and ranks as one of the regiments major battles in any war.

In his report to the War Department, General Omar BRADLEY, commanding II Corps, stated in regard to the fighting at Hill 609, "A strong enemy was repulsed. Fighting all day was intense and bloody. The enemy was engaged with bayonet and grenade, and there were many cases of outstanding bravery."

On the 1st of May, the enemy attempted to delay consolidation and harass the troops with periodic artillery aerial bursts. Companies "K" and "I" of the 135th Infantry dug in their positions, while Co. "L"

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was placed in 3rd Battalion Reserve.

On the following day, the 168th Infantry relieved the 135th Infantry of responsibility of the defenses of Hill 609. The 135th Infantry organized and defended Hill 375 and DJ HARA. The 2nd Battalion relieved the 3rd Battalion, 133rd Infantry, and defended Hills 342, 461, 435 and 490. The 3rd Battalion, 133rd Infantry was relieved by this unit during the night of the 2nd of May. The 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry relieved a Battalion of the 168th Infantry, organized and defended the position assigned the Regiment. This relief was also accomplished on the night of the 2nd. The 1st Battalion, during the darkness of the night of the 3rd, relieved another Battalion of the 168th Infantry, and also, as did the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry, defended Regimental positions. During the following 2 days, the 135th Infantry Regiment passed into Division Reserve.

The 1st Battalion, 133rd Regiment was at this time reverted to the control of the Commanding Officer, 133rd Infantry, Col. Fountain, at 1800 hours on the 2nd of May 1943.

On the afternoon of the following day, the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, in compliance with orders from Col. Fountain withdrew from its positions and moved to an assembly area just south of Hill 609. This, the 1st Battalion of 133rd Regiment was ably led by Lt. Col. Carley L. Marshall.

On the 3rd of May, the 3rd Battalion of the 135th Infantry was detached under control of II Corps and moved to the vicinity of DJEBEL LANSERINE and there took up a defensive position protecting the Corps right flank. On the 4th of May the 135th Infantry minus the 3rd Battalion was moved to an assembly area about 10 miles east of SIDI MASSOUR, and on the 5th of May the Regiment minus the 3rd Battalion again moved east to the vicinity of Hill 202. The 3rd Battalion returned to Regimental control the 6th of May.

The sixth of May, the 1st Battalion was in position guarding the right flank of the 168th Infantry and receiving artillery and mortar

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fire; some casualties were suffered.

On the 8th of May, the Regiment was alerted to move northwest of CHOUIGUI to mop up remaining enemy resistance, movement by shuttle was to begin at 0800 hours, the 9th of May. The 2nd Battalion was leading the 1st Battalion and moved into a hasty defense on Hills 325 and 350, sending strong patrols forward which made no contact. At 1340 hours word was received that General KLAUSER had unconditionally surrendered all enemy troops north of the MEDJERDA river and south of BIZERTE at 1100 hours, the 9th of May. The Regiment continued operations to pick up any enemy in the vicinity but none was encountered. On the 11th of May the Regiment moved into Division bivouac area five miles west of CHOUIGUI. The African campaign was over.

A personal account of FONDOUK is told here by pfc. Le Roy Bawerman...
Hq. Co., I and R Platoon.

QUOTE:

"FONDOUK happened a long time ago, but I can still remember some of the things about it. Our platoon was first sent out ahead of the rifle Companies to reconnoiter a route of attack, but we didn't get very far. We ran into a German ambush and had some of our peeps shot up, and so had to pull back. I watched the rest of the action from our OP, across the Valley from FONDOUK gap. Three or four times I saw riflemen and tanks get up to the fan end of the valley where the gap was, but each time they did, "88's" would open up on them from the ridges on the flanks and they had to pull back. One hell of a lot of tanks got knocked out. Everybody started digging in, in the valley, and then Jerry started throwing a lot of everything he had into the valley. Late in the afternoon some Stukas came over, and dived-bombed the front lines. And talk about being scared, you should of seen us when one of these babies started diving on our OP. The thing I remember most clearly about FONDOUK was how the Jerries would snipe with their artillery every time somebody in

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the valley moved. It was awful funny sometimes! You see a guy get out of his hole to do something, and the next thing you know there was shells hitting all around him. You should of seen some of those guys take off."

A personal account is told here by Pfc. James H. Moore, 125 FA Battalion of Hill 609.

QUOTE:

"Well, I don't know as I can tell you as much about 609 as some of the riflemen can, but I understand there's none of them around anymore. I was on a 37MM Anti-tank gun, protecting our artillery against a tank attack while the fighting on 609 was going on. I guess that must sound strange to most of you, because you're used to seeing the artillery way down in defilade behind some mountain. Well, it wasn't that way in the wide open spaces of Africa. You never knew then when a German tank would come sneaking up on you, and start shooting at you. The position in which we were gave us a good view of 609. I couldn't tell who was who, but whoever those troops were, they caught a lot of artillery square in thier middle, and after they got pinned down they started getting a "going-over" with air bursts. It wasn't long before we saw a line of walking wounded limping back past our gun. I remember trying to ask some of them what was happening up there, but they only shook their heads, and seemed kind of jumpy and all I could make out was something about Jerry counter-attacking. A little while later some medics came around asking if some of us could help them get out the wounded. Things went on that way for about 2 days. Our artillery which had been doing a lot of firing all along now began to increase its fire., We started laying down a rolling barrage which was a beauty to watch. An right behind our shells you could see the Infantry moving up. I guess that's what did the trick because not too long afterwards some GI came by with some prisoners. He said that he was from the 3rd Battalion, and they were fighting with grenades and bayonets, and everything they could lay their hands on up on 609, but they were taking the hill!"

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

1. Partial History, 135th Infantry Regiment
2. The Story of the 34th Infantry Division--Louisiana to Pisa,
(Published by Information and Education Section, AFOSIA.)
3. Regimental 8-1 and 8-3 Reports.
4. Excerpts from the Unit Journal.
5. Statements from eyewitnesses: 1st Sgt. J. Tuenge, 1st Sgt. E. Flowers, Capt. Garfield.
6. Excerpts from a personal diary of 1st Sgt. J. Tuenge, Co. "D".

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- 7. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Marines.
- 8. Diary of 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry for this period.
- 9. Diary of 2nd Battalion, 168th Infantry for this period.
- 10. Journal of the 135th Infantry Regiment
- 11. Divisional P-2 and P-3 Journals
- 12. Air can maps.

The following personnel were casualties during this phase:

PERIOD OF OPERATION

a. OPERATION; 26th of March - 3rd of April, 1943

1. Killed in Action

27 March 1943

Pvt	Kishon, Donald I.	37027493	Co. "K"
"	Elburn, Bernard F.	35068117	"
"	Sowinske, Joseph J.	32293884	"
"	Lenconi, Alfred C.	36305902	Co. "L"
Cpl	Ireland, Melvin V.	37025280	Co. "K"
P/sgt	Olson, Thelmar R.	20708687	Co. "G"
Pvt 1cl	Wright, Robert S.	20708778	"
"	Kinnormier, Harry H.	33119882	Hq Co
Pvt	Pratt, Robert .	2070047	"
Pvt 1cl	Webb, Walter J.	32151328	"
P/sgt	Cooney, Robert .	20709716	Co. "K"
Pvt	Crueger, Vernon	37027316	Co. "I"

28 March 1943

Pvt	Arsen, Glen .	20708261	Co. "K"
Pvt	Svistak, Michael	32305935	Co. "J"

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LOSSES IN ACTION, continued

1. Killed in action, cont'd

29 March 1943			
Pvt 1st Lt	Young, Jarland G.	6657339	Co. "E"
Pvt	Zyglaraki, John	32139978	Co. "F"
Cpl	Martin, Osborne J.	20708629	Hq Det. 2nd Bn
Pvt 1st Lt	Kessikes, Frank	36131336	Co. "G"
Pvt	Tebbe, Alois	36079332	"
31 March 1943			
Pvt 1st Lt	Lundberg, Richard L.	20707241	Med. Det.
"	Swilling, George C.	35130663	Co. "I"
2nd Lt.	Laydner, William H.	01290409	Co. "I"
Pvt 1st Lt	Green, Benjamin	32353183	Co. "I"
"	Holscher, Edward H.	35130749	Co. "I"
3 April 1943			
Captain	Thaler, Paul H.	0371590	Co. "K"

2. Wounded in action

27 March 1943			
Sgt.	Bailey, Robert	20706914	Hq Co
Pvt	Shaw, Harold B.	20708560	Hq Co
Pvt	Fleming, William	32341345	Co. "E"
Cpl	Blume, Lowren F.	20708511	Co. "F"
Pvt	Kubisch, William F.	32294305	Co. "F"
"	Kosinski, John F.	32282910	Co. "F"
"	Stankiewicz, Stanley J.	32181843	Co. "F"
Sgt.	Jilson, Clinton A.	20706754	Co. "F"
1st Lt	Salah, Lawrence T.	0416449	Co. "H"
S/ Sgt	Nelson, Alden H.	20709115	Co. "I"
Sgt	McCoy, Jack E.	20705734	"

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2. Wounded in action, cont'd

Cpl	Jones, James L.	37027215	Co "H"
Cpl	Gremer, Henry I.	20709190	"
Pvt lcl	Allen, James ..	35213878	"
"	Ary, Henry B.	16011822	"
"	Blanagan, James D.	36130922	"
"	Hansen, Ernest F.	37027197	"
"	Hirto, Clifford J.	36229396	"
"	Swaser, Leo S.,	37027359	"
Pvt	Hronek, Robert D.	35130692	"
"	LaBelle, Raymond J.	36307084	"
"	Maglio, Anthony ..	36307060	"
"	Wohunt, Hoyt	34002514	"
"	Moirans, Joseph J.	33245262	"
"	Ortman, Paul J.	35079409	Co "K"
Pvt lcl	Folda, Clarence	37025337	"
Pvt lcl	Montgomery, David	37026799	"
Cpl	Thompson, Bernard L.	20709323	"
Cpl	Sam, Junior L.	36079446	"
Sgt	Elisabeth, Robert M.	36130914	"
Sgt	Vane, Russell J.	20709305	"
Sgt	Trotter, Stanford L.	20709305	"
Pvt	Traynor, Oakley O.	36151818	"
Cpl	Jerde, Palmer B.	20709342	"
Pvt	Podarozak, Theodore	36130685	"
Pvt lcl	Strickland, Mahlon, Jr.	36160680	"
Pvt lcl	Sieman, August ..	37026672	"
Cpl	Speet, Herman	36160639	"
Pvt	Sinatra, Vincent J.	32343247	"
Pvt lcl	Birch, Roy	37026760	"
Pvt	Harrison, Henry J.	36229337	Co "L"
Pvt	Manness, Willie C.	34175295	"
Pvt	Murak, Willi M C.	36161992	"
Sgt	Perry, George W.	20709776	Co "M"
Pvt	Zang, Douglas M.	36161102	"

28 March 1943

Pvt	Kidder, Russell ..	37026021	Med Det
Pvt lcl	Lazzaro, Frank ..	32181859	Reg Co
Pvt	Peterson, John	34050589	Co "N"
"	Poggio, Frank	32342372	"
Sgt	Hunt, Marvin H.	29708310	"
Pvt	Angerin, Lawrence ..	37026548	"
"	Salkierka, Chester F.	20707140	"
Pvt lcl	Christensen, Irvin A.	20708298	"
Pvt	Olgreen, Ralph ..	37025627	"
"	Bandzera, Stanley J.	32233842	Co "P"
Pvt lcl	Gulio, William L.	6564156	"
Pvt	Ruttorson, James ..	32100128	"
"	Prusinoski, Frank	32370114	"
Pvt lcl	Wader, Joseph ..	3702695	"

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LOSSES IN ACTION, continued

2. Sounded in action, cont'd

28 March 1943, cont'd

Pvt 1cl	Walioki, Frank L.	33101188	Co "F"
"	Ryanvy, Evan O.	20708551	"
"	Mikkelsen, Robert W.	37025801	"
Sgt	Pavek, Harry T.	20708546	"
Pvt	Sorenson, Earl W.	31021353	"
2nd Lt	Haight, Horace P.	0313348	"
Pvt 1cl	Robb, Leroy E.	37025623	"
Pvt	Jaigg, John J.	32106875	"
Pvt 1cl	Johnson, Earl E.	37025965	"
Cpl	Des Jardin, Thomas E.	36113314	Co "G"
Pvt 1cl	Hughes, Samuel G.	37026669	"
Pvt 1cl	Splank, Stanley J.	31021371	"
Sgt	Carr, Lawrence W.	20708718	"
Pvt	Soell, Louis W.	17017541	"
Sgt	Ellingson, Thor S.	20708693	"
Pvt	Nelson, Robert H.	37027157	"
"	Jones, Oscar V.	32370064	"
"	Heller, Willard L.	20645104	"
"	Robertson, Joe S.	31026210	"
Sgt	Nelson Wels E.	20708762	"
Cpl	Bickford, Lauren J.	37045312	"
Pvt 1cl	Ryski, Joseph	37027326	"
Sgt	Fluker, Kenneth A.	20708680	"
Pvt 1cl	Hoffman, George A.	36131207	Co "I"

29 March 1943

2nd Lt	Veiber, Paul B.	012886265	Hq Co
S/Sgt	Lindquist, Harry L.	20706982	Hq Co
Lt Col	Keck, Clarence J.	0289619	Hq Det, 2nd Bn
1st Lt	Bastler, Carl U.	0413526	"
Pvt 1cl	Baile, Alvin O.	37028882	"
1st Lt	Onacker, Andrew M.	0408796	Co "E"
2nd Lt	Sugars, Richard H.	01288324	"
Pvt	Wyman, Raymond J.	32172029	"
"	Gulledge, Wade	34034699	"
"	Gilbert, William T.	34034650	"
"	Stress, Harold C.	32283807	"
Pvt 1cl	Snyder, Joseph	37026188	"
Pvt	Leopke, Leslie J.	36162385	"
Cpl	Walbridge, Leroy J.	20707890	"
Sgt	Dunlavy, Orville K.	20708269	"
Pvt 1cl	Coddard, Markus B.	37026282	"
"	Haney, Claude J.	35214112	Co "F"
"	Karkos, Henry P.	16015298	"
Pvt	Duncan, Henry C.	6938235	"
"	Lauterbach, Ferdinand J.	33067948	"
Cpl	Liebarth, Carl A.	37025839	"
"	Blordahl, Melvin S.	37025923	"

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LOSSES IN ACTION, continued

2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

29 March 1943, cont'd

Pvt	Spencer, Kendall J.	20705924	So "F"
S/Sgt	Zack, John	20703472	"
Sgt	Marinski, Theodore J.	20703479	"
"	Kvasnicka, Joseph	20708477	"
Pvt	McCarton, Richard	10 00105	"
"	Colio, Anthony L.	32341388	"
"	Cuomo, Michael	32341471	"
"	Phokey, Roy	1 600112	"
Pvt 1st	Whittle, Charles	32131509	"
"	Zacek, John	20708567	"
2nd Lt	Keilly, Michael	01291166	"
Sgt	Molecek, William	20708187	"
S/Pvt	Podarozak, Hubert T.	207 08480	"
Pvt	Karlebach, Norman	6834134	"
Sgt	Myrick, Robert	20708493	"
Pvt	Bedroad, Abraham	37025799	"
"	Beckett, Herbert L.	20707134	"
Cpl	Greenlund, Henry	3702 629	"
"	Larson, Edwin A.	20708489	"
1st Lt	Hanley, Evan A.	0415193	So "H"
2nd Lt	Dell, Bernard D.	01290358	"
"	Bojka, Anthony M.	01292412	"
Cpl	Keaton, Raymond	20708765	"
"	Harrison, George	20708765	"
Pvt 1st	Wilson, Cyril	35214275	"
2nd Lt	Iverson, James	01290424	So "H"
Sgt	Sathre, Vernon	20708938	"
Cpl	Wake, Robert	3702 605	"
Pvt	Lucki, William	36336465	"
"	Sharp, Harry M.	32172153	"
"	Usinski, Joseph	32171831	"
Cpl	Krullish, Glenn	20708879	"
Pvt 1st	Hilly, Ralph	33102053	"
Pvt	Roe, James L.	3 131 60	"
Sgt	Halverson, Ivert	20709801	"

30 March 1943

Pvt 1st	Winstoby, Elmer	37026289	So "H"
Cpl	Weyer, Waveru	37026239	"
Pvt 1st	Schwartz, Raymond H.	37026319	"
Pvt	Williams, Bill	1 600148	So "H"
Cpl	Logan, Thomas	33059230	"
"	Wierman, Marvin	20708513	"
"	Jensen, Stanley	20708883	So "H"
Pvt	Howell, Donald	37026216	"
Cpl	Larson, Raymond	20709573	So "H"

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LOSSES IN ACTION, continued

2. Wounded in action, cont'd

31 March 1943

Ogt	Millcock, Carl W.	37025354	Co. "I"
Opl	Skoien, Alden L.	20709169	"
Pvt lcl	Cox, Arvid B.	33276742	"
"	Dunprope, Jail H.	37027365	"
"	Komman, Henry W.	36307141	"
"	Nielsen, Harry M.	36306543	"
"	Need, Ralph J.	36026108	"
"	Sumner, Edgar A.	20709174	"
"	Sealay, Stephen J.	35213730	"
Opl	Thell, Vincent J.	37027357	"
Pvt lcl	Frather, Alar H.	24130880	"
Pvt	Arinstead, Gerald W.	36130918	"
Opl	Christensen, Lawrence H.	37028898	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Davies, Bill H.	3616844	"
"	Isler, Gordon C.	20709551	"
"	Wenner, Harry	36130963	"
Pvt	Roethold, Howard L.	35130737	Co. "I"
"	Zuelke, Clyde H.	37027412	"

1 April 1943

Pvt lcl	McAlpine, Lester J.	37027531	Co. "I"
Pvt	Frankel, Milton	35130689	"
"	Gustafson, Arthur H.	36226755	"
"	Brown, Richard H.	32252679	"
Pvt lcl	Solschty, Ralph T.	35130769	"

2 April 1943

Pvt lcl	Szewchuk, Walter, Jr.	36161464	Anti-tank Co.
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3. Missing in action

27 March 1943

Opl	Barnett, Neal F.	34440022	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Lewis, Carlton S.	36116920	"
Ogt	Riley, Walter J.	37027442	"
Pvt	Harrington, William J.	31114723	"
Ogt	Deaty, Cecil J.	20709529	Co. "I"
Ogt	Miller, Howard F.	20709568	"
Opl	Toner, Delbert L.	20709580	"
Pvt lcl	Fox, Clifford H.	36160733	"
"	Lepe, Herman C.	37037541	"
"	Dotson, Manby B.	20709543	"
Pvt	Maurer, Elmer H.	36306315	"
"	Lothar, Gene C.	36307122	"
"	Hilo, Joseph J.	32337222	"
"	Moon, William	32304139	"
"	Orleanski, Stephen F.	32304130	"

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LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued

3. Missing in Action, Cont'd

28 March 1943

Pvt 1cl Rude, Helmar O. 37025758 Co. "F"

3 April 1943

1st Lt Spicher, Edgar A. 01287775 Co. "H"
Pvt Michaelson, Curtis H. 20709300 "

4. Captured

3 April 1943

Pvt 1cl Holte, Melvin D. 37027513 Co. "H"

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 2 off., 23 SA
Wounded in Action: 12 off., 161 SA
Missing in Action: 1 off., 17 SA
Captured: 1 SA

D. POWHOUK : 8th-12th April 1943

1. Killed in Action

8 April 1943

Cpl	Bruining, Henry A.	32181269	Hq Co
"	Arbel, Frederick J.	32183707	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Erickson, Wilbur A.	37025876	"
Pvt	Hoyle, Otis H.	34123664	"
Pvt 1cl	Lebowitz, Morton	32182320	"
"	Broadbent, Robert	10600097	"
Pvt	Hackney, Jess C.	34081816	"
"	Phanik, Talmadge L.	36507274	"
Sgt	Tenne, Raymond L.	37025725	"
"	Lohn, Jordan F.	37025540	"
S/Sgt	Kohlake, Sylvester F.	20707735	"
1st Lt	Richardson, Jack H.	0391256	Co. "G"
Sgt	Liss, Harry	20707911	"
Pvt 1cl	Massaro, Joseph J.	32100354	"
Sgt	Jentry, George T.	33089865	"
Pvt	Fatt, Hyman	32337116	Co. "D"
"	McGulloch, Edwin F.	10600083	"
Sgt	Parnell, Harold G.	20708092	"
Cpl	Clays, Louis L.	37042051	Co. "F"
1st Lt	Jraller, Woodman G.	0423209	Co. "I"
Pvt	Mabrieison, Harold A.	20709112	"
Pvt 1cl	Felt, Floyd A.	37027364	"

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135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

100. KILLED IN ACTION, Continued,

1. Killed in Action, Cont'd

8 April 1943, Cont'd

Pvt lcl	Hirch, Roy	37026760	Co. "H"
"	McCloud, Harley L.	37027533	" "
Pvt	Sproule, Russell E.	36300042	" "
S/Ogt	Miller, Charles A.	20709522	Co. "H"
"	Van Lith, John A.	20709302	" "
Cpl	Babb, Samuel A.	37037549	" "
Pvt	Skutt, Edward C.	3630715	" "
"	Doherty, Clarence R.	18155884	Co. "H"
2nd Lt	Deaty, David A.	02140682	" "
Cpl	Jordan, James O.	33117444	" "
"	Malley, Lauran L.	2070751	" "
Pvt lcl	Boyle, Joseph P.	32181437	" "
"	Shollenbarger, John E.	36162702	" "
Pvt	Pergeron, Reginald J.	20709390	" "
"	Hilbert, Paul V.	20703552	" "
Pvt lcl	McIntt, Willie H.	14130299	" "
Pvt	Harris, Clyde	33111373	Co. "H"
Pvt lcl	Reflin, George A.	3311102	" "
Pvt	Milchberger, George E.	37045313	Co. "H"
Pvt	Labor, William E.	36307074	" "
1st Lt	Cooper, Mill F.	0407297	Co. "H"
Ogt	Wenison, Woodrow A.	37026215	" "
Pvt	Fischer, Joseph J.	32263116	" "
"	Martino, Frank J.	32353584	" "
"	Fane, Sidney	32540869	" "
Cpl	Vaughan, Carl P.	31312902	Co. "H"
Pvt lcl	Lynch, Paul A.	20708532	" "
Pvt	Zak, Richard S.	33101443	" "
"	Lortsky, Morris	33202802	" "
Pvt lcl	Maligur, John J.	32283736	" "
Pvt	Culp, William L.	6261456	" "
Pvt lcl	Sprouce, Richard O.	33211890	" "
2nd Lt	Beaman, Page C.	20708750	Co. "H"
Pvt	Deccito, James A.	01294275	" "
"	Farrell, John R.	32304006	" "
"	Bostelaar, Cornelius	32342304	Hq Det, 3rd Bn
Pvt lcl	Portins, Sidney (M.I.)	36161899	Co. "H"
Cpl	Loise, Gerald A.	33106577	Co. "L"
Pvt	Thielke, Leuben W.	20705806	Co. "H"
Pvt lcl	Macynski, Edward E.	36131311	" "
"	Mrozok, Leo J.	20709726	" "
	10 April 1943		
Pvt lcl	Ost, Clifford A.	20711732	Hq Det

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TABLE IV - 1950 I.F. RPT. (Cont'd)

100 IN ACTION, Continued,

1. Killed in Action, Cont'd

10 April 1943, Cont'd

1st Lt	Engelhard, Adrian A.	106001810600161	Hq Co
2nd Lt	Bell, Hoke O.	0622401	Regt Hq
1st Lt	Mould, Jay B.	01291105	Co. "B"
1st Lt	Olson, Clyde S.	36310708	"
"	Schneider, Henry J.	32347950	"
"	Head, Joseph T.	32140878	Co. "C"
"	Munson, Harry A.	35214516	Co. "E"
"	Mazzolla, Raphael C.	32342304	Hq Det. 3rd Bn
"	Thompson, Robert V.	36306319	Co. "A"

11 April 1943

Cpl	Combe, Charles E.	32173626	Co. "A"
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12 April 1943

1st Lt	DiNigila, Gaetano	34012044	Co. "F"
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15 April 1943

2nd Lt	O'Farrall, Rufus W.	0492789	Co. "B"
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2. Wounded in Action

8 April 1943

Cpl	Barnocke, Vernon L.	37025735	Co. "B"
1st Lt	Bova, James A.	33111229	"
"	Katko, Walter J.	37025356	"
"	Moroney, William A.	37025827	"
"	Joeman, Francis V.	37025827	"
Cpl	Mund, Theodore S.	33119671	"
1st Lt	Millett, Lewis F.	32287172	"
1st Lt	Ahles, Vincent F.	37045361	"
"	Torkelson, Alvin J.	36307207	"
"	Borland, Alexander S.	10600023	"
"	Clarke, William A. P.	10600265	"
"	Blesak, Joseph A.	0399382	"
1st Lt	Daniels, William C.	33271252	Co. "C"
1st Lt	Gaza, Mike (MIA)	33269226	"
"	Kane, James E.	36208708	"
"	Sjelmsted, Aivert	37025738	"
"	Muscoplat, Abe (MIA)	23707917	"
"	Hofferst, James F.	10600017	"
1st Lt	Estalio, Peter (MIA)	34116996	"

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

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued

2. ounded in Action, Cont'd

8 April 1943

Pvt	Davis, Harry S.	20706712	Co. "C"
"	Finney, James H.	37047999	"
"	Langie, Arthur J.	37082050	Co. "D"
Pvt 1st	Wexler, Sam	36015681	"
"	Rucian, Joseph J.	33110993	"
Pvt	Trumbo, Charles W.	33119280	"
Pvt 1st	Durham, Ralph E.	34087440	"
"	Roman, Nick	33111445	"
Pvt	Ruasbaum, Francis J.	32206650	"
"	Talley, Walter E.	32367755	Co. "F"
S/sgt	Zack, John	20708472	"
Sgt	Russell, Dale L.	20708550	"
Cpl	Keane, James W.	20708526	"
Pvt 1st	Reber, Frederick L.	37025854	"
"	Schock, Clyde S.	33111472	"
Pvt	Stabley, Claude E.	33343472	"
"	Manning, Albert H.	34356873	"
"	Lischak, Peter	32182724	"
"	Michalke, Paul	20708539	"
"	Tomlin, William C.	33119538	"
Sgt	Barden, Robert T.	20708502	"
Pvt	Krue, Max R.	19016837	"
S/sgt	Regan, Maurice J.	37027444	Co. "H"
Cpl	Carstens, Louis E.	37027444	"
"	Michalke, Paul	37027444	"
Sgt	Skulborstad, Harry E.	20709136	Co. "I"
Pvt 1st	Snodgrass, Harry L.	35213731	"
Pvt	Meyer, Harold M.	20709165	"
Cpl	Royce, Layton A.	20709318	Co. "K"
"	Johnson, Gahlord G.	37025327	"
Pvt 1st	Galabrese, James (MCI)	33106360	"
"	Frohn, Emil O.	37027328	"
"	Gurka, John E.	3730834	"
Pvt	Reamer, Richard H.	36161015	"
Pvt 1st	Shanley, Vern G.	36229432	"
Pvt	Blakeman, Donald H.	37045340	"
Pvt 1st	Amundson, Bertrre A.	37025941	"
"	Plummer, John R.	37026061	"
"	Keller, William P.	37026768	"
"	Page, Raymond H.	20706411	"
Pvt	Webberrry, Garfield D.	36079394	"
"	Praynor, Oakley O.	36161818	"
"	Wilfson, Merlin A.	20709311	"
1st Lt	Cronshaw, Thomas H.	0316816	Co. "L"
Sgt	Brickson, Lester C.	37045348	"
Sgt	Hendrickson, Worth E.	37028900	"

SECRET - 135TH AIRBORNE DIVISION (Continued)

10th Airborne Division, Continued,

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8 April 1943

vt col	Wikro, Sylvester A.	37020000	Co. "A"
"	Korkiamaki, Jaimo H.	36229325	"
"	Weimer, Fred A.	36306711	"
vt	Davis, Miron W.	34119638	"
"	Lowd R, Jack J. S.	34130699	"
"	Cross, Montell A.	20705761	Co. "B"
vt col	Smith, Leonard J.	3366913	"
vt	Johnson, Arthur J.	20709714	"
vt	Surrency, Kenneth L.	20709770	"
vt col	Dean, Albert C.	3122918	"

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vt col	Stinson, Andrew L.	34032277	ad det
"	Telles, Harry L.	37037227	"
"	Ferguson, David J.	37025908	"
1st Lt	Lyons, John T.	0407168	Co. "A"
2nd Lt	Moyers, George G.	01292369	"
vt	Brostrom, William A.	20707482	"
"	Smith, John B.	20707178	"
"	Sell, Leroy H.	20707479	"
"	McLoskey, John W.	33101083	"
"	Mullin, William J.	32133720	"
"	von Hal, William J.	32181863	"
vt	Funkhouser, Carl W.	33098476	"
"	Ferry, Ralph E.	306800	"
vt col	Michanowski, James L.	37025710	"
"	Jarner, Gilbert	34175277	"
"	Ozog, Paul A.	36306633	"
"	Raposh, Albert F.	36307203	"
"	Petrich, Jack	36305797	"
"	Why, Frank J.	33106724	"
"	Tobin, John J.	32181398	"
"	Zinner, Robert	32178724	"
vt	George, George	34154311	"
"	Grant, James L.	33202524	"
"	Birmingham, George W.	33201174	"
"	Lang, Alton J.	33190503	"
"	Dixler, George E.	33307240	"
"	Bain, Leo	32107271	"
vt	Offrett, Frederick F.	3111934	Co. "B"
vt col	Mittman, Robert J.	6561170	"
vt	Kevin, Tom W.	34273294	"
"	Ford, Harold L.	32372662	"
vt col	Schornin, Samuel (and)	33245264	Co. "B"
vt	Collins, Robert	31134832	"

135th INFANTRY BATTAL HISTORY (Cont'd)

Losses in Action, continued,

4. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

9 April 1945, Cont'd

Pvt	Allwanger, Richard ...	12130827	Co. "C"
Pvt 1st Lt	Ross, Alan R.	10600067	"
"	Latham, Richard ...	34008602	"
"	Rowan, Arthur ...	3217244	Co. "B"
"	Carroll, Wilfred A.	20708077	"
Pvt	Lempke, Albert C	36162389	Co. "B"
1st Lt	Yours, Harold G.	041012	"
1st Sgt	Vacek, Joseph J.	20708258	"
Sgt	Suelflow, Harold W.	20708331	"
"	Mix, Melvin ...	20708264	"
Cpl	Jensen, Norman J.	37026310	"
Pvt 1st Lt	Keltonagle, Dean B.	10600051	"
Cpl	Jerome, John J.	37026279	"
"	Facteau, James J.	32370102	"
Pvt	Donadio, Carmine	32342352	"
"	Hanson, Ludvig H.	37027170	"
Pvt 1st Lt	Gelke, Lawrence H.	37026285	"
Pvt	Hough, John C.	10600129	"
Pvt 1st Lt	Skalicky, Edward G.	20708323	"
Pvt 1st Lt	Steiner, Albert J.	20708275	"
Cpl	McCherry, James G.	6911743	"
Pvt	MacKoviak, Clement S.	15377327	"
"	Bagg, Murray L.	33090522	"
Pvt 1st Lt	Abrams, Julius	32336588	"
Pvt	Spollman, Harold J.	35586112	Co. "B"
"	Marciionetti, John F.	32181795	"
Pvt 1st Lt	Levine, Robert G.	32181795	"
Pvt	Daliole, Louis J.	37025825	"
"	Kushaba, Michael F.	32370197	"
"	Stubbs, William F.	35586011	"
"	Snell, Clifford F.	35580057	"
"	White, Earl J.	35424917	"
"	Stafford, James ...	34367908	"
"	Gard, Merlin T.	34313255	"
Pvt 1st Lt	Okonak, Arthur ...	37027324	Co. "B"
Pvt	Mohr, James A.	32304042	"
C/sgt	Hanson, Ellsworth ...	20709119	Co. "B"
Pvt	Lindsay, Alexander M.	36307061	"
"	Wohant, Hoyt	34002511	"
Sgt	Bradenwald, Roland H.	20709338	Co. "B"
Pvt	Faival, Samuel H.	36229291	"
"	Fox, William ...	32265521	"
1st Lt	Wengert, Merrit ...	0415058	"
Cpl	Deaty, Fred W.	20709340	Co. "B"
Pvt	Gilke, Walter J.	36132397	"

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PHASE IV - 1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued

2. ounded in Action, Cont'd

9 April 1943

2nd Lt	Whisenhunt, Howell O.	01292969	Co. "M"
Cpl	Brosek, Raymond F.	20709769	"
Pvt	Reyes, Thomas J.	12035922	"
"	Kothhoff, Paul H.	35028762	"
"	Skinner, Darley R.	37138589	"
"	Speed, Samuel M.	18082228	"
Cpl	Hildertus, Murton R.	37023674	"
Pvt	Covall, Gerald E.	36117315	"

10 April 1943

Pvt 1st	Bavern, Jerry J.	20713350	Med Det
Pvt	Kourt, Leo D.	37036902	Med Det
"	Asbal, Joseph Z	12088093	Med Det
Pvt 1st	Dreisbach, Malcolm	33101318	Co. "B"
Pvt	White, William R.	33119686	"
"	Bishop, Allen	33106369	"
"	Jakimas, Joseph J.	32182895	"
Pvt	Strong, Robert D., Jr.	32181210	"
"	Tripp, Walter L.	34117087	"
Pvt 1st	Krievs, William A.	10600157	"
"	Kauts, Lynford B.	33100462	"
Cpl	Larson, Louis J.	37025753	"
"	Byro, Samuel J.	33100434	Co. "C"
Pvt	Busick, Stephen (NMI)	32160657	"
"	Musbell, Melvin	34101510	"
"	Schiff, Allen J.	12030008	"
"	Forkman, William	15117314	"
"	Shuman, William B.	11120408	"
"	Schultz, Raymond J.	20704571	Co. "A"
"	Sullivan, John M.	32343294	"
Pvt 1st	Adler, Merrile F.	33120071	Co. "H"
"	Collins, Robert F.	20709058	Hq Det 3 Bn
Pvt	Schan, Matthew (NMI)	37026052	Co. "K"

11 April 1943

Pvt	Harrison, Jack A.	6557441	Co. "B"
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12 April 1943

2nd Lt	Both, Emanuel M.	01292889	Co. "D"
Pvt	Garcia, Alexander	12 63870	"

FOOTNOTES:

Killed in Action: 3 Off., 68
 Wounded in Action: 8 Off., 179

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19 April 1943

vt	Grace, Samuel W.	1404956	Co. "I"
			(7 miles east of Lakota)

27 April 1943

vt	Schroeder, Arthur W.	10229249	Co. "I"
vt	Teidler, Winton R.	33243485	Co. "I"

28 April 1943

vt	Dickerton, Leonard F.	10600105	Co. "F"
vt	Christianson, Willard W.	37025523	"
vt	Larson, Walter A.	12165595	"
"	Westfall, Carl H.	3513552	"
vt lcl	Workey, John	32335125	"
vt	Abb, Andrew D.	34315889	Co. "J"
"	Sims, Carl E.	34332876	"
"	Brown, Truman L.	34123777	"
vt lcl	Wayden, Forrest A.	35167984	"
vt	Heller, Willard L.	20645104	"
"	Campbell, Walter D.	34396564	Co. "I"
"	Hutt, Marion L.	36160539	Co. "K"
"	Vaughn, Weston	36068509	"
vt lcl	Miller, Bertram W.	37027591	"
"	Lyns, Thomas L.	37027560	"
vt	Tanner, Ernest	34445220	"

29 April 1943

2nd Lt	Lougeorge, James	01292704	Co. "A"
vt	Feinstein, Jacob	33087111	Co. "B"
vt	Thorson, Lawrence (M.I)	6576658	Co. "C"
vt	Weigh, Walter F.	37037689	Co. "E"
"	Lunak, Henry F.	35302079	"
"	Ray, Robert L.	35214452	Co. "H"
vt lcl	Nelson, Harry E.	35214504	"
vt	Larson, Ront	37277325	"
"	Gunstan, Robert J.	36227314	Co. "I"
"	Woolman, Lester C.	34115635	Co. "L"
"	Tabinowitz, Sidney (M.I)	32029560	"

30 April 1943

vt lcl	Williams, Charles C.	36306719	Co. "A"
vt	Robertson, James W.	34030597	Co. "C"
vt	Zick, Louis W.	32182572	"
vt	Stiner, Stephen	33088394	Co. "I"

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PHASE IV - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT IN ACTION (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Cont'd

1. Killed in action, Cont'd

30 April 1943, Cont'd

Pvt lcl	Colangelo, John A.	32311988	Co. "B"
	7 May 1943		
Pvt lcl	Kenley, Richard A.	3418437	41st Det 3rd In

2. Wounded in action

27 April 1943

1st Lt	Bronshaw, Thomas H.	316816	Co. "A"
2nd Lt	Bewle, Leo	01290369	" "
Pvt	Risi, Anthony J.	32622009	" "
Sgt	Johnson, Doudd A.	20709124	" "
Pvt lcl	Strangel, Ernest A.	37027202	" "
Sy/sgt	Jacobson, Orlin A.	20709552	Co. "L"
Pvt	Ortman, Paul J.	36079409	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Bink, Willis (NMI)	37026970	Co. "L"
Pvt	Lahocky, Frank J.	36151800	" "
"	Segeman, Irvin H.	36306995	" "

28 April 1943

Pvt lcl	Wilson, Almer S.	14074098	Co. " "
"	Bussenger, Virgil J.	36131117	" "
Pvt	Caputo, Carmen	32303812	Co. "B"
Sgt	Reskley, Virgil J.	33090432	" "
Pvt lcl	Irseboski, Joseph	32182700	" "
Cpl	Lenson, Harley D.	20708313	" "
Pvt lcl	Jodiard, Barkus S.	37126282	" "
Pvt	Chudalowski, Leonard S.	32351118	Co. "F"
2nd Lt	Lance, Alden S.	01290440	" "
Pvt	Rouse, James O.	37450912	" "
1st Lt	Doff, Gordon F.	0152111	" "
Sgt	Singlestad, Sylvester H.	20708561	" "
Pvt lcl	Sheeler, Almer H.	33067402	" "
Pvt	Young, Obie S.	37349902	" "
"	Studing, Hyman	32283830	" "
Pvt lcl	Casey, James F.	10805002	" "
"	Forwa, John	37025948	" "
"	Bookett, Hugh C.	33062989	" "
Pvt	Thompson, Chester	35627197	" "
T/S	Joreno, Antonio	39161301	" "
Pvt	Dross, Henry D.	20708959	" "
Pvt	Doney, John S.	35636285	" "
Sgt	Silerman, Marvin	20708513	" "
Pvt	Valosin, Michael	32568380	" "

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LOSERS IN ACTION, Continued,

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

28 April 1943

Pvt	Ponterio, John	32342002	Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl	Huffman, Richard	10600036	" "
Pvt	Taylor, Clayton E.	32047221	Co. "G"
Pvt 1cl	Fishman, Louis	31282427	" "
"	Tuttle, Barney V.	20708775	" "
"	Vertlib, Aaron	32191078	" "
Pvt	Thompson, Robert L.	33396972	" "
"	Tinley, Clifford A.	34449187	" "
"	McJarry, Patrick H.	39249214	" "
Pvt 1cl	Sazochi, Gabriel J.	36017068	" "
"	Reynolds, Richard J.	33111349	" "
Pvt	Lauriello, Anthony J.	32568220	" "
Cpl	Rice, Melvin D.	37026852	" "
Pvt	Boydyk, Michael	32343416	Co. "H"
Sgt	Kolbrick, Stanley V.	56307036	Co. "I"
Pvt	Dideum, Roy V.	33234083	" "
"	Thomas, Robert L.	34448718	" "
C/Sgt	Jorgos, Waldemar K.	20709187	" "
2nd Lt	Svitavsky, Leo E.	01228139	" "
Cpl	Westgaard, Erwin O.	20709325	Co. "K"
"	Halvorson, Levi H.	37027592	" "
Pvt	Weyer, George F.	35668495	" "
Pvt 1cl	Thompson, Lyle W.	20709303	" "
Pvt	Malone, Charles E.	36307195	" "
Sgt	Holmquist, Waldo C.	20709313	" "
Pvt	Williams, Harold H.	34365110	" "
Sgt	Stagl, Albert F.	37027496	" "
Pvt	Thomas, Millie (MMI)	34448883	" "
"	Therley, Clarence C.	35666640	" "
"	Klunk, Walter G.	36079389	" "
Pvt 1cl	Shmidt, Lawrence H.	36229282	" "
Pvt	Fox, William A.	32269521	Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl	Arka, Peter H.	36131331	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Larson, Milton O.	36229257	" "
"	Jasnowski, Arthur J.	36131164	Co. "M"

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Pvt	Bucklin, Kenneth S.	37036829	Med Det
Pvt	Millard, L. P.	38028886	" "
Pvt 1cl	Charest, Arthur L.	31108998	Co. "A"
Pvt	Brueger, Magelon H.	37276893	" "

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APPENDIX IV - 1952 LIST OF MEN WHOSE SERVICE WAS DISCONTINUED (Cont'd)

LOSERS IN ACTION, Continued,

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

29 April 1953, Cont'd

and Lt	Branon, John C.	01307932	Co. "A"
1st Lt	Tucker, Matthew	0387734	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Carlo, Alfred A.	32151126	Co. "C"
Pvt	Jensen, Lowell H.	20703271	Co. "D"
Pvt 1cl	McDonagle, Sean B.	10800051	"
Pvt	Snothers, Cecil	34101427	"
"	Stuart, Gilbert W.	34361425	Co. "F"
"	Ingenito, John T.	32539681	"
"	Sigler, Roy S.	35588032	"
"	Sacks, Morris	33447266	"
"	Supelaukis, James J.	32303942	"
"	Bathel, Donald W.	20708503	"
"	Stewart, Reginald W.	15332292	"
Pvt 1cl	McFarland, Leon D.	35130082	Co. "G"
Pvt 1cl	Chimer, Richard J.	36034498	"
Pvt	Bertrick, Edward	13081581	"
"	Taber, Donald S.	36156229	"
"	Brasinski, Edward	32308487	"
"	Collins, Charles G.	34149578	"
"	Thompson, Louis J.	34361754	"
"	Karwold, Theodore J.	33129471	"
"	Glorious, John H.	35131537	"
"	Summers, Joseph P.	15931666	"
Pvt 1cl	Annunziata, Michael	6908180	Co. "H"
S/sgt	Fischer, Walter H.	20708897	"
Pvt	Bellecourt, Joseph J.	37027337	"
"	Balazer, Robert W.	34209598	Co. "I"
"	Nelson, Lloyd H.	20709373	Co. "J"
Cpl	Evans, Ole H.	37027579	"
Pvt 1cl	DePasquale, Joseph	33106427	"
Cpl	Fritsch, Frank V.	32287920	"
Pvt	Lindahl, Arvey A.	36225229	"
Pvt	Stiles, Daniel W.	34490373	"
WO1LT	Hall, Irwin F.	01292334	Co. "K"
CPL	Onstad, Vern F.	37028895	"
CPL	Usselman, Gave	37028712	"
Pvt 1cl	Dvorski, Joseph J.	35131859	"
Pvt 1cl	Houser, Orr L.	37443372	"
Pvt 1cl	Myre, Arthur H.	37028771	"
Pvt 1cl	Castro, Hughes T.	1423789	"
Pvt	Long, Thaddeus W.	3310678	"
Pvt	Thomas, Melvin H.	33215625	"
Pvt	LaPastreu, Karin H. O.	33372098	Co. "L"

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

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued,

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

30 April 1943

Pvt 1st	Colfhus, Kenneth I.	37025791	Hq Co
Pvt	Ablowitz, Benjamin	34175406	Co. "A"
"	Klarich, Blesch	36229377	"
Pvt 1st	Andlock, Donald S.	36229377	"
"	York, William V.	34175297	"
Cpl	Barthel, John E.	34121875	"
Sgt	McGaughey, Frank J.	32173150	Co. "B"
Pvt 1st	Dearl, Charles H.	31167827	Co. "C"
Sgt	Williams, James V.	31197147	"
Pvt	Bulger, Bernard J.	3116492	"
Sgt	Osborn, Harold E.	6574110	"
Cpl	McCoy, George E.	10600077	"
Pvt 1st	Green, Lawson L.	10600054	Co. "E"
"	Gremonts, Herman M.	37025730	"
Pvt	Salabrunn, Gerald J.	37025220	"
"	Pies, Hubert B.	37025269	"
"	Tracy, Marshall O.	35508124	Co. "G"
Pvt 1st	Levy, Edwin F.	35130807	Co. "H"
"	Pillaja, Arvo A.	35249293	Co. "I"
Pvt	Jundrum, Edward L.	12172110	G "
2nd Lt	Flynn, John P.	01222861	Co. "K"
Pvt	Walker, Arthur H.	36079403	"
Sgt	Stratton, Ralph D.	20709321	"
Pvt 1st	Helmquist, Wallace A.	20709341	"
Cpl	Martinson, Johnny	37027551	"
Pvt	Sutherland, Harvey C.	33215755	"
"	Fleisher, Nathan (NMI)	32349700	"
"	Ellis, Marvin G.	35213937	"
Pvt 1st	Frank, Henry J.	33317389	Co. "L"
Pvt	Kalodziej, Edward	32578179	"
"	St. John, George	37028734	"
"	Triska, Robert	37028734	"

1 May 1943

Pvt	Zabito, Alfonso M.	32453767	Med Det
"	Essick, Robert	33106551	Co. "A"
"	Martino, Antonio (NMI)	32341490	Co. "K"
"	Lurner, Arthur L.	35130363	Co. "M"

2 May 1943

Pvt 1st	Dolfarth, George J.	32181352	Co. "A"
Cpl	Schmidt, Howard M.	3-173808	Co. "A"
Pvt	Hanson, Audvig H.	37027170	Co. "B"
"	Morrison, Alexander H.	10600061	"

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2. wounded in action, cont'd

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SUBJECT:

killed in action: 1 Off., 35 ...
wounded in action: 9 Off., 1 ...

	TOTAL LOSSES IN	ACT OF	Unlisted	Total
	Officers	Warrant Officers	Men	
Killed in action	15		151	
Wounded in action	35	1	545	
Missing in action	2		25	
Captured			6	780
	<u>52</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>727</u>	