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On December 11th at midnight, the 135th Infantry left its assembly area at S. MARIO OLIVARO and traveled by truck to S. ANGELO D'ALIFE. The last elements arrived at the bivouac area at approximately six O'clock on the morning of the 12th of December, at which place and day, Colonel Ward joined them a little later.

A period of inactivity followed for the next 2 weeks, with recreation and relaxation given the 1st priority. The officers and men were paid and the first 2 days were spent mostly in just resting and cleaning equipment. Pyramidal tents^{TS} were issued on the basis of 8 men per tent, plenty of straw was issued and the men made themselves a home. Entertainment, movies, stage shows and band concerts were enjoyed by the unit during this period with Ella Logan featured in one of the "Live Shows" presented to the 3rd Battalion.

On the 18th, Captain Robert E. McJraw returned to duty as Executive Officer of the 2nd Battalion, and with his arrival, there also arrived many replacements who entered the various units. As the Regiment was brought back to strength, a training schedule commenced with men attending Division schools on mines, animal husbandry (males) and pioneer work. Mountain climbing was stressed with particular attention being paid to the newly arrived replacements.

The training period was supplemented by training films and the construction of a firing range enabling the Companies to get in sufficient firing so that all replacements were well familiarized with their weapons. The Battalions were equipped with new clothing and equipment, and hot showers were available for the first time in several weeks.

Just about this time also, Division orders were received which announced the award of the Silver Star to 7 men of the 3rd Battalion: Captain Berger of the Medical Detachment., Pfc Hauck of "I" Company., Pvts. Aiken and Sizelove of "K" Company, Pvt. Radcliff of Company "L" and Pvts. Ness and Steinback of "H" Company. Good conduct awards were also presented to many men of the Regiment. During the Xmas season, 1st Lt. Donald J. Dodge returned to Company "D" as Commanding Officer. The spirit of Xmas prevailed throughout the Regiment with candlelight services on the holiday Eve, a choir singing carols around

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The festive songs and sounds of good cheer resounding everywhere. Church services were held on Christmas Day and then as a climax of good cheer that day, the men enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with most of the trimmings, everyone having plenty to eat. On this day, however, the rest period came to an end with the Regiment being alerted for a move back to the front and plans immediately being laid for the movement. Lt. Gibbs H. Provost, returned to duty as S-3, 1st Battalion on this day of Xmas.

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At 1800 hours, the 27th of December, 1943, advance reconnaissance groups left the 135th area at S. ANSELMO D'ALIFE and proceeded by motor to reconnoiter the new area, and get the needed information from the 141st Infantry, which was in position East of S. VITTORE. Company "A" received a new Commanding Officer this day, a 1st lieutenant, by the name of Joseph A. Slonak; while on the following day, Lt. Dodge of Company "D" was given a battle-field promotion to the rank of Captain, the authority coming in a letter from Headquarters, NATOSUA. Major John A. Rice of Hqs., 34th Division was assigned to the 135th Infantry Regiment as assistant executive Officer.

On the 29th of December, at 0905 hours, a further reconnaissance was made and the advance staff group of the Regiment moved to the new sector preparatory to taking over responsibility for the area that night. The relief of the 141st Infantry of the 34th Division by the 135th began at dusk on the 29th of December, 1943, and at 2200 hours, the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry reported that they had physically relieved the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry on the front line position.

The 3rd Battalion assembled 2000 yards East of SAN PIETRO, where the companies improved their positions and pushed patrols to the right front and into the town of SAN VITTORE. A patrol from "K" Company drew enemy small arms fire near the town but no casualties were received. The units spent a very wet and cold New Years Eve.

At 1445 hours the 1st Battalion was in the process of relieving the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry. The position was organized by the 135th with the 1st and 3rd Battalions abreast with elements of the 34th Reconnaissance troop protecting the left flank of the

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regimental sector. On the 30th of December, 1943, Cannon Company and Anti-tank Company were in position and all service and administration groups had displaced forward to the new line from S. ANSELMO D'ALIFE. Captain ~~Laing~~ F. Bailey who was Commanding Officer of "G" Company became sick and was evacuated on the 30th of December leaving 2nd Lt. David ~~Laing~~ in charge of the Company.

New Years Day of 1944, bitter cold with a wind of gale proportions buffeting the troops, found the Regiment poised and prepared to strike more telling blows against the enemy in the SAN VITTORE sector. The operation upon which it was about to embark was the long awaited and much discussed assault on the enemy's "Winter Line," built in depth from SAN VITTORE TO CASSINO, a distance of approximately 9 kilometers. The hardships of the weather on that day were only a forerunner of the tribulations that soon were to be undergone.

The situation at this time was that the Germans were defending a chain of hills running approximately North and South astride Highway 6, which led to CASSINO and the GUSTAV LINE, the main position which the Germans had decided to defend throughout the winter. The hills facing the front were to be used for delaying action to gain time for the finishing touches to be placed on the GUSTAV LINE. The ground immediately to the front of our new line was noteworthy for two hill features, M. PERCHIA on the left and M. CHIAIA on the right. At the foot of the latter huddled the village of S. VITTORE, to the North of which, in a series of wild and jagged peaks, rose the bulk of Mt. SAMUCRO. To the Germans' rear opened the wide plain through which the highway and railroad ran westward, the two diverging to pass on either side of the solitary hump of Mount TROCCHIO which commanded a view for miles around. To the North of the highway, rocky terraced hills studded with olive groves gave every indication of rough country to fight over. The initial steps taken by this Regiment, which was deployed with the 3rd Battalion facing SAN VITTORE, the 1st Battalion echeloned to the left and rear of the 3rd Battalion, and the 2nd Battalion in reserve in the SAN PIETRO area, were to probe and feel out with patrols the enemy defenses. This was commenced in the midst of a blinding snow storm. However much infor-

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Information of value concerning machine gun positions, best routes of approach and the location of mine fields was acquired as a result of these patrols. Prior to the attack on SAN VITTORE, efforts were taken to reduce, by using heavy II Corps Artillery, those machine gun positions that were discovered. The first days of January brought much discomfort and hardships to the troops, because of the intense cold and biting winds and snows. The full worth of combat suits issued to the men of the line proved well worthwhile during this period of wet and cold spells.

On the night of the 4th of January at 2330 hours, the wheels of the attack were in motion. The 3rd Battalion was attacking SAN VITTORE, while the 1st Battalion had moved to the north of the 3rd Battalion and was attempting to cross a gulch northeast of SAN VITTORE and then assault Hill 346, a shoulder of the Mt. CHIAIA hill Mass (northwest of SAN VITTORE). Co. "B" in passing to the right of the 3rd Battalion, was cut off in the town of SAN VITTORE, suffering heavy casualties. The Battalion reformed and attacked with Cos. "A" and "B" in the assault to the right of the 3rd Battalion toward Mt. CHIAIA. The Battalion was held up temporarily by intense machine gun and mortar fire, but, nevertheless, succeeded in reaching its objective after a bitter struggle.

The Germans had defended Mt. CHIAIA with many machine gun positions on the forward slope while counter-attacking groups would assemble on the rear slope in shelters dug out of the side of the mountain.

In the meantime, the 2nd Battalion displaced forward to Cio. MORELLI, prepared to resist any counterattack or continue the mission of the 1st Battalion. The morning of the 5th found Company "K" held up in the North East by enemy machine gun fire, while Company "I" had a Platoon in the South-West end of town. Throughout the day, Company "I" gradually improved its positions in the town, getting in another platoon and taking over 30 prisoners from the 134th Infantry of the 44th German Division. Street fighting continued through the 5th, and on the 6th when "K" Company penetrated from the North-East, the town of SAN VITTORE was under our control. Shortly after noon, "I" and "K" effected a junction and only a few stragglers remained to be rounded up. In all, 80 prisoners were taken. Throu

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the 7th, the Battalion organized to defend the town in the event of German counterattacks.

The work of Companies "K" and "I" in the taking of SAN VITTORE received 2 write-ups in the daily Stars and Stripes. On January 3rd and 6th, 2 of Company "I"'s Platoon Sergeants, S/Sgt Youngmeyer and S/Sgt Adskirk, were appointed 2nd Lt's., the 1st direct appointment received by the Battalion since 1st Sgt. Dobak of Company "L" was commissioned following the landing at ALGIERS in November, 1942. In one patrol skirmish by a patrol from "K" Company, Lt. Kulp was wounded but the rest of the patrol was able to pull out.

Morning found the ammunition supply of the forward Platoon low and other elements of the Battalion were sent around town to approach it from the South-West. Initially, the 1st Battalion was stopped in its tracks at the gulch, which was its line of departure, by heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, finally being forced to withdraw to a more covered position East of the Gulch to allow a finer adjustment of our artillery fire on specific houses causing particular grief.

During the planning stage of this operation, Major Ray Erickson, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, based on personal reconnaissance, recommended that for his mission, he be permitted to cross the Gulch at night and send one Company up each nose of Hill 346, thereby avoiding the mines laid in the draw between.

The 3rd Battalion continued throughout the 5th to clear SAN VITTORE almost house by house. The crescendo of the fighting reached its climax that day and, finally, on the following day resistance collapsed, with many prisoners of the 14th German Infantry Division being taken. For their attack on SAN VITTORE, the 3rd Battalion disassembled a 37mm antitank gun, packed it forward, and made excellent use of the weapon as a siege gun.

The 6th of January found the Regiment continuing in its mission. The 1st Battalion, making another stab, crossed the gulch which was its line of departure, and was heavily engaged in fighting for Hill 346. The 1st Battalion was again held up by stiff resistance coming from the East slope of Mt. CHIAIA. Colonel Ward decided that two Companies did not constitute a large enough force for the task and ordered the 2nd Battalion to aggressively move to the South nose of the Hill 346 and assist the 1st Battalion in capturing the Hill.

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This added pressure finally caused Mt. CHIAIA to fall. Much of the credit belonged to Captain Lance, Company Commander of "F" Company, who, finding the progress of his Company impeded by resistance from the North, quickly analyzed the situation and succeeded in making a rapid thrust Southwest across the face of the mountain; thereby, as a result of his quick decision, adding immensely to the final collapse of the organized resistance of the Hill. The final thrust was carried out with such momentum, both in our sector and that of the 168th, that little pockets of resistance were left to be dealt with later. Pressure was applied to these pockets on the 7th of January by the 1st Battalion of the 135th Infantry, and the left Battalion of the 168th Infantry, and they were quickly cleaned out. At the same time the 2nd Battalion cleared the slopes of Mt. CHIAIA and established outposts to the Northwest. There mopping up operations were carried out under extremely heavy artillery and mortar concentrations.

A line was finally consolidated with the 6th Armored Infantry on the left and the 168th on the right as a result of the 3rd Battalion moving out of SAN VITTORE to clear out resistance on Cle. GIORELLI and Hill 224. Throughout this operation excellent support was given the ground forces by the Air Force, which flew many sorties to bomb and strafe the enemy.

Members of the Medical Detachment did excellent work under difficult circumstances. Private Clement S. Mackowiak, attached to the 3rd Battalion, went across an observed field under German machine gun fire to reach and administer first aid to 5 wounded men of Company "I". He crawled 50 yards on a forward slope under crossfire to get one of the men and was wounded 5 times, but carried on until he assured the saving of the man's life. Pvt Mackowiak was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

As a result of this operation many prisoners were taken and many of the enemy were killed and wounded. The defeat was so complete that the 134th Infantry Regiment of the German 14th Division was, in fact, routed and therefore forced to withdraw to the East in a practically incoherent condition. Everyone lamented that there were no fresh reserves.

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available to exploit the break-through.

During the above described action the Regimental Command Post moved from the vicinity of SAN PIETRO forward to the town of SAN VITTORE. While in SAN VITTORE the Command Post was visited by General Rendal, Assistant Commanding General of the 86th Division, who later pushed off with the leading elements of the 3rd Battalion in an attack on Hill 124. His actions were inspiring to the troops and a credit to both him and his division. Attached to the 135th Infantry as observers were other officers and also some enlisted men of the 86th Division, who, during the SAN VITTORE operation, lived and fought with the Regiment.

The next phase in the Division's march to CASSINO was the clearing of the town of CERVARO by the 168th while the 135th cleared the enemy from the low rolling hills between Mt. PORCHIA and CERVARO, which was believed to be lightly held, but later proved to be the main defenses of Mt. TROCCHIO and was taken only after very intense fighting.

In the fighting ^{for} this low rolling approach to Mt. TROCCHIO, Hill 189 proved to be a most difficult objective to capture, it being held by a Battalion from the crack Herman Goering Division. The mission fell to the 2nd Battalion, which first attacked it on the 10th of January, supported by fire from the 3rd Battalion on the left. The 1st Battalion was in Regimental reserve on the CHIARA Hill Mass. The battle for Hill 189 lasted until 1510 hours, the 13th of January. "H" Company, the assault Company, encountered stiff resistance from small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, and was pinned down 300 yards short of the objective. After several subsequent attempts to capture the Hill failed, "G" Company was withdrawn and "Q" Company assaulted the heavily held position and succeeded in grasping the lower half of the hill. After holding tenaciously to its position while being subjected to fierce mortaring and withering artillery concentrations for three days, and the 2nd Battalion's brilliant action finally caused the hill to fall. When the smoke and din of battle cleared, many enemy dead and wounded lay on the field of battle, and many prisoners had been accounted for at the Regimental Prisoner of War Cage; however, in the action the 2nd Battalion suffered many casualties, one of which was Lt. Shell, who was commanding Company "E" at the time. Lt. Shell a Tennessee "Southerner", who had joined

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the Regiment in Africa, had faithfully served the Regiment through its adolescence in Tunisia and in its maturity in Italy.

During this operation Lt. Lawson returned from the AFHQ Intelligence School in Africa and immediately began putting into practice many of the things that he had learned there.

With the clearing of Hill 189 by the 2nd Battalion, and the taking of GERVARO by the 168th, the Division was in a position to attack the last mountain obstacle before CASSINO - the precipitous Mt. TROCCHIO. Prior to the attack, patrols probed forward of the MLR failing to contact the enemy. Indications were that the mountain was unoccupied. Nevertheless, the conservative plan of operation stipulated attacking under the assumption that it was heavily held in the same fashion as its foothills were. Therefore, on the 15th of January, 1944, at 0800 hours, preceded by an intense artillery preparation, the Division jumped off to take Mt. TROCCHIO; the 135th Infantry on the left and the 168th Infantry on the right. The 135th plan had the 3rd Battalion and the 1st Battalion abreast, the 2nd Battalion occupying the Regimental Reserve position in the vicinity of Hill 189. Enemy resistance was practically nil, being confined to light harassing artillery fire. This operation proved rather simple because the enemy, not wishing to be caught on an isolated height at a great distance from his main line, had withdrawn and our troops promptly set up their own observation Posts in positions where the Germans had been directing their fire against us only a few hours before. The few casualties sustained came as a result of anti-personnel mines which were encountered at the very summit of the mountain. This was a new technique in mine laying which the Germans employed. The Regimental Command Post for this operation occupied a position on the Southeast slope of Mt. CHIAIA. Later, it moved back into SAN VITTORE until it moved forward to a house on Hill 124 which formerly had been the 3rd Battalion Command Post.

A note was found in a German dugout (probably a Command Post) by "B" Company, advance company in the movement to Hill 206, which stated the town of GERVARO was to be held that night until a given time; time and date not legible. The German withdrawal was hasty and unorganized for they left money, small arms and much equipment behind. At 4:30

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Hours "A" Company moved forward, and occupied Hill 194. Enemy artillery fell on Hill 270 during the night. "G" Company was in rear of Hill 194.

The Regiment had conducted a steady grinding attack for 15 days against stubborn German resistance and had finally driven the enemy back to the very ramparts of his main defense positions. Whether the Germans were ready or not, they had now to defend their GUSTAV LINE. Little contact with enemy troops was had during the next few days, since he had withdrawn behind the river barrier that formed a modern counter-part to the moat with which medieval soldiers used to surround their citadels.

THE PICTURE BEFORE STORMING CASSINO.

It will be convenient here to sketch briefly the German position which shortly was to become world renowned. To the west of S. TROCCHIO there opened up the broad LIRI Valley through which Highway 6 and the railroad led ultimately to ROME. Running from North to South in front of the mouth of this valley flowed the RAPIDO River which linked up with the LIRI River 9 kilometers south of CASSINO. The town was built at the base of an imposing hill, covered with rocks, and stunted shrubbery, through which twisted the narrow road leading to the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monte CASSINO. The RAPIDO River had been turned in its course to flood the flatland on the East side of the town. Towering above CASSINO there rose a series of craggy peaks--one in particular, Hill 593, dominating but not controlling the ABBEY Hill itself since a deep gorge separated the two heights. Further North the little villages of CAIRO and TRELLE huddled close to the hillside, connected by a steep and winding trail. Mounting the whole picture, rose the pinnacle of S. CAIRO. An Italian army of ancient days had built a castle on a small sugar-loaf hill on the North-Western outskirts of CASSINO from where fire could be placed on the entrances of the town. The modern Italian army had constructed barbicans about 5 kilometers North of the castle along the CASSINO-ATINA Road. The terrain was so suitable for prolonged resistance that the Italian War College had used it as an example of a well-chosen defense line.

Thick mine-fields and rows of barbed wire had been laid in the marshes and on the

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gently rising ground at the foot of the mountains to prevent the passage of tanks or foot troops. A chain of bunker positions, stronger than any encountered before, had been built, some reinforced with concrete, some with railroad ties from the ruined Station of Cassino, but all of them dug and blasted out of the rock of the CASSINO Hills. Not content with natural fortifications the enemy had installed portable steel pillboxes, half-buried in the ground, each containing a machine gun. Every man and every weapon had shelter from artillery fire. In support of their infantry positions, emplacements were prepared for self-propelled guns which could mount the trails on the Northwest side of a hill with out being observed by us, fire a few rounds and disappear. A large concentration of gun positions had been constructed close to the hills behind CASSINO and along Highway 6 where they had good protection from our counter-battery fire. Enemy artillery was further reinforced by a number of Nebelwerfers whose eerie noise earned them the name "screaming meemies".

To attempt an assault upon such a series of fortifications was a most hazardous undertaking and originally it was decided to try to force the RAPIDO River and advance straight up the LIRI Valley, by-passing CASSINO and turning the JUSTAV LINE. After a series of attempts by the 36th Infantry Division to cross the RAPIDO South of CASSINO had been thrown back with much bloodshed, the 36th Division was ordered to cross the RAPIDO North of CASSINO, to carry by storm the hills overlooking the town and break through to Highway 6, isolating the town and the ABBEY. Our attack began the period of 24-25 January. Three days previously an Allied amphibious force had successfully established a beachhead at ANZIO.

With Mt. TROCCIO in our hands, plans were promulgated for the assault on CASSINO itself. The 133rd Infantry rejoined the Division and relieved the 168th, which was placed in Division Reserve. The Division was deployed with the 135th on the left and the 133rd on the right. From the 16th of January to the 25th of January, the Regiment maintained defensive positions on Mt. TROCCIO and outposted to the West of the mountain. The 2nd Battalion outposted from Highway 6 South to a point about in the center of the Regimental Sector. The 3rd Battalion was responsible for the South half of the sector. Intensive patrolling was carried out attempting to gain information as to what enemy unit was

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opposing our lines, his strength, and deployment and the nature of the ground and of the Gari and Rapido Rivers to the front of the Division sector.

On the night of the 16th of January "K" Company had an unfortunate experience. Reinforced by Engineers, the Company was to cross the Gari River in order to make a feint; the purpose of which was to throw the enemy off balance. A dense minefield was encountered; the water was found to be too swift for the engineer assault boats and the Company returned to its position on the line. Lt. North, who lost a leg in the mine field, begged his rescuers not to come in after him because of the abundant, promiscuous fashion in which the Germans had laid the field.

While in these positions, the 135th conducted several diversionary demonstrations by fire alone in support of various attacks by the 36th Division, which was attempting to cross the Gari River in force to the south of CASSINO. The efforts of the 36th Division failed. The positions occupied by the enemy were even more formidable than all previous pessimistic reports had indicated.

With the failure of the 36th Division to manipulate a successful river crossing, the 133rd Infantry was ordered to make an attempt in the 36th Division sector. The 135th again made a demonstration to cause a diversion, and as a result the 135th drew heavy enemy reaction in the form of machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire. The 133rd encountered a dense mine field, was subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire, and finally was forced to withdraw what elements it succeeded in getting across the RAPIDO River. On the 18th, enemy aircraft bombed artillery positions several times. On the 26th of January the 135th shifted North of Highway 6 and relieved the 133rd which reverted to Divisional Reserve. The Regimental Command Post moved to a road junction near a stream about 3 miles northeast of CASSINO. Patrolling was continued from the new sector occupied by the 135th which was deployed with the 1st and 3rd Battalions abreast again. The various battalions sent out innumerable patrols with officers leading each to reconnoiter the RAPIDO River for crossings, mine fields, any information of the enemy, such as identification,

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positions, strength, etc. Most of the patrolling was successful and a great deal of valuable information was obtained which aided later developments noticeably. The 3rd Battalion disassembled a 37MM Antitank Gun and this time packed it forward, placing it in the 2nd story of a house with its muzzle trained on CASSINO. The 168th, now on the right, was to make a further attempt to cross the RAPIDO at 0600 hours, the 27th of January, while the 135th was again to pull a feint by fire and movement and thereby contain the enemy in the CASSINO area.

On the 27th of January, orders were received at 2000 hours for the 1st Battalion to attack at 2300 hours. The attack was in a column of Companies with "C" Co. in the lead and "A" and "B" Companies following in that order. Company "C" moved ^{to} the line of Departure and with the aid of a platoon of Engineers with ropes crossed the line of Departure. This was to be a frontal assault on CASSINO. They crossed an irrigation ditch and after moving about a hundred yards, they ran into barb-wire, mines and encountered heavy machine gun fire. One man reached the first house in CASSINO and laid behind it all day, returning the following night. This was the first attack on the town of CASSINO.

At 1630 hours, the 27th of January, the 135th was informed by the Division G-3 that they were to be relieved in position by the 133rd, retire to an assembly area in the vicinity of SAN MICHELE, and prepare to pass through the 168th after they succeeded in taking their initial objective. The relief was completed on the night of the 29th of January, after which the Regiment marched to SAN MICHELE, with the Regimental Command Post moving also to SAN MICHELE. While the troops rested for the first time since relieving the 141st Infantry at SAN PIETRO the previous month, the Battalion Commanding Officers and Staffs, Company Commanders, Colonel Ward, and Captain Stacy were involved in making a reconnaissance the next two days. The last day of the month found the Regiment flexed and on the move again, marching over the muddy trails to forward assembly areas preparatory to attacking the high ground overlooking CASSINO. At this time the Regimental Command Post moved to a house on a hill side half way between CASSINO and ST. ELIA. (A town approximately 6 miles from CASSINO). During the month of January the Battalion S-4 was

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highly successful in working out a solution to the problem of adequately feeding men in combat. Experience had demonstrated that in most cases the heavy unit of "C" ration was not eaten by men under severe nervous tension and as a consequence their period of endurance was considerably shortened. As a solution to this problem, Lt. Leo G. Voss, Battalion Sg., worked out a plan whereby the "C" ration could be supplemented by an evening issue of sandwiches, pastry, and fruit juices. Fifth Army approval for the experiment was obtained on the 27th of December, to run for an indefinite period, and on the night of the 1st of January the first feeding was issued. A Battalion bakery was set up and a baker loaned from each kitchen. Throughout the month on each night that "C" ration was issued it was supplemented by two or three sandwiches of meat spread, jam, eggs, ham, or hamburger, an item of pastry - cookies, cinnamon rolls, or turnovers - and fruit juice.

The approval from the Company Commanders of this scheme was spontaneous and the morale of the men who could, in combat, look forward to a tempting variety of food in the evening instead of partly frozen heavy "C" units, was very noticeably improved. The last feeding under this plan was on the 28th of January.

On the 11th of January Captain Robert L. McAllister, Commanding Officer of Company "G", was killed in action. A couple days later 1st Lt. Frank B. Shell, Commanding Officer of Company "E", was killed in action also. On the 16th, Company "A" received 1st Lt. Geo. L. Lambert as Commanding Officer. Lt. Colonel Jerome Keesner was assigned assistant Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion; Major Jacob T. Kern, Regimental Surgeon, was transferred to PBS, Captain Wilhelm M. Johnson was assigned as Regimental Surgeon, 1st Lt. Joseph A. Slezak, Commanding Officer of Company "A", was evacuated sick. On the 20th, Captain James F. Jarfield was assigned Commanding Officer of Company "C" and 1st Lt. Jack E. White assigned Commanding Officer of anti-tank Company. Six days later, 1st Lt. Reid B. Huff, Commanding Officer of Company "I", was evacuated sick and 1st Lt. Donovan C. Griffin assumed Command of Company "I". On the 27th, 1st Lt. Geo. E. Combs was assigned to Company "A" as Commanding Officer. On the 30th, Lt. Colonel Jerome Keesner was assigned as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, and Major Donald C. Lanyon became Executive

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Officer of the 2nd Battalion, Captain Robert E. McGraw was assigned Assistant Executive Officer of the 2nd Battalion and 1st Lt. Joseph A. Slesak returned to duty as Commanding Officer of Company "A". On the last day of January, 1st Lt. George L. Lambert, Commanding Officer of Company "B", was evacuated sick.

OPERATION RAPIDO AND ASSAULT OF CASINO.

At 0035 hours, the 1st of February, 1944, the 3rd Battalion was organized in its assembly area in the vicinity of CASINO prior to attacking Mt. CASTELLOUS, a key terrain feature which dominated CASINO and the RAPIDO River crossing in the area. The highest peak at the northern end of the mountain was the initial Battalion objective.

Concurrently at 0230 hours, the 2nd Battalion under the Command of its new Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel Lawson, left its assembly area at R491, moving in a column of Companies by a circuitous route, crossed the RAPIDO River and closed into a final assembly area (a five mile march in all), in the vicinity of the town of CASINO, behind Hill 213. This area was reached $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to crossing the line of departure. (Note: The enemy had some days previously flooded the area East of the RAPIDO River bed for about 800 to 1000 meters, and as a consequence, all the troops were wet from the hips down).

A coordinated attack by the 3rd and 2nd Battalions was scheduled to jump off at 0630 hours with the initial objective of the 2nd Battalion being Hills 282 and 481, otherwise known as Mt. MAJOLA.

When daylight arrived, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions had crossed their respective lines of departure at the designated time and were committed to the task at hand. Communications were poor and radio communication provided Colonel Ward with his only means of contacting the 3rd Battalion. At 0720, Lt. Lawson from his observation Post, reported having heard heavy enemy machine gun fire which, it was later learned, was being directed at the 2nd Battalion. The 2nd Battalion also received heavy artillery fire from the Northwest and self-propelled artillery fire from the barracks area.

The situation at the time, as much as can be recollected accurately, was that Company "F" succeeded in getting up on Hill 481 and almost into the very positions occupied

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by the enemy before they were discovered. A brisk fire fight then developed as a platoon or two of the enemy, including several machine gunners, made a last desperate attempt to drive back the elements of Company "F". While some of the Company engaged in point blank rifle fire exchanges at 10 and 20 yards, others charged the hostile machine gunners before they had a chance to properly sight their weapons, and either killed or captured them. In about 15 minutes, the fire fight was over and Company "F" had taken its objective, killing 11 enemy and taking 35 prisoners, including a Battalion Commander and part of his command group.

Company "G" gained their objective, Hill 382, with little opposition except for enemy shell fire, and so surprised the enemy force occupying positions on Hill 382 that they were able to take 20 prisoners and cause a force of probably equal strength to withdraw in disorder after firing a few scattered shots. (Note: These Prisoners of War were from the German 134th Regiment 4th Division). The enemy resistance was overcome rapidly and the results of the attack were favorable. An example of the initiative was given by Pfc. Chas. H. Bussey of Company "G" who took over the duties of a wounded first scout and led the attack up a hill. Near the top he captured a German radio operator who had been directing fire, thereby depriving the enemy of vital observation. When Pfc Bussey^E reached the top, he knocked out a machine gun nest which had been holding up the advance, killed one man, and wounded another. Acting as squad leader, he assembled the men and led them into small arms fire with the result that the enemy was driven from the hill. Bussey, later promoted to T/Sgt., was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The 3rd Battalion was on its objective at 0935 hours and the 2nd Battalion won its objective 10 minutes later. Under concealment provided by a heavy fog on the mountains, the two Battalions were able to come upon the enemy almost undetected and the element of surprise was fully exploited. The next day the attack of the Regiment was to continue to the South, the purpose of the maneuver being to seize the high ground in the rear of CASINO and cut Highway 6, the main highway running from CASINO to ROME.

On the night of the 1st of February, due to unanticipated steepness and hazards of

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The tanks, ration and ammo trains were unable to reach the two attacking Companies' positions of the 2nd Battalion. The 2nd day of February found the 2nd Battalion moving south from its initial objective, waiting to be relieved by the 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry prior to continuing the attack southward along the CASTELLONE Ridge in the direction of Hill 700, known as Cle. SAN ANGELO.

The 1st Battalion, who had all this time been following the 2nd Battalion in Regimental Reserve, was ordered to attack through the 2nd Battalion. After dark, the 1st Battalion moved to Hill 382 in a column of Companies with "C" Company in the lead again and "A" and "B" following in that order. "C" Company attacked by azimuth and arrived at the designated spot only to find that it was not a hill but a depression in the terrain. This was due to lack of daylight reconnaissance and the inaccuracy of available maps. The situation was very vague. After a patrol from "C" Company captured a prisoner who gave information regarding the enemy dispositions in the local, "A" Company moved out at dawn to attack the high ground on the left. A bitter struggle ensued during which "A" Company lost two officers and suffered heavy casualties but managed to regain their position. The following evening, at dusk, "C" Company was withdrawn to attack Hill 324 in order to clean out the resistance on the left flank of the Regiment. After an all night fire fight, the position was taken. Casualties on our side were light, but we inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. About twenty prisoners and several cases of VINC were seized.

Inasmuch as these maneuvers were conducted under direct observation of the enemy, due to his holding the commanding ground and Abbey on Mt. Cassino, our troops were constantly subjected to accurately fired artillery, mortar and "belverfer" concentrations. In addition to the harassing artillery fires, the slightest movement by members of the Regiment on the open slopes they occupied drew sniper fire from enemy pockets of resistance on the high ground in the gap several hundred yards wide between the right flank of the 2nd Battalion and the 3rd Battalion on Mt. CASTELLONE. Intense sniper fire also harassed the units from high ground around the ABBEY and from Hill 324 above the Italian barracks in that locality. Throughout the day, machine gunners and mortar men of the 2nd and 3rd

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...and the supporting elements of the rear companies were utilized to neutralize enemy positions along the main axis. On the morning of February 27, 1951, the 2nd Battalion, 1st Division, which was to take a position before the attack along the ... ridge ... was forced to fight off an enemy ... to maintain the penetration it had made into the enemy line. There was heavy resistance to their northward ... The terrain of the ... enemy hand grenades ... on the right and company ... still ... the early stages of Hill 112. About ... of the enemy's concentrations of ... and ... were ... the leadership of officers ... the Battalion ... Hill 112. In the darkness the Battalion immediately commenced ... into the rocky terrain the new-fashioned ... prepared for the ... the enemy's ... began enveloping the entire sector of the 2nd Battalion. After about 100 rounds of ... fire had landed on the Battalion in about half an hour, the enemy raised his fire and began taking the 2nd Battalion with mortar and machine gun fire. The mortar fire soon ceased, and the enemy machine gun fire became interlarded with the ...

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attacked, it found that the enemy had been unable to bring up reinforcements or prepare a strong defensive position. As Company "F" advanced on the enemy to regain the ground they had lost, they encountered a withering volume of machine-gun, machine pistol, and rifle-granade fire. Fortunately, the boulders, scrub-growth, and poor visibility provided cover and concealment which was splendidly utilized, and small casualties were incurred as Company "F" closed with the enemy. Although still outnumbered, Company "F" attacked tenaciously. Several riflemen jumped into the rock machine-gun emplacements the enemy had started to build up, and wrestled enemy soldiers away from their weapons, while others blazed away at the enemy at point-blank rifle range. The enemy were apparently surprised and dazed by the aggressive assault upon them and hastily retreated, leaving behind some 40 dead and wounded. Some of the wounded enemy upon interrogation revealed that they were members of the highly vaunted 1st Division paratroopers, and that they had been ordered by Adolph Hitler himself to hold CASSINO and prevent any penetration into the LIRI Valley at all cost.

While Company "F" was being heavily engaged, Company "D" on the left was subjected to a steady stream of artillery and "screaming mesquite" fire and were sporadically harassed by the fire of hostile tanks, dug into the high ground directly above CASSINO. Fearing that the enemy would try to turn the Battalion flank by attacking up the draw between the 1st Battalion on Hill 324 and Company "D", the Battalion Commander committed Company "E" on the left of Company "D". Company "E" succeeded in organizing defensive positions, although enemy shells kept raining upon their sector. Less than an hour after the enemy had been repulsed by Company "F", Company "E" was counter-attacked by the same hostile force. Again the enemy displayed a suicidal disregard for their lives and assaulted through the heavy fires laid down by all weapons of Company "E" and an attached machine gun crew of Company "H". The left Platoon of Company "E" was overrun but continued fighting, and after a liberal exchange of hand grenades with the enemy, restored their positions. The machine gun crews of Company "H" and those of Company "E" refused to abandon their positions although they came close to being surrounded by the enemy, and their fires were instrumental-

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at last finally causing the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind at least 30 dead and wounded. The enemy was soon observed reorganizing in the ravine west of Hill 434. However, accurate concentrations of mortar fire and a heavy and accurate barrage by the Regimental Cannon Company forced the enemy to disperse and return to their previous positions.

The remainder of the morning of the 3rd of February went by without further counter attacks, but the entire Battalion sector, being still under direct observation from Monastery Hill and Cle. SAN ANGELO, was periodically subjected to concentrated and accurate barrages of S/P fire and medium calibre artillery. The devastating artillery fire, and the attacks and counterattacks took a heavy toll of the fighting strength of the 2nd Battalion.

Thanks to the heroic efforts of medical aid men and numerous volunteers, many lives were saved. During the morning as aid men and stretcher bearers assisting them tended to the wounded, they were constantly sniped at, but continued their work. To evacuate the wounded involved a long litter haul over precipitous and tortuous trails to the Battalion Aid Stations in the vicinity of CAITA. These litter hauls had to be made under direct enemy observation and through heavy shellings. The normal complement of the Battalion Aid Stations was not sufficiently large enough to cope with the difficult task of evacuating the wounded. However, aided by volunteers from amongst kitchen personnel and vehicle drivers of the Battalions, a system of rapid evacuation of all casualties was maintained.

On the morning of the 3rd of February, a cold and rainy day, it was decided to attack again that night and to take the high ground only several hundred yards to the front (south) which the 2nd Battalion Commander believed to be the Divisional Objective, Hill #593- (actually, this was a knob of terrain similar to 593 but several hundred yards short).

About noon, on the 3rd of February, large numbers of enemy were observed grouping in the draws below the heights occupied by the 2nd Battalion. At the same time the enemy began throwing shells of every calibre from light mortar to heavy artillery upon the entire Battalion sector. It seemed to the entire Battalion that, open to observation as they were and possessing only slit trenches of piled rocks for cover, they would be pulverized by the tremendous barrage they were undergoing. However, although over 200 shells were

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hurled upon their small sector, not a single element relinquished its positions. While the enemy was pouring shells upon the 2nd Battalion, the supporting artillery and Cannon Company observers exposed themselves to extreme peril to direct fire upon the enemy formations groping for the counterattack. The enemy's artillery fire was constantly tearing up communications lines from the observation posts to the rear and to maintain these vital lines the Battalion fire section had also to expose themselves to deadly danger. The friendly artillery fires inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy but did not deter him from launching his counterattack. When the enemy lifted his fire, between 200 and 300 enemy could be seen closing in on the positions occupied by the 2nd Battalion. This time the enemy chose a more prudent method of attack than his reckless assault of the preceding day. Supported by heavy machine-gun fires, the enemy executed a maneuver which brought them into a semi-circular position, enveloping the front and flanks of the 2nd Battalion. The enemy then attempted, by sheer volume of fire, to either annihilate or drive back the 2nd Battalion, but all elements employed their weapons to keep the enemy from closing in upon them. Several times the enemy tried to maneuver machine-gun crews around to the rear of the Battalion and set them up there, but accurate mortar fires delivered under sniper fire from the rear drove back the hostile machine-gunners. In the middle of the afternoon, the machine-gun sections and rifle platoons found themselves running short of all types of ammunition. The last time they had received ammunition had been on the previous night, but the action that had followed during the night, and the one in which they were now engaged, had depleted their supply. An urgent call for ammunition was sent back to the rear. Company "K" of the 168th Infantry Regiment which was then attached to the 2nd Battalion rounded up all available ammunition within a few minutes and began ascending the trails to the 2nd Battalion. They were immediately observed and taken under heavy mortar, artillery, and machine-gun fire, but did not turn back. Meanwhile, the squads of the 2nd Battalion were firing their last clips of ammunition, and machine gunners were forced to limit the size and frequency of their bursts as they were down to their last 20 or 30 rounds. The enemy, sensing what was occurring, began slowly tightening the arc-

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like position he had built up around the Battalion. Orders were issued by all Unit leader to fix bayonets and to prepare to engage the enemy with fists and rocks if necessary. Elements of the enemy were already less than 50 yards from the companies of the 2nd Battalion when the first of the ammunition parties began appearing. These men arrived completely exhausted, for when they had been informed of the urgency of their mission they had climbed the mountain on the double. With their ammunition supply replenished, the 2nd Battalion was again able to keep up the heavy volume of fire and no further enemy advance was made. When darkness began falling that night, the enemy withdrew.

Shortly after darkness, ration and supply parties began making their way through the constant shellfire that harassed all routes, and litter bearers began the herculean tasks of getting the wounded back to the aid stations. After rations and ammunition had been distributed, the Battalion prepared to move forward to the high ground to their front which they believed to be Hill #593. About 1100 hours, the Companies "C" and "B" were moved out and advanced to Hill 445. The strength of the rifle companies was now so low that all three of them had to be employed in the attacking echelon. Company "K" of the 168th Infantry Regiment was available as reserve. After completing their advance, the Battalion organized for defense against counter-attack.

At 0400 hours, the 4th of February the enemy launched a counterattack in Battalion strength, evidently hoping to take advantage of the darkness and low hanging mists and thereby achieve the element of surprise. This counterattack was not preceded by an intensifying of the harassing artillery and mortar fires the Battalion had been receiving all night long. A platoon of Company "F", occupying an outpost position well forward of the Battalion was speedily surrounded by the enemy. Led by the acting Platoon leader, a sergeant, this platoon fought their way through the enemy with rifle butts, grenades, and trench knives, and most of them succeeded in getting safely back to their Company. The battle that followed, as the enemy infiltrated through the 2nd Battalion positions and isolated small groups of men, was a nightmarish one. It was impossible to conduct any organized defense, and men had to fight individually or in groups of three to six.

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Unable to fire because of the limited visibility for fear of hitting a fellow soldier, the fighting became extremely close. Aided to a great extent by the effective use of hand grenades, the Battalion at daybreak was still in position and their line intact. The enemy, observing the futility of their attack, made a hasty retreat, leaving behind approximately 60 dead.

All day long on the 4th of February the 2nd Battalion drew heavy machine-gun and S/P artillery fires from the front and flanks. In the face of these fires, a slight advance was made to better the Battalion's positions. In the afternoon, one enemy counterattack was thrown back before it could finally materialize by heavy and accurate concentrations of supporting mortars and artillery. That night the 2nd Battalion reported that it was in possession of Hill #593. Acting upon this information, the Regimental Commander issued orders for the 2nd Battalion to prepare to launch a coordinated attack with the 1st Battalion to their left, at dawn the next morning. That night, 4-5 February, supply parties, wire laying details, and litter bearers encountered heavier fires than previously but all assignments were carried out.

Meanwhile after the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, had fought its way South along the Cassino feature and succeeded in relieving the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry; the 3rd Battalion was shifted and again began driving South through the precipitous mountains against bitter enemy resistance. The enemy persistently counterattacked, each one being unsuccessful. The 1st Battalion continued to mop up a stubborn enemy on the left flank of the Regiment where they succeeded in taking many prisoners from the German 14th Infantry Division. With the mission of the 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry being to continue the attack toward the Abbey of Monte CASSINO. The attack was led by Company "B" who reached a small ridge line in front of the Abbey. Company "A" moved to the left of "B" Company, and "C" Company sent a patrol to the Abbey to ask the head monk, whether there were any of the enemy inside. The patrol returned without seeing the Monk and lost two men who were captured.

By the end of the 4th of February, the 2nd Battalion had erroneously reported that

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they had penetrated to Hill 593. The 1st Battalion was advancing slowly on Hill 445.

Shortly afterward, a conference of the Battalion Commanders at Regimental Headquarters revealed that the 2nd Battalion had not, as they had reported, taken Hill #593, but a similar terrain feature before it, which was contour line 300, a rocky knob similar to #593. This permitted the enemy to fire enfilade fire from an exposed right flank.

The plight of the 2nd Battalion was now desperate. No Company possessed more than two officers, and less than one and a half full size platoons. Furthermore, this handful of survivors was exhausted mentally and physically from the continuous attacks and counter-attacks and the incessant shelling of their position by an enemy who was constantly peering down upon them from high ground all around them. The bitter cold, the dampness, and the icy winds lashing the bare heights were not making their situation any easier. The only solution, it was finally decided, after a conference of the Battalion Staff with the Regimental Commander, was to press the attack onward before the Companies suffered more casualties and make a determined effort to cut through to Highway 6. The enemy could not have any inexhaustible reservoir of manpower, and due to his counterattacks and the shelling, he too was receiving, had cost him even more killed and wounded than the Americans!

The Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Jerome Messner, was relieved and Major Landon placed in command. The 1st Battalion did finally succeed in getting some men on Hill 445. From here, they dispatched a Platoon (actually the size of a Squad, a Sergeant and 14 men) to continue the momentum of the drive Southward. This platoon succeeded in reaching the walls of the ABBEY DI MONTECASSINO where they gathered in 14 enemy prisoners from a cave dug in the Monastery Hill. Heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire escorted the patrol back to our lines. This represented the furthest advance on the ABBEY made by troops of the Division and never was equalled ^e ¹ while the Division was in position there! It was not taken again until Polish troops entered the CASSINO area on the 18th of May and found some of the dead of the 135th Infantry lying by.

By this time the strength of the Rifle Companies of the Regiment was depleted as a result of the incessant fighting in which the Regiment had been involved since reentering

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the lines at 3, FINTRO. The 3rd Battalion alone had suffered 165 casualties in the first four days of this action. This was an all time high in number and rate for so short a period in the records of that Battalion. With some of the rifle Companies in the Regiment down to approximately 50% of their fighting strength, the men of the Regiment, nevertheless, fought with tenacious fury and succeeded in repelling every counterattack launched by the enemy.

During one of these counterattacks, Technical Sergeant Sylvester D. Singlestad was cut off from Company "F". In the hand to hand struggle that followed, Sergeant Singlestad fought his way free by using hand grenades and firing his rifle until his ammunition was exhausted. Then, moving behind the Germans and using his rifle as a club, he fought his way through to his unit and made his way to his Commanding officer and provided valuable information on the enemy's strength and dispositions. This information enabled the direction of artillery and mortar fire with deadly effect, and also made it possible to use the reserves in a manner which successfully repulsed the enemy. Sergeant Singlestad returned to his platoon under rifle fire, reorganized the unit, and returned to the fire fight. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The 1st Battalion committed on the left of the 2nd Battalion, made a coordinated attack but it was unsuccessful. The 1st Battalion failed to make good progress because of heavy small arms fire and mortar fire coming from the West and the Abbey di MONTECASSINO. At dawn "B" and "A" Companies attacked the Abbey, but the units were pinned down by the fo-mentioned fire. Positions were then adjusted with "C" Company on the left, "B" Company on the right (facing the Abbey) and "A" in support of the 1st Battalion. During the day and night, severe counter-attacks were launched which reduced "B" and "C" to 50 effective men. "A" Company was sent to relieve the 15 remaining men of "C" Company at 0200 hours and continued the fight to ward off the repeated counterattacks. After limited gains, the 1st Battalion was stopped by the firmly entrenched enemy. On this, the 5th of February, the 2nd Battalion was on the right of the 1st Battalion during this attack to cut Highway 6 and thereby cut off CASSINO.

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From the very beginning of the attack, all elements of the 2nd Battalion encountered heavy and accurate machine-gun and mortar fires from the flanks and front, for on the right, the enemy still held Cle. SAN ANGELO, and to the front could observe all movements on the high ground around the Monastery. Against such effective fires, the 2nd Battalion was unable to make any appreciable gains either. The situation was not too good at this point. The 1st Battalion, as forementioned, were also stopped in their drive toward Hill 1344.

The enemy continued his harassing and interdiction artillery fire and as a result many casualties were sustained by the men and officers of the 135th Infantry. Included in these casualties was Lt. Colonel Searns, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion. The command of the 3rd Battalion was ably taken over by Captain Skalicky who carried on in a manner that was a credit to himself and to the splendid traditions of the Regiment.

In beating back the many counterattacks, the Regiment literally slaughtered the enemy with accurately placed small arms and artillery fire, and by the employment of many hand grenades. Our battle-weary men were opposed by Battalions of fresh reinforcements including crack paratroopers rushed from other fronts. In order to counterattack the enemy's reinforcing tactics, the front line units were regrouped in the following manner: The 1st Battalion of the 135th Infantry was shifted to the Northwest which placed it still on the left flank of the 2nd Battalion; the 3rd Battalion of the 168th took over the sector of the 1st Battalion of the 135th, on Hill #445.

The two battalions then prepared to attack in the direction of Hill 593 with the 1st Battalion on the left of the 2nd Battalion. The 1st Battalion had "B" and "A" Companies in the assault and "C" in support.

HILL 593

At 0630 hours on the 6th of February, the 2nd Battalion began attacking towards Hill #593. Companies "F" and "J" had been combined to form one unit and to this small force fell the important mission of taking Hill #593. Company "E" was to lay down a base of fire as the attacking elements moved forward position. All the previous night, friendly

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artillery units had been incessantly pouring shell after shell upon Hill #593 and it was believed not to be heavily held by the enemy. As the attacking elements neared the knob on #593, they drew heavy machine-gun fires at long and medium range from both flanks. The enemy possessed deep dugouts there which he had blasted out of the rocky mountainsides and which gave him protection from the severe pounding of his positions by the American artillery. Thus, as the 2nd Battalion advanced, the enemy from his shell-proof dugouts was able to take them under fire. Although movement was difficult in the face of the intense flanking fires they drew, the men of the 2nd Battalion continued advancing until just short of the top of 593, when about 50 enemy swept over the top of a stone wall on the hill and began raking them with machine-pistol and rifle fire. Although momentarily surprised and ^{OR} forced to take cover by the suddenness and swiftness of the enemy's assault, they did not become panicky and from behind whatever cover they could find began returning the enemy's fire and moving forward to close with the enemy.

Company "F" and Company "G" were stopped just short of the top of Hill 593, in the face of heavy machine gun fire and hand grenades. The men of "F" Company and of "G" Company were forced to pile up rock emplacements to hold their positions with the enemy still holding the higher grounds. The enemy worked down the slope and the resulting close-in fighting caused heavy casualties on both sides and the enemy was forced to withdraw to the top of Hill 593.

Colonel Ward, sensing the precarious position of the 2nd Battalion, dispatched the Regimental I and A Platoon as reinforcements and together they succeeded in repelling the following five counterattacks in 24 hours.

Company "E", reinforced by 19 men from the Regimental I and R Platoon was ordered to move through "G" and "F" Companies and attack the top of hill 593, at 0430 hours. "E" Company moved into position and attacked at 0600 hours, with "F" and "G" Companies holding the present line. Company "E" took the top of the hill with few casualties and consolidated to prepare for the inevitable counter-attack. Company "J" and Company "N", built up a line from the right of Company "F" down to the forward slope of Hill 468.

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"H" Company placed their machine guns on Hill 468 to protect the flanks of Hill 593.

At 1500 hours the expected enemy counter-attack materialized and an estimated Company of one hundred strong attacked swiftly and with no artillery preparation. The top of Hill 593 bore the brunt of the attack, with the flanks of our line only getting scattered fire.

The enemy gained the top of Hill 593 and almost forced "E" Company to withdraw from the hill. The enemy was finally driven from the hill by small arms, grenades and mortar fire, and preparation was made to repel further counter-attacks that night.

The remainder of the 6th of February, as it began to snow, the enemy several times was observed grouping for counter-attacks, but each time was dispersed by heavy barrages from supporting artillery, particularly those of the Regimental Cannon Company.

The enemy, on the 6th of February, was apparently determined to attempt a less costly but slower process of driving the 2nd Battalion from Hill 593. All day long, hostile observers, on Monastery Hill on the left, and Gle. SAN ANGELO on the right, directed S/P fire (determined to be of 88MM caliber) upon the 2nd Battalion positions. Jagged rock fragments thrown up by the high velocity fire inflicted more casualties than did its shrapnel effect. Sniping machine gunners constantly cut loose at anyone exposing a sizeable portion of his body, and all movement on Hill 593 that day could only be made by crawling.

The night of the 6th-7th of February the Battalion supply parties again successfully made the gruelling eight-mile trip over steep slippery trails under heavy shellfire to bring up food, water, and ammunition from the supply point in the vicinity of SAN MICHELE. To assist them in holding their ground in the event of hostile counter-attacks, every available hand made in the Regiment was sent to the 2nd Battalion positions.

All night long the enemy almost drove everyone in the Battalion mad with his continual "Screaming meemie" barrage, but when daylight broke the attack was renewed. The object of this attack was to drive off a few hostile pockets still on the forward slopes of Hill 593. At 0600 hours ¹⁵ a small task force, consisting of Company "E" and the Regimental

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I and R Platoon, together totaling forty-one officers and men, advanced down the forward slope of Hill 593 and after a brief exchange of fire forced the enemy, approximately a platoon in strength, to retire. The I and R Platoon was then incorporated into the 2nd Battalion's defensive position and a few hours later received their opportunity to display their courage. Although this platoon had neither trained nor fought as riflemen, they covered themselves with glory in the action which followed.

About 1500 hours the enemy attacked with between 100 and 150 men, behind an extremely heavy mortar barrage which caused the defenders of Hill 593 to remain prone in their slit trenches until it was lifted. When the hostile mortar fires ceased, the enemy was well up on Hill 593 and attempting to gain the cover of the wall by short swift dashes. To stop the enemy about six men including three from the I and R Platoon perched themselves on the stone wall and firing BAR's and Tommy guns, drove back the enemy with heavy losses, killing at least 15 of them. Seeing their attempt to storm the hill ending disastrously, the enemy withdrew their forces to the draw below, and again began pounding the 2nd Battalion positions with mortar and artillery, and sniping at all who dared move. At 1700 hours the enemy again tried a counter-attack similar to the previous one. The men from Company "A" that manned the section of M1's located on the forward slopes of Hill 468, to protect the flank of Hill 593, saw a force of approximately 70 Germans, led by 2 officers. They permitted all of the enemy to get over the rock wall and then opened fire on them and continued firing, causing heavy casualties of almost the entire group. At the same time a handful of "B" Company men, exposing themselves to deadly small arms fire as they perched on top of the stone wall, drove the enemy back, killing at least ten or more of them. The enemy once more withdrew to the draw and resumed plastering Hill 593, with what seemed to the few men on top of the hill, to be all the artillery and mortars in Italy. Realizing that under cover of these fires, the enemy was organizing for additional counter-attacks, friendly artillery observers tried hard to disperse them, and 60MM mortar flares were used for the first time by our troops, but it was very difficult to adjust fire into all the deep narrow ravines and draws the enemy was utilizing.

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* Shortly after noon, the enemy counter-attacked again with a force of approximately 100 men. This time they succeeded in knocking out the crew of a machine gun on the left flank of the Battalion sector. An enemy machine gun squad immediately began racing toward this position to set up a machine gun of their own. At the same time one of the men in the I and K Platoon, a Pvt. G. W. Bufkin, was having a leg wound dressed by a medical aid man, heard someone shouting for someone to quickly man the machine gun, whose crew had been knocked out. Immediately this wounded man broke away from the medic and limped to the idle gun. He employed it so well that he killed three of the enemy machine gun squad advancing towards him, and although the others were almost within hand grenade range, continued firing until he had also driven them back. Pvt. Bufkin was later awarded the Silver Star. In the meantime, the rest of the men had discovered and were employing a new and effective technique against the enemy. Instead of exposing themselves on top of the stone wall to fire at the enemy they lobbed hand grenades up and over the wall, laying down an effective barrage which prevented the enemy from closing in and pinned them down in full view of the few men who occupied firing positions on top of the wall. This new method of defense was successful after about an hour long grenade duel, in again driving back the enemy. Again, it was estimated that the enemy lost at least 20 killed.

The enemy's tactics were costing him heavy, but he was apparently determined to regain Hill 593, realizing that with possession of this dominating terrain feature, the narrow penetration which had been made into the mountainous bastion of the GUSTAV LINE could be exploited to reach Highway 6, less than 2000 yards away. However, the small valiant force of Americans, tenaciously holding Hill 593, were just as determined to defend it.

As a result, another murderous mortar and artillery barrage failed to dislodge them from their positions and found them ready for the next counter-attack which took place at about 1500 hours. This time the enemy was evidently bent upon once and for all settling the struggle for Hill 593 and with a force numbering at least 200 men, he attacked frontally and against both flanks. Although the enemy succeeded in getting to within hand grenade range of the machine gun section protecting the flanks these men remained in their positions

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and prevented every move by the enemy to envelop them. When the enemy, finding he could not reach them, took up sniper positions behind nearby rocks, many of the machine gun crews crept forward of their positions to do some sniping of their own at the hostile snipers and eventually killed everyone of them. The measures which had been employed to frustrate the previous counter-attack was again employed by the men defending the stone wall, however, the enemy force, being a much larger one this time, was able, under cover of their heavy machine gun fire, to gain positions directly below the wall. One member of the Regimental I and F Platoon, although he had been previously wounded, remained on top of the wall as it was being raked by enemy fire, and firing a BAR at the advancing enemy, killed at least ten of them before he was forced to seek safety behind the wall. Despite the tremendous number of grenades the men of the 2nd Battalion lobbed into the ranks of the advancing enemy, more and more of them succeeded in penetrating to the wall. These enemy began showering the 2nd Battalion with potato-masher grenades and continually called for the Americans to surrender or else be destroyed. For an answer they received a volley of hand grenades. As this strange fight dragged on, the enemy suffered numerous casualties from the fragmentation effect of the American grenades, whereas his own had little but shock effect. The enemy then became desperate. Groups of them attempted to climb the stone wall and jump into the midst of the Battalion's positions but each time that they did this they were cut down by effective tommy-gun fire. The few enemy who did get over the wall attempted to spray everything in sight with their machine pistols but were almost instantly tackled with knives, rifle butts, and even helmets, and quickly killed. In this close fighting it was impossible to secure mortar or artillery support and with enemy to their front and flanks, and their rear under fire from the enemy held ground all around it, the 2nd Battalion was in a definitely untenable position but remained determined to fight "to the last man".

As darkness began falling that afternoon, the enemy was observed grouping large numbers of men in the draws on each flank of the Battalion. Heavy mortar and artillery fires were immediately laid down upon the enemy and numerous casualties were inflicted,

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but the enemy ignored his losses to attempt to launch his attack. Had the enemy attack been able to fully materialize, it might have been successful, but because the machine-gun sections protecting the flanks of the Battalion refused to be intimidated by the enemy's display of power, they remained at their guns and inflicted such large losses on the enemy that he had to give up all forward movement and withdrew as the darkness began thickening.

That night, so heavy was the sniper fire and shell-fire on the hill, the only way wiremen and supply men were able to operate was by crawling up the hill on their stomachs. As the night wore on, the supply of grenades became exhausted and many men had to resort to throwing rocks at the enemy on the opposite side of the wall. Aided by heavy artillery fires blanketing all approaches to Hill 593, the enemy was unable to launch any further counter-attacks and the few men he still had on Hill 593 took advantage of the darkness to withdraw down the forward slopes.

Out of 17 men of the I and R, Platoon who initially went up to reinforce the 2nd Battalion, only Lt. Lawson and S/Sgt Bailey returned. One of these wounded from the I and R platoon was private Francis H. Osborne who on his own initiative three times left his position of cover and exposed himself to intense enemy fire to silence a German machine gun and kill 2 snipers. In the face of one of the counter-attacks, Pvt. Osborne advanced to within 30 feet of the enemy, stood up in full view of them, and killed 4 and wounded another to completely disrupt the attacking forces and alone repel the assault. Wounded, Private Osborne voluntarily chose to remain with his hard pressed comrades. He directed the fire of a BAR team until the survivors were relieved. He was later presented the Distinguished Service Cross.

During this time the Regimental Command Post was located in CAIRO where it operated under most uncomfortable circumstances, brought about by harassing enemy artillery fire and daily air attacks. On the 7th of February, 1945, the Regimental Command Post displaced forward and set up in the same building occupied by the 2nd Battalion Command Post on the mountain behind CAS INO. Colonel Ward and Captain Stacy were both wounded the same day. Colonel Ward was evacuated the next morning having suffered a severe leg wound and Lt.

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Colonel Charles B. Everest assumed Command of the Regiment. Lt. Colonel Tillmore K. Mearns, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, was also ^{so} wounded and evacuated.

The Cannon Company under the able leadership of Captain Paul W. Blomman, played an instrumental role in beating back a number of the enemy counter-attacks. In many instances it was impossible to call upon supporting artillery because their batteries were so placed that both "longs" and "shorts" would fall upon our troops.

During this period from 1-13 February, the Cannon Company fired 32,071 rounds of M48 HB, 372 rounds of M45 HB, and 508 rounds of smoke, observer-liaison contact was maintained between Cannon Company and the 3rd Battalion practically all of the time. Communication with the observers was mainly by radio. Fire was directed by mortar observation posts and several Company Commanders as well as the Cannon Observers. A night adjustment on a machine gun nest was effective.

The Division was regrouped and the 36th Division was moved into the sector on the right of the 34th Division in order to make a final coordinated effort in a sustained attack to drive the enemy from the high ground West of CASSINO. In this regrouping, the 2nd Battalion was relieved on Hill 593 by the 1st Battalion of the 168th Infantry on the night of the 7th-8th of February.

In the day and a half the 2nd Battalion had remained on Hill 593 they had repulsed five full scale fanatical counter-attacks, used up almost a thousand grenades and, although their total strength was not up to that of ²complete rifle Company, had fired the basic ammunition load normally fired by a Battalion. The enemy still continued to counter-attack these positions.

The 1st Battalion 135th Infantry was shifted further to the North West and went into position on the right of the 2nd Battalion. The 135th Infantry had the mission of supporting the attack of the 168th Infantry and the 141st Infantry by fire and also was to be prepared to move on to Hill 593 after all the enemy elements had been cleared away from the hill in order to be in a position to continue the momentum of the drive and cut Highway #6.

This last effort failed and plans were immediately initiated to relieve the 135th

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Infantry and the 168th Infantry. The fighting strength of this Regiment was sapped as a result of the constant, sustained fighting for a period of 48 days. The rifle companies had an average strength of 50 men, with some as low as 26 men present for front line duty. The Regiment was physically relieved by British troops of the 4th Indian Division on the night of the 13th-14th of February and marched approximately 10 miles to an assembly area in the vicinity of SAN MICHELE.

During this long spell of combat, mule trains or hand carry provided the only means of supply and evacuation, most of which was over slippery, steep mountainous trails, heavily interdicted by the artillery fire of the enemy. This difficulty was overcome to a large extent by the combined efforts of driver, kitchen personnel, supply personnel, and other units not actually engaged by the enemy under the guidance of Lt. Smith, Lt. Fisher, and Lt. Loudens.

Upon arrival in the assembly area in the vicinity of SAN MICHELE the men of the Regiment were served a hot meal, their first in two weeks. The next day was spent resting, and that evening the Regiment was loaded on trucks and moved through CERVANO down Highway 96 to SAN ANGELO D'ALIFE.

Throughout this entire period, it must be borne in mind, every box of rations, every can of water, every round of ammunition which the Infantry used had to be brought up across terrain which was under direct observation from hills still in enemy hands. The Germans, fully aware of this, laid down accurate and continuous fire from all critical points and especially upon the river crossing. Traffic control by the Division Military Police reduced congestion but within a few days the stench of decaying mule carcasses, the litter of overturned vehicles, abandoned shell-cases and disabled tanks made a scene of modern war which will not be forgotten by any who saw it. On the mountains the battle remained stubborn and progress was slow. Casualties to both sides were very heavy, especially because the fanatical German Paratroopers launched frenzied counter-attacks in an attempt to drive us back to the valley. Our ranks became thinner and the problems of evacuating casualties down the treacherous mountain trails and across the shell-swept approaches to the position

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were very serious. Volunteers came from the service and rear units to help out.

The information upon which the above narrative for Phase VIII is based, was obtained from the following sources:

- 1. Historical Journal of Assistant Chief of Staff, 5th Army, Italy.
- 2. Narrative of the various units in the 135th Regiment, 5th Army, Italy.
- 3. Narrative of the Battalions actions during CASSINO that was intended for edition in the Infantry Journal; checked by Captain Brown and Lt. Stein for accuracy and containing pertinent facts.
- 4. Historical Narrative of the 34th Division (Louisiana to Pisa) compiled by members of 34th Division and published by Information and Education Section, AFMUSA, Rome.
- 5. Narrative covering SALERNO, NAPLES, VOLTURNO, CASSINO, ANZIO, and ROMA dedicated by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark to the 5th Army.
- 6. Mission Accomplished - a short narrative of AFRICA, SICILY, AND ITALY. I and E Section, AFMUSA.
- 7. Partial History - 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division approved by AFMUSA, I and E Section, AFMUSA.

1. Lt. Col. Everett, of Company "I" tells of SAN VITTORE.

Our memories of SAN VITTORE are somewhat confused, because so much happened there in a short time. We were told before the attack that there was only about a Platoon of Germans in the town. Somebody must have screwed-up someplace, because when Company "I", which attacked first, got into the town, machine guns opened up on them from every where! They got split up in a lot of houses and nobody could contact them. We were then committed and we also had a lot machine-guns open fire on us. We also had to take cover in the back houses. We found out in a couple of minutes that we had krauts for neighbors and we started tossing grenades back and forth. The krauts soon called it quits, but we could not get out to capture them because somebody was firing a machine gun down the street. We managed to clear a couple of houses behind us, but we couldn't move in the direction from which we had come into the town, and our wounded just had to lay around for about 24 hours. The 3rd day was our worst day in SAN VITTORE. We were bombed by our own planes

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and shelled by our own artillery and h.2's. By the fifth of January however, between us and "K" Company we had cleansed enough Krauts out to give us enough room to do a little maneuvering. We then really got started and had the Krauts hopping out of doors and windows. We finally captured about 100 of them. I can't say what I remember most clearly about this fight. It was the first time that anybody in Italy had done an real close house to house fighting. And it was awful strange being able to see a guy sitting in the window taking pot shots at you! "

Pfc. Caperton of Company "A" gives his impression of CASSINO.

QUOTE:

"CASSINO was a nightmare. It was 14 days lying, trembling, on frozen ground with a few rocks piled up around you for protection. Sometimes you'd find yourself wishing you'd get hit, so that you'd be through. Our Battalion objective was to take the Hill that had the Monastery on it. We started climbing towards it from way down in the Rapido River valley. Every move we made we were under observation. We were on the left flank of the Regiment, and were also being shot at by SP's in CASSINO, which was below us. We could also be seen from the Abbey, and from Hill 593. All day and night we kept getting shelled. At night, the Germans would use "screaming meemies", and they'd almost drive you mad. During the night and before dawn, when there was a thick mist covering our positions, Jerry would sneak in on us, and you'd find yourself shooting in front of you and behind you, and just everywhere. We kept killing an awful lot of Krauts, but they still kept coming. The only ones from our Battalion to reach the Monastery was a squad from Baker Company. When they finally relieved us there was 1 Officer and 26 men left in our Company. There's no question about what I remember about CASSINO. I remember everything from the "screaming-meemies" to the dozens of frozen dead bodies spread out over the side of the mountains. "

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LOSSES IN ACTION

A. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN. (From 1 January through 31 January 1944.)

1. Killed in Action

2 January 1944

Pvt	O'Connor, Patrick H.	33436504	Co. "D"
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5 January 1944

Pvt	O'Hara, John R.	33410069	Co. "D"
Pvt	Deer, James S.	15931088	Med Det
Cpl	Smith, James A.	33510521	Co. "G"
Pvt	Parusak, John H.	32370273	Co. "H"
Pvt	Vallan, Emilio	32868237	"
Cpl	Henderson, Ray W.	37037474	"
Sgt	Johnson, Jordan F.	20709315	Co. "K"
Pvt	Lyons, Frank E.	33759419	"
Pvt	Szibonowski, Joseph	32446112	"
Pvt	Junek, Otto F.	36662450	Co. "G"

6 January 1944

Pfc	Nichols, Harry F.	32666107	Co. "B"
Pfc	Leonard, Lindsay P.	11189327	"
Pvt	Bonds, Oliver W.	34803753	"
Pfc	Brookman, Melvin G.	38399017	"
Pvt	Brown, James R.	34708549	"
Pvt	Jalindo, Emilio	39541622	"
Pvt	Kunzle, Stephen L.	33674893	"
S/Sgt	Walton, Harry G.	37027180	Co. "I"
Sgt	Calabrese, Nicholas H.	32181569	Co. "C"
Pvt	Granford, John G.	34771717	"
Pvt	Pociask, Stanley B.	36662551	"
Pvt	Jwans, William G.	36463659	Co. "I"
Pvt	Franzoni, Salvadore	36591169	Co. "C"
Pfc	Jallo, Alexander R.	32884165	"
Pvt	Murtaugh, Edward F.	32752738	"
Pvt	Weist, Raymond J.	32887934	"

7 January 1944

Sgt	Barfield, Carlis F.	36087542	Co. "B"
Pfc	Hahn, Cyrillius L.	37025847	Hq. Co.
Pfc	Falletta, Joseph A.	20204472	Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.
Pvt	Kings, Robert C.	34653275	Co. "B"
Pvt	White, Charles R.	34499593	"
Pfc	Hotaling, Wesley H.	32855273	"
Pfc	Thomas, Clyde L.	34363723	Co. "J"
Pfc	Jessop, Harold J.	39410856	"
Pvt	White, Clarence A.	33564355	"
Pfc	Russell, Merle E.	39253317	Co. "H"
Pvt	Wallquist, Forrest B.	37513332	"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.
1. Killed in action, Continued.

7 January 1944 Cont'd.

Pvt	Himmer, Henry F.	32876383	Co. "I"
Cpl	Dildine, Wesley B.	38333153	Co. "A"
Pfc	Dill, Ernest G.	32630728	Co. "F"
Sgt	Ward, Harding D.	35637074	"
Sgt	Subista, Henry I.	20708528	"
Pvt	Steiner, Lester L.	35603602	Co. "B"

8 January 1944

Pvt	Inno, Louis J.	32776190	Co. "I"
Pfc	Harvey, Herman	38301984	"
Pfc	Rhinshart, John L.	17164849	"
Pfc	Manis, George	34305733	Co. "B"
Pvt	Kopeck, John	36652931	Co. "G"

9 January 1944

S/Sgt	Molstad, Jordan H.	20709192	Co. "I"
Pfc	Hays, Bernard W.	36306960	"
Pfc	Gilley, William Jr.	34547203	Co. "L"
Cpl	Hawley, Michael	35214475	Co. "H"

10 January 1944

Pvt	Jawa, Charles A.	33492883	"A" Co. 2nd Bn.
Capt	McAllister, Robert L.	O-1286523	Co. "J"
Pvt	Marszalek, Edward J.	36660392	"

11 January 1944

Pvt	Zanni, Albert C.	32759354	Co. "G"
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12 January 1944

1st Lt.	Shell, Frank F.	O-1296589	Co. "E"
2nd Lt.	Schoner, Gilbert R.	O-1319024	"
Cpl	Serbak, Michael	33438911	"
Cpl	Stokich, Nick	35565112	"
Pfc	Bagileo, Samuel J.	32303813	"
Pfc	Sinkewita, Edward C.	32303481	"
Pfc	Dvorak, George C.	35061419	"
Pvt	Hrostoski, Leonard C.	31329228	"
Pvt lcl	Kreke, Virgil E.	36447373	Co. "C"

13 January 1944

Pvt	Hopkins, John F.	11046999	Med Det
Pvt	May, George A.	34807583	Co. "F"
Sgt	Peck, Malvin H.	31077933	Co. "G"

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LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.
1. Killed in Action, Continued

13 January 1944 Cont'd.

Cpl	Bellicciotti, Vincent M.	33129295	Co. "H"
Pfc	Krol, Walter A.	32913772	Co. "
Pvt	Innerkofler, Walter H.	31328893	"
Pvt	Larson, Paul D.	33758939	"

14 January 1944

Pfc	Brexler, Wesley M.	33345941	Co. "H"
Pvt	McBermott, John J.	33777080	"
Sgt	Abb, Philip P.	36456610	Co. "J"
1st Sgt	Jerousek, Francis J.	20708260	Co. "E"
2nd Lt.	Chapman, Neil J.	0-1295508	Co. "J"
Pvt	Mayland, Albert J.	34630137	Co. "B"
Pvt	Mugliero, John F.	32656532	"

15 January 1944

Pvt	Howard, James S.	37610220	Co. "I"
Sgt	Murphy, John H.	13065979	Co. "L"
Pfc	Wideman, Roy V.	33234063	Co. "I"

16 January 1944

*Pvt	May, Hallie, Jr.	35751838	Co. "J"
Pvt	Meigler, Ra. L.	14118306	Co. "G"
T/4	Mayes, Clarence H.	34171963	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.

17 January 1944

Pvt	Heflin, Frederick F.	33539439	Med Det
Pvt	Franco, Ralph (M.I.)	31330768	Co. "E"
Pvt	Terraro, Saratino S.	32863863	"
Pvt	Alvarez, Augustine L.	39282854	"
Pvt	Maguire, Thomas F.	32359856	Co. "F"

20 January 1944

*Pvt	Benillard, Theodore	31259816	Co. "I"
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21 January 1944

*Sgt	Karvoski, Theodore J.	33129471	Co. "J"
Pvt	Mullis, George M.	34570713	Co. "F"
Pvt	Hill, William A.	35139639	Co. "E"

22 January 1944

Pvt	Davis, Mike	36716633	Co. "E"
Pvt	Norman, Eugene	15362184	Co. "G"

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23 January 1944

Pfc Alessi, Leonard M. 32182662 Co. "F"

24 January 1944

Pvt McDonald, John T. 35065406 Co. "G"

26 January 1944

T/4 Saboe, Russell J. 20709361 Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.
Sgt Jilka, Albert 32309357 Co. "G"

27 January 1944

Pfc Seberger, Robert J. 35143159 Co. "A"
Sgt Hightower, George E. 20462236 Co. "L"
Pvt Tritapoe, Gerald W. 335619 57 "
Pvt Pavick, Edward G. 32771549 "
Pvt Shoopman, Charles L. 35564166 Co. "H"

29 January 1944

Pvt Kinsella, Edward J. 31343179 Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.

30 January 1944

Sgt Metcalf, Hartwell O. 37068866 Co. "G"

*Died of wounds after being evacuated to hospital.

2. Wounded in Action

1 January 1944

T/S Hakenson, Maurice L. 20707254 Med Det
Sgt Whiting, Irvin B. 33101209 Hq. Co., 1st Bn.
Pvt Locher, Robert F. 33758512 Co. "D"
Pfc Jaskiewics, Stanley A. 32751175 Co. "F"
2nd Lt. Kalo, Karl H. 0-1309275 Co. "K"
Pfc Hanes, Lambert L. 33603276 Co. "L"
Pvt Ackley, Teddy E. 32855642 Co. "L"
Pvt Glynn, James H. 31932180 "
Pvt Bryden, William E. 13012596 "

2 January 1944

Pvt Messman, Shurl P. 33723843 Med Det
Pvt Hartlesroad, Robert H. 35572007 Med Det
Pvt Pennoek, Eldridge A. 35633976 Hq. Co., 1st Bn.
Pvt Grant, Grever L. 38333152 Co. "B"
1st Lt. Atkin, Kenneth L. 0-492796 Co. "G"
Pvt Palmer, Emmett 32568425 Co. "I"
Pfc Avolt, Frederick 31196898 Co. "L"

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LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

2. Wounded in Action, Continued.

5 January 1944

Pvt	Hayden, Edward F.	31353295	Co. "B"
Sgt	Anderson, Hedley S.	32182897	"
Pfc	Higginbottom, Davis	32385344	"
Pvt	Hodges, Francis A.	36810959	"
Pvt	Hudson, William L.	37512115	"
Pfc	Fortier, Omer	31287970	Co. "C"
S/sgt	Williams, Mortimer C.	33101978	"
Pvt	Fisher, Joseph A.	19177795	"
Pfc	Cate, Harold A.	34728707	"
Pfc	Jones, Joe J.	38169383	"
Cpl	Hayes, Raymond L.	33098948	"
Pfc	Lambert, John D.	38398971	"
Pvt	Hainemeyer, Glenn R.	3 893291	"
Cpl	Burnik, Charles A.	6233638	Co. "D"
Pvt	McCoy, Samuel H.	35658659	"
Pfc	Rodriguez, Nascario R.	37339184	"
Pfc	Demmers, Herve T.	31052047	"
Pvt	Castaldo, Carmin E.	31308028	"
Cpl	Davis, Millard	34440359	"
Pfc	Horn, James A.	35629948	Co. "E"
Pvt	Badzioch, Kaz G., Jr.	36661498	"
Cpl	Ashworth, Harold H.	35213954	Co. "I"
Cpl	Scholl, Ralph E.	35130770	"
Cpl	Mischke, Martin A.	36160800	Co. "K"
Pvt	Milanowski, Chester J.	36512239	"
Pvt	Carrico, Thomas H.	35686303	"
Cpl	Hemingsen, Alfred E.	36160741	"
Pfc	Hyan, Delbert C.	35129918	Co. "M"
Pvt	Joyner, John U.	34665997	"
Pvt	Keikowski, Marvin P.	36593726	"

6 January 1944

Pvt	Saitta, John C.	32821787	Co. "A"
Cpl	Brown, Harold H.	15102851	Co. "B"
Cpl	Brossart, George B.	35787960	"
Pvt	Bilski, Stanley A.	36662444	Co. "B"
Pvt	Julius, Clarence W.	10600153	"
Pvt	Mirelli, Frank J.	33635541	"
Pvt	Hoe, Robert H.	36743741	"
Pvt	Gurski, Theodore F.	33507731	"
Pvt	Cosens, Elmer J.	37519322	"
Pfc	Boyd, Henry C.	35795723	"
Pfc	Fickel, Russell	33068136	"
Pvt	Mihala, Andrew J.	36723742	Co. "C"
Pvt	Van Glave, Rex A.	37460585	"
Pvt	Flores, Hector A.	38456999	"
Pvt	Gay, James M.	33759732	"
Pvt	Stacy, Frank	36583912	"
Pvt	Augustyn, Joseph	36587489	"

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LOGS IN ACTION, Continued.
2. Awarded in Action, Continued.

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Pfc	Blanchard, Homer C.	34770815	Co. "C"
Col	Christler, Charles W.	32181593	"
Pvt	Huller, George W., Jr.	33598806	"
Pfc	Harris, Richard M.	18201887	"
Pvt	Murray, George L.	33505429	"
Pvt	Rosden, Samuel R. Jr.	14190387	"
Pvt	Boggs, Lyle L.	36457032	"
Pvt	Leeson, Raymond L.	7002157	"
Pfc	Conner, Sherman	34109980	Co. "D"
Pfc	Stuart, Gilbert W.	34361425	Co. "F"
Sgt	McDermick, Thomas	31230654	Co. "F"
Sgt	Sumner, John B.	37108093	"
Pvt	Smith, Earl C.	32754900	"
Pvt	Lechner, John H.	33680717	"
Pfc	Burdick, Myle A.	20709144	Co. "I"
Pvt	Grosby, Arthur L.	34783307	"
Pvt	Manks, Emil H.	36229407	"
Pvt	Tanna, Nicholas	32759181	"
Pvt	Phillips, Leoil T.	34804866	Co. "K"
Pvt	Page, David J.	34771260	"
Cpl	Spurr, Herman	36160639	"
Cpl	Starosinic, John S.	36307090	"
Pfc	Tennant, Raymond W.	38321433	"
Sgt	Stagl, Albert T.	37027496	"
Pvt	Mahan, George E.	37460616	"
Pvt	Honquist, Wallace R.	20709343	"
Pfc	Sorenson, Kenneth A.	20709789	Co. "M"

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Pfc	Gain, Glen P.	33359870	Head Det
Pvt	Briggs, Roy T.	39280730	Co. "A"
Pvt	Magnus, Peter J.	33454786	"
Pvt	Steinbrook, Glen W.	36667524	"
Pvt	Jewnett, Frank H.	18027329	"
Pvt	Sorrentino, Ralph J.	32769037	"
Pvt	Hauser, Donald H.	33574727	"
Pvt	Hall, Joseph H.	33720680	"
Pvt	Henry, Arthur E.	31353075	"
Pfc	Musick, Cecil E.	33531467	"
Pfc	Trexler, Christopher C.	34475390	"
Pvt	Carr, Wilson G., Jr.	36598963	"
Cpl	Baly, Robert E.	39284680	"
Pvt	McMahon, Gillmore M.	37556836	"
Pvt	Mattern, Robert O.	34608757	"
Pvt	Harris, Henry	31337318	Co. "B"
Pvt	Burnett, Sherman Y.	34803824	"
Cpl	Kirby, Edward M.	34339664	"
Pfc	Engelking, Philip W.	36305873	"
Pvt	Belicota, NazZareno A.	31306825	Co. "G"

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7 January 1944, Cont'd

Pvt	Dennis, George A.	33758956	Co. "G"
Pvt	Donner, Robert D.	36111903	"
Pvt	Allen, Robert B.	11101111	"
Pvt	Conroy, Arthur L.	36662196	"
Cpl	DeLuca, Camillo	33346108	"
Pvt	DeLuca, John T.	31329532	"
Pvt	Hayler, John T.	33666939	"
Pvt	Johnson, Royce J.	31651033	Co. "D"
Pvt	Kundrath, Clement A.	33602579	"
Pvt	Wagner, Richard G.	11095706	"
Cpl	Anderson, Kenneth F.	39207328	"
Pvt	Lawrence, Alfred L.	33603500	"
Pvt	Waller, Ernest B.	33388781	"
Pvt	Hart, Lawrence E.	31801128	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.
Pvt	Grady, Simon	32820415	Co. "E"
Cpl	Kindig, Joe H.	01290435	"
and Lt.	Orlander, Thomas B.	01310100	"
Sgt	Hamer, Palmer L.	20708282	"
Pvt	Huck, Julius D.	38321968	"
Sgt	Russell, Robert G.	20708328	"
Pvt	Humbert, Kenneth V.	37026280	"
Pvt	DePalo, Carmine A.	32657766	"
Cpl	Gelfke, Lawrence H.	37026285	"
Pvt	Appalo, Frank A.	32885379	"
Cpl	Parker, Henry J.	10600062	"
Sgt	Opperud, Lloyd W.	37026311	"
Pvt	Ivester, Hoyt C.	314768701	"
Pvt	Killian, Francis J.	33588929	Co. "F"
Pvt	Hammig, William G.	31775653	"
Pvt	Ottoerson, Earl O.	36280043	"
Pvt	Sims, Fred J.	36576851	"
Cpl	Grutte, Steve A.	36593001	"
Pvt	Madugao, Humbert J., Jr.	32772331	"
Pvt	Fack, John M.	20708367	"
Pvt	McJormick, Alexander	33388726	"
Sgt	Olgreen, Ralph E.	37026081	"
Pvt	Morgan, Oscar L.	38233513	"
Cpl	Liebarth, Carl A.	37026039	"
Pvt	Williams, Edward H.	31190785	"
Pvt	Castaneda, Ralph	32685725	"
2nd Lt.	Cas, Clayton S.	01311345	"
Sgt	McKinnon, Joseph	11018172	"
Pvt	Hughes, Harvey B.	33618158	"
Pvt	Raney, Claude J.	35211112	"
Pvt	Cross, Winston P.	31730989	"
Pvt	Allen, Herman L.	33534838	"
Pvt	Moy, Sam	33634641	"
1st Lt.	Bernhardt, Ralph, Jr.	0123351	"
Pvt	Williams, John M.	35643389	Co. "G"

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DEATHS IN ACTION, Continued.
 Wounded in Action, Continued.

7 January 1944, Cont'd

Pvt	Miller, Charles H.	31344015	Co. "G"
Pvt	Murphy, Francis E.	35659079	"
Pvt	Gibson, Lerin E.	36746260	"
Pvt	Lambert, Calvin F.	35552929	"
Pvt	Rice, Donald C.	38257736	"
Pvt	Schmidt, Joseph J.	33899668	"
Sgt	Lee, Robert E.	33383754	"
2nd Lt.	Wolf, George B.	01316259	"
Pvt	Setzer, Richard W.	35800811	"
Pvt	Gochring, Clair H.	33681683	"
Sgt	Holl, Frank	32182486	"
Pfc	Ng, Chu F.	32182242	"
Pvt	Haake, Clarence T.	36747089	"
Cpl	Victorvitch, Peter A.	32182.64	"
Pfc	Lansford, George B.	35670986	"
Pfc	Painter, Carlos V.	35214477	Co. "H"
Cpl	Reddick, Harold S.	3 7026020	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pfc	Quell, Jack L.	36160875	Co. "M"

8 January 1944

Pvt	Weaver, Clarence F.	34709185	Co. "A"
Pfc	Netherton, Sebron R.	34606276	"
S/Sgt	Morrow, Bruce J.	37025733	Co. "B"
Cpl	Amick, Gilford	35430898	Co. "D"
Pfc	Lyons, Robert F.	36811096	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.
Pvt	McKnight, Otho G.	33759741	"
Pvt	Richard, Neal	34101390	Co. "E"
Sgt	Frenesal, Albert D.	33070232	"
Cpl	Oranger, Wallace D.	20708306	"
Pfc	Willis, James H.	33778996	"
Pvt	Salas, Johnnie A.	39285587	"
Pfc	Liebbe, Melvin E.	36463389	"
Cpl	Carstens, Louis E.	37027444	Co. "H"
Pvt	Luongo, Dominick A.	33435814	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pfc	Conatser, Johnny	38338956	Co. "I"
Sgt	Jroff, Jalen G.	20709185	"
Sgt	Point, Uno H.	37026637	"
Pvt	Conbars, Teddy F.	31288265	"
Pvt	Majewski, Edward J.	33623932	Co. "K"
Cpl	Skaggas, Carnegie A.	35686357	Co. "L"
Pfc	Wood, James L.	35637061	"
Pfc	Pinard, Fernando R.	31177664	"
Pvt	Oriak, Paul J.	34499036	Co. "M"

9 January 1944

Pvt	Meckowiak, Clement S.	15374327	Med Det
Sgt	Haney, Paul T.	34146516	Co. "A"
Pvt	Myers, McKenley	34653074	"
Pfc	O'Donnell, James J.	32171920	Co. "D"

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9 January 1944, Cont'd

Pvt	Archer, Richard L.	20708516	Co. "F"
Pvt	Beckwith, Keith L.	33218916	Co. "G"
Pvt	Bernardi, Joseph A.	37 238245	Co. "I"
Pvt	Burke, James L.	27519280	"
Pvt	Carroll, Frank J.	32911076	"
Pvt	Conry, Clyde	35753987	"

10 January 1944

Pvt	Conner, Walter H.P.	20708566	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.
Pvt	Deane, Carl O.	35061757	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.
1st Lt.	Youngmeyer, Howard V.	02055902	Co. "G"
Pvt	Demattis, Stanley J.	36587598	Co. "F"
Pvt	Arthur, Pope W.	31088851	"
Pvt	Green, Kenneth H.	33604536	Co. "J"
Pvt	Hall, Joseph O.	33106944	"
Pvt	Richard, William L.	37025081	"
Pvt	Poplar, John W.	33565610	"
Pvt	Benevento, John F.	32881322	"
Pvt	Ray, Nellie	35751838	"
Pvt	Middlestorb, Arthur H.	32181138	"
Pvt	Cerofini, Angelo J.	36599151	"
Pvt	Logan, Dwight M.	31708490	"
Pvt	Shaughnessy, James H.	31262129	"
2nd Lt.	Finkel, Joseph	01309239	"
Pvt	White, Balvin E.	33092375	"
Pvt	Hearn, Addison O.	31109500	"
Pvt	Skolen, Norvald J.	20709196	Co. "I"
Pvt	Americk, Kyle A.	20709144	"
Pvt	Diamick, David M.	39285631	Co. "L"
S/sgt	Patrick, Richard A.	20709523	"

11 January 1944

Pvt	LePlante, Ovila J.	31062597	Co. "H"
Pvt	Torres, Arthur	31197125	Co. "I"
1st Lt.	Mafora, Joseph R.	0116966	"
Pvt	Kubiak, Harry B.	36662473	Co. "K"
Pvt	Folde, Clarence	37025537	"

12 January 1944

Pvt	Cerulli, Nick J.	36582741	Co. "B"
Pvt	Wasnich, Norval K.	36453859	Co. "J"
sgt	Tracy, Marshall O.	35508124	"
Pvt	Knowles, John H.	31449169	Co. "I"
Pvt	Tracey, James W.	31724015	Co. "L"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSERS IN ACTION, Continued.
2. Wounded in Action, Continued.

13 January 1944

Pvt	St. Clair, Herbert	33529425	Med Det
Pfc	Crazen, Peter J.	37552498	Co. "E"
S/Sgt	Russell, Warren F.	20708274	"
Pvt	Landini, Arthur	33685763	"
Pvt	Beretta, John Jr.	37519091	"
Cpl	Hill, Ellis C.	37238233	"
Sgt	Spoenogge, Herman	32294339	"
Sgt	Steinhoff, Raymond W.	37026284	"
Pvt	Griffen, Edward L.	36451440	"
Pvt	Switsinger, Richard J.	35538151	"
Pvt	Sbarlati, Ennio J.	32885706	Co. "F"
1st Lt.	Lucas, James A.	01291142	"
Sgt	Almy, Ellsworth C.	31033586	"
Pvt	Gilpin, William V.	34706692	Co. "J"
Pfc	Kruss, Albert J.	32771382	"
1st Lt.	Arey, Leon H.	01290360	Co. "H"
Pvt	Collins, Robert W.	31308084	Co. "I"
Pfc	Leone, Charles H.	32629922	"
Pfc	Berlinger, Michael F.	31331280	Co. "K"
rvt	Williams, Burley A.	17033088	Co. "M"
Cpl	Hollman, John	37037536	"
Pvt	Dorsey, Vincent J.	32721061	Co. "E"

14 January 1944

T/S	Bambas, Berrie J.	37078876	Med Det
Pfc	Talkington, Leonard	34706759	Co. "E"
Pfc	Evvin, William J.	34607945	"
Pvt	Murphy, John A.	32888817	"
Pfc	Kaiser, William W.	36280220	"
Cpl	Monatboy, Gilbert A.	38274283	Co. "F"
Pfc	Vann, Vernon A.	33447384	"
Pvt	Nolan, Thomas J.	31334895	"
rvt	Badorek, Chester J.	313853126	"
Pvt	Bahr, William S.	36747137	"
Pfc	Barrett, George H.	35171200	Co. "G"
Sgt	Moore, Thomas R.	37027463	"
Pfc	Holecomb, Edward H.	34700644	"
Pvt	Kolodge, Leonard L.	37555718	"
Pvt	Aucitelli, Frank A.	32854769	"
Pfc	Gullins, Louis	34397858	"
Pvt	Eller, Ivan H.	34608427	"
Cpl	Tiggas, Constantine G.	37026591	"

15 January 1944

Pvt	McFarland, Harold S.	33454550	Co. "C"
Pvt	Dalsell, Clifford G.	35551766	"
Pvt	Hayes, Robert A.	33589824	Co. "E"
Pfc	Oliver, Grady H.	34494774	Co. "I"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.
2. Wounded in Action, Continued.

15 January 1944, Cont'd.

Pfc	Allen, Roman W.	20709188	Co. "I"
Pfc	Collins, Glen	35788135	"
Cpl	Swearingen, Glenn W.	35130726	"
Sgt	Gliaky, Donald J.	20709725	Co. "A"

16 January 1944

S/Sgt	Miles, LeRoy E.	20707155	Serv. Co.
Pfc	Reinke, Ervin A.	37028802	At. Co.
Pfc	MacGregor, Charles A.	33119612	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.
Pfc	Rich, Eric	32869063	Co. "A"
Pvt	Boman, Eugene V.	39558509	Co. "H"
Cpl	Birdecki, Joseph J.	36130954	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
1st Lt.	Worth, John W.	01290463	Co. "K"
Cpl	Flagens, Walter F., Jr.	36131070	"
Pfc	Smith, Robert J.	32369946	"
Pfc	Helfrich, John J.	37027475	"
Pvt	Batten, Anole L.	34783036	"
Pvt	Nicholson, John J.	32758850	"
Pfc	Arneson, Edwin N.	37027536	"

17 January 1944

Pfc	Schafer, Louis L.	36161554	Med Det
Pvt	Huff, Charles A.	33684618	Co. "D"
Pvt	Schlicht, Ralph C.	36820955	Co. "G"
Pvt	Finn, Michael T.	32786913	Co. "G"
Pvt	Trost, Leo	32658528	"
Pvt	Galla, Dario	32707754	"
Pvt	Doyle, John R.	33783874	Co. "F"

18 January 1944

Pfc	Brooks, Benjamin L.	35584911	Co. "B"
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19 January 1944

Cpl	Henderson, Dale J.	35554174	Co. "B"
Pvt	Minkler, William A.	32858415	Co. "G"
Sgt	Thompson, Robert A.	20709793	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.

20 January 1944

Sgt	Stecurios, Walter A.	32181829	Co. "F"
2nd Lt.	Fettschmidt, Fred C.	0131544	"
Pvt	Weiler, Donald U.	37555517	Co. "H"

21 January 1944

Pvt	Casey, Walter A., Jr.	32766922	Co. "H"
2nd Lt.	Goodspeed, Harold N., Jr.	01319410	Co. "I"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

2. Wounded in Action, Continued.

22 January 1944

Pvt	Bush, Joseph K.	15304337	Co. "E"
Pfc	Trehey, John J.	36810351	Co. "M"

23 January 1944

Sgt	Schlegel, Lee O.	33111473	Co. "D"
Pvt	Simons, Jack (NMI)	33412347	Co. "G"
Pvt	Hallman, Lewis W.	33680312	Co. "H"
Cpl	Blowers, William F.	36229299	Co. "K"
Pvt	Miegler, William B.	32630543	"
Pvt	Rice, Homer C.	35767358	"

24 January 1944

Pvt	Feeney, Thomas S.	31172425	Co. "A"
Pvt	Jones, Charlie D.	35801305	"
Pvt	Anato, Carlo (NMI)	36599986	"
Pvt	Brasell, David R.	34651538	"
Pvt	Kris, Bennie (NMI)	37556784	Co. "E"
Pvt	Ziesba, Edward A.	31252567	Co. "J"
Pfc	Malbona, Samuel A.	32911852	Co. "K"
Pvt	Mentz, Melvin B.	35667962	"
2nd Lt.	Greene, Edward (NMI)	01309252	"

25 January 1944

2nd Lt.	Munoz, Filbert (NMI)	01319152	Co. "A"
Pvt	Karchner, Wayne F.	35556915	"
Pvt	Westus, Michael A.	36669844	Co. "J"
Pvt	Barber, Larry M.	34609998	Co. "I"

26 January 1944

Pfc	Downing, William F., Jr.	34706024	Med Det
Pfc	Kelly, Duane J.	37554276	Med Det
Capt	Pellettieri, Leon F.	0432497	"
Pfc	Kaserman, Samuel G.	34285950	Hq. Co. 1st Ln.
T/4	Grens, Roland	37028803	AT Co.
Pfc	Lane, Neil C.	35610342	Co. "C"
Pvt	Hernandez, Jose	38257527	"
Pvt	Kurtovich, George	36720054	"
Pvt	Menden, Augustin G.	32886747	"
Pvt	Redophelo, Frank R.	31360267	"
Pfc	Forchione, Joseph J.	36615963	"
Pvt	Popish, Walter	33456930	"
Cpl	DeFoe, Jerry	32794949	"
Pvt	Peters, Warren E.	35093084	"
Pfc	Amundson, Sverre A.	37025941	Co. "E"
Pvt	Metzger, Robert R.	35055664	Co. "L"
Pvt	Boullette, Robert H.	31262913	"
Sgt	Trafney, John F.	35111327	Co. "I"

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27 January 1944

Pvt	Reynolds, Harold A.	31326183	Co. "A"
Pvt	Reynolds, Arthur J.	35162645	"
Pvt	Reynolds, Jerry D.	39911117	"
Pvt	Reynolds, Donald J.	36457212	"
Pvt	Reynolds, John E.	35520585	"
Pvt	Reynolds, Walter	31361469	"
Pvt	Reynolds, Lawrence	7002910	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pvt	Reynolds, Harold D.	20709724	"
Pvt	Reynolds, Leovora C.	36079364	Co. "L"
Pvt	Reynolds, Lawrence M.	31220596	"
Pvt	Rhodes, George H.	20709713	Co. "M"
Pvt	Rhodes, John I.	35214517	"
Pvt	Rubert, Ben Jr.	35213770	"
Pvt	Skinner, Joe D.	35670649	"
Pvt	Kalshoff, Paul H.	35028762	"
Pvt	Valasek, Frank H.	35555118	"
Pvt	Parker, Woodrow W.	35130816	"
Pvt	Fincham, Gordon D.	36422144	"
Pvt	Little, Bert	33761501	"
Pvt	Orion, Abraham I.	32024662	"

28 January 1944

Pfc	Steele, Lucien	34136127	Hq. Co.
Pvt	Hudge, Just	33758979	Co. "L"
Pvt	Ayers, Claude E.	33646722	"

29 January 1944

Pvt	Forberger, Joseph H.	33574830	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Sgt	Leaman, Bruce J.	20709316	Co. "K"
Spl.	Walund, Lloyd K.	37026807	"
Pfc	Albrecht, Harold E.	37477677	Co. "L"

30 January 1944

Pvt	Winnelson, Columbus K.	33119846	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.
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Missing in action

8 January 1944

Pfc	Partridge, Glenn A.	36743752	Co. "B"
Pvt	Pollack, Arthur J.	36593026	"
Pfc	Metzler, Harold G.	32909553	Co. "I"

10 January 1944

Pvt	Spurlock, Robert R.	37603764	Co. "A"
Pvt	Shepherd, Edith	35651545	"
Pvt	Hankl, Robert J.	33678141	"

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PHASE VIII 15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, continued.

3. Missing in Action, Continued.

10 January 1944, Cont'd.

Pvt	Blakett, George R.	37519785	Co. "A"
Pfc	Bowby, Edward J.	35791989	"
Pfc	Reedcot, Albert H.	31268802	"
Pfc	Hubbard, Charles R., Jr.	31315469	"
Cpl	Fasse, Elwood, A.	36260494	"
Sgt	Keller, Ray L.C.	33243998	"

22 January 1944

Pvt	Young, Alvin C.	13157292	Co. "B"
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26 January 1944

Pvt	Jarozek, Kasimier T.	32584883	Co. "B"
Pvt	Stoudt, John L.	31790142	"
Pvt	Brehaub, Henry H.	31346993	"
Pvt	Chamber, William C.	12168339	"
Pvt	Dorame, Antonio S.	39856231	"
Pvt	Fagan, Richard H.	15304461	"
Pvt	Jarcia, Pedro G.	38257425	"
Pvt	Moncol, John	32793734	"
Pvt	Moore, Billie H.	34808918	"
Pvt	Noell, Charles T., Jr.	14117461	"
Pvt	Wilgus, Edward T.	36664824	"

B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO JANUARY, 1944, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS.

1. Killed in Action

30 November 1943

*Pfc	Maass, William	39112265	Co. "F"
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9 December 1943

*Sgt	Gandy, John R., Jr.	35644372	Co. "D"
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17 December 1943

*Pfc	Helman, Donald A.	33101980	Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.
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*Died of Wounds in Hospital.

2. Wounded in Action

7 November 1943

Sgt	Mondor, Walter A.	20708091	Co. "D"
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7 December 1943

Pfc	Wagoner, Robert D.	36411903	Co. "C"
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8 December 1943

1st Lt. Ryan, Albert S., Jr. 32182142 Hq. Co. 1st Bn.

31 December 1943

1st Lt. Black, Lyman T., Jr. 34725122 Hq. Co. 1st Bn.
1st Lt. Harrison, Paul S. 31320203

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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action:	5	0	108
Wounded in Action:	18	0	379
Missing in Action:	0	0	24
Total	23	0	509

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTS

A. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers, on 1 February 1944.

Regimental Commander	Colonel Robert E. Ward
Executive Officer	Lt. Col. Charles E. Everest
S-4	Major Roland Anderson
S-3	Capt. Maurice W. Stacey
S-2	1st Lt. Louis H. Houser
S-1	Capt. Phiness F. Smith, Jr.
Regimental Surgeon	Capt. Wilhelm M. Johnson
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Keith O. Van Arvelan
" Service Company	Capt. Allen F. Crowley
" Antitank Company	1st Lt. Jack K. White
" Cannon Company	Capt. Paul V. Blommen
" Medical Detachment	1st Lt. Edmund F. Obramski
" 1st Battalion	Major Ray J. Erickson
Executive Officer	Capt. Arnold H. Brandt
S-3	Capt. Gibbs M. Prevost
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Kimble S. Midkiff
" Company "A"	1st Lt. Joseph A. Slezak
" Company "B"	Capt. William E. Smith
" Company "C"	Capt. James F. Harfield
" Company "D"	Capt. Donald J. Jodge
" 2nd Battalion	Lt. Col. Jerome Kessner
Executive Officer	Major Donald C. Landon
S-3	1st Lt. Richard H. Sugars
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Joel M. Lewison
" Company "E"	2nd Lt. Joe Humble
" Company "F"	Capt. Alden S. Lance
" Company "G"	1st Lt. George E. Combs
" Company "H"	Capt. Kiner H. Lund
" 3rd Battalion	Lt. Col. Fillmore K. Mearns
Executive Officer	Major John A. Rice
S-3	Capt. Emil Skalicky
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Thomas E. Chegin
" Company "I"	1st Lt. Donovan C. Griffin
" Company "K"	1st Lt. Irwin F. Hall
" Company "L"	Capt. Louis M. Smith, Jr.
" Company "M"	Capt. John L. Bridgeman

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of February 1944.

5 February 1944

1. Capt. Kimble S. Midkiff, Commanding Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion killed in action.

2. 1st Lt. Irwin F. Hall, Commanding Company "L" evacuated wounded.

6 February 1944

1. Lt. Col. Fillmore K. Mearns, Commanding 3rd Battalion, evacuated wounded.

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PHASE VIII: 15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

Commanding Officers in Engagements, continued.

8 February 1944

1. Colonel Robert W. Ward, Commanding Officer evacuated wounded.
2. Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest, Executive Officer assigned Commanding Officer.
3. Capt. Donald J. Dodge, Commanding Officer, Company "D", evacuated wounded.

12 February 1944

1. 1st Lt. Irwin F. Hall, Commanding Officer Company "K" died of wounds in hospital.

14 February 1944

1. Capt. Louis M. Smith, Jr., Commanding Officer, Company "L", evacuated wounded.

15 February 1944

1. Lt. Col. Jerome Lesner relieved of Command of 2nd Battalion.
2. Major Donald C. Landon assigned Command 2nd Battalion.
3. Capt. Robert E. McRae assigned as executive Officer, 2nd Battalion.

19 February 1944

1. Major Roland Anderson relieved of assignment as S-4, assigned as Executive Officer.
2. Capt. Allen P. Corwley relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Service Company, assigned Regimental S-4.
3. 1st Lt. Foster C. Hayden assigned Commanding Officer, Service Company.
4. 1st Lt. Anthony F. Von Raden assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion.
5. 2nd Lt. Joe Humble assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "E".
6. Capt. Emil Skaliaky relieved of assignment as S-3, 3rd Battalion, assigned Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion.
7. 2nd Lt. Kenneth I. Hennell assigned Commanding Officer, Company "K".
8. 1st Lt. Spencer T. Jones assigned Commanding Officer, Company "L".
9. Capt. Donald J. Dodge returned to duty as Commanding Officer Company "D".

20 February 1944

1. Capt. John L. Bridgeman relieved assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "K", assigned Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion.

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PHASE VIII 15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

Commanding Officers in Engagements Continued.

2. 2nd Lt. Frank Fusto assigned Commanding Officer, Company "K".
3. 2nd Lt. Kenneth I. Kennell Commanding Officer Company "K" transferred to Personnel Center Number 4, authority Special Orders 45, Hq. 5th Army.
4. 1st Lt. John Staffa assigned Commanding Officer Company "M".

24 February 1944

1. Capt. William H. Howard assigned Commanding Officer Company "A".
2. Capt. Ralph J. Markowski, assigned Commanding Officer Company "E".
3. Capt. Walter H. Johnson assigned S-2, 3rd Battalion.
4. Lt. Col. Willmore K. Earns returned to duty as Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion.

25 February 1944

1. Capt. Emil Skalicky assigned as Executive Officer 3rd Battalion.
2. Capt. John L. Bridgeman assigned as S-3, 3rd Battalion.
3. 1st Lt. Reid B. Huff returned to duty as Commanding Officer, Company "I".
4. 1st Lt. Luther L. Doty assigned as Commanding Officer Company "K".

LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN, (From 1 February through 29 February 1944).

1. Killed in Action

1 February 1944

Pfc	Fabrizio, Peter E.	32848416	Co. "I"
Pfc	Goldman, Clayburn W.	38450073	"
Pvt	Caridge, Douglas F.	32847471	"
Pvt	Lurie, Joseph M.	36661366	"
Pfc	Phillips, William W.	35754259	Co. "I"

2 February 1944

1st Lt	Friedman, Leonard	0-460163	Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.
Pvt	Collis, Joseph J.	33783862	Co. "E"
Pfc	Flournoy, Claude	31317649	Med Det
1st Lt.	Loeber, Herbert E.	0-1311407	Co. "L"
Pfc	Burns, Robert A.	33440941	"
Pfc	Byrnes, Harvey A.	33244031	Co. "K"
Pvt	Whorlton, William D.	35754213	"
Pvt	Leung, Harold G.	36463519	"
Pvt	Patton, Kenneth W.	31267925	"

PHASE VIII 157TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN, (From 1 February through 29 February 1944, Cont'd.)

1. Killed in Action, Cont'd...

2 February 1944, Cont'd

Sgt	Schmidt, Joseph	32753576	Co. "A"
Pfc	Cleek, Fay L.	35138634	"
Pvt	Hemp, Roger W.	37566248	"
Pvt	Love, John A.	36823598	"
Pvt	Riker, Lewis	32918642	"
Pvt	Karjalainen, Henry H.	36822689	"
Sgt	Thompson, Thomas	35129881	Co. "M"
Pvt	Goodman, Orin W.	31359949	"
Pvt	Lahada, Joseph M.	36621057	Co. "K"
Pfc	McDowell, Jarald L.	33111559	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.

3 February 1944

Pfc	Norman, Preston H.	35725784	Co. "C"
Pvt	Bahan, Lynn D.	37529050	"
Pfc	Mohulav, Robert V.	30454908	Co. "D"
Pvt	Dallano, Salvatore	32918605	"
Sgt	Zelins, Harold V.	33669138	Co. "F"
Sgt	Goodwin, Fred H.	35728908	"
Pvt	Recchetti, Mario J.	36743483	"
Pvt	Senna, George D.	31309364	"
Pfc	Briscoe, Evan L., Jr.	30456583	Co. "G"
Cpl	Scholl, Ralph H.	35130770	Co. "I"
Cpl	Porter, James F.	35130900	"
Pfc	Lapio, Francesco S.	31341745	"
Sgt	Holmgren, Daniel	37026754	Co. "K"
Pvt	Munich, Thomas J.	32591471	"
*Pvt	Carrozza, John A.	32822222	Co. "J"
*Pfc	Madson, Joseph A.	32361354	Co. "A"
*Sgt	Olson, Curtis H.	37028944	Co. "E"

4 February 1944

Pvt	Jakobosky, Deane G.	37528910	Co. "K"
Pvt	Henretty, Ralph J.	32950371	Co. "F"
Pfc	Fiel, Vincent A.	36572853	"
Pvt	Kenneth, Arthur H.	33680720	"
Pvt	Flowers, Carl D.	27610348	"
2nd Lt.	Yarger, Samuel J.	O-1310332	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pvt	Plante, Ronald J.	36824179	"
Pfc	Meyer, Harold H.	20709165	Co. "I"
Pvt	Rainone, Domenico H.	31291823	"
Pvt	Pawlowaki, Henry F.	36660850	"
Pvt	Mincher, Thomas	32963471	"
Pvt	Kush, Raymond C.	33672561	"
Pvt	Lefebvre, Lucien O.	31383827	Co. "G"
*Pvt	Smith, Charles W.	31359807	Co. "E"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSERS IN ACTION, Continued.

1. Killed in Action, Continued.

5 February 1944

Pfc	Baggs, Carl V.	31308942	Co. "I"
Pvt	Dean, Curtis	32724997	Asst Det
Capt	Midkiff, Rible E.	0-452696	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.
Pvt	Sorenson, Robert H.	20707038	"
2nd Lt.	Tideman, Harold B.	0-1041901	Co. "G"
Pfc	Breitwieser, John O.	36478738	"
Pvt	Fociask, Joseph J.	36669741	Co. "G"
Pfc	Lashorn, James O.	35767637	Co. "G"
Pfc	Mandini, Andrew A.	31288305	Co. "G"
Sgt	Heidemann, Karl W.	39385128	Co. "H"

6 February 1944

Sgt	Holtquist, Allan O.	20709548	Co. "L"
Pfc	Jargas, John	31302611	"
Sgt	Chandler, Carl J.	31154195	"
Pfc	Campbell, Drew M.	34820297	Co. "U"
Cpl	Doso, Charley H.	35751835	"
Pfc	Conder, Allyn J.	31322508	"
Pfc	Rosenberg, Harry	32961807	"
Sgt	Serter, Charles O.	35214285	"
Sgt	Hosenberg, Leonard	32614206	Co. "V"
Pvt	Stanley, Miles O., Jr.	36823672	"
Pvt	Shambling, William L.	36667909	"

7 February 1944

Pvt	Sabino, Peter L.	31331502	Co. "M"
Pfc	Zampiva, Peter P.	32597787	Co. "M"
Pfc	McLann, John J.	31303671	Co. "M"
Pfc	Kmetz, Albert J.	37026170	Serv. Co.
Sgt	Zerring, Burt A.	20709808	Co. "M"
Pfc	Paul, Edwin, Jr.	13154158	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
S/Sgt	Kittelson, Grant H.	37025681	Co. "B"

8 February 1944

Pvt	Petcavag, Albert W.	33621030	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.
Pfc	Keener, Leslie S.	33628689	Co. "F"
Pvt	Widafsky, Chester E.	36280228	"
Pvt	Case, Edwin W.	32867319	"
Pvt	Kenneson, Stanley, J.	31317206	"
Pvt	Fussell, Ray	38419198	"
Pfc	Milton, Robert J.	35068004	Co. "G"
Pfc	Fuskar, Paul	35589160	Co. "L"
S/Sgt	Masiak, Herbert T.	36130909	Co. "B"
Sgt	Smith, Vincent A.	32140251	"
Sgt	Mason, John F.	36586363	"
Pfc	Marion, Angelo A.	32921551	"

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UNION FILE 1918 INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

1. Killed in Action, Continued.
2. Killed in Action, Cont'd.

8 February 1944, Cont'd.

Sgt	Johnson, Garland G.	37026827	Co. "K"
Pvt	Alison, Benjamin Jr.	35659948	Co. "B"

9 February 1944

Pvt	Trull, Richard D.	39211694	Hq. Co.
2nd Lt.	Yonkilton, Lewis F.	O-1316107	Co. "F"
Pvt	Long, Harold S.	31359443	"
Pvt	Wichcock, Edgar L.	36863556	"
Cpl	Holtz, Joseph W.	35587914	"
Pvt	Powell, Lester E.	15359247	Co. "E"
Sgt	Watson, Frank A.	36206352	Co. "A"
Sgt	Dalabar, Bernard H.	36306340	"
Cpl	Blackmer, Bernard H.	32745316	"
Pvt	Jordan, Robert O.	36823702	Co. "B"
Sfc	Forsman, Albert V.	31307855	"
Sgt	Embrey, Morrell E.	33685652	Co. "G"
Pvt	Cornelius, Eugene F.	36737211	Co. "E"
Pvt	Murphy, John A.	32888817	"
Pvt	Buch, Joseph K.	15304337	"

10 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Odekirk, Gordon L.	O-1702981	Co. "L"
Sgt	Hughes, John R.	33721209	Co. "B"
Sgt	Bonnot, Gallentano J.	30367630	Co. "C"
Sfc	Hold, James W.	32919184	Co. "B"
Sfc	Padaman, John G.	32735534	Co. "M"

11 February 1944

Sgt	Anderson, Warren R.	39291392	Co. "F"
Pvt	Machin, Charles J.	31360189	"
S/Sgt	Kitchen, Johnnie R.	36647945	Co. "C"

12 February 1944

Cpl	Powell, Clarence R.	36162731	Co. "M"
1st Lt.	Hall, Irwin	O-1292934	Co. "K"
Pvt	Tarasevic, Francis A.	33672612	Co. "D"
Pvt	Carr, James F.	33507766	Co. "A"

*Died of wounds after being evacuated to hospital.

2. Wounded in Action

1 February 1944

Pvt	Benfaremo, Peter	32860458	Hq. Co. 1st In.
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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.
 2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

1 February 1944, Cont'd.

Sgt	Welka, Bronislau	33106716	Co, "A"
Cpl	Crittenden, Franklin K.	31234346	"
Pfc	Clayton, James I.	36479405	"
Pvt	Leahane, Arthur	31264858	"
Pvt	Lightle, Glendale F.	35221004	"
Pvt	Jess, Robert F.	35052629	Co, "D"
Pvt	Wright, William A.	31135167	Co, "B"
Pvt	Jones, Willie E., Jr.	34690154	"
Pvt	Fisher, Miles R.	35702215	"
Pvt	Corbridge, Vera A.	36484748	Co, "F"
Pvt	Pala, Anthony J.	31508829	Co, "F"
Pfc	Kieltyka, Matthew C.	31345990	"
Cpl	Davis, Robert D.	33621710	Co, "G"
Pvt	Nelson, William A.	35231811	Co, "G"
Pfc	Albrecht, Everett W.	36817730	"
Pfc	Baldwin, Charlie J.	33634478	"
Pfc	Keith, John R.	31341493	"
Pfc	Gleser, Otto F.	31625151	"
Pfc	Somnan, Harold G.	36669799	"
Sgt	Webster, Francis J.	33598598	"
Pvt	Bonsignore, Vito	32885311	Co, "H"
Sgt	Miller, Alex D.	20708910	"
Sgt	Thomas, Lorraine C.	38273939	Co, "I"
Pfc	Bakin, Henry F.	38333738	"
Pfc	Stilling, Charles P.	33440963	"
Pfc	Majorski, Richard A.	32877862	"
Pvt	Drum, Samuel J.	31436481	"
Pfc	Mason, Thomas J.	36662601	"

2 February 1944

Capt.	Larson, Leland H.	0-426590	Regtl Hq.
Pvt	Bloomer, John E.	33600148	Med Det
Capt.	Pellettieri, Leon F.	0-432497	"
1st Lt.	Obrowski, Edmund	0-1542721	"
Pfc	Collins, George O.	34608297	"
Pvt	Glenn, James E.	36648901	"
Pvt	Jordan, Eric S.	14027971	Hq, Co, 1st Bn.
Pvt	Champagne, Roland W.	31373091	Co, "A"
Pvt	Lundy, Arthur F.	32828923	"
Sgt	Skalley, Harley J.	31253613	"
Cpl	Trivette, Thomas E.	34175224	"
Pvt	Karos, Walter	31361769	"
Pfc	Jore, Stewart L.	35741268	"
Cpl	Hammer, Dale R.	13018870	"
Pvt	Borohick, Louis H.	33482734	"
Pvt	Bans, Omar J.	34546661	"
Pvt	Hayes, Edgar W.	33536243	"
Pvt	Leonard, Edward C.	31319211	"
S/Sgt	Malins, Fordie	34104207	"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.
2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

2 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pvt	Jacobson, Earl F.	37672321	Co. "A"
Pvt	Manta, Reine A.	36823770	" "
Pvt	Kramerle, Ralph L.	37672947	" "
Cpl	Qualley, Robert E.	32792923	" "
Cpl	Jasiorowski, John S.	32308083	" "
Pvt	Lis, William H.	31348038	Co. "B"
2nd Lt.	Spase, James A.	O-1303217	" "
Pvt	Bracco, John A.	32232860	" "
Pvt	Mainguy, Leo J.	31267629	Co. "C"
Pvt	Goviello, Andrew A.	32744806	Co. "D"
Pfc	Short, Alfred F.	37025966	Co. "E"
Sgt	Olson, Curtis H.	37028844	" "
Pfc	Duran, Jesse J.	36661958	Co. "F"
Pvt	Humphrey, Harold A.	35140336	Co. "G"
Pvt	Vidal, Manuel A.	32795898	Co. "H"
Pvt	Phillips, Harold C.	34571392	" "
Cpl	Van Hale, Leo J.	37026486	Co. "I"
Pvt	Jegou, Marcel J.	32923202	" "
Pfc	Anderson, Harold A.	32865208	" "
Pfc	Myers, Oliver R.	33460111	" "
Pvt	Balen, Joseph J.	36819193	Co. "K"
Cpl	Keller, William F.	37026786	" "
Pvt	White, Lester W.	35231444	" "
Cpl	Ortman, Paul J.	36079409	" "
Pfc	Kelly, Donald J.	37396828	" "
Cpl	Schusiler, Leo J.	37027489	" "
Pfc	Kriebel, Richard W.	33325140	" "
Pvt	Lewy, Lloyd D.	15306070	" "
Pfc	Helts, Reuben	32630500	" "
Pvt	Hansy, Francis E.	36465452	" "
Pfc	Parant, Julian R.	31309817	" "
Pvt	Rodrigues, Leonardo	38458797	" "
Sgt	Thomas, Paul C.	14055942	" "
Pvt	Marrell, William R.	34631182	" "
Cpl	Butler, Raymond F.	37027494	" "
Pfc	Burns, John (NMI)	34713758	Co. "L"
Pvt	Bartelt, Leonard M.	36818848	" "
2nd Lt.	Kaiser, Henry L.	O-492790	" "
Pvt	Burton, Floyd C.	35657974	" "
Pfc	Padawan, John C.	32735534	Co. "M"

3 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Habel, Harry C.	O-1309839	Gannon Co.
Pvt	Curtis, Ira L.	33402019	Med Det
Pvt	Black, Sidney	34708211	Co. "A"
Pvt	Madesu, Lionel J.	31303542	" "
Cpl	Levin, Nathan	33100618	" "
Pvt	Reed, Harold E.	38343185	" "
Pvt	Madden, Joseph A.	31361354	" "

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT MILITARY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.
2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

3 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pvt	New, Robert A.	37663883	Co. "A"
S/Sgt	Parker, Vernon A.	38227523	"
Pfc	Trudell, Lawrence H.	36161138	"
Pvt	Kellner, Dwight L.	36667919	"
2nd Lt.	White, James N.	0-1305509	"
2nd Lt.	Montalione, Lewis	0-1310133	"
Pvt	Carrara, John	32905579	"
2nd Lt.	Clegg, James A.	0-1309720	"
Pvt	Lester, Charles B.	37672967	"
Pvt	Kane, Herbert H.	36673224	"
Pvt	Manninen, Sauno E.	36023762	"
Pvt	Chaw, Kople A.	34584267	Co. "C"
Pvt	Fowlke, Herman Jr.	36853891	"
Pvt	Marsh, Edward T.	36857408	"
Pvt	Reed, Charles	35556907	"
Pvt	Angle, Robert A.	33624670	"
T/Sgt	Garner, Roy S.	36015004	"
Pvt	Ronzo, Vincent	12058534	"
Pvt	Durke, James D.	33604100	"
Pvt	Netto, Louis	32917427	"
Pvt	Seay, William	34576697	Co. "E"
Pfc	Slate, Ralph	35643321	"
Pvt	Arquelles, Herman V.	39285328	"
2nd Lt.	Brown, Norman E.	0-1286956	"
Pvt	Diehl, George F.	32936232	"
Pfc	Regel, William A, Jr.	36673131	Co. "F"
Pfc	Lawhouse, Fred L.	35767765	"
Pvt	Petrocki, Albert	36669521	"
Sgt	Spellman, Harold G.	35588112	"
Pfc	Kuro, Ernest S.	32910972	"
Pfc	Costello, Martin R., Jr.	31334909	"
Pfc	Coyce, Roland	33783816	"
Pfc	Schillinger, Donald E.	33668666	"
Pvt	Accellente, Louis J.	32759627	Co. "G"
Pfc	Burleson, J. C.	34807457	"
Pvt	Fishman, Harold	32799911	Co. "H"
Pvt	Godshall, Norman H.	33784619	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pfc	Mischer, Reid E.	33440132	"
2nd Lt.	Dakensaces, Gaberto	0-1300941	Co. "I"
Pvt	Neuman, Vincent O.	33625148	"
Pfc	Hall, Halston	34437789	"
Sgt	Allen, James W.	35213878	"
Pfc	Stapel, Norman J.	37807033	"
Pvt	Scatchell, John A.	36661527	"
Pfc	Cummings, Verna G.	31288335	"
Pfc	Fettig, Joseph L.	36850131	"
Pfc	Gaberman, Lee H.	33491798	"
Pvt	McCabe, James J.	33455097	"
Cpl	Allen, George H.	32877891	"
Pfc	Haffner, Luther H.	33486521	"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

3 February 1944, Cont'd.

Sgt	Storlien, Earl H.	20709172	Co. "1"
Pvt	Collins, Milton A.	34735172	"
Pfc	Dyer, Arthur W.	3640882	"
Pfc	Calandriello, John A.	32572069	"
Pfc	Wild, David	36307208	"
Pvt	Tackett, Carlos	35651702	"
Pfc	Suddell, Frank	32771498	"
Pvt	Scolastico, James	31305543	"
Sgt	Lock, John H.	36306777	"
Sgt	Viger, Kermit O.	20709117	"
Pvt	Kovalainen, Carl S.	36413817	"
Sgt	Holmquist, Galdo C.	20709313	Co. "1"
Pfc	Kelom, Marshall H.	20709365	"
Pfc	Wittenberg, Harold	12086972	"
Sgt	Evans, Ole H.	37027579	"
Pfc	Ireland, Roland W.	32660788	"
Pfc	Class, Barbee	34708297	"
Pfc	Bates, French H.	36599924	"
Pvt	Leslie, Raymond C.	36599695	"
Pvt	Hale, Donnie S.	33651673	"
Cpl	Martinson, Johnny	37027551	"
Pfc	Fielder, James	33534866	Co. "1"
Pvt	Broschi, Daniel A.	31262290	"
S/Sgt	Derby, Paul H.	37045271	"
Cpl	Avies, Billy R.	36160844	"
Cpl	Wright, Jesse H.	3827914	"

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Pvt	Sinacore, Angelo F.	3287720	Co. "A"
Pvt	Meola, Anthony J.	32913050	"
Pvt	Brown, Kenneth B.	33671096	"
Sgt	Littleso, Grant W.	37025681	Co. "1"
Pvt	Habin, Harry	33387610	Co. "1"
Pfc	Lowery, Jerome C.	34708212	"
Pvt	Stefucza, Paul J.	32288830	"
Pvt	Brown, Richard M.	36665115	"
Sgt	Brubaker, Oscar A.	33232512	"
2nd Lt.	Moener, Grant L.	0-1319501	"
Cpl	Classen, LeRoy P.	37045262	"
Pvt	Biondi, Ralph	33672700	Co. "B"
Pfc	Chmiel, Edward J.	33685775	Co. "F"
S/Sgt	Weber, Wayne F.	33075524	Co. "G"
Pvt	Schmidt, Joseph J.	33599668	"
Pvt	Dana, Robert H.	32921090	"
Pvt	Kovalchick, Edward J.	33687540	"
Pvt	Goeman, Paul B.	3171174	"
Pvt	Martinez, Julio	32651156	Co. "H"
Pfc	Mitchinson, Edmund A.	31347076	Co. "J"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.
2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

4 February 1944, Cont'd.

Rank	Name	Service Number	Company
Pfc	Marino, Amalio	36735634	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pvt	Wilson, George C.	37355009	Co. "I"
Pfc	Costa, John	31310347	"
Pvt	LeVedr, Robert F.	32857394	"
Pvt	Jafson, Harold A.	32839670	"
Pvt	Ridlon, Ralph A.	31322821	"
Pvt	Hall, Charles W.	33651463	"
Pvt	Jones, William B.	34760880	"
Cpl	Rhodus, Glynn	35130822	"
Pvt	Tomsayk, Joseph J.	33606551	"
2nd Lt.	Frank, Alfred	0-437092	"
Pfc	Holden, John B.	34762678	"
Pfc	Miglar, Herbert J.	37233804	"
Pvt	Thomas, Charles S., Jr.	35728746	"
Cpl	Russell, Donald H.	20708497	"
Pfc	Mogart, Richard S.	36593242	"
Pvt	Doyle, Avery L.	33218208	"
Pfc	Edmondson, William	31341211	"
Pfc	Kalbach, Edward V.	32764395	"
Pvt	Holler, Victor L.	33689263	"
Pvt	Howles, Robert L.	31259073	Co. "K"
Pvt	Welfer, Cyril F.	35802990	"
Pvt	Lamore, Omer W.	31288261	"
Pvt	Moy, Harry	31268666	"
Pvt	Millsville, Emil J.	36579147	"
Pvt	Beaver, Bernard F.	33507799	"
Pvt	Takos, Andy	35218107	Co. "L"
Pvt	Langton, Peter L.	31507738	"
Pvt	Weisenbach, Paul P.	35696901	Co. "M"
Cgt	Heidemann, Earl W.	39385128	"
2nd Lt.	Miller, Richard A.	0-1306450	"
T/cgt	Patton, Ralph A.	6927562	"
Cpl	Schreifley, Robert J.	33106589	"
Pvt	Ragar, Robert J.	33573084	"

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Pvt	Schwartz, Joseph	36587423	Co. "A"
Pvt	Lehe, Frank F.	36669770	Co. "B"
Cpl	Dagan, Herman F.	33276677	"
2nd Lt.	Lynett, Joseph F.	0-1311898	"
S/Cgt	Murante, Vincent T.	32304980	"
Pfc	Taylor, Calvin	34630243	Co. "C"
Pfc	Sprathoff, Gerald R.W.	32692215	"
Pfc	Davis, Leslie	31421711	"
Pvt	McNamee, Andrew R.	34652247	"
Pvt	Spicer, Leo G.	36871114	"
S/Cgt	Colonna, Gabriel M.	33092769	Co. "D"
Pvt	Georgier, Roy	34765194	Co. "E"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued,

A. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

5 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pfc	Beardi, James L.	34651722	Co. "E"
2nd Lt.	Asher, John T.	O-1288675	"
Pvt	Lauckner, Richard T.	36585360	"
Sgt	McCurse, Jake, Jr.	36407367	Co. "F"
Lt, Col.	Bearns, Fillmore K.	O-21106	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pvt	Juglielmo, John	31289414	"
Cpl	Legner, Harold M.	36307005	Co. "I"
Cpl	Fafrowics, Joe F.	37027348	"
Pfc	Missler, Richard D.	35766457	"
Cpl	Johnson, Arvid R.	36229225	"
Pvt	Corbett, Frank J.	32590242	"
Pfc	Cabbage, Howard V.	33451590	"
Pvt	Cohen, David J.	32736031	"
Pvt	Coark, Frank O.	38470879	"
Pvt	Day, William J.	38368266	"
Pfc	Fuhro, Harold A.	32591462	"
Pvt	Angelopoulos, Peter	36649671	"
Pvt	Ziska, Edward A.	35056131	"
Pvt	Graco, Henry S.	32815544	"
Pfc	Jackson, Albert A.	35654785	"
Pvt	Litteral, George P.	35658546	Co. "K"
Pvt	McKlwee, Leonard	3603603	"
Pfc	Adahl, Simon O.	37027539	"
Pvt	Ursino, Severino J.	33784471	"
Pvt	Hall, James N.	35729819	"
Pvt	Magyar, Alex A.	33684629	"
1st Lt.	Vollbrecht, Howard A.	O-1284876	Co. "L"
Pvt	Thornton, Darrol D.	39856939	"
Pvt	Helson, Arthur W.	32605257	"
Pvt	Curra, Paul G.	36564255	"

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Pvt	Dawson, Frank M.	39202352	Cannon Co.
Pvt	Heath, Wayne W.	17115899	"
Pfc	McLewen, Thomas E.	33425749	Med Det
2nd Lt.	Banos, Filbert	O-1319152	Co. "A"
Pvt	Kroonblawd, Reynold H.	37566380	Co. "B"
Pvt	Mihaloy, John	33624747	"
Pvt	Jolly, David R., Sr.	34773806	"
Pvt	Nejman, John E.	36652512	"
Pfc	Leonard, Virgil E.	35599086	"
Pvt	Cesana, Elmer J.	37519322	"
Pvt	Monkewski, Thomas	39204273	Co. "C"
Pvt	Rasmelius, Elmer A.	36669883	"
Pvt	Morton, Thomas D.	34674466	"
Pvt	Libby, Charles H.L., Jr.	31322101	Co. "D"
Sgt	Patula, John	32172315	"
2nd Lt.	Beason, Bob H.	O-456197	Co. "E"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, continued.

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

6 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pfc	Hughes, LeRoy	34651345	Co. "F"
Sgt	Smith, Erwin S.	36463326	"
Pfc	Andreas, Thomas J.	31260019	"
Pfc	Strickler, John F.	35537822	"
Pfc	Mosley, Otis F.	37672874	"
Pfc	Zimmerman, Norman	35174368	"
Sgt	Sherer, Clarence N.	34081618	"
Sgt	Koating, Francis L.	33357094	Co. "G"
Pfc	Riddle, Charles H.	33010779	"
Pfc	Tapper, Raymond S.	36896714	"
Pfc	Gard, Norvle	35204867	"
Pfc	Wronkowski, John S.	31289357	"
Pfc	Martin, Thomas F.	32591766	Co. "K"
Pvt	Dobo, John, Jr.	33669313	Co. "L"
Pfc	Maloney, Donald F.	31307726	"
Pfc	Polonczak, Joseph	33468741	"
Pvt	Waskowski, Julius	32800926	"
Pfc	Woodard, Charles C.	36306770	Co. "M"
Pvt	Walsh, Howard B.	33562228	"
Pvt	Hux, Melvin L.	37672922	"

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Capt.	Stacy, Maurice W.	0-383616	Regtl Hq.
Colonel	Ward, Robert W.	0-17637	"
Pvt	Olver, Clyde J.	33357556	Serv. Co.
Pvt	Rickert, Thomas E.	36807633	Med Det.
Sgt	Cleveland, Lawrence M.	37025649	Co. "A"
Pfc	Hughes, John R.	33721209	Co. "B"
Cpl	Haller, Joseph A.	36573684	"
Pfc	Schoonover, Frank J.	37025526	"
Cpl	Hillmer, Nathan O.	36286612	"
Pfc	Kovalcik, Holliodor A.	3219926	Co. "C"
Pvt	Baxter, Henry A.	33777034	"
Pfc	Whaley, James W.	35690313	"
Cpl	Oakman, Ernest O., Jr.	31346036	Co. "D"
Capt	Dodge, Donald J.	0-1291087	"
Pvt	Doty, John A.	32835895	Co. "E"
Pvt	Green, Rose	14017974	"
Pvt	Abernathy, Troy L.	34775367	"
2nd Lt.	Barnett, John P., Jr.	0-342151	"
Pvt	Fenoglio, Wilson G.	38282870	"
Pfc	Engstrom, Henry D.	31344901	Co. "F"
Pfc	Flood, Hugh E., Jr.	33687511	"
Pfc	Hosken, James W.	34441382	"
Pfc	Lava, James V.	32845320	"
Pfc	Althaus, Frederick S.	31240472	"
Pfc	Atco, John J.	33651643	"
Pfc	Woodard, Robert E.	34593554	"
Pfc	McDonnell, Alexander	33388726	"

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PHASE VIII 195TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

7 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pfc	Kesselman, Sumner W.	31297274	Co. "F"
Sgt	Messer, Travis O.	34547059	" "
Pfc	Mosher, Clarence	36575715	Co. "J"
Pvt	Reaves, Leonard F.	35801670	" "
1st Lt.	Shaw, Tom M.	0-1295443	" "
Sgt	Hile, Harold E.	37472713	" "
Pvt	Hollie, Willard A.	36669925	" "
Pvt	Moore, James H.	31347623	" "
Pvt	Youngblood, Paul A.	34806571	" "
Pvt	Bonaventure, John B.	31383891	" "
Pfc	Moore, Rival S.	39202233	" "
Pvt	Land, Harold B.	37551283	" "
Pfc	Lammocillo, Raymond P.	31293172	Co. "G"
Pfc	McLlaney, John R.	26669663	" "
Pvt	Disman, Edgar L.	31293451	Co. "H"
Pvt	Paul, Edwin, Jr.	13154158	Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.
Pfc	Shaw, Jay C.	37027350	Co. "I"
Pvt	Menendes, Edward	31305741	" "
Pvt	Williams, Kenneth A.	20709585	Co. "L"
Pvt	Watson, Frank H.	33431115	Co. "M"

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Cpl	Lavick, Erdle P.	20710402	Hq. Co.
Pvt	Bowerman, Leroy	38806550	" "
Pfc	Seiden, Melvin	32879210	Hq. Co. 1st Bn.
Pfc	Carr, James F.	33507766	Co. "A"
S/Sgt	Schultz, Raymond D.	20708571	" "
Pfc	Moberly, Larwinse	35695785	" "
Pvt	Hall, Raymond A.	33529744	" "
Pvt	McGill, James J., Jr.	33776960	" "
Pvt	Ballentine, Lewis	36475071	" "
Pfc	Fiehler, Rupert F.	37397445	Co. "B"
Sgt	Sorgen, Carlin E.	35589636	" "
Pvt	Martinsen, Raymond B.	36669180	" "
Pvt	Misfroski, Stanley	32927087	" "
Pfc	Cerrilli, Nick J.	36582741	" "
Pvt	Morbee, Jordan	32866101	" "
Cpl	Slaughter, James L.	33090632	Co. "C"
Pvt	Michaloniski, Joseph J.	33623886	Co. "D"
Pvt	Armelie, Philip L.	35059851	" "
Pvt	Holbrook, Albert E.	33651633	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.
Pvt	Capris, John A.	32765288	Co. "E"
Pfc	Caripoli, Severino A.	32759067	" "
S/Sgt	Taylor, Herman M.	36037151	" "
Cpl	Bauer, Joseph E.	32283832	" "
Pvt	Gillette, Charles R.	35174041	" "
Cpl	Fernando, Plando A.	33779015	" "

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

8 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pvt	Blankenberger, Adolph	35728278	Co. "E"
Pvt	Heck, Francis H.	32772358	"
Pvt	Jradoaki, Francis	32927054	"
S/Sgt	Dellinger, Ray	34043835	"
Pvt	Francescon, Tony N.	15360346	"
2nd Lt.	Smith, Robert E.	0-1301075	Co. "F"
T/S	Goode, Marple J.	37107523	"
Pfc	Lewis, George M.	33826766	"
Pfc	Sigler, Roy E.	35588082	"
Pfc	Chenoweth, Richard L.	15301881	Co. "G"
Pfc	Mangin, Alvin A., Jr.	33589766	"
Pfc	McLann, John J.	31383651	"
Sgt	Phillips, Walter L.	37608175	"
Pfc	Stull, William A.	35055998	"
S/Sgt	Mack, Stanley B.	20709564	Co. "H"

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Pvt	Patterson, James F.	32100128	Hq. Co.
Pvt	Misborne, Francis H.	39321777	"
Pvt	Stickney, Frederick P.	32790899	"
Pvt	Burkin, B. W.	34611430	"
Pvt	Herman, Donald G.	39616403	"
Cpl	Alexander, Dean S.	170 67993	"
Pfc	Swenson, Carl F.	20708958	"
T/S	Cairns, William V.	32182831	AT. Co.
Pvt	Campbell, Lonnie H.	34765138	"
Pvt	Mattora, Joseph J., Jr.	37326824	Co. "A"
Pfc	Lied, Richard R.	33685833	"
Pfc	Smith, Mark C.	34773475	"
Pfc	Monday, David R.	35650222	"
Pfc	O'Berriene, Richard J.	32638900	Co. "B"
Pvt	Amanski, Nello	36583639	"
Pvt	Kogut, Stanley	36669681	"
Pvt	Hendren, Thomas W.	35695924	"
Pfc	Mazeno, Carmelo	33651523	Co. "C"
Pfc	Kantrowitz, Michael	32811328	"
Pfc	Scaramucci, Bruno	33672536	Co. "E"
Pvt	Tsembacs, Elver J.	36748883	"
Pvt	Franklin, Jack K.	34680179	"
Pvt	Pratt, Eugene B.	31384623	"
Sgt	Perry, Billie B.	15057283	"
Pfc	Hatfield, Luther A.	39264496	"
Pvt	Cunningham, Howard F.	33673911	"
Pvt	Bacchi, Joseph W.	32812153	"
Pvt	Hart, Alfred G.	34438830	"
Pfc	Gerken, Henry	32340049	"
Pvt	Trane, Robert T.	32834800	"

PHASE VIII 125th INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd.

9 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pvt	Wagner, Robert D.	35701777	Co. "E"
Pfc	Hullard, Herman A.	34631280	" "
Pfc	Felix, Richard J.	33761487	Co. "F"
Sgt	Sabashaw, George E.	37097292	" "
Sgt	Waters, Mosis N.	34398209	" "
Pfc	Rodewics, Stephen	33588976	" "
T/Sgt	Chatelle, Joseph S.	20700534	" "
Pfc	Schwartz, Petter H.	32817007	" "
Pvt	Sala, Anthony A.	32182522	Co. "G"
Cpl	Bachinsky, George B.	31122100	Co. "H"

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Pvt	Hannes, Edward J.	37044944	Serv. Co.
Cpl	Hagen, Lester H.	37045415	AT. Co.
Pvt	Messner, Shurl P.	33723843	Med Det.
Pvt	Liebke, Harold N.	37672825	Co. "A"
Pfc	Gumaski, John J.	36407133	Co. "B"
Pvt	Raimondo, Joseph A.	32806528	" "
2nd Lt.	Lindbeck, Arthur H.	O-1304605	" "
Sgt	Nagle, John J., Jr.	32259040	" "
Pfc	Palladino, Frank G.	32613834	" "
Pvt	Johnson, Fred	35606618	" "
Pfc	Hall, James A.	34517109	" "
Pfc	Hold, James W.	32919184	" "
Pvt	Miller, Charles A.	35556943	" "
Pvt	Mayer, Leonard E.	3556987	" "
Pvt	Kostunic, Andrew J.	33508883	" "
Pvt	Green, Joseph H. D.	32969470	Co. "C"
Pvt	Shair, Benjamin W.	34732653	Co. "D"
Pvt	Weiner, Robert P.	36820301	" "
Pvt	Blows, Robert L.	34671375	Co. "E"
Pvt	Morrison, Kenneth D.	12131226	" "
Pfc	Gibson, Hubert V.	14032201	Co. "F"
Pfc	Joolsby, Richard E.	32815737	" "
Pfc	Ard, Richard	34653707	" "
Pfc	Tingalstad, Lenoy J.	37560958	" "
Pfc	Ferone, Anthony L.	33623473	" "
Pfc	Jaramillo, Jesse	36579085	" "
S/Sgt	Peterson, Henry C.	6562202	Co. "G"
Pfc	Focondo, Furry P.	33784095	" "
Pvt	Deason, Archie L.	34631081	Co. "H"
Pfc	Hilliard, Albert T.	33403184	Co. "K"
Pfc	Fresland, Clarence M.	35796265	" "
Sgt	Pittman, Robert C.	0561170	Co. "B"

11 February 1944

Pfc	Larson, Russell R.	20707036	Hq. Co.
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MEMBERS IN ACTION, Continued.

MEMBERS IN ACTION, Cont'd.

11 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pvt	Luttrell, Warren T., Jr.	14077294	Hq. Co., 1st Bn.
Sgt	Lappa, Phillip	36162710	Co. "A"
Sgt	Gale, Charles C.	32919072	"
Inf Lt.	Marke, Harold A.	O-1320334	"
Pfc	Stove, William	18154275	Co. "B"
Pfc	Kangmacker, Jack J.	20709558	Co. "C"
Pvt	McGinn, James F.	31360317	Co. "E"
Pvt	Hilton, William H., Jr.	15305753	"
Pvt	Long, Aloysius F.	35552960	"
Pvt	Loft, James A.	31307721	"
Pvt	Barnier, John R.	31342092	Co. "F"
Pfc	Klaczowski, Edward J.	36662429	"
Pfc	Hart, James J.	35795299	Co. "G"
S/Sgt	Landers, Raymond H.	37181952	"
Pfc	Byron, Norman F.	36131127	Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.
S/Sgt	Hordhausen, Edgar H.	37150864	Co. "K"
Pvt	Hobley, Clarence R.	3 321448	Co. "K"
S/Sgt	Sabee, Lester B.	20709319	"
Pfc	Krooska, Edward M.	33617018	"

12 February 1944

P/5	Hemme, Delmar T.	37078827	Med Det
Pvt	Kudrick, William F.	36482930	Co. "A"
Pvt	Kernan, Robert W.	32928101	Co. "B"
Pvt	Mitchell, James D.	34764899	"
Pvt	Kalish, Albert J.	36669765	"
Pfc	Leo, Angelo	32921672	"
Pvt	Bigelow, George J.	36462968	Co. "D"
S/Sgt	Swanson, Ernest G.	37025873	Co. "F"
Pvt	Templeton, Gaithel B.	37243183	Co. "H"
Sgt	Loftus, Kyle R.	20709127	Co. "I"
Pvt	Hardy, Dana L.	31318337	"
Pvt	Gregoire, James L.	35536432	"
Pfc	Isenhour, Alvin T.	34439734	Co. "K"
Sgt	Aasser, Morris O.	37027573	"
Pvt	Jones, John E.	33639637	Co. "L"
Pvt	Tarallo, John J., Jr.	31307703	Co. "L"
Pvt	Daniles, A.J.	35801410	"
Sgt	Palk, Leonard F.	36162646	"
Cpl	Beveridge, Robert P.	20709740	"
Pfc	Muhslein, Fred	37037457	"
Pvt	Paradis, Gerard M.	31321569	Co. "L"

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Wounded in action, Cont'd.

13 February 1944

Pfc	Seabolt, Ellis L.	35745896	Co. "B"
Pvt	Sherry, Marion F.	34631418	Co. "C"
Pvt	Pierce, Lawrence A.	31303615	Co. "H"
Pvt	Connetta, George J.	31303615	"
Pvt	Haines, Gene R.	34775051	Co. "K"
Pfc	Keedy, Irvin V.	37026941	"
Sgt	Davies, Billy A.	36160855	Co. "L"
Capt.	Smith, Louis M., Jr.	O-385222	"

14 February 1944

Pvt	Morrow, Harry C.	34768722	Co. "K"
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Captured.

5 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Hemler, Donald J.	O-1309552	Co. "C"
Pvt	Shattuck, Arthur S.	36452024	"

Missing in action.

1 February 1944

Pvt	Aparicio, Donald S.	39032302	Co. "G"
Pvt	Hiencke, Ulrich W. A. Jr.	32866577	"
Pvt	Kosiorek, John S.	33680718	"
Pvt	Sentieri, Emil	35292250	"
2nd Lt.	Hanley, Edward B.	O-1316149	Co. "K"
Pvt	Godfrey, Ernest K.	31344847	"
Pvt	Rondis, Julius S.	33431674	"
Pvt	Needham, Charles W.	34629832	"
Pfc	Olson, Lloyd J.	20709348	"
Pfc	Oyen, Duain A.	36817951	"
Pvt	Gertel, Albert	32776581	"
Pvt	Hartman, Edwin A.	20709507	Co. "L"
Pvt	Whisenhunt, Elmer W.	38452609	Co. "A"

2 February 1944

Pfc	Lauro, Antonio	32886964	Co. "K"
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4 February 1944

Pvt	Hendrickson, Ansel H.	37662782	Co. "F"
Pvt	Fractor, Gilbert A.	2080100	"
Pfc	Treat, Leeman F.	36484735	"
Pfc	Taylor, Walter W.	36673235	"
Pfc	Goldfarb, Edward	12113970	"

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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

4. Missing in Action, Cont'd.

4 February 1944, Cont'd.

Pfc	Waterfield, Raymond J.	31214954	Co. "F"
Pvt	Lamonica, John	32679905	" "
S/Sgt	Dood, Gerald F.	33586745	Co. "G"

5 February 1944

Sgt	Crawford, Virgil L.	38245635	Co. "A"
Pfc	Cork, Victor J.	36284416	" "
Pfc	Kopischke, Carl A.	37566524	" "
Pfc	Metzner, John G.	36804319	" "
Pvt	Lindsey, James R.	34710729	" "

7 February 1944

S/Sgt	Fichter, Joseph J.	38173726	Co. "G"
Pfc	Leaver, Eugene A.	35604337	" "

8 February 1944

Pvt	Pirrung, Elver H.	12126038	Co. "F"
Pvt	Jauregui, Ralph F.	35556938	Co. "B"
Pvt	Lombardo, Anthony T.	31358377	" "
Cpl	Peacock, Edward	34408187	" "
Pvt	Humphries, Harry A.	33784000	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.

9 February 1944

Pfc	Cooper, Moscow F.	38332628	Co. "C"
Pfc	Kinness, George J.	33508794	" "
Pfc	Petrus, Francis A.	31361340	" "
Pvt	McNally, Joseph A.	6709658	" "
Pvt	Duffield, Robert G.	36747214	Co. "G"

10 February 1944

Sgt	Kaleel, Joseph A.	32105763	Co. "B"
Pfc	Mott, Arthur J.	32854617	" "
Pvt	Prines, Alan S.	36484961	" "
Pvt	Nickols, Edgar	36667899	" "

12 February 1944

Pvt	Nernan, Robert F.	32988101	Co. "B"
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13 February 1944

Pvt	Hoyt, Daniel K.	15118752	Co. "E"
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PHASE VIII 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued.

1. Missing in Action, Cont'd.

14 February 1944

Sgt	Reed, Robert E.	34771065	Co. "B"
Pvt	McNeil, Charles E.	31346925	"
Pvt	Marshall, Daniel F.	31345535	"
Pvt	Kilgore, Oliver W.	33527293	"

B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO FEBRUARY, 1944, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS.

1. Wounded in Action.

25 January 1944

Pvt	Paudel, George S.	12006999	Co. "C"
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	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
Killed in Action:	8	0	116
Wounded in Action:	29	0	484
Captured:	1	0	1
Missing in Action:	1	0	48
	<u>39</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>649</u>

Total

The battle of CASSINO was a failure. The Division had failed to take its objective. The German parachutists had succeeded in blocking the best efforts of our troops to advance. Yet for those who were there and who knew the difficulties of the assault, the tremendous strength of the German fortifications—to those men, CASSINO was the crowning achievement in the Division's history.

It is too early even to attempt a final judgment on what the 34th did. But it is a matter of record that the troops who relieved us, in spite of the most rigorous support, lost some of the ground which our troops gave to them. It is a matter

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of record that successive attacks by troops several times as numerous as we also failed to capture the fortress.

It is history that when the Allied attack finally achieved its goal no less than five Divisions were required to finish the task which the 34th had, so gallantly begun, and so bravely completed.