

Regimental History

135th INFANTRY

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HEADQUARTERS 135TH INFANTRY
UNITED STATES ARMY

1 March 1944

Subject: Regimental Hymn.

To : All Units.

1. For the information of all concerned, the Regimental Hymn is herewith reproduced. Singing of the Hymn will be encouraged throughout the regiment. It is sung to the music of "Men in Gray"

Our fathers who with Colville stood
Upon that sacred day,
Our last man pledged
And so we should
Repledge ourselves today.

Chorus

Rifles crossed and at their peaks
The 1-3-5 shall stand
Our Regiment, a toast to thee
The finest in the land.

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To Minnesota Northern Star
Our Arms presented be
Through time or change
Though near or far
We sing All Hail to Thee.

Chorus

Rifles crossed and at their peaks
The 1-3-5 shall stand
Our Regiment, a toast to thee
The finest in the land.

By order of Lt. Colonel EVEREST:

P.F. SMITH, JR.,
Capt., 135th Inf.,
Adjutant.

HISTORY OF THE 135TH INFANTRY MNG

135th Infantry (Minnesota) Organized as Minnesota Volunteers 27 April 1861 largely from existing units, the oldest being "Pioneer Guards" organized in 1856. (F-Civil War) 29 April 1861; participated in numerous engagements in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania; served in 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, II Corps (Hancock's) at Gettysburg with special distinction sustaining very heavy casualties. It was at this time that the famous statement, "To the last Man", was made by Colonel Colville, who was in command of the regiment. The regiment was mustered out on 28 April 1864; veterans and recruits reorganized as a two company battalion; increased to 9 companies and redesignated as the 1st Minnesota Volunteers in March 1865; mustered out on 14 July 1865). Reorganized in 1870-71 from veteran and semimilitary organizations which had kept alive the history of the 1st Minnesota Volunteers; redesignated on 1st Infantry on 11 September 1871; reorganized as 1st Battalion in 1880; redesignated as 1st Infantry in 1883. (F-Spanish War and Phillipine Insurrection, 7 May 1898; redesignated as the 13th Minnesota Volunteer the regiment embarked from San Francisco and arrived in the Phillipine Islands on 31 July 1898; assigned to 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, VIII Army Corps. The regiment participated in numerous engagements and was mustered out on 31 October 1899). Reverted to former status as 1st Infantry 27 March 1900. (F-Mexican Border, 19 June 1916 stationed at Llano Grande and San Antonio, Texas; mustered out 14 March 1917). (F-World War, 7 April 1917; redesignated 135th Infantry 34 Division; served with 34 Division in France and mustered out 18 February 1919). Reorganized as 1st Infantry 31 January 1920 and redesignated 135 Infantry 21 November 1921.

STREAMERS AUTHORIZED:

CIVIL WAR

Bull Run
Peninsula
Valley
Antietam
Virginia, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864,
1865
Fredericksburg
Gettysburg
Petersburg

SPANISH WAR

Manila

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION

Luzon
San Isidro

WORLD WAR

without inscription

COAT OF ARMS: Approved 23 June 1926

SHIELD: Argent, on a saltire azure between in chief a Fleur-de-lis gules, in fess the corps badge of 2nd Division, VIII Army Corps during the Spanish War proper (two white circles overlapping each one-third radius, resembling the figure "8") fringed of the third and two bolos saltirewise of the last, the 2nd Division, II Corps badge, of the Civil War of the fourth (a white three leaf clover with stem, voided)

History of the 135th Infantry MNG (Continued)

CREST: That of regiments of Minnesota National Guard.

WREATH: Argent and azure.

MOTTO : TO THE LAST MAN

Description of Shield:

The shield is white, the old Infantry color. The blue saltire is from the Confederate flag for Civil War service. At Gettysburg the regiment was in 2nd Division, II Corps, whose badge was the three-leaved clover. The figure "8" represents Spanish War service, the crossed bolos Philippine Insurrection service, and the Fleur-de-lis World War Service.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA: Approved 18 June 1926
Shield and motto of coat of arms.

HISTORY OF THE 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

SECTION I: ORIGINAL UNIT.

A. FOREWORD.

The 135th Infantry Regiment was first organized as the Minnesota Volunteers on 27 April 1861 largely from units existing at that time, the oldest being the Pioneer Guards which was organized in 1856. The regiment entered the Civil War on 29 April 1861, participating in numerous engagements in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania; it served in the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, II Corps (Hancock's) at Gettysburg with especial distinction, sustaining very heavy casualties. It was at this time that the famous statement, "To the Last Man", was made by Colonel Colville who was in command of the regiment; this statement was later to become the regimental motto. The regiment was mustered out on 28 April 1864. Veterans and recruits reorganized as a two company battalion, which was increased to nine (9) companies and redesignated as the 1st Minnesota Volunteers in March of 1865 and mustered out of service on 14 July 1865. Reorganization again took place in 1870-1871 from veteran and semi-military units, and it was redesignated as the 1st Infantry on 11 September 1871, reorganized as the 1st Battalion in 1880, and redesignated as the 1st Infantry in 1883

The regiment was redesignated as the 13th Minnesota Volunteers on 7 May 1898, and embarked from San Francisco to take part in the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection, arriving in the Philippine Islands on 31 July 1898. It was assigned to 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, VIII Army Corps, and participated in numerous engagements. The regiment was again mustered out on 3 October 1899, and reverted to its former status as the 1st Infantry on 27 March 1900.

On 19 June 1916, the regiment was stationed at Llano Grande and San Antonio, Texas, performing guard duties and expeditions during the Mexican Border uprising. Again the regiment was mustered out on 14 March 1917.

The unit was next designated as the 135th Infantry Regiment of the 34th Infantry Division on 7 April 1917. It served with the 34th Division in France and was mustered out on 18 February 1919. Reorganization as the 1st Infantry again occurred on 31 January 1920, being redesignated as the 135th Infantry Regiment on 21 November 1921.

The following streamers are authorized by the War Department to be displayed with the regimental colors:

Section I; Original Unit - Foreword, (continued)

Civil War: Bull Run, Peninsula, Valley, Antietam, Virginia (1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865), Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Petersburg.

Spanish War: Manila

Philippine Insurrection: Luzon, San Isidro.

World War: Without inscription.

The coat of arms was approved on 23 June 1926. The shield is white, the old Infantry color. The blue saltire is from the Confederate flag for Civil War service. At Gettysburg the regiment was in 2nd Division, II Corps, whose badge was the three-leafed clover. The figure "8" represents Spanish War service, the crossed bolos Philippine Insurrection service, and the Fleur-de-lis World War service.

B. INDUCTION INTO FEDERAL SERVICE.

The 135th Infantry Regiment assembled on 10 February 1941, the date of induction, in the various armories throughout the State of Minnesota as follows:

Regimental Headquarters	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Headquarters Company	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Service Company	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Antitank Company	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Medical Detachment	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Band	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Hq. Det. 1st Bn.	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Company "A"	Stillwater, Minnesota
Company "B"	Hutchinson, Minnesota
Company "C"	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Company "D"	Stillwater, Minnesota
Hq. Det. 2nd Bn.	Owatonna, Minnesota
Company "E"	Jackson, Minnesota
Company "F"	Owatonna, Minnesota
Company "G"	Albert Lea, Minnesota
Company "H"	Austin, Minnesota
Hq. Det. 3rd Bn.	Montevideo, Minnesota
Company "I"	Madison, Minnesota
Company "K"	Dawson, Minnesota
Company "L"	Ortonville, Minnesota
Company "M"	Appleton, Minnesota

The regiment was relieved from duty in the National Guard of the United States and ordered into the active military service of the United States for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months per Special Order #19, State of Minnesota, Department of Military and

Section I: Original Unit - Foreword, continued)

Naval Affairs, Adjutant General's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 22 January 1941, in conformity with instructions contained in Presidential Executive Order No. 8633 dated 14 January 1941. At induction the regiment was under the command of Colonel Harold S. Nelson.

Its personnel was composed of voluntary enlistments in the National Guard of Minnesota, and its Officers were commissioned in the National Guard of the United States. The company strength prior to induction provided for three (3) officers and sixty-six (66) enlisted men; it was then increased to four (4) officers and one hundred twenty (120) enlisted men as well as additional staff officers. A vigorous recruiting campaign was put into effect so that on the date of induction, the regimental strength was eighty-six (86) officers, one (1) warrant officer, and one thousand four hundred eighty-nine (1489) enlisted men. Lt. Col. Newton W. Speer and Lt. Col. Michael J. Mulcahy were the officers assigned to federalize the units. Organizations then started to complete necessary papers, inoculations, physical examinations, and conditioning, and after a period of fifteen (15) days of final grooming, the units were ready.

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SECTION IV: NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT.
(10 February 1941 to 17 October 1942)

A. CAMP CLAIBORNE, LOUISIANA.

Pursuant to instructions contained in Special Order #7, Headquarters 135th Infantry, dated 17 February 1941, the main body of the regiment proceeded by rail from their home stations to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, commencing on 25 February 1941, an advance detachment having left 19 February by motor and a motor echelon on 21 February. It was a bitter cold day with the mercury hovering around twenty (20) degrees below zero. Various bands proceeded the troops to their respective depots to board the special trains awaiting them, and crowds of local people, parents, and friends waited in the cold for the trains to become loaded and move away.

The troops after an uneventful trip arrived at Camp Claiborne on 27 February. The camp site was new and ungraded; the roads were a sea of mud. The camp itself had just neared completion; in fact, it was not until May that it was finally completed. After detrain- ing the men set up their 16 x 16 pyramidal squad tents.

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Camp Claiborne is situated approximately eighteen (18) miles south of the City of Alexandria in Louisiana. It has rail facilities, quartermaster storage, division headquarters, post exchange, buildings, regimental headquarters buildings, recreation halls, mess halls, and a tent theater. Later developments brought the construction of chapels, the hostess house, a theater, company day rooms, an officers' club, and a field house. Camp Claiborne had the advantage of having natural gas which was piped to each tent and proved to be a necessity during the chilly rainy months.

Then came the problem of converting these civilian soldiers into a smooth working team, preparatory to receiving and training its quota of selective service men. The period of readjustment was not easy. These men had come from steam-heated homes to life in a tent. Their lungs were accustomed to sub-zero dry temperatures, and they were now subjected to a damp, cold, humid, climate with a resulting high percentage of colds and upper respiratory infections. The training of necessity was to differ from the two to three week summer camp and maneuver period, with an eye toward the big picture. It began with the basic fundamentals, and in order to develop leadership and give confidence which knowledge of their subjects would impart, a series of schools was started. The outstanding non-commissioned officers were then selected and commenced intensive training to get in readiness as a training cadre for the new replacements.

On 9 March 1941 the 34th Infantry Division was assembled in front of Division Headquarters and welcomed to Louisiana by Governor Sam Jones. The regiment participated in a 34th Division parade in Alexandria in honor of Army Day on 6 April.

The first selective service replacements arrived on 17 April 1941, a group of approximately six hundred fifty (650) from Fort Snelling, Minnesota. They were a sorry-looking sight, having been given no preparation to speak of and wearing ill-fitting uniforms of which some dated back to World War I checker blouse style. Another group of about five hundred (500) selective service trainees was received on 20 April 1941. The older men quickly absorbed the new recruits, and the regimental supply officer arranged to equip the men in uniforms of which they could be proud. The recruits were given the thirteen (13) weeks' basic training, after which they developed into good soldiers with at least the minimum knowledge necessary.

Some of the senior officers began to return to the regiment after completing the Battalion Commander and Staff Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. The opportunity for company commanders to take up the

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basic course was made available. The drain on officers at this time became so acute with those on detached service at schools, that most companies had only one officer, usually a Second Lieutenant. This, however, proved beneficial as the added responsibility gave them the background which later made them excellent company commanders.

On 6 August 1941, the regiment moved out to participate in the Corps maneuvers which later developed into the forerunner for the Third Army maneuvers. These maneuvers proved their worth in the conditioning of the men. It also gave opportunities to develop the badly neglected and sadly needed staff work. Such problems as messing while on the move, simulated ammunition supply, logistics, and traffic control had to be solved. The regiment responded to the test and gave a good account of itself. The maneuvers ended 30 September with many lessons learned and the desire to remedy all deficiencies.

Congress enacted a law permitting the release from active military service of those twenty-eight (28) years old and better. A number of the men falling into this class availed themselves of the opportunity to leave the service at this time, and the first ones left the regiment to return home in the latter part of October.

Upon declaration of war, 8 December 1941, the regiment was divided into three separate combat teams with a battery of the 125th Field Artillery attached, the mission of which was to protect the southern coastal frontier. The combat teams left Camp Claiborne beginning on 8 December; Regimental Headquarters and 2nd Battalion being charged with the defense of New Orleans in conjunction with the permanent installations already present. Lt. Col. Lester A. Hancock was in command of the regiment at this time as Col. Harold S. Nelson was on detached service at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Lt. Col. Albert A. Svoboda had been placed in command of the 2nd Battalion. The 1st Battalion with Maj. Axel Jensen in command was assigned the defense at Fort Barrancas, Florida, while the 3rd Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Barndt A. Anderson moved to Texas City, Texas for its part in defense of the southern coast along the Gulf of Mexico. While engaged in this defense mission, the order came for the removal of all officers from the regiment who came under the class affected by the "age in grade" ruling. A large number of officers were affected by this act, and among those to leave the regiment at that time were Lt. Col. Owen J. Trainer, Lt. Col. Barndt A. Anderson, Capt. Earl W. Miller, Capt. Aaron J. Thisted, Capt. Joseph W. Anderson, Capt. Hugh H. Soper, Capt. Henry C. Cresse, Capt. Robert H. Roach, Capt. William C. Bense

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(CC), and numerous junior officers. The regiment was relieved from its mission of coastal defense and returned to Camp Claiborne on 1 January 1942 preparatory to going to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Extension in Federal Service had been provided by Public Law 338, 77th Congress, approximately 13 December 1942. Upon return of the regiment to Camp Claiborne, eight (8) officers and three hundred seventy-eight (378) enlisted men were transferred from the 135th Infantry Regiment to the 133rd Infantry Regiment. These officers and men were taken from the 1st Battalion.

B. FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY.

On 8 January 1942, the regiment left Camp Claiborne via train and arrived at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on 11 January. Fort Dix had the wooden barracks for the housing of troops, and the men had to re-adjust themselves to the departure from the tent camp and become accustomed to living dormitory style. The spirit was high in anticipation of the coming overseas movement. Col. Harold S. Nelson was relieved of assignment and duty with the 34th Infantry Division and assigned to duty with Headquarters V Army Corps on 19 April 1942. Col. Charles M. Parkin was assigned and assumed command of the regiment.

On 26 April 1942, Master Sergeant Galen W. Swank (20707111), Regimental Sergeant Major of the 135th Infantry Regiment since 1927, was transferred to the Station Complement, Fort Dix, New Jersey, and given special commendation for his meritorious service in a regimental special ordered dated 26 April 1942. Sergeant Major Swank had served with the regiment continuously since 1916, having participated in the Mexican Border activities and also the World War, and as a mark of commendation and appreciation, the regiment was reviewed by Sergeant Major Swank on 27 April.

The regiment was alerted at 1600 hours, 28 April 1942, in accordance with the verbal orders of the Commanding General of the Rear Detachment, 34th Infantry Division, and regimental message center closed at 1232 hours, 29 April. The first echelon of the regiment passed the initial point at Fort Dix, at 1405 hours, 29 April, traveled to the New York Port of Embarkation via train, and arrived at the dock at 2010 hours that night. Troops finished boarding the Aquatania at 1230 hours, 30 April, and cleared New York harbor at 1630 hours the same day. After being joined by several other ships, the convoy headed to the northeast. We next sighted land at Nova Scotia where the ships anchored in the harbor on 2 May. Major Creighton (MC) and a patient with a ruptured appendix were sent ashore there. The convoy left Halifax and proceeded eastward with North Ireland as our destination. On 8 May three merchant ships, a cruiser, and a battleship left the harbor for the Atlantic Ocean.

Section IV: North Ireland.

C. NORTH IRELAND.

On 11 May, the convoy arrived in the harbor at Belfast, North Ireland, just out from Bangor, but did not unload. That evening the ship moved across the channel and into the Clyde River of Scotland, anchoring at Greenoch, Scotland. There we transferred on to three coastal steamers and were moved across the channel again under cover of darkness the night of 12 May, disembarking at Londonderry, North Ireland. The battalions were here given separate destinations, each battalion proceeding by train to its assigned area. Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Band, and 3rd Battalion went to camp Cromore on the estate of Mr. Montague where the troops were to have the new experience of being housed in Nissen huts. Antitank Company and Service Company were stationed in Portstewart, North Ireland, and 1st Battalion was stationed in Portrush. The 2nd Battalion was assigned to Ballycastle along the coast where some of the units were housed in a summer resort and others in billets. Both Portstewart and Portrush were also summer resort towns along the seacoast.

This section of North Ireland presented a training problem inasmuch as all the terrain was divided up into very small plots of fields surrounded by hedges and all under cultivation. It was also difficult becoming accustomed to the fact that it was still daylight at 2330 hours at night. During our short stay in this section of North Ireland, the regiment was asked to send two officers to the Rangers, a newly formed organization. 1st Lts. Alfred H. Nelson and James B. Lyle volunteered for this assignment. The need of extra terrain for training soon became apparent, and we left this pleasant section of North Ireland for new areas on 30 May 1942.

Regimental Headquarters was established this time in a castle known as Ecclesville House just on the outskirts of the town of Fintona, County Tyrone. Headquarters Company, Service Company, Medical Detachment, and band were housed in Nissen huts in Fintona and vicinity. The 1st and 3rd Battalions were located at Ashbrooke and Colebrooke respectively. These camps were located on the estate of Sir Basil Brooke near Brookborough. The 2nd Battalion was quartered in the city of Omagh, and Antitank Company at Clogher. A new change in the "age in grade" ruling called for the removal of several officers from combat troops, and it was necessary for Lt. Cols. Albert A. Svoboda and Jarrold A. Petraborg, Majors Axel Jensen and William H. Williams, Capt. Charles Snyder, and 1st Lt. William E. Musegades to leave the regiment. These changes occurred in the early part of June, 1942. Subsequently, Lt. Col. Myron P. Lund remained in command of 1st Battalion; Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson in command of 2nd Battalion, and Lt. Col. Robert P. Miller in command of 3rd Battalion.

Section IV: Narrative History - North Ireland, continued.

Our training at these stations took on the flavor of the battle school. There were obstacle courses to run, bayonet and hand to hand fighting, and also unarmed combat. Long hikes in Ireland's "soft days" were begun. We were then advised by higher headquarters that there was to be no such thing as a "rainy day schedule", and that training would go on regardless of weather. The status of training soon developed to where the troops went on the combat range, going through problems of fire and movement with overhead fire from Mortars and machine guns supporting them. Safety precautions in the state up to this time had not permitted the use of this type of training. On 2 July, the regiment as part of a larger force participated in what was called the maneuver "Atlantic." The British and Americans blended their efforts for the first time since World War I with the aim of getting better acquainted with each other's methods and also with the thought of ironing out certain little differences. The maneuver brought out many weaknesses, and it also taxed the endurance of the infantry, proving that still more conditioning was necessary.

Col. Charles M. Parkin was relieved of duty and assignment with the 34th Infantry Division and assigned to V. Army Corps (Reinf) as Provost Marshall on 22 July 1942, and Lt. Col. Lester A. Hancock was assigned and assumed command, being promoted to the rank of Colonel on 23 July.

The regiment took part in Exercise "Pelican". This was a problem in motorized patrols involving storming of various towns, reducing road blocks, and being harrassed by guerilla warfare and snipers. The part of the enemy was played by the Irish Home Guard. Many lessons were learned, especially the use of flank protection and an active aggressive vehicle on the point.

Feeling the need of further training and a division standard of procedure on lessons learned, the Division G-3 conducted divisional training. From 8 August to 13 September 1942, each battalion was moved to the Division training area where for three weeks, they were given a series of problems. Each one was so arranged to teach a different lesson in tactics and develop battalion staff control. During this course of training, one of the problems called for close overhead artillery support together with supporting fire of infantry weapons.

On 18 October 1942, Companies I,K,L, and a platoon from Company M were placed on detached service to Sunnylands Camp, Carrickfergus North Ireland, Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson in command, for eventual participation in invasion of North Africa, and embarked on their mission on 21 October from Belfast, North Ireland. The balance of the regiment continued with intensified training, small unit problems, long marches, and combat firing. The regiment received

Section IV: Narrative History - North Ireland, continued)

many junior officers who were given a short course of instruction to familiarize themselves with the division's standard of procedure and tactical doctrines.

Throughout the various stations, the Regimental Band was a consistent uplift to morale. Out of the band was formed the "Ambassadors of Swing", a fourteen-piece dance orchestra, which gained popularity in the whole of North Ireland. In recognition of their outstanding success, they were selected to officially open the new Red Cross building in Belfast, during which they played an Allied Forces program over the British Broadcasting Company and also a National Broadcasting Company program direct to the United States. Also a secondary dance band was formed, known as "The Reveilliers", to accomodate the many calls which "Ambassadors of Swing" could not oblige.

The 2nd Battalion, less Company F and with the addition of Company M, left Camp Blessingbourne in the vicinity of Fivemiletown with other divisional troops in an advance party known as Group II-A under command of Col. Charles M. Parkin, embarking at Liverpool, England, on 9 December 1942 en route to North Africa. The remainder of the regiment began to move from their stations in North Ireland on 11 December 1942, spent approximately ten days in England, and embarked at Liverpool, England, with other divisional troops on 23 December 1942 en route to join the 34th Infantry Division in North Africa.

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- Inclosure #1 Special Order #19, State of Minnesota, Department of Military and Naval Affairs, Adjutant General's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 22 January 1941.
- Inclosure #2 Special Order #7, Headquarters 135th Infantry, Armory, Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated 17 February 1941.
- Inclosure #3 Roster of Officers as of 10 February 1941.
- Inclosure #4 Overlay of Louisiana Maneuvers, August-September 1941.

135th Infantry Regiment

NAME	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	RESIDENCE
<u>Colonel</u>		
Harold S. Nelson	0100959	Owatonna, Minn.
<u>Lieutenant Colonels</u>		
Barndt A. Anderson	0126999	Mpls. Minn.
Lester A. Hancock	0253753	Appleton, Minn.
Jarrold A. Petraborg	0102227	Aitkin, Minn.
Owen J. Trainer	0335993	Mpls. Minn.
Myron P. Lund	0238357	Dawson, Minn.
Albert A. Svoboda	0103869	Jackson, Minn.
<u>Captains</u>		
Joseph A. Anderson	0166596	Mpls. Minn.
Chris J. Betker	0334580	Hutchinson, Minn.
Walter K. Borgendale	0346681	Dawson, Minn.
Henry A. Cresse	0263510	Mpls., Minn.
Garnet E. Hall	0238359	Forest Lake, Minn.
Axel (NMI) Jensen	0209653	Hutchinson, Minn.
William G. Kreger	0348066	Jackson, Minn.
Frank A. McCulloch	0279008	Excelsior, Minn.
Earl W. Miller	0283851	Ortonville, Minn.
Robert P. Miller	0256068	Appleton, Minn.
John A. Moore	0274699	Mpls. Minn.
Robert R. Roach	0166993	Austin, Minn.
Hugh H. Soper	0101566	Owatonna, Minn.
Aaron J. Thisted	0188168	Alden, Minn.
Edwin T. Swenson	0237257	Stillwater, Minn.
Gordon C. Welshons	0237421	Stillwater, Minn.
William H. Williams	0335927	Mpls., Minn.
<u>First Lieutenants</u>		
Wallace J. Austin	0257272	Montevideo, Minn.
Melvin N. Bacon	0336291	Dawson, Minn.
Henning G. Carlson	0242802	Stillwater, Minn.
Amos B. Churchill	0346811	Hutchinson, Minn.
Ansel B. Chyrklund	0291796	Mpls., Minn.
Gustave R. Dahlin	0277340	Bayport, Minn.
Charles A. Fanning	0358529	Mpls., Minn.
Albert L. Hoihjelle	0334666	Madison, Minn.

(Inclosure #3 - Roster of Officers, continued)

First Lieutenants, continued.

Arthur A. Kanstrup	0327511	Appleton, Minn.
Donald C. Landon	0317715	Albert Lea, Minn.
Clarence J. Lee	0289619	Owatonna, Minn.
Walter F. Musegades	0277166	Alpha, Minn.
Stuart R. Peterson	0270731	Mpls., Minn.
Joseph L. Petrick	0290075	Ortonville, Minn.
William C. Pribble	0328429	Austin, Minn.
Henry L. Slezak	0256573	Owatonna, Minn.
William F. Snellman	0299968	Minneapolis, Minn.
Charles H. Snyder	0361223	Minneapolis, Minn.

Second Lieutenants

Roland (NMI) Anderson	0366901	Madison, Minn.
Howard E. Beaham	0381024	Stillwater, Minn.
Byron B. Bradford	0350320	Austin, Minn.
Ambrose J. Briscoe	0391531	Appleton, Minn.
John W. Carlson	0388973	Stillwater, Minn.
LeRoy E. Dahlin	0325971	Bayport, Minn.
Ray J. Ericksen	0401913	Mpls., Minn.
James F. Garfield	0370002	Mpls., Minn.
Goodman G. Greller	0423209	Mpls., Minn.
Vincent F. Goodsell	0397136	Mpls., Minn.
Foster C. Hayden	0401387	Mpls., Minn.
Gerhardt P. Kaske	0359411	Bayport, Minn.
Joel M. Lewison	0291051	Owatonna, Minn.
Einer M. Lund	0397371	Stillwater, Minn.
Fred G. Mitchell	0388105	Mpls., Minn.
Maurice C. Murphy	0385118	Goodridge, Minn.
Alfred H. Nelson	0364508	Mpls., Minn.
Thomas J. Nolan	0371906	Mpls., Minn.
Ernest C. Petersen	0323157	Farmington, Minn.
Robert V. Shinn	0375412	Owatonna, Minn.
Emil (NMI) Skalicky	0375412	Owatonna, Minn.
Maurice W. Stacy	0383616	Minneapolis, Minn.
Goodrich M. Sullivan	0342431	Stillwater, Minn.
Paul H. Thaler	0371590	Mpls., Minn.
Frank C. Tuma	0396769	Mpls., Minn.
Keith O. Van Krevelen	0377973	Ortonville, Minn.
Robert F. Voegtli	0359626	Mpls., Minn.
Carl G. Bestler	0413526	Owatonna, Minn.
Francis E. Brooks	0394511	Armstrong, Iowa
Harold J. Diegmann	0372338	Mpls., Minn.
Frank F. Gable	0397138	Mpls., Minn.
Robert J. Hansen	0397141	Stillwater, Minn.
Cedel M. McAllister	0369824	Mpls., Minn.
Robert J. Moore	0412997	Mpls., Minn.

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Second Lieutenants, continued

George J. Pozzini	0377466	Stillwater, Minn.
Edward L. Sager	0402307	Mpls., Minn.
Edward H. Schroeder	0377323	Robbinsdale, Minn.
Joseph A. Slezak	0399382	Owatonna, Minn.
Jacob J. Springer	0277849	Owatonna, Minn.
Stephen R. Springer	0402379	Owatonna, Minn.
Eugene H. Truax	0375301	Northfield, Minn.
Harold J. Vacura	0418412	Jackson, Minn.
Kermit E. Vangene	0415058	Dawson, Minn.
Lawrence W. Walsh	0416449	Mpls. Minn.
Lew T. Zletnick	0415598	Mpls., Minn.
Arnold N. Brandt	0355027	Austin, Minn.
Robert S. Ferguson	0410119	Council Bluffs, Iowa
Albert G. Peterson	0375314	Northfield, Minn.
Harold G. Rainwater	0415896	Kalispell, Montana

MEDICAL CORPS

Major Einar C. Andreassen	0266556	Mpls., Minn
Captain John S. Hamlon	0361491	St. Charles, Minn.
Captain Wyman E. Jacobson	0404322	Mpls., Minn.
Captain Jacob F. Karn	0368964	Ortonville, Minn.
Captain Vilhelm M. Johnson	0319914	Dawson, Minn.
Captain Arthur G. Lindquist (DC)	0192162	Mpls., Minn.
1st Lieutenant Carl J. Gumbert (DC)	0373576	St. Paul, Minn.

CHAPLAINS CORPS

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SECTION II: ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT BY MONTH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
10 Feb. 1941	36	1	1489
1 Mar. 1941	98	1	1428
1 April 1941	100	1	1421
1 May 1941	100	1	2406
1 June 1941	98	1	2609
1 July 1941	97	1	2647
1 August 1941	98	1	2614
1 September 1941	99	1	2601
1 October 1941	102	1	2598
1 November 1941	112	1	2533
1 December 1941	112	1	2236
1 January 1942	85	1	1649
1 February 1942	93	1	1768
1 March 1942	116	1	2712
1 April 1942	116	1	2980
1 May 1942	118	1	2890
1 June 1942	120	1	2895
1 July 1942	115	1	2821
1 August 1942	108	6	2891
1 September 1942	98	6	2896
1 October 1942	93	6	3158
1 November 1942	124	6	3083
1 December 1942	166	6	3043
1 January 1943	160	6	2874
1 February 1943	143	6	2901
1 March 1943	138	6	2846
1 April 1943	139	6	2809
1 May 1943	141	5	2891
1 June 1943	141	4	3272

SECTION III: STATION LIST.

(10 February 1941 - 17 October 1942)

10 February 1941:

Regimental Headquarters	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Headquarters Company	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Service Company	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Antitank Company	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Medical Detachment	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Band	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Hq. Det. 1st Battalion	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Company "A"	Stillwater, Minnesota
Company "B"	Hutchinson, Minnesota
Company "C"	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Company "D"	Stillwater, Minnesota
Hq. Det. 2nd Battalion	Owatonna, Minnesota
Company "E"	Jackson, Minnesota
Company "F"	Owatonna, Minnesota
Company "G"	Albert Lea, Minnesota
Company "H"	Austin, Minnesota
Hq. Det. 3rd Battalion	Montevideo, Minnesota
Company "I"	Madison, Minnesota
Company "K"	Dawson, Minnesota
Company "L"	Ortonville, Minnesota
Company "M"	Appleton, Minnesota

27 February 1941:

135th Infantry Regiment	Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
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8 December 1941:

Regimental Headquarters, Special/Army Recreation Center, Units, 2nd Battalion	Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, Louisiana
1st Battalion	Fort Barrancas, Florida
3rd Battalion	Texas City, Texas

24 December 1941:

1st Battalion	Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
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1 January 1942:

Regimental Headquarters	Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
Special Units	Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
2nd Battalion	Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
3rd Battalion	Camp Claiborne, Louisiana

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8 January 1942:

135th Infantry Regiment

En route to Fort Dix, New Jersey,
from Camp Claiborne, Louisiana

11 January 1942:

135th Infantry Regiment

Fort Dix, New Jersey

29 April 1942:

135th Infantry Regiment

New York Port of Embarkation

30 April 1942:

135th Infantry Regiment

En Route to North Ireland from
New York Port of Embarkation

13 May 1942:

Regimental Headquarters

Camp Cromore (Vicinity of Port-
stewart)

Headquarters Co.

Camp Cromore (vicinity of Port-
stewart)

Service Co.

Portsteward, North Ireland

Antitank Co.

Portsteward, North Ireland

Medical Detachment

Portsteward, North Ireland

Band

Camp Cromore (vicinity of Port-
stewart)

1st Battalion

Portrush, North Ireland

2nd Battalion

Ballycastle, North Ireland

3rd Battalion

Camp Cromore (vicinity Portstewar

30 May 1942:

Regimental Headquarters

Ecclesville House (vicinity Finto

Headquarters Co.

Fintona, North Ireland

Service Co.

Ecclesville Estate (vicinity of
Fintona)

Antitank Co.

Clogher, North Ireland

Medical Detachment

Fintona, North Ireland

Band

Ecclesville Estate (vicinity of
Fintona)

1st Battalion

Ashbrooke (estate of Sir Basil

2nd Battalion

Brooke; vicinity of Brookborough,
Omagh, North Ireland

3rd Battalion

Colebrooke (estate of Sir Basil
Brooke; vicinity Brookborough)

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22 August 1942:

2nd Battalion Ely Lodge (Vicinity of Enniskillen)

23 September 1942:

2nd Battalion Camp Blessingbourne (vicinity of Fivemiletown, North Ireland)

(18 October 1942 - 10 May 1943)

18 October 1942:

Regimental Headquarters	Fintona, North Ireland
Headquarters Co.	Fintona, North Ireland
Service Co.	Fintona, North Ireland
Antitank Co.	Clogher, North Ireland
Medical Detachment	Fintona, North Ireland
Band	Fintona, North Ireland
1st Battalion	Ashbrooke, North Ireland
2nd Battalion	Fivemiletown, North Ireland
3rd Battalion (Companies I, K, 1, platoon of Company M)	Sunnylands Camp, Carrickfergus, North Ireland

21 October 1942:

Companies I, K, L, platoon of M	En route to North Africa from Belfast, North Ireland
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8 November 1942:

Companies I, K, L, platoon M	Algiers, North Africa
Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Battalion, Companies E, G, H, and M with attached communications and medical sections (Group II-A)	Camp Blessingbourne, North Ireland (vicinity of Fivemiletown)

8 December 1942:

Group II-A	Belfast, North Ireland
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9 December 1942:

Group II-A	En route to North Africa from Liverpool, England
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(Section III: Station List, continued)

11 December 1942:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters
Company, Service Co., Antitank Company,
Medical Detachment, Band, 1st Battalion,
Company F

Entrained at Fintona, North
Ireland en route to stations
in England

12 December 1942:

Regimental Headquarters,
Special Units, Company F
1st Battalion

Crewe Hall, England (vicinity
of Crewe)
Camp Maddeley, England, (vicinity
of Newcastle)

21 December 1942:

Group II-A

Disembarked at Oran, Algeria,
North Africa, bivouac establishe
2½ miles northeast of Assi-ben-o.

23 December 1942:

Regimental Headquarters, Special Units,
1st Battalion, Company "F"

En route to North Africa from
Liverpool, England

30 December 1942:

Group II-A

Relizane, Algeria, North Africa

3 January 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Special Units,
1st Battalion, Company F

Disembarked at Mers-el-Kebir,
Algeria, North Africa, bivouac
established 2½ miles northeast
of Assi-ben-Okba

5 January 1943:

Group II-A

Entrained at Relizane, Algeria,
North Africa, en route to
Tlemcen, Algeria, North Africa

7 January 1943:

(Section III: Station List, continued)

7 January 1943:

Group II-A 3 1/3 miles northeast of
Negrier, Algeria, North Africa

9 January 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Special Units,
1st Battalion, Company F Entrained at Ste. Barbe-du-Tlela
Algeria, North Africa, en route
to Tlemcen, Algeria, North Africa

10 January 1943:

Regimental Headquarters	Negrier, Algeria, North Africa
Headquarters Co.	800 yards south of Negrier
Service Co.	1050 yards north of Negrier
Antitank Co.	3 miles northeast of Negrier
Medical Detachment	800 yards south of Negrier
Band	3 1/3 miles northeast of Negrier
1st Battalion	2 miles north-northeast of Negrier
2nd Battalion	3 1/3 miles northeast of Negrier
3rd Battalion	3 1/3 miles northeast of Negrier

21 January 1943:

Company H Arsew Beach, Algeria, North Africa

2 February 1943:

135th Infantry (less Co. "H") Vicinity of Sidi-bel-abbes,
Algeria, North Africa

3 February 1943:

135th Infantry Vicinity of Orleansville,
Algeria, North Africa

4 February 1943:

135th Infantry Vicinity of L'Arba, Algeria,
North Africa

5 February 1943:

135th Infantry (less Service Co)	Vicinity of Bi-bou-Arreridj, Algeria; North Africa
Service Company	Vicinity of Bein-Masoura, Algeria, North Africa

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6 February 1943:

135th Infantry (less Service Co.) Vicinity of Guelma, Algeria,
North Africa
Service Company Vicinity of Am-M'lila, Algeria,
North Africa

7 February 1943:

135th Infantry (less Service Co) West of Le Kef, Tunisia,
North Africa
Service Company Vicinity of Souk Ahras, Algeria,
North Africa

8 February 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters
Company, Antitank Company, Edical
Detachment, Band, 1st Battalion 7 miles east of Maktar, Tunisia,
North Africa
Service Company, 2nd Battalion,
3rd Battalion West of LeKef, Tunisia,
North Africa.

9 February 1943:

135th Infantry (less Service Co) 7 miles east of Maktar,
Tunisia, North Africa
Service Company West of Le Kef, Tunisia,
North Africa

10 February 1943: (All map references: British GSGS 4225,1/50,000)

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters
Company, Medical Detachment, Band 722246 (2 miles northwest of
Pichon, Tunisia, North Africa)
1st Battalion 744227 (vicinity of Pichon, Tunisia)
Service Company, Antitank Company,
2nd Battalion, 3rd Battalion 723274 (7 miles east of Maktar,
Tunisia)

11 February 1943:

Antitank Company 731246 (vicinity of Pichon, Tunisia)
3rd Battalion 759207 (reservoir in vicinity
of Pichon, Tunisia)

(Section III, Station List, continued)

12 February 1943:

Regimental Headquarters	722246	(2 miles northwest of Pichon)
Headquarters Co.	722246	(2 miles northwest of Pichon)
Service Company	723274	(7 miles east of Maktar)
Antitank Co.	731246	(vicinity of Pichon)
Medical Detachment	722246	(2 miles northwest of Pichon)
Band	722246	(2 miles northwest of Pichon)
Headquarters 1st Battalion	744227	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company A	749235	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company B	763233	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company C	744236	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company D	751229	(vicinity of Pichon)
Headquarters 2nd Battalion	743299	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company E	744291	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company F	735278	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company G	756260	(vicinity of Pichon)
Company H	721274	(vicinity of Pichon)
Headquarters 3rd Battalion	759207	(reservoir, vicinity of Pichon)
Company I	784194	(reservoir, vicinity of Pichon)
Company K	757174	(reservoir, vicinity of Pichon)
Company L	744208	(reservoir, vicinity of Pichon)
Company M	758214	(reservoir, vicinity of Pichon)

17 February 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Service Company, Antitank Company, Medical Detachment, Band	275163	(7 miles southeast of Rhohia, Tunisia)
1st Battalion		Division Reserve
2nd Battalion	305206	(7 1/3 miles east of Rhohia, Tunisia)
3rd Battalion	286135	(6 miles northeast of Sbiba, Tunisia)

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20 February 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters
Company, Service Company, Antitank
Co., Medical Detachment, Band 275163 (7 miles southeast of
Rohia, Tunisia)
1st Battalion 265105 (3 1/3 miles northeast
of Sbiba, Tunisia)
2nd Battalion 305206 (7 1/3 miles east of
Rohia, Tunisia)
3rd Battalion 286135 (6 miles northeast of
Sbiba, Tunisia)

21 February 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters
Company, Medical Detachment, Band 219177 (1 2/3 miles southeast
of Sbiba, Tunisia)
1st Battalion 230180 (2 1/3 miles southeast
of Rohia, Tunisia)
2nd Battalion Division Reserve
3rd Battalion 237184 (3 miles southeast of
Rohia, Tunisia)

26 February 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters
Company, Medical Detachment, Band 269113 (4 2/3 miles northeast
of Sbiba, Tunisia)
1st Battalion 300076 (5 miles east of Sbiba,
Tunisia)
2nd Battalion 293158 (7 1/3 miles southwest
of Rohia, Tunisia)
3rd Battalion 292096 (5 miles east of Sbiba,
Tunisia)

2 March 1943:

2nd Battalion 294152 (7 2/3 miles southeast
of Rohia, Tunisia)

6 March 1943:

3rd Battalion 304096 (6 miles east of Sbiba,
Tunisia)

Section III: Station List, continued)

7 March 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters

Company; Medical Detachment, Band 273117 (5 1/3 miles northeast of Sbiba, Tunisia)

1st Battalion 304078 (5 2/3 miles east of Sbiba, Tunisia)

2nd Battalion 292144 (6 miles northeast of Sbiba, Tunisia)

3rd Battalion 307094 (6 miles east of Sbiba, Tunisia)

26 March 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters

Company, Service Co., Antitank Co.,

Medical Detachment, Band 680980 (2 miles northeast of Hadjeb el Aioun, Tunisia)

1st, 2nd, 3rd Battalions 5 miles southeast of Fondouk El Okbi, Tunisia

27 March 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters

Company, ~~Service Co., Antitank Co.,~~

Medical Detachment, Band 750085 (8 miles southwest of Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia)

1st Battalion Division Reserve

2nd Battalion 5 miles southeast of Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia

3rd Battalion 5 miles southeast of Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia

2 April 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters

Company, Antitank Company, Medical Detachment, Band 743085 (7 miles southwest of Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia)

1st Battalion 747085 (7 miles southwest of Fondouk el Okbi)

2nd Battalion Division Reserve

3rd Battalion 719107 (8 miles southwest of Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia)

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8 April 1943:

Regimental Forward Command Post 759151 (4 miles west of Fondouk
el Okbi, Tunisia)
1st, 2nd, 3rd Battalions 2 1/2 kilometers southwest of
Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia)

11 April 1943:

135th Infantry 804146 (1 2/3 miles southwest
of Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia)

12 April 1943:

135th Infantry 770083 (5 2/3 miles southwest
of Fondouk el Okbi, Tunisia)

15 April 1943:

135th Infantry 400423 (7 miles east of Maktar,
Tunisia)

25 April 1943:

135th Infantry 328510 (12 miles east of Beja,
Tunisia)

27 April 1943:

135th Infantry 389555 (17 miles northeast of
Beja, Tunisia)

Headquarters Co., Service Co.,
Antitank Co., Medical Detach-
ment, Band

328510 (12 miles northeast of
Beja, Tunisia)

1st, 2nd, 3rd Battalions 18 miles northeast of Beja,
Tunisia

30 April 1943:

Regimental Forward Command Post 424573 (20 miles northeast of
Beja, Tunisia)
1st, 2nd, 3rd Battalions 22 miles northeast of Beja,
Tunisia

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3 May 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Co., Antitank Co., Medical Det., Band	393568 (17 miles northeast of Beja, Tunisia)
Service Company	328510 (12 miles northeast of Beja, Tunisia)
1st, 2nd Battalions 3rd Battalion	18 miles northeast of Beja, Tunisia Special Mission

4 May 1943:

135th Infantry (less 3rd Bn.) 3rd Battalion	504594 (16 miles west of Tebourba, Tunisia) Special Mission
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6 May 1943:

Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Co., Antitank Co, Medical Detachment, Band	583574 (12 miles west of Tebourba, Tunisia)
Service Company	504594 (17 miles west of Tebourba, Tunisia)
1st, 2nd, 3rd Battalions	12 miles west of Tebourba, Tunisia

9 May 1943:

135th Infantry	743720 (11 miles southeast of Mateur, Tunisia)
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10 May 1943:

135th Infantry	603594 (11 miles west of Tebourba Tunisia)
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SECTION IV: NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE 135th INFANTRY REGIMENT.
(18 October 1942 - 18 May 1943)

A. LANDING AT ALGIERS.

On 18 October 1942, Companies I, K, L, an attached platoon from Co. M., and one officer and sixteen enlisted men from the Medical Detachment were placed on detached service at Sunnylands Camp, Carricfergus, North Ireland, with Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson in command. Capt. William F. Snellman, Capt. Vilhelm Johnson (MC), 1st Lt. Emory J. Trawick, 1st Lt. Robert O. Foster, and 2nd Lt. George George also accompanied these units in addition to their full complement of company officers. At this camp the battalion was equipped and organized for combat, predicated on the space available for transporting them to the scene of operations. Administrative personnel and equipment were not included to give maximum space for combat personnel, in view of the fact that only two destroyers were available for the operation. During the time spent at Sunnylands Camp, troops were trained in boarding the disembarking from destroyers, and one practice operation was planned and executed in the dock area of Belfast.

On 21 October 1942, three (3) officers and twenty-five (25) enlisted men embarked from Belfast, North Ireland, on the British destroyers, HMS Malcolm and HMS Broke; all heavy weapons personnel, with the exception of one officer. On the afternoon of 26 October, the balance of the force, twenty-one (21) officers and six hundred thirteen (613) enlisted men, boarded the British cruiser Sheffield and put to sea with a large troop convoy. During the voyage the plans of operation were worked out by Capt. Fancourt (Royal Navy), Lt. Comdr. Sears (Royal Navy), Lt. Col. Swenson, Capt. Snellman, the three company commanders, and the communications officer. This battalion was to operate with and under command of the British Navy and was known as the "Terminal Force". The mission of this force was to break the boom of Algiers, Algeria, North Africa; land, and secure the port and shipping against sabotage. This operation was to be executed simultaneously with the and in conjunction with the main American and British landing of the Eastern Assault Force just west of Algiers. Due to the fact that the ship was to put into Gibraltar for one day, it was impossible to risk disclosure of the destination and detailed plan of operation until after leaving. As soon as the ship put out to sea from Gibraltar, each officer and key non-commissioned officer was given a map and a copy of the approved plan, and coordination and the ironing out of details commenced. Everyone who was leading men was required to discuss in classroom manner in front of the assembled officers and non-commissioned officers his part in the operation, so that all became thoroughly familiar with the plan as well as alternate plans.

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On the afternoon of 7 November 1942 at approximately 1630 hours, the destroyer HMS Malcolm came alongside the Sheffield, and the force detailed to go on the destroyer HMS Broke transferred in like manner immediately afterwards. The transfer at sea was completed about 1730 hours. Lt. Col. Swenson and Capt. Fancourt accompanied the force on HMS Broke which was commanded by Comdr. Layard. Morale and discipline were excellent. The night was very dark, the sky slightly overcast, and visibility fair.

At 0220 hours, 8 November 1942, a message was received by Capt. Fancourt stating that the landings of the combat teams of the Eastern Assault force had been successful and that the force was to go in. Capt. McCulloch was instructed to get all men in readiness. The two destroyers steamed for approximately an hour toward the port. On nearing the port, gun flashes were seen along the coast but not from the port of Algiers batteries. Searchlights on the Ilet de Marine and at Battery des Arcades began to search the harbor to seaward. As the lights went off, it became more difficult to make out where the actual location of the boom was. The destroyers proceeded forward on what was thought to be the right course, and the Battery des Arcades opened fire on HMS Malcolm. On approaching the boom, it was realized that the ships were heading outside of the Jette de Mustapha, so they turned seaward for another try, HMS Malcolm following HMS Broke out. On the second try, the boom was missed again and the HMS Broke was under the fire of the Batteries of both des Arcades and Jette du Nord. Capt. Fancourt signaled the HMS Malcolm to go in if it could. HMS Malcolm also missed and on turning seaward received several hits from the shore batteries. Fire broke out amidships and the Malcolm sent a message that she was badly hit, could make only four knots, and was consequently withdrawing.

Capt. McCulloch was informed that the HMS Broke was going in alone, and he was instructed to relay instructions for plan "B" covering that eventuality. The Broke proceeded in for the third time and received seemingly greater fire from the shore batteries, but missed the entry again and turned back to sea. Surprise was now out of the question and it was becoming daylight. Therefore, it was decided to take Basin du Mustapha including the Grand Mole, and the destroyer went in for the fourth try, the shore batteries pounding away. Fire was returned from the ship. It seemed likely to miss again, but Comdr. Layard altered the course slightly and ordered increased speed. The ship cut through the boom with hardly a sensation of hitting it and proceeded toward the quay. The quay at which it had been planned to land was filled with ships, so HMS Broke berthed next to the Quay de Falaise on Mole Louis Billiard. Terrific machine gun fire was encountered from a small vessel in port, and Oerlikons aboard the Broke shot the vessel up considerably, silencing the fire. A number of the naval personnel aboard the Broke

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were wounded by machine gun fire which seemed to be of a caliber comparable to our .50 caliber. Some machine gun fire was received from the warehouses and ships in the harbor, and the naval personnel returned fire with the Oerlikons, which seemed to silence the enemy guns.

The troops aboard the HMS Broke were quite shaken by the bombardment, and seemed a little slow in getting under way to disembark; however, the platoon leaders got their men off and proceeded to their objectives, the landing being completed in broad daylight at approximately 1520 hours. Small arms fire was directed at the troops from various parts of the city, and it became apparent that there was considerable sniping. The automatic fire seemed to cover open places and streets, but very little fire seemed to be directed at the troops. The situation began to look favorable. At about 0800 hours, two policemen and two civilians came over to the American forces stating that they wished to have an emissary go into the city to make arrangements for taking over the city. While this was relayed by interpreter and a plan of carrying out such a plan discussed a British naval officer, one of the boarding party commanders, came back and stated that a French army officer had contacted him and told him that the landing forces were about to be surrounded and annihilated, and let it be understood that they were definitely against cooperation. Before there was time to weigh the merits of this information, artillery fire was received in the area from the direction of Jette du Nord. The third round went through the bow of HMS Broke, and the Commander backed the destroyer alongside the Guay de Dunkerque. Fire was covering the areas between the landed forces and the ship, so no communication were to be had with the Broke, the radio having been broken. Shortly after this, the Batterie des Arcades began ranging on the HMS Broke and after six rounds, delivered five direct hits. The Broke signaled by siren for recall, but the men in the area were not permitted to go to her. It was obvious that the ship would have to leave port immediately, or be sunk. The time was then 0930 hours, and it was felt that the combat teams of the Eastern Assault force, advancing from the west should be nearing the city, as the general plan had set forth, and that the positions could be held.

The force in the vicinity of the power station and sea plane base seemed to be continuing the fight, but there was no report from the platoons to the left in the direction of Brise Lames Est. The area south of the warehouse on Mole Louis Billiard where there were large piles of sand, wood, and baled straw, was organized for defense, and the outer perimeter was organized so that no one could get within hand grenade range. At about 1100 hours, six Allied planes came over and bombed Jette du Nord, destroying those batteries. Artillery could then come from only one direction and preparations were made accordingly. Shortly after this, armored vehicles were reported approaching, and men were placed in favorable positions to

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fire with antitank grenades. Three tanks commenced to circle the area, subjecting the troops to crossfire with 37mm and machine guns. Two more tanks were seen approaching, the first three took positions, and it was realized that the enemy was going to cover all openings with fire. One stack of straw was afire and a number of casualties had been suffered. It was then 1230 hours and there was still no firing from the areas around the city. It was evident that something had gone wrong with the advance of the combat teams and the Commando group, so rather than subject the group to annihilation, Lt. Col. Swenson surrendered the position.

The officers and men were lined up in the street and disarmed. A french officer allowed an aid man and several other men to go bring the casualties to safety before the fire got them. The Sengales troops tried to strip the men of their personal belongings, but upon objection, the French Lieutenant halted the practice and ordered all articles returned. Firing had ceased all over the port, so it was felt that the other groups had met the same fate or been wiped out. the enlisted men were marched to a barracks where they were held, and the officers were loaded into a truck. The officers from the platoons who had held the area around the power house also joined the group. All were taken to the Admiralty for questioning. They were asked for identification, but only the permissible information was given. During the time of imprisonment, the French treated the Americans well. Some of the French Officers kept the American officers abreast of the situation and seemed fully in accord with the operation while others showed they were definitely against the Allies. All of the American force was released on Tuesday afternoon, 10 November 1942. The British Navy had done a fine job of cooperation with the American forces, and the French naval officers stated that whoever commanded the destroyer which went through the boom had accomplished a feat that was magnificent in naval operations. Commander Layard had been remarkably cool. During the entire operation, the officers and men of the American Terminal Force conducted themselves in a very commendable manner, and there were many outstanding examples of courage and ability. The 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment, was appointed as a guard of honor for divisional formal affairs as a token of their outstanding services.

During the initial landing, the battalion sustained forty-eight (48) casualties: fifteen (15) killed and thirty-three (33) wounded.

B. GROUP II-A.

On 8 November 1942, the 2nd Battalion (less Company F and plus Company M) with attached communications and medical sections, was detached from the 135th Infantry Regiment by authority of Special Order #257, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division, dated 5 November 1942, to form part of a divisional advance party under the command

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of Col. Charles M. Parkin. This force was known as Group II-A and assembled at Camp Blessingbourne in the vicinity of Fivemiletown, North Ireland. Strength of the units detached from the regiment was as follows:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>E.M.</u>
Headquarters Detachment		
2nd Battalion	5	44
Company E	6	193
Company G	6	193
Company H	6	182
Company M	6	182
Attached Communications Sect.	1	17
Attached Medical Section	3	24

This advance party left Camp Blessingbourne commencing at approximately 0800 hours, 8 December 1942, traveling by motor to Fintona, North Ireland, and there entraining for Belfast. Troops began boarding ships at Belfast at 1830 hours and embarked at 2330 hours arriving at Liverpool at 1300 hours, 9 December 1942. Other ships were boarded at Liverpool, and the advance party was en route to North Africa. A couple of days of very rough weather were encountered, but the voyage was made without incident to the port of Oran, Algeria, North Africa.

Troops began landing at 0900 hours, 21 December 1942, and marched to an assembly area eighteen (18) miles from Oran. On 30 December 1942, a motor movement was made to Relizane, Algeria, where the force underwent training until 5 January 1943. Units entrained at Relizane for Tlemcen, Algeria, arriving there shortly after midnight, 7 January 1943. The components of the force from the 135th Infantry Regiment were then sent by truck to a bivouac area northwest of the village of Negrier, four (4) miles from Tlemcen, where the regiment was again assembled in its entirety on 11 January 1943.

C. MOVEMENT OF REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, SPECIAL UNITS, FIRST BATTALION AND COMPANY F.

The remainder of the regiment began to move from its stations in North Ireland on 11 December 1942, leaving by train from Fintona, North Ireland; embarking at Larne, North Ireland, on 12 December 1942, and disembarking at Stranraier, Scotland, from which we entrained for Crewe, England. Regimental Headquarters was established at Crewe Hall and one and one-half (1½) miles from the city of Crewe. On 25 December 1942, the regiment left its stations in England by train, Embarking from Liverpool on the British ship, HMS Orontes, on the same date. The convoy entered the Straits of Gibraltar on 1 January 1943, arriving at the port of debarkation, Mers-el-Kebir, Algeria, on the morning of 3 January 1943.

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The first bivouac in North Africa was established approximately two and one-half (2½) miles from the town of Assi-ben-Okba, Algeria, about fourteen miles from Oran. The unit was alerted for movement and proceeded by truck to Ste. Barbe-du-Tletat on 9 January 1943, from which they entrained for Tlemcen, Algeria. Movement was made by motor from Tlemcen and bivouacs were established in the vicinity of Negrier, Algeria. All detached units officially returned to regimental control on 11 January 1943. Training under regimental control was immediately initiated.

On 21 January 1943, Company H under the command of Capt. Einer M. Lund was placed on detached service at Arzew Beach for an expected duration of two to three months, as a demonstration unit at the Fifth Army Invasion Training Center.

D. PICHON.

The regiment was alerted for a motor movement on the last day of January. On 2 February 1943, the 135th Combat Team with the 109th Quartermaster Battalion attached started its move east for Tunisia, North Africa. Bivouac was set up that night on the outskirts of Sidi-bel-abbes. Company H joined the regimental convoy in the vicinity of Relizane on 3 February 1943, and the night was spent outside of Orleansville. On 4 February 1943, Col. C. M. Parkin and Lt. Col. Carley L. Marshall were relieved of assignment to this regiment, and Col. Robert W. Ward was assigned and assumed command. Bivouac on that night was in the vicinity of L'Arba. Successive bivouacs were established in the vicinities of Bi-bou-Arreridj, Guelma, and Le Kef. A night motor movement to an area beyond Maktar was postponed on 8 Feb. because the convoy could not have cleared into the new area during the hours of darkness, and there was danger of air raids in this proximity to the front lines. Movement again started the night of 8/9 February 1943, and at 0410 hours, bivouac was made ten miles east of Maktar, Tunisia. Regimental Headquarters and 1st Battalion were the first to leave this area on the night of 10 February to take up positions in the vicinity of Pichon, Tunisia.

The 135th Infantry Combat Team was attached to the 1st Infantry Division and ordered to relieve elements of the French Army in the Pichon Area to defend the sector against any enemy attack, preventing the egress of the enemy in the westerly direction. Relief was accomplished on successive nights, the 1st Battalion relieving the 3rd Bn., of the 1st RTA and the south half of the 2nd Battalion 9th RTA, on 10/11 February the 3rd Battalion relieving the 1st Battalion of the 1st RTA on 11/12 February; and the 2nd Battalion relieving the north half of the 2nd Battalion, 9th RTA, and the

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1st Battalion, 9th RTA on 12/13 February 1943. The 125th Field Artillery Battalion, relieved two batteries of French artillery on 13/14 February. All remaining French artillery and antitank protection; the British Royal Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, and Antitank units were to remain in the area until further orders. Upon relief of the last French unit on the night of 13/14 February, responsibility for the sector was assumed by Col. Ward. In this sector the left flank of the regiment was protected by French Irregulars and elements of the 1st Infantry Division; the right flank, however, was exposed to attack from the Fondouk Gap and Rhorab, both of which were in enemy hands. As of midnight, 14 February, the regiment reverted to the control of the 34th Infantry Division. The entire relief was conducted without mishap. Active patrolling was started by each battalion the first night after entering the lines.

The regiment suffered its first casualties in this sector. Private First Class John J. Dresser, Company B, was wounded while on patrol on 14 February. On 15 February, a five-man patrol from Company B failed to return. Early that evening during an air attack, Captain Charles A. Fanning and 2nd Lieutenant Charles B. Keys, both of Company C, were wounded, and Private First Class Erwin L. Nichols, Company C, and Technician Fifth Grade Herbert K. Schneider, Band, were killed by bomb fragments.

On 14 February 1943, the enemy began a heavy attack against the 168th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of Faid Pass and Sidi-bou-Zid. The attack started with Stuka dive bombing followed by tanks and infantry. The next day we were warned by the Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division, that the situation in the 168th Infantry sector did not look good and that we should be prepared for anything from an attack to a withdrawal. By the 16th of February, a successful breakthrough had been made by the enemy at Fair Pass, and fifty to sixty tanks were reported moving northwest from Sudagua (5961) at 1400 hours. At 2000 hours, 16 February, Col. Ward was called to Division headquarters and was given orders for withdrawal beginning at 1900 hours, 17 February.

Several times during the afternoon of the 17th, our observers reported seeing tanks in our sector. All these reports proved to be false, but at 1730 hours, the enemy launched a small but fierce infantry attack supported by mortar and artillery fire. This attack was beaten off, and the 135th Combat Team started to withdraw at 1900 hours as ordered. Three rifle platoons, one each from Companies B, G, and I, supported by their light machine gun and mortar sections and Battery B, 125th Field Artillery Battalion, covered the withdrawal under command of Major Garnet E. Hall. 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment, withdrew into Division Reserve in the vicinity of Sbiba by way of Maktar. 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 135th Infantry Regiment, withdrew to the vicinity of Er Rbeiba. By 0530

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hours, 18 February, the last of the units had closed into the vicinity of Er Rheiba. at 0600 hours, a message was received from the Commanding General 34th Infantry Division, that the 135th Infantry Regiment minus 1st Battalion was to withdraw immediately to the vicinity of Sbiba and take up defensive position in a division sector. Transportation was not available, and the regiment moved on foot a distance of approximately thirty (30) miles, closing into the new area at 2300 hours, 18 February.

General Ryder, who met the last units as they were coming in, was particularly concerned about casualties sustained during the attack at Pichon and subsequent withdrawal. We were able to report that for the entire operation only three men were missing in action. As the General left, he again warned us that regardless of how tired the men were, the defensive position must be taken up immediately, as the general situation was very grave.

E. SBIBA VALLEY.

During the night of 18/19 February, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions took up a defensive position on the high ground on the division left flank, the 1st Battalion being in Division Reserve. By noon of the 19th, tanks of the enemy had broken through at Sbeitla and were attacking a British Guards brigade on the division right flank. These tank and small infantry attacks were continued for the next four days. Most of the fighting was done in the valley, the brunt of the attacks being borne by the British Guards brigade and the 18th and 133rd Combat Teams. All attacks were repelled and easily broken up at long range by artillery fire before they reached the main line of resistance. In a few cases the enemy infiltrated through the lines but were rapidly taken care of. These attacks were not heavy, but were diversionary efforts to contain our forces in the Sbiba Valley so that reinforcements could not be sent to the Kasserine sector where an "all out" enemy attack had started on the morning of 20 February, broken through to pass at Kasserine, and was progressing successfully toward Tebessa and Thala. The situation at Thala became very serious, and on the night of 22/23 February we were again ordered to withdraw to the vicinity of Rohia to conform with the line in the Thala sector. During this withdrawal, the 1st Battalion reverted to regimental control, and the 2nd Battalion went into Division Reserve. Mine fields were laid and all positions were wired in. There were no further attacks made by the enemy in our sector, and the information from various sources indicated that the enemy was withdrawing in all sectors on this front on 24 February.

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On the 25th of February, 2nd Battalion of the 135th Infantry, plus other divisional troops was sent out on a reconnaissance in force. This force was known as the "Wulf Force". They were divided into three groups. The southern group under the command of Lt. Col. Clarence J. Lee went south through Sbiba and on to Sbeitla, Company E. was part of this force. Company F plus a platoon of the 34th Reconnaissance Troop, with Capt. Frank A. McCulloch in command went toward Kef el Ahmar Pass. Company G was part of the northern group which reconnoitered toward El Ala.

As a result of this reconnaissance, the division moved forward on the night of 26/27 February to the original line near Sbiba where a new defensive position was taken up, mine fields laid, and all positions wired in. The defenses in the vicinity of Rohia were also improved and made ready as a secondary position in the event the situation demanded it.

F. WARD FORCE.

Orders were received late in the afternoon of 4 March 1943 to proceed to the vicinity of Pichon by way of El Ala with the mission of conducting a show of force in that area to divert reinforcements from the northern sectors. The following units were placed under command of Col. Ward to conduct this operation: 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment; 125th Field Artillery with one platoon of 107th Coast Artillery (Anti-aircraft) attached; one company of the 751st Tank Battalion; one platoon of the 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion; and the 34th Reconnaissance Troop with four pioneer and demolition squads of the 109th Engineers attached.

All units plus the 751st Tank Company were ordered to proceed to an assembly area in the vicinity of Er Rheiba, and closed into this area at 0400 hours, 5 March. At 0430 hours, orders were issued for the continuation of the advance at dawn. At 1150 hours contact was gained by patrols operating in the cactus west of El Ala. These patrols were driven off by rifle fire, allowing us to continue our advance unmolested. Companies I and K, each accompanied by a section of the 34th Reconnaissance Troop, advanced east from El Ala astride the secondary east-west El Ala - Pichon road, and at 1530 hours had advanced to the designated positions, coming under heavy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire. At approximately 1400 hours, the 125th Field Artillery had moved into position at 6519 and came under heavy direct fire from hostile tanks at 1430 hours from the direction of 6522. Counter battery fire drove the tanks out.

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Information was received at about 1600 hours from the Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division, that enemy tanks and motorized infantry were detrucking at 0-5831. This threat was against the left rear of the force. At the same time enemy tanks were reported advancing north from Hadjeb el Aioun toward our right rear.

At 1700 hours, the orders were received to retire to the high ground about five (5) miles west on El Ala. After conferring with the Assistant Division Commander, this decision was changed to a complete retirement to our original lines. Company I had just started an assault on the enemy positions, which were well dug in and camouflaged when the order for retirement was received. Two sergeants and a corporal are missing in action from this assault. During this assault the enemy was discovered wearing U.S. field jackets and other clothing.

The order for withdrawal directed the tank company and the 813th Tank Destroyer platoon to take up a position in the vicinity of 6118 to meet any enemy threats. The reconnaissance troop was disposed along the river five (5) kilometers west and two (2) kilometers north of El Ala, and four platoons of the 135th Infantry Regiment remained in position to cover the withdrawal. Battery B of the 125th Field Artillery kept up a harrassing fire to cover the infantry withdrawal. The withdrawal was greatly hampered by rain and inky blackness plus "ice-slick" mud roads. The command group made a wrong turn in the darkness, and in order for them to get back on the route of withdrawal it was necessary to pass through the enemy lines in the vicinity of El Ala. They passed through the lines at 0400 hours, 6 March, and drew no fire although a missing officer who returned two days later reported strong German and Italian units north, south, and west of El Ala at 0300 hours. All units closed into the Er Rbeiba assembly area by dawn and proceeded west to the original positions without incident.

G. FONDOUK EL OKBI (26 March - 2 April 1943)

On 25 March 1943, orders were received from 34th Infantry Division to move this unit as a regimental combat team to an assembly area in the vicinity of Hadjeb el Aioun. The head of the 135th Combat Team column passed the initial point at Hill 620 at 2030 hours on 26 March, and moved by way of Kef El Ahmar Pass, closing into the assembly area at 0300 hours, 27 March.

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At 0600 hours, the regiment advanced, as directed by division in conjunction with the 168th Infantry Regiment along the axis Hadjeb el Aioua-Fondouk el Okbi. This axis was the boundary between regiments with the 135th Combat Team on the left (north). 3rd Battalion was in assault with the 2nd Battalion echeloned in depth to the left and rear; and 1st Battalion in Division Reserve in the vicinity of the assembly area. Following the "jump-off", the movement progressed rapidly, and at 1001 hours, the 3rd Battalion reached the first objective and was directed to await orders along that line. At 1035 hours the 3rd Battalion continued on division order for the second objective. Some artillery fire was received by the 2nd Battalion coming from the direction of Djebel Trozza. At 1050 hours, Lt. Col. Swenson commanding the 3rd Battalion reported no enemy contact, but that the 168th Combat Team on the right was receiving mortar fire. From 1123 hours to 1316 hours, the 168th Combat Team was held up by Artillery and mortar fire, as a result of which the 3rd Battalion advanced considerably ahead of them. The 3rd Battalion was then ordered to hold up until the 168th Combat Team arrived abreast of them. At approximately 1130 hours, the left flank of the 2nd Battalion was attacked by a small force of Germans in scout cars and two tanks moving up from the rear. The third and fourth platoons of Company F held this attack until artillery fire broke it up. At 1347 hours, the commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion reported that one or two artillery pieces are enfilading his lines, and from then on, enemy fire became general resulting in a checking of our forward movement. By dusk the 3rd Battalion had crossed the Hadjeb el Aioua-Fondouk road and reached the top of the next ridge where their advance was stopped by hostile fire. The regimental commander issued orders for a night attack by the 2nd and 3rd Battalions to secure the regimental objective. 3rd Battalion plus two companies of 2nd Battalion "jumped off" on the night attack and pushed well forward and into the enemy's main line of resistance. Enemy fire was intense and heavy casualties were sustained. Units intermingled and control and contact with the 168th Infantry were lost so that further penetration of the lines could not be forced that night. The battalions were therefore ordered to withdraw and a morning attack was planned with 2nd Battalion in assault and 3rd Battalion in reserve.

On 0700 hours, 28 March, the 2nd Battalion attacked the second objective on division order following a ten-minute artillery concentration of the entire division artillery. The attack again progressed until leading elements reached the foot of the final objective, at which point they again came under intense enfiladed and frontal fire from automatic weapons, mortars, and artillery. No further progress could be made and the battalion dug in. Despite

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intense fire repeated efforts were made by infiltration to push forward, but with no success. On the 29th of March, the 168th Infantry Regiment attacked following a heavy artillery barrage. Our 2nd Battalion again attempted to penetrate enemy defenses during this diversion, but were again pinned down.

On the morning of the 30th, the 2nd Battalion received orders to hold its positions and dig in. At nightfall, the 3rd Battalion was ordered to relieve the 2nd Battalion, which relief was completed at 0100 hours, 31 March. The 3rd Battalion continued to hold its positions until the night of 1/2 April, and on division order the combat team retired two miles to the west and took up a defensive position.

H. FONDOUK EL OKBI (7 April - 11 April 1943).

The second attack against Fondouk el Okbi was planned, and at 2030 hours, 7 April, the 135th Combat Team moved from its defensive position two miles west of Fondouk to a new assembly area in the vicinity of 759151, west of the Fondouk Gap. At 0500 hours the regiment attacked in conjunction with the 133rd Infantry Regiment, with the mission of securing the high ground just south of Fondouk Gap. The regiment attacked in column of battalions with the 3rd Bn. in assault and the 1st Battalion in reserve. 3rd Battalion signaled at 0630 hours for the prearranged artillery barrage. A number of artillery shells fell short, causing several casualties in Company E. but the attack pressed on. At 0730 hours, the leading troops were not to be within two thousand (2,000) yards of the objective. This bombing mission was postponed until 0900 hours, and in support of the air bombing, an artillery barrage was scheduled to start at 0930 hours. The air support never materialized but the advance continued behind the artillery barrage at 0930 hours. Progress was very slow, and by 1140 hours, all forward movement had ceased. An assault of the objective was ordered at 1545 hours while the artillery kept up a harrassing fire of enemy positions. This assault failed due to intense enemy artillery fire from Rhorab, which was in our left rear. At 1745 hours tanks from the 751st Tank Battalion were committed to support another assault. Companies K and L led this assault with the tanks, but they could not hold their gains due to the same enfilading fire. At 1900 hours, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions were ordered to launch a night attack with the view of taking the objective, clearing down the other side the next day. This attack was not successful.

On the following morning (8 April), the 1st Battalion passed through the 3rd Battalion, and the latter went into regimental reserve. At 1015 hours with the support of the tanks from the 751st Tank Battalion, another assault on the objective was made. The tanks reached the objective but the infantry was unable to take it; consequently, the tanks stayed only fifteen (15) minutes and were forced to withdraw. No further progress was made that day. At 1547

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hours the 1st Battalion was dive-bombed and suffered a number of casualties. The British 6th Armored Division, which had moved into an assembly area that day was able to push their reconnaissance units through the gap at Fondouk, and at 1600 hours reported a tank battle going on in the vicinity of 8814.

The 1st and 2nd Battalions launched another attack at 0500 hours 10 April, and at 0622 hours, had reached the first objective where they stopped and reorganized, pushing on to the second objective. This was reached at 0731 hours, and they were ordered to reorganize and prepare defensive positions. The 168th Infantry Regiment relieved the 135th Infantry Regiment in this defensive position at noon. The 1st and 2nd Battalions moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Pichon; the 3rd Battalions took up a defensive position on Rhorab. On 11 April, the regiment moved to a division assembly area in the vicinity of Hill 284, from which we moved on 15 April to a concentration area seven (7) miles east of Maktar. Until 25 April, intensive training was done with particular emphasis on night attacks. Movement was then made to an assembly area twelve miles east of Beja.

I. HILL 609 AND VICINITY.

On the morning of the 26th of April, orders were received for the 135th Infantry Regiment to relieve the 2nd Battalion of the 168th Infantry Regiment of its outpost position west of Hill 609, beginning at 1900 hours that night, and to be prepared to make local diversionary attacks the following morning to support the main attack of the division which was being made by the 168th Infantry Regiment on the division left flank. Company and battalion commanders were out making reconnaissance of the 2nd Battalion 168th Infantry positions. While on this reconnaissance, orders were received to effect the relief immediately by shuttle movement to give the 2nd Battalion of the 168th Infantry Regiment more time to organize for the attack. The relief was started at 1300 hours and completed at 2000 hours. 3rd Battalion moved to the vicinity of Hill 344; 1st Battalion to the Vicinity of Hill 533; and the 2nd Battalion went into regimental reserve on Hill 575.

The general plan was for the 1st and 3rd Battalions to send one company each forward immediately to secure the general line railway Station SI Nsir, Hill 374, and Hill 434 by 0200 hours, 27 April. This line was to be used as a line of departure for an attack by the balance of the 1st and 3rd Battalions at 0415 hours the next morning with hill 490 as the 3rd Battalion objective and Hill 529 as the 1st Battalion objective. Company I reached Hill 374 at 0230 hours; Company A reached Hill 484 at 0300 hours. Due to the mountainous and extremely rugged terrain, the battalions did not reach the line of departure until 0530 hours, 27 April, and did not "jump off" until 0600 hours. The attack was made in daylight.

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and progressed very slowly. By 0335 hours, leading elements of Company A had reached Hill 501 and were pushing patrols on toward Hill 529. At 1050 hours the advance units of the 1st Battalion had reached the reverse slopes of Hill 529 and were meeting very strong resistance.

Beginning at 0850 hours, the 3rd Battalion had fought its way across the road by 1005 hours, and had reached the base of Hill 490 where they were held up by heavy automatic fire, air burst artillery, booby traps and anti-personnel mines which covered the reverse slope of Hill 490. At 1115 hours, the 2nd Battalion was ordered to move by means of trails and wadis to the vicinity of Hill 484 and be prepared for a counter attack from Hills 490, 609, and 529. No further progress was made that day.

On 28 April, the 135th Infantry Regiment was given the mission of supporting the attack of the 1st Infantry Division, which was on our right, by attacking Hill 609 from the direction of Kef el Guebli (Hill 529) and Hill 490. The attack was to start at 0500 hours, 28 April, and the main effort was to be made on the west slope of Hill 461 attacking Hill 609 from the northwest. To accomplish this, the 3rd Battalion was ordered to make a night attack to secure the initial objective (Hill 490) which they had not reached during the day. These hills were to serve as a line of departure for the 2nd Battalion who was to pass through them at 0600 hours, 28 April, and make the main effort toward Hill 609. The night attack by 3rd Battalion was unsuccessful. When the 2nd Battalion approached the line of departure at 0500 hours, they came under very heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Fierce fighting ensued and heavy casualties were sustained by both sides. The enemy launched a strong counterattack at 0950 hours which was beaten off, and the 2nd Battalion spent the rest of the day knocking out enemy machine gun nests and mopping up. By 1500 hours we had complete control of both Hills 435 and 490. Two more enemy counterattacks, one at 1605 hours and another at 1930 hours, were repulsed. The 2nd Battalion artillery liaison officer from the 125th Field Artillery was killed in the morning's fight, and the battalion fought all day without normal artillery support.

The 1st Battalion had been ordered to demonstrate toward Hill 609 and then push on to Hill 529 and Hill 531. Progress was slow and by nightfall, they held Hill 529. At dusk, the 3rd Battalion of the 135th Infantry Regiment of the defense and responsibility for Hills 435 and 490. 3rd Battalion of the 135th Infantry was ordered to reorganize and clear the enemy from Hills 367 and 434, and from the southwest slopes of Hill 609. 2nd Battalion of the 135th Infantry was to continue with yesterday's mission of attacking Hill 481, then south east of Hill 609. 1st Battalion was to clear the enemy from Hill 531 and from the east and northeast slopes of Hill 609. All operations were to begin at 0200 hours, 29 April.

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At 0845 hours, the 3rd Battalion called for a rolling artillery barrage to begin at 1030 hours to support an assault on the southwest slopes of Hill 609. This support was given and the troops followed close in behind the barrage and reached the escarpment on Hill 609. When the barrage lifted, they were heavily counterattacked and driven back four hundred (400) yards. By 1600 hours, they were able to regain their lost ground, and at nightfall, were at the base of the escarpment on Hill 609.

The 2nd Battalion met very strong resistance and was harrassed by enfilading fire from Hill 435 where some enemy troops had infiltrated during the night. Progress was very slow, and at nightfall their objective had not been reached.

The 1st Battalion was unable to make any progress. An enemy counterattack during the night had wiped out a battalion of the 1st Infantry Division on Hill 523, leaving the right flank of the 1st Bn. exposed and harrassed by attacks all day. A very heavy enemy counter attack was partly broken up by artillery fire directed by Lt. Col. Miller from his observation post and finally repelled by fierce hand to hand fighting by the 1st Battalion.

The 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry Regiment and Company I of the 1st Armored Regiment were attached to the 135th Infantry Regiment and ordered to attack the north and northwest slopes of Hill 609 to clear it of enemy. They attacked at 0500 hours, 30 April, and at 0900 hours, had reached their objective. By 1100 hours, they had established contact with the 2nd Battalion of the 135th Infantry on their left. Which had pushed forward at the same time and had taken Hills 389 and 461. With 2nd Battalion of the 135th Infantry on Hills 389 and 461, and the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry and the north and northwest slopes of Hill 609, the two battalions coordinated the defense of this sector on Hill 461 to repel any enemy counter-attack.

The attack by the 1st Battalion of the 135th Infantry which started at 0230 hours with Hill 531 as its objective, failed and repeated enemy counterattacks were beaten off. Another attack was planned for 1530 hours with the mission of seizing and holding Hill 531, the Roman ruins, and Hill 455. Just as the attack was to start, the enemy began a counterattack with a force estimated to be about a regiment. Lt. Col. Miller ordered his troops to go forward and they again directed division artillery against the enemy attack, successfully breaking it up. The attack by the 1st Battalion made very slow progress, and only two platoons of Company A were able to advance to the top of the northwest tip of Hill 531.

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The 3rd Battalion sent an officered patrol around the west slope of Hill 609, and at 1540 hours, had established an observation post on the top of Hill 609.

During the afternoon of 30 April, 2nd Battalion of the 168th Infantry Regiment had moved forward to an assembly area just south of Hill 609 and was attached to the 135th Infantry Regiment. This battalion was ordered to move forward over the ridge between Hill 609 and Hill 531, clearing the ridge of enemy and clearing the north and northeast slopes of Hill 609 of snipers, then taking up a defensive position on the north and northeast side of Hill 609. Then they were to make contact with the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry Regiment on their left and the 1st Battalion of the 135th Infantry Regiment on their right. This movement was to start at 2300 hours.

As the Battalion was moving into position, they ran into about twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) Germans trying to infiltrate up the slopes of Hill 609 and in behind the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry. These Germans were driven off, and just at dawn of 1 May, approximately fifty (50) to one hundred (100) Germans were observed advancing up the hill toward Company F, 168th Infantry, from the direction of Hill 455. Company F let them advance to within one hundred (100) yards and then opened fire, driving them off. A prisoner of war later said that they suffered fifty percent (50%) casualties in this attack.

1st Battalion of the 135th Infantry Regiment continued to attack and mop up on Hill 531, the Roman Ruins, and Hill 455 during the night. By 1500 hours, they had complete control of their entire sector. The seizure of these positions placed all of Hill 609 and neighboring strong points completely in the hands of the 34th Infantry Division. Over seventy (70) enemy machine gun positions were later counted on Hill 531 alone.

At 1518 hours, another German counterattack was seen forming by observers on Hill 609. Artillery of both the 1st and 34th Infantry Divisions opened fire on them, breaking up the attack. The enemy withdrew. On the 2nd day of May, the 168th Infantry Regiment relieved the 135th Infantry Regiment of the responsibility for the defenses on Hill 609. The 135th Infantry Regiment took over a defensive position which had been held by two battalions of the 168th Infantry Regiment, and then went into Division Reserve.

On 3 May 1943, 3rd Battalion of the 135th Infantry was detached under control of II Corps and moved to the vicinity of Djebel Lanseri and there took up a defensive position protecting the Corps right flank. On 4 May, the 135th Infantry minus 3rd Battalion was moved to an assembly area about ten (10) miles east of Sidi Masour, and

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on 5 May the regiment minus 3rd Battalion again moved east to another assembly area in the vicinity of Hill 202. 3rd Battalion returned to regimental control on 6 May.

On 8 May, the regiment was alerted to move northeast of Chouigui to mop up remaining enemy resistance, movement by shuttle to begin at 0800 hours, 9 May. 2nd Battalion was the leading battalion and moved into a hasty defensive position on Hills 325 and 350, sending strong patrols forward which made no contact. At 1340 hours, we received the information that General Flauser had unconditionally surrendered all enemy troops north of the Medjerda River and south of Bizerte at 1100 hours, 9 May. The regiment was ordered to continue their operation and pick up any enemy in the vicinity, but none was encountered. On 11 May, the regiment moved into division bivouac area five (5) miles west of Chouigui.

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Map Reference: British GSGS 4225; 1/50,000: Tunisia.

Inclosure #1: Unit Journal, 2 February to 4 June 1943.

Inclosure #2: Messages, Field Orders, Overlays in file for months of February, March, April, May 1943.

Inclosure #3: Set of Sketches covering Hill 609 and vicinity.

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SECTION V: COMMANDING OFFICER IN ENGAGEMENTS.

A. LANDING AT ALGIERS, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA

8 November 1942:

Commanding American Terminal Force: Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson
Commanding Company I: Captain LeRoy E. Dahlin
Commanding Company K: Captain Paul H. Thaler
Commanding Company L: Captain Frank A. McCulloch
Commanding Medical Detachment: Captain Vilhelm M. Johnson

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

B. PICHON, TUNISIA, NORTH AFRICA.

12 February 1943:

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

Section V: Commanding Officers in Engagements, continued)

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

26 February 1943:

1. 1st Lt. Maurice C. Murphy relieved of command of Headquarters Co; Capt. LeRoy E. Dahlin assigned command.

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

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

28 February 1943:

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

12 March 1943:

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

18 March 1943:

6. Capt. Robert P. Voegtli relieved of command of Company F; 1st Lt. Gordon F. Boff assigned command.

23 March 1943:

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

29 March 1943:

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

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

30 March 1943:

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

2 April 1943:

11. Capt. Ray J. Ericksen assigned as S-3 of 2nd Bn.

(Section V: Commanding Officers in Engagemen), continued)

2 April 1943: continued

11. Major Charles B. Everest assigned to regiment and to duty as Regimental Executive Officer.

3 April 1943:

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

4 April 1943:

13. Captain Robert V. Shinn relieved of assignment as Regimental S-3 and assigned as Executive Officer of 1st Battalion.

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

8 April 1943:

15. 1st Lt. Goodman G. Greller killed in action; 1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews assigned command of Company I.

13 April 1943:

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

22 April 1943:

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

26 April 1943:

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

27 April 1943:

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

28 April 1943:

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

INCLOSURE #2 TO SECTION V.

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

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer	Colonel Robert W. Ward 017637
Executive Officer	Lt. Col. Albert A. Svoboda 0103869
S-1	Captain Ray J. Ericksen 0401913
Asst. S-1	Mr. Lawrence F. Sanneman W2109786
S-2	Captain John W. Carlson 0388973
Asst. S-2	2nd Lt. Donald E. Woodring 01290515
S-3	Major Arthur A. Kanstrup 0327511
Liaison Officer	1st Lt. Harold J. Vacura 0418412
Liaison Officer	1st Lt. Warren L. Authement 0435564
Regimental Surgeon	Major Kacob F. Karn 0368964
1st Bn. Chaplain	Captain Neil S. Cashman 0415029
2nd Bn Chaplain	1st Lt. Leland . Larson 0426590
3rd Bn Chaplain	1st Lt. Hoke S. Bell 0422401

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Maurice C. Murphy 0388105
Ex. Off & Regtl Gas Off	1st Lt. Albert G. Peterson 0375314
Regtl Comm. Officer	1st Lt. Paul F. Lawson 024529
1st Bn Comm. Officer	2nd Lt. Nils H. Anderson 01294104
2nd Bn Comm. Officer	2nd Lt. Winfred Dunham 01291088
3rd Bn Comm. Officer	2nd Lt. Paul E. Feiber 01286265
Asst. Regtl Comm. Officer	2nd Lt. Elmer P. Finderup 01290404
Asst. Regtl Comm. Officer	Mr. James E. McAllister W2109819

SERVICE COMPANY

Commanding Supply Service (S-4)	Captain Roland Anderson 0366901
Company Commander	Captain Thomas J. Nolan 0364508
Munitions Officer	Captain Albert L. Hoihjelle 0334666
Asst. Munitions Officer	Mr. Henry A. Halverson W2109816
Personnel Officer	1st Lt. Allen P. Crowley 0354712
Special Services Officer	1st Lt. Goodman G. Greller 0423209
Regtl Transp. Officer	1st Lt. Robert J. Moore 0412997
Maintenance Officer	1st Lt. Foster C. Hayden 0401387
1st Bn S-4	2nd Lt. Anthony F. VonRuden 01290506
2nd Bn S-4	1st Lt. Harold G. Rainwater 0415096
3rd Bn S-4	1st Lt. Leo G. Voss 0451700
Asst. Regtl S-4	2nd Lt. Raymond J. Drury 0461984
Asst. Regtl S-4	Mr. Ralph N. LaBarge W 2109798
Asst. Maintenance Officer	2nd Lt. Stanley W. Brackett 01294261
Asst. Maintenance Officer	Mr. Marshall L. Runnells W2109810

INCLOSURE #2 TO SECTION V., Contd.

ANTITANK COMPANY

Commanding Officer	Captain James F. Garfield 0370002
2nd in command & T.O.	1st Lt. Robert J. Hanson 0397141
Reconnaissance Officer	2nd Lt. Robert B. Livengood 01294329
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Joseph C. Pope 0382656
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Jack K. White 0336830
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Jay F. Hollyfield 01290422
Anti-Tank Mine Plat. Ldr.	2nd Lt. Elmer V. Omholt 01294351

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DET., FIRST BATTALION

Commanding Officer	1st Col. Robert P. Miller 256068
Executive Officer	Major Garnet E. Hall 0238359
S-1 and Company Commander	1st Lt. Maurice W. Stacy 0383616
S-2	1st Lt. William E. Smith 0418790
S-3	Captain Raymond W. Sellers 019217
Transportation Officer	2nd Lt. George D. Catlin 0492773
Ammo. and Pion. Sect. Ldr.	2nd Lt. Seymour Hittleman 01294308
Special Services Officer	2nd Lt. William O. Sporbert 01292414

COMPANY "A"

Commanding Officer	Captain Donald C. Landon 0317715
2nd in command	1st Lt. John T. Lyons 0407368
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Reginald W. Henley 0492765
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Harold T. Regan 01290477
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. David M. Beaty 02040682
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. George G. Meyers 01292369

COMPANY "B"

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Matthew Tucker 0387934
2nd in command	1st Lt. Kimble E. Midkiff 0452696
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Joseph A. Slezak 0399382
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Jay B. Gould 01291105
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Rufus E. O'Farrell 0492789

COMPANY "C"

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

INCLOSURE #2 TO SECTION V., Contd.

COMPANY "D"

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Arnold N. Brandt 0355027
2nd in command	1st Lt. Leslie W. Bailey 024045
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Donald J. Dodge 01291087
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Harry J. Potakis 01291098
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Lawrence A. Boivin 01292824

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DET. SECOND BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lt. Col. Clarence J. Lee 0289619
Executive Officer	Capt. Frank A. McCulloch 0279008
S-1 and Company Commander	1st Lt. Joel M. Lewison 0291051
S-2	2nd Lt. Horace R. Haight 0343348
S-3	Captain Emil Skalicky 0375412
Transportation Officer	1st Lt. Carl G. Bestler 0413526
Ammo. and Pion. Sect. Ldr.	2nd Lt. Charles H. Smith 01290491
Special Services Officer	2nd Lt. Louis H. Hauser 01290418

COMPANY "E"

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Eugene H. Truax 0375301
2nd in command	1st Lt. Andrew M. Ondecker 0406796
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Hill P. Cooper 0407297
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Thomas A. Alexander 01290358
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Bernard Machimowsky 01292384
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Joe H. Kimble 01290435

COMPANY "F"

Commanding Officer	Captain Robert P. Voegtli 0359026
2nd in command	1st Lt. Gordon F. Boff 0452111
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Alden S. Lance 01290440
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. James A. Lucas 01291142
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Michael W. Reilly 01291166

COMPANY "G"

Commanding Officer	Captain Vincent F. Goodsell 0397136
2nd in command	1st Lt. Nicholls W. Bowden 0413708
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. George E. Combs 01290379
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Bernard D. Bell 01290366
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Anthony M. Sojka 01292417

INCLOSURE #1 TO SECTION V.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS IN AMERICAN TERMINAL FORCE

Commanding Officer	Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson, 0237257
Executive Officer	Captain William F. Snellman, 0229963
Surgeon	Captain Vilhelm M. Johnson, 0419941
Communications Officer	1st Lt. Emory J. Trawick, 0452091

COMPANY "I"

Commanding Officer	Captain LeRoy E. Dahlin, 0325971
2nd in command	1st Lt. William L. Muir 0386785
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews 0347921
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Hill P. Cooper 0407297
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Kimble E. Midkiff, 0452696
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Arnold F. Bradshaw

COMPANY "K"

Commanding Officer	Captain Paul H. Thaler 0371590
2nd in command	1st Lt. Thomas E. Chegin 0402781
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Leo G. Voss 0451700
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Leslie W. Bailey 24045
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. John P. Flynn 01292861
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Luther L. Doty 0292844

COMPANY "L"

Commanding Officer	Captain Frank A. McCulloch 0279008
2nd in command	1st Lt. Louis M. Smith 0385222
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Frank F. Gable 0371938
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. John L. Bridgeman 0405746
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Irwin F. Hall 01292334
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. James Koulgsorge 01292904

DETACHMENT OF COMPANY "M"

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Robert O. Foster 0425830
2nd in command	2nd Lt. George George

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(Section V: Commanding Officers in Engagements, continued)

29 April 1943:

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

8 May 1943:

22. 1st Lt. Harold G. Rainwater assigned command of Company F; 2nd Lt. James A. Lucas assigned as 2nd in command of Company F.

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Inclosure #1, Roster of Officers in American Terminal Force.
Inclosure #2, Roster of Officers as of 12 February 1943.

COMPANY "H"

Commanding Officer	Captain Einer M. Lund 0397371
2nd in command	1st Lt. Ambrose J. Briscoe 0391531
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Lawrence W. Walsh 0416449
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Leon H. Arey 01290360
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. James R. Decoito 01294275
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. James R. Iverson 01280395

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DET., THIRD BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lt. Col. Edwin T. Swenson 0452091
Executive Officer	Major William F. Snellman 0299968
S-1 and Company Commander	1st Lt. Emory J. Trawick 0492785
S-2	1st Lt. Phineas F. Smith 0418961
S-3	Captain Gerhard P. Kaske 0359411
Transportation Officer	2nd Lt. Mart R. Parker 01294355
Ammo. & Pion. Sect. Ldr.	2nd Lt. Vincent P. DeAugustine 0492785
Special Services Officer	2nd Lt. Howell O. Whisenhunt 01292969

COMPANY "I"

Commanding Officer	Captain LeRoy E. Dahlin 0325971
2nd in command	1st Lt. William L. Muir 0386785
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Charles L. Matthews 0347921
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Raynold S. Dobak 0885621
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. John Sbaffi 01290483

COMPANY "K"

Commanding Officer	Captain Paul H. Thaler 0371590
2nd in command	1st Lt. Thomas E. Chegin 0402781
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Kermit E. Vangerie 0415058
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Luther L. Doty 01292744
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. John P. Flynn 01292861
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. James Koulgeorge 01292904

COMPANY "L"

Commanding Officer	1st Lt. Louis M. Smith 0385222
2nd in command	1st Lt. Thomas H. Cronshaw 0316816
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. John L. Bridgeman 0405746
Platoon Leader	1st Lt. Frank F. Gable 0397138
Platoon Leader	2nd Lt. Irwin F. Hall 01292334

INCLOSURE #2 TO SECTION V., Contd.

COMPANY "M"

Commanding Officer
2nd in command
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader

Captain Hieth O. VanKrevelen 0377973
1st Lt. Robert O. Foster 042583
2nd Lt. Leo Bowley 01290369
2nd Lt. William H. Gardner 01290409
2nd Lt. Donovan C. Griffin 0416559
2nd Lt. John W. North 01290463

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

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

Captain Vilhelm M. Johnson 0419941
Captain Carl J. Gumbert 0373576
1st Lt. Leon F. Pellettieri 0432492
Captain John S. Hamlon 0361491
Captain Robert E. Tinley 0359153
Captain Wyman E. Jacobson 0404322
1st Lt. Allan J. Simpson 0381827
Captain Peary B. Berger 0344610
1st Lt. Albert A. Kurland 0418226

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Band Director

Mr. John W. Cafarelli W2000730

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Section VI

LOSSES IN ACTIONA. LANDING AT ALGIERS: 8 November 19421. Killed in Action

	8 November 1942		
2nd Lt. George, George		01290411	Co. "M"

2. Wounded in Action

	8 November 1942		
2nd Lt. Brandshaw, Arnold F.		01292287	Co "I"

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 1 Off., 15 EM

Wounded in Action: 1 Off., 31 EM

B. PICHON: 12th-17th February 19432. Wounded in Action

	15 February 1943		
2nd Lt. Keys, Charles B.		01294391	Co "C"
Captain Fanning, Charles A.		0358529	Co. "C"

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action 3 EM

Wounded in Action: 2 Off., 3 EM

Missing in Action: 6 EM

Captured: 2 EM

C. "WULF" MISSION: 25th-27th February 1943 (Sbiba Valley, Sbeitia, Kef-el-Ahmar).1. Killed in Action

	22 February 1943		
2nd Lt. Catlin, George D.		0492773	Hq. Det. 1st Bn.

	28 February 1943		
1st Lt. Truax, Eugene H.		0375391	Co "E"

2. Wounded in Action

	24 February 1943		
W.O. (JG) LaBarge, Ralph N.		W2109798	Serv. Co.

	26 February 1943		
2nd Lt. Combs, George		01290379	Co "C"

	28 February 1943		
Capt. Skalicky, Emil		0375412	Hq. Det. 2 Bn.

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 2 Off., 6 EM

Wounded in Action: 2 Off., 1 W.O., 13 EM

Missing in Action: 6 EM

D. "WARD" FORCE: 5th-6th March 1943 (Vicinity of El Ala and Sbiba Valley)

1. Killed in Action

1 March 1943
 Lt. Escoltier (French Army Officer on Duty with
 135th Inf.).

2. Wounded in Action

1st Lt. Smith, Phineas F. Jr. 0418961 Hq Det 3 Bn.

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 11 Off., 1 EM
 Wounded in Action: 1 Off., 5 EM
 Captured 3 EM

E. FONDOUK: 27 March - 3 April 1943

1. Killed in Action

31 March 1943
 2nd Lt. Gardner, William H. 01290409 Co "I"

3 April 1943
 Capt. Thaler, Paul H. 0371590 Co "K"

2. Wounded in Action

27 March 1943
 1st Lt. Walsh, Lawrence W. 0410449 Co "H"

28 March 1943
 2nd Lt. Haight, Horace P. 0343548 Co "F"

29 March 1943
 2nd Lt. Feiber, Pau E. 01286265 Hq. Co.
 Lt. Col. Lee, Clarence J. 0289619 Hq 2nd Bn
 1st Lt. Bestler, Carl G. 0413526 Hq 2nd Bn
 1st Lt. Ondecker, Andrew M. 0406796 Co E
 2nd Lt. Sugars, Richard H. 01288324 Co E
 2nd Lt. Reilly, Michael W. 01291166 Co F
 1st Lt. Hamley, Evan A. 0415193 Co G
 2nd Lt. Bell, Bernard D. 01290368 Co G
 2nd Lt. Sojka, Anthony M. 01292412 Co G
 2nd Lt. Iverson, James R. 01290424 Co H

3 April 1943
 1st Lt. Spicher, Edgar A. 01287775 Co F

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 2 Off., 23 EM
 Wounded in Action: 12 Off., 161 EM
 Missing in Action: 1 Off., 17 EM
 Captured: 1 EM

(SECTION VI LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

F. FONDOUK: 8th-12th April 1943

1. Killed in Action

	8 April 1943		
1st Lt.	Richardson, Jack H.	0391256	Co "C"
1st Lt.	Greller, Goodman G.	0423209	Co "I"
	9 April 1943		
2nd Lt.	Beaty, David	02040682	Co "A"
1st Lt.	Cooper, Hill F.	0407297	Co "E"
2nd Lt.	Decoito, James R.	01294275	Co "H"
	10 April 1943		
1st Lt.	Bell, Hoke S.	0422401	Regtl Hq.
2nd Lt.	Gould, Jay B.	01291105	Co "B"
	15 April 1943		
2nd Lt.	O'Farrell, Rufus E.	0492789	Co "B"

2. Wounded in Action

	8 April 1943		
1st Lt.	^S Wlezak, Joseph A.	0399382	Co "B"
1st Lt.	Cronshaw, Thomas H.	0316816	Co "L"
	9 April 1943		
1st Lt.	Lyons, John T.	0407368	Co "A"
2nd Lt.	Meyers, George G.	01292369	Co "A"
1st Lt.	Vacura, Harold J.	0418412	Co "E"
1st Lt.	Vangene, Kermit E.	0415058	Co "K"
2nd Lt.	Whisenhunt, Howell G.	01292069	Co "M"
	12 April 1943		
2nd Lt.	Roth, Emanuel M.	01292589	Co "D"

SUMMARY:

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

G. HILL 609 AND VICINITY: 27 April - 10 May 1943

1. Killed in Action

	29 April 1943		
2nd Lt.	Koulgeorge, James	01292904	Co "A"

2. Wounded in Action

	27 April 1943		
1st Lt.	Cronshaw, Thomas H.	0316816	Co "I"
2nd Lt.	Bewley, Leo	01290369	Co "I"
	28 April 1943		
2nd Lt.	Lance, Alden S.	01290440	Co "F"
1st Lt.	Boff, Gordon F.	0453111	Co "F"
2nd Lt.	Svitavsky, Leo E.	01288139	Co "I"
	29 April 1943		
2nd Lt.	Branon, John C.	01307932	Co "A"
1st Lt.	Tucker, Matthew	0387934	Co "B"
2nd Lt.	Hall, Irwin F.	01292334	Co "L"

(SECTION VI: LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

2. Wounded in Action (continued)

30 April 1943

2nd Lt. Flynn, John P. 01292861 Co "K"

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 1 Off., 35 EM

Wounded in Action: 9 Off., 148 EM

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TOTAL LOSSES IN ACTION

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Total</u>
Killed in Action:	15		151	
Wounded in Action:	35	1	545	
Missing in Action:	2		25	
Captured			6	
	<u>52</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>727</u>	780

SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTIONA. LANDING AT ALGIERS : 8 November 19421. Killed in Action

8 November 1942

Pvt. 1cl	Lein, Melvin A.	20707266	Med. Det.
T/4	Larson, Louis M.	20709158	Co. "I"
Cpl	Wicklund, LeRoy P.	20709178	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Egan, Harry J.	37027372	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Larson, Virgil G.	20709160	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Mace, Lee W.	37027308	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Masog, Carl B.	37027341	Co. "I"
Pvt	Mekita, Andrew	32303993	Co. "I"
Pvt	Reinhardt, Robert J.	35130700	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Goecke, Melvin J.	37045399	Co. "L"
Pvt	Binder, Earl H.	36131204	Co. "L"
2nd Lt.	George, George	01290411	Co. "M"
Sgt	Podoll, Donald C.	20709717	Co. "M"
Cpl	Ronning, Alvin I.	20709779	Co. "M"
Pvt 1cl	Bandow, Carl T.	37028699	Co. "M"
Pvt	Baehr, Edward	36079379	Co. "M"

2. Wounded in Action

8 November 1942

Pvt 1cl	Cress, Henry J.	20708959	Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl	Larson, Burton R.	37027318	Co. "F"
2nd Lt.	Bradshaw, Arnold F.	01292287	Co. "I"
S/Sgt	Opseth, Lloyd W.	20709131	Co. "I"
S/Sgt	Sivertson, Gilbert K.	20709194	Co. "I"
S/Sgt	Skulborstad, John S.	20709110	Co. "I"
Sgt	Erdmann, Vincent G.	20709111	Co. "I"
Sgt	Longhenry, Gerhard E.	20709162	Co. "I"
T/4	Linn, Wilfred A.	20709161	Co. "I"
Cpl	Haukos, Wallace K.	20709150	Co. "I"
Cpl	Persons, Kenneth L.	37027428	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Faaberg, Eugene T.	20709183	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Hildahl, Gordon M.	37027426	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Spiedel, Edwin P.	36305909	Co. "I"
Pvt	Rockhold, Howard L.	35130737	Co. "I"
Pvt	Napieralski, Sylvester	20275086	Co. "K"
Pvt	Chiriano, George	33105853	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Johnson, Arvid N.	37026819	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Riopelle, Wilbrod E.	37026788	Co. "K"
Pvt.	Shaw, Harvey B.	36160705	Co. "K"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued).

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

8 November 1942, cont'd

Pvt lcl	Faulkner, Lewis K.	35213932	Co. "K"
Sgt	Bogenrief, Robert	20709541	Co. "L"
Sgt	Rourk, Daniel J.	20709524	Co. "L"
Sgt	Mantifel, Emil L.	20709565	Co. "L"
Cpl	Spanyers, John W.	20709576	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Brown, Milton F.	36131345	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Cullum, Harold A.	33106515	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Fonder, Lawrence H.	20709544	Co. "L"
Pvt	O'Brien, John F.	32322870	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Olson, Erling F.	20709784	Co. "M"
Pvt lcl	McSparin, George	36302573	Co. "M"
Pvt	Scoville, Frank A.	37027945	Co. "M"

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: - 1 Off., 15 EM

Wounded in Action: 1 Off., 31 EM

B. PICHON : 12th-17th February 1943

1. Killed in Action

15 February 1943

Pvt lcl	Nichols, Erwin L.	33101950	Co. "C"
T/5	Schneider, Herbert K.	20709878	Band

16 February 1943

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

14 February 1943

Pvt lcl	Dresser, John J.	32183877	Co. "B"
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15 February 1943

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

3. Missing in Action

15 February 1943

Pvt lcl	Feick, Harel M.	33101415	Co. "B"
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(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, continued).

3. Missing in Action, cont'd

15 February 1943

Pvt	Hedley, William J.	32182849	Co. "B"
Pvt	Aftewicz, Edward L.	6881876	Co. "B"

17 February 1943

Pvt	Stix, Frederick (NMI)	10600102	Co. "C"
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18 February 1943

Pvt	Henry, John C.	6928002	Co. "B"
Pvt lcl	Pawloski, John	36103721	Co. "B"

4. Captured

15 February 1943

Cpl	Connelly, James L.	10600185	Co. "B"
Sgt	Freeman, Paul F.	20701693	Co. "B"

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 3 EM
Wounded in Action: 2 Off., 3 EM
Missing in Action: 6 EM
Captured: 2 EM

C. "WULF" MISSION: 25th - 27th February 1943
(Sbiba Valley, Sbeitla, Kef-el-Ahmar).

1. Killed in Action

22 February 1943

2nd Lt	Catlin, George D.	0492773	Hq Det, lst
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24 February 1943

Cpl	Puchalski, Adolph A.	10600055	Co. "E"
Pvt	Logan, John S.	32343339	Co. "E"

27 February 1943

Sgt	Hatle, Herbert E.	20708519	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Peterson, Glen A.	20708555	Co. "F"
Pvt	Robinson, Edward P.	10600138	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Sturtz, Melvin S.	33067497	Co. "F"

(SECTION VI - LOSSES IN ACTION, continued)

1. Killed in Action, cont'd

28 February 1943

1st Lt. Truax, Eugene H. 0375391 Co. "E"

2. Wounded in Action

22 February 1943

Cpl Bachel, Raymond J. 37028853 Anti-Tank Co

24 February 1943

Cpl Balbach, Ward E. 37026307 Co. "E"
S/Sgt Winter, George T. 20708345 Co. "E"
Sgt Duncan-Peters, Stephen 10600104 Co. "E"
Cpl Carlson, George A. 37026235 Co. "E"
Pvt Rassier, Robert H. 37027257 Co. "E"
W.O. (JG) LaBarge, Ralph N. W2109798 Serv. Co.

26 February 1943

2nd Lt. Combs, George E. 01290379 Co. "G"

27 February 1943

Pvt 1cl Bagileo, Samuel J. 32303813 Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl Smith, Milton F. 34152642 Co. "F"
Pvt Volman, Michael L. 32303878 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Manthey, James E. 20708534 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Moreau, George W. 6690450 Co. "F"
Pvt Holden, Albert J. 32140191 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Schneider, John C. 35109587 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Johnson, Earl E. 37025965 Co. "F"
Sgt Barden, Robert T. 20708502 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Davis, Edward S. 37025902 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Lorenze, Donald R. 20708530 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Rolstad, LeRoy E. 37025625 Co. "F"

28 February 1943

Captain Skalicky, Emil 0375412 Hq Det, 2nd Bn

3. Missing in Action

27 February 1943

1st Lt. Perry, Henry G. 043622 Co. "F"
Sgt Mitchell, William K. 20708540 Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl Owens, Robert 37025627 Co. "F"

(SECTION VI - LOSSES IN ACTION, continu.)
C. "WOLF" Mission, cont'd.

SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 2 Off., 6 EM
Wounded in Action: 2 Off., 1 W.O., 18 EM
Missing in Action: 1 Off., 2 EM

D. "WARD" FORCE: 5th-6th March 1943 (Vicinity of El Ala
and Sbiba Valley).

1. Killed in Action

1 March 1943

Lt. Escoltier (French Army Officer on
duty with 135th Inf).

20 March 1943

Pvt lcl Lorentz, Albert E. 33111020 Band

2. Wounded in Action

1 March 1943

Pvt lcl Raybin, Louis 32172320 Hq Co.
1st Lt Smith, Phineas F., Jr. 0418961 Hq Det, 3rd

5 March 1943

S/Sgt Degroot, Ervin J. 20709712 Co. "M"
Sgt Phillips, Harold I. 37037421 Co. "I"
Pvt lcl Hamilton, Lowell E. 35130773 Co. "I"
Pvt Maness, Sedrick D. 36306649 Co. "I"

3. Captured

5 March 1943

S/Sgt Opseth, Lloyd W. 20709131 Co. "I"
S/Sgt Skulborstad, John S. 20709110 Co. "I"
Cpl Kerr, Milford E. 36306824 Co. "I"

SUMMARY:

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

E. FONDOUK: 27th March - 3rd April 1943

1. Killed in Action

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, continued)

1. Killed in Action

27 March 1943

Pvt	Wasson, Donald I.	37027483	Co. "K"
Pvt	Elburn, Bernard F.	33068117	Co. "K"
Pvt	Sowinski, Joseph J.	32283884	Co. "K"
Pvt	Menconi, Alfred R.	36305902	Co. "L"
Cpl	Leland, Melvin J.	37025280	Co. "E"
S/Sgt	Olson, Thelmar R.	20708687	Co. "G"
Pvt 1cl	Wright, Robert S.	20708778	Co. "G"
Pvt 1cl	Kanmermier, Harry H.	33119882	Hq Co.
Pvt	Pratt, Robert W.	20707047	Hq Co.
Pvt 1cl	Webb, Walter G.	32181328	Hq Co.
S/Sgt	Rooney, Robert A.	20709718	Co. "M"
Sgt	Krueger, Vernon	37027316	Co. "I"

28 March 1943

Sgt	Larsen, Glen A.	20708261	Co. "E"
Pvt	Svistak, Michael	32303935	Co. "G"

29 March 1943

Pvt 1cl	Young, Garland C.	6657338	Co. "E"
Pvt	Zyglarski, John	32139978	Co. "F"
Cpl	Martin, Osborne J.	20708229	Hq. Det, 2nd
Pvt 1cl	Kecakes, Frank	36131336	Co. "G"
Pvt	Tebbe, Alois	36079332	Co. "G"

31 March 1943

Pvt 1cl	Lundberg, Richard L.	20707241	Med. Det
Pvt 1cl	Zwilling, George C.	35130663	Co. "I"
2nd Lt	Gardner, William H.	01290409	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Green, Benjamin	32353183	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Holscher, Edward H.	35130749	Co. "I"

3 April 1943

Captain	Thaler, Paul H.	0371590	Co. "K"
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2. Wounded in Action

27 March 1943

Sgt B	Bailey, Robert	20706914	Hq Co
Pvt	Shaw, Harold B.	20708560	Hq Co.
Pvt	Fleming, William	32341345	Co. "E"
Cpl	Blume, Lowren, F.	20708511	Co. "F"
Pvt	Kubisch, William F.	32294305	Co. "F"

(SECTION VI --)SES IN ACTION, continued,

2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

27 March 1943

Pvt	Kosinski, John F.	32283910	Co. "F"
Pvt	Stankiewicz, Stanley J.	32181843	Co. "F"
Sgt	Olson, Clinton A.	20708754	Co. "G"
1st Lt	Walsh, Lawrence W.	0416449	Co. "H"
S/sgt	Nelson, Alden B.	20709115	Co. "I"
Sgt	McCoy, Jack E.	20705734	Co. "I"
Cpl	Jones, James L.	37027215	Co. "I"
Cpl	Kremer, Henry I.	20709190	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Allen, James W.	35213878	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Arp, Henry E.	16041822	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Flanagan, James D.	36130922	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Hanson, Ernest F.	37027397	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Piirto, Clifford J.	36229396	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Swaser, Leo S.	37027359	Co. "I"
Pvt	Hronek, Robert D.	35130692	Co. "I"
Pvt	LaBelle, Raymond J.	36307084	Co. "I"
Pvt	Maglio, Anthony R.	36307060	Co. "I"
Pvt	Wehunt, Hoyt	34002514	Co. "I"
Pvt	McGrane, Joseph J.	33245262	Co. "I"
Pvt	Ortman, Paul J.	36070409	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Polda, Clarence	37025537	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Montgomery, David	37026799	Co. "K"
Cpl	Thompson, Bernard L.	20709323	Co. "K"
Cpl	Exum, Junior L.	36079446	Co. "K"
Sgt	Kisabeth, Robert M.	36130914	Co. "K"
Sgt	Vane, Russell J.	20709306	Co. "K"
Sgt	Trotter, Stanford L.	20709305	Co. "K"
Pvt	Traynor, Oakley O.	36131818	Co. "K"
Cpl	Jerde, Palmer E.	20709342	Co. "K"
Pvt	Wlodarezak, Theodore	36306885	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Stricklad, Mahlon, Jr.	36160660	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Zieman, August R.	37026771	Co. "K"
Cpl	Speet, Herman	36160639	Co. "K"
Pvt	Sinatra, Vincent J.	32343247	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Birch, Roy	37026760	Co. "K"
Pvt	Harrison, Henry J.	36229337	Co. "L"
Pvt	Manness, Willie C.	34175295	Co. "L"
Pvt	Nurek, William C.	36161992	Co. "L"
Sgt	Perry, George W.	20709776	Co. "M"
Pvt	Zang, Douglas M.	36161102	Co. "M"

28 March 1943

Pvt	Kidder, Russell S.	37026201	Med Det
Pvt lcl	Zazzaro, Frank A.	32181859	Hq Co
Pvt	Peterson, John	34051589	Co. "F"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, continued)

2. Wounded in action, cont'd

28 March 1943, cont'd

Pvt	Boggio, Frank	32342372	Co. "E"
Sgt	Hunt, Marvin H.	20708310	Co. "E"
Pvt	Wangerin, Lawrence R.	37026548	Co. "E"
Pvt	Eskierka, Chester F.	20707140	Co. "E"
Pvt lcl	Christensen, Irvin A.	20708298	Co. "E"
Pvt	Olgreen, Ralph E.	37025627	Co. "F"
Pvt	Bandzera, Stanley J.	32233842	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Culp, William L.	6564156	Co. "F"
Pvt	Patterson, James F.	32100128	Co. "F"
Pvt	Prusinoski, Frank	32370014	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Swider, Joseph F.	37025954	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Walicki, Frank L.	33101188	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Rysavy, Evan C.	20708551	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Mikkelson, Robert W.	37025801	Co. "F"
Sgt	Pavek, Harry T.	20708546	Co. "F"
Pvt	Sorensen, Earl W.	31021353	Co. "F"
2nd Lt	Haight, Horace P.	0343348	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Rolstad, LeRoy E.	37025625	Co. "F"
Pvt	Quigg, John J.	32106875	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Johnson, Earl E.	37025965	Co. "F"
Cpl	Des Jardin, Thomas E.	36113314	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Hughes, Samuel G.	37026669	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Spiwak, Stanley G.	31021671	Co. "G"
Sgt	Carr, Lawrence W.	20708718	Co. "G"
Pvt	Woell, Louis W.	17017541	Co. "G"
Sgt	Ellingson, Thor E.	20708693	Co. "G"
Pvt	Nelson, Robert H.	37027157	Co. "G"
Pvt	Jones, Oscar V.	32370064	Co. "G"
Pvt	Heller, Willard L.	20645104	Co. "G"
Pvt	Robertson, Joe S.	34286210	Co. "G"
Sgt	Nelson, Nels, E.	20708762	Co. "G"
Cpl	Bickford, Lauren J.	37045312	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Ryski, Joseph	37027326	Co. "G"
Sgt	Fluhrer, Kenneth A.	20708680	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Hoffman, George A.	36131207	Co. "L"

29 March 1943

2nd Lt	Feiber, Paul E.	01286265	Hq Co
S/Sgt	Lindquist, Harry L.	20706982	Hq Co
Lt Col	Lee, Clarence J.	0289619	Hq Det, 2nd Br
1st Lt	Bestler, Carl G.	0413526	Hq Det, 2nd Br
Pvt lcl	Bakke, Alvin O.	37028882	Hq Det, 2nd Br
1st Lt	Ondecker, Andrew M.	0406796	Co. "E"
2nd Lt	Sugars, Richard H.	01288324	Co. "E"
Pvt	Wyman, Raymond J.	32172029	Co. "E"
Pvt	Gulledge, Wade	34034699	Co. "E"

(SECTION VI -) OSSES IN ACTION, continued

2. Wounded in action, cont'd

29 March 1943, cont'd

Pvt	Gilbert, William T.	34034650	Co. "E"
Pvt	Streed, Harold C.	32283807	Co. "E"
Pvt lcl	Snyder, Joseph	37026188	Co. "E"
Pvt	Lempke, Leslie J.	36162385	Co. "E"
Cpl	Walbridge, LeRoy J.	20707890	Co. "E"
Sgt	Dunlavey, Orville K.	20708269	Co. "E"
Pvt lcl	Goddard, Markus E.	37026282	Co. "E"
Pvt lcl	Ramey, Claude J.	35214412	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Kerkes, Henry P.	16015298	Co. "F"
Pvt	Duncan, Henry C.	6938255	Co. "F"
Pvt	Lauterbach, Ferdinand J.	33067948	Co. "F"
Cpl	Ziebarth, Carl A.	37025839	Co. "F"
Cpl	Bjordahl, Melvin S.	37025923	Co. "F"
Pvt	Spencer, Wendall J.	20705924	Co. "F"
S/Sgt	Zack, John	20708472	Co. "F"
Sgt	Warsinski, Theodore J.	20708479	Co. "F"
Sgt	Kvasnicka, Joseph B.	20708477	Co. "F"
Pvt	Bickerton, Richard F.	10600105	Co. "F"
Pvt	Golio, Anthony L.	32341388	Co. "F"
Pvt	Cuomo, Michael A.	32341471	Co. "F"
Pvt	Shewey, Roy	10600142	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Whittle, Charles G.	32181509	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Wacek, John M.	20708567	Co. "F"
2nd Lt.	Reilly, Michael W.	01291166	Co. "F"
Sgt	Holecek, William A.	20708467	Co. "F"
S/Sgt	Wodarozak, Hubert T.	20708480	Co. "F"
Pvt	Karlebach, Herman B.	6834134	Co. "F"
Sgt	Myrick, Robert R.	20708493	Co. "F"
Pvt	Redroad, Abraham	37025799	Co. "F"
Pvt	Beckett, Herbert L.	20707134	Co. "F"
Cpl	Greenlund, Henry G.	37025629	Co. "F"
Cpl	Larson, Edwin G.	20708489	Co. "F"
1st Lt.	Hamley, Evan A.	0415193	Co. "G"
2nd Lt.	Bell, Bernard D.	01290368	Co. "G"
2nd Lt.	Sojka, Anthony M.	01292412	Co. "G"
Cpl	Seaton, Raymond H.	20708765	Co. "G"
Cpl	Harrison, George R.	20708694	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Wilson, Cyril F.	35214275	Co. "G"
2nd Lt	Iverson, James R.	01290424	Co. "H"
Sgt	Sathre, Vernon G.	20708938	Co. "H"
Cpl	Maki, Robert W.	37026605	Co. "H"
Pvt	Lucki, William	36336465	Co. "H"
Pvt	Tharp, Harry M.	32172153	Co. "H"
Pvt	Usinski, Joseph J.	32171831	Co. "H"
Cpl	Krulich, Glenn W.	20708879	Co. "H"
Pvt lcl	Lilly, Ralph L.	33102063	Co. "H"
Pvt	Poe, James Z.	35131560	Co. "H"
Sgt	Halvorson, Sivert A.	20709801	Co. "M"

(SECTION VI --)SSES IN ACTION, continue)

2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

30 March 1943

Pvt 1cl	Synsteby, Elmer R.	37026289	Co. "E"
Cpl	Meyer, LaVern E.	37026239	Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl	Schwartz, Raymond H.	37026319	Co. "E"
Pvt	Williams, Emil E.	10600148	Co. "F"
Cpl	Logan, Thomas S.	33089930	Co. "F"
Cpl	Ellerman, Marvin F.	20708513	Co. "F"
S/Sgt	Jensen, Stanley W.	20708683	Co. "G"
Pvt	Nowell, Raymond C.	37042516	Co. "G"
Cpl	Larson, Raymond L.	20709573	Co. "L"

31 March 1943

Sgt	Villwock, Carl A.	37027354	Co. "I"
Cpl	Skoiien, Alden L.	20709169	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Cox, Arvid B.	33276742	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Dumpprope, Gail R.	37027365	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Memmen, Henry R.	36307141	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Nielsen, Harry M.	36306543	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Reed, Ralph C.	37027408	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Sumner, Edgar A.	20709174	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Szalay, Stephen B.	35213730	Co. "I"
Cpl	Tholl, Vincent J.	37027357	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Prather, Edgar W.	35130880	Co. "I"
Pvt	Grinstead, Gerald W.	36130918	Co. "I"
Cpl	Christenson, Lawrence M.	37028898	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Davies, Billy R.	36160844	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Isler, Gordon C.	20709551	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Wenner, Harry A.	36130963	Co. "L"
Pvt	Rockhold, Howard L.	35130737	Co. "I"
Pvt	Zuelke, Clyde R.	37027412	Co. "I"

1 April 1943

Pvt 1cl	McAlpine, Lester J.	37027531	Co. "I"
Pvt	Frankel, Milton	35130689	Co. "I"
Pvt	Gustafson, Arthur R.	36226735	Co. "I"
Pvt	Brown, Richard M.	32252679	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Schleehty, Ralph T.	35130769	Co. "I"

2 April

Pvt 1cl	Szewchuk, Walter, Jr.	36161463	Anti-Tank
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3. Missing in Action

27 March 1943

Cpl	Barnett, Neal P.	34040022	Co. "G"
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(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, continued)

3. Missing in Action, cont'd

27 March 1943, cont'd

Pvt 1cl	Lewis, Carlton E.	36116930	Co. "G"
Sgt	Riley, Walter J.	37027442	Co. "G"
Pvt	Harrington, William J.	31114723	Co. "G"
Sgt	Beaty, Cecil J.	20709529	Co. "L"
Sgt	Miller, Howard F.	20709568	Co. "L"
Cpl	Toner, Delbert L.	20709580	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Fox, Clifford R.	36160733	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Kiepe, Herman C.	37037541	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Dotson, Manley E.	20709543	Co. "L"
Pvt	Maurer, Elmer E.	36306315	Co. "L"
Pvt	Lowther, Gene C.	36307122	Co. "L"
Pvt	Milo, Joseph G.	32337222	Co. "L"
Pvt	Moon, William	32304159	Co. "L"
Pvt	Orleanski, Stephen F.	32304130	Co. "L"

28 March 1943

Pvt 1cl	Rude, Helmar O.	37025758	Co. "F"
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3 April 1943

1st Lt	Spicher, Edgar A.	01287775	Co. "K"
Sgt	Michaelson, Curtis M.	20709300	Co. "K"

4. Captured

3 April 1943

Pvt 1cl	Holte, Melvin D.	37027513	Co. "K"
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SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 2 Off., 23 EM
Wounded in Action: 12 Off., 161 EM
Missing in Action: 1 Off., 17 EM
Captured: 1 EM

F. FONDOUK: 8th-12th April 1943

1. Killed in Action

8 April 1943

Cpl	Bruining, Henry E.	32181279	Hq Co
Cpl	Ertel, Frederick J.	32183707	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Erickson, Wilbur A.	37025876	Co. "B"
Pvt	Hoyle, Otis H.	34123664	Co. "B"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, continued)

1. Killed in Action, cont'd

8 April, 1943, cont'd

Pvt 1cl	Lebowitz, Morton	32182320	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Broadbent, Robert	10600097	Co. "B"
Pvt	Hackney, Jess C.	34081818	Co. "B"
Pvt	Phenix, Talmadge L.	36307274	Co. "B"
Sgt	Tonne, Raymond L.	37025725	Co. "B"
Sgt	Lelm, Gordon P.	37025540	Co. "B"
S/Sgt	Rethlake, Sylvester F.	20707735	Co. "B"
1st Lt	Richardson, Jack H.	0391256	Co. "C"
Sgt	Liss, Harry	20707911	Co. "C"
Pvt 1cl	Massaro, Joseph J.	32100354	Co. "C"
Sgt	Gentry, George T.	33089865	Co. "C"
Pvt	Fatt, Hyman	32337116	Co. "D"
Pvt	McCulloh, Edwin P.	10600085	Co. "D"
Sgt	Parnell, Harold G.	20708092	Co. "D"
Cpl	Claeys, Louis L.	37042051	Co. "F"
1st Lt	Greller, Goodman G.	0423209	Co. "I"
Pvt	Gabrielson, Harold E.	20709112	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Felt, Floyd E.	37027364	Co. "I"
Pvt 1cl	Birch, Roy	37026760	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	McCloud, Harley L.	37027533	Co. "K"
Pvt	Sprouls, Russell F.	36306842	Co. "K"
S/Sgt	Miller, Charles R.	20709522	Co. "L"
S/Sgt	Van Lith, John A.	20709502	Co. "L"
Cpl	Babb, Samuel A.	37037549	Co. "L"
Pvt	Skutt, Edward C.	36307150	Co. "L"

9 April 1943

Pvt	Doherty, Clarence R.	18155884	Co. "A"
2nd Lt	Beaty, David M.	02040682	Co. "A"
Cpl	Jordan, James O.	33111444	Co. "A"
Cpl	Kelley, Lauren L.	20707515	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Boyle, Joseph P.	32181437	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Shollenberger, John F.	36162702	Co. "A"
Pvt	Bergerson, Reginald H.	20709330	Co. "A"
Pvt	Rilbert, Fay V.	20703552	Co. "A"
Pvt	Hocutt, Willie H.	14130299	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Harris, Clyde A.	33111373	Co. "B"
Pvt	Heflin, George A.	33119022	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Bilskemper, George F.	37045313	Co. "D"
Pvt	Raber, William E.	36307072	Co. "D"
1st Lt	Cooper, Hill P.	0407297	Co. "E"
Sgt	Swenson, Woodrow A.	37026245	Co. "E"
Pvt	Fischer, Joseph J.	32268116	Co. "E"
Pvt	Magrino, Frank J.	32353584	Co. "E"
Pvt	Tane, Sidney	32540809	Co. "E"
Pvt	Vaughan, Carl P.	34312902	Co. "F"
Cpl	Lynch, Paul A.	20708532	Co. "F"

(SECTION VI --)SSES IN ACTION, continued

1. Killed in Action, cont'd

9 April 1943, cont'd

Pvt 1cl	Zook, Richard E.	33101443	Co. "F"
Pvt	Zeritsky, Morris	33202802	Co. "F"
Pvt	Waligur, John J.	32283736	Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl	Culp, William L.	6564156	Co. "F"
Pvt	Sprouce, Richard E.	33211890	Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl	Beeman, Page C.	20708950	Co. "H"
2nd Lt	Decoito, James R.	01294275	Co. "H"
Pvt	Farrell, John R.	32304006	Co. "H"
Pvt	Bostelaar, Cornelius	32342304	Hq. Det, 3rd
Pvt	Perkins, Sidney (NMI)	36161899	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	McGee, Gerald A.	33106577	Co. "L"
Cpl	Thielke, Reuben W.	20709806	Co. "M"
Pvt	Kardynski, Edward W.	36131314	Co. "M"
Pvt 1cl	Mrozek, Leo J.	20709728	Co. "M"

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Pvt 1cl	Ost, Clifford E.	20711732	Med Det
Pvt	Engelhard, Adrian A.	10600161	Hq Co.
1st Lt	Bell, Hoke, S.	0422401	Regtl Hq
2nd Lt	Gould, Jay B.	01291105	Co. "B"
Pvt	Olson, Clyde S.	36160708	Co. "B"
Pvt	Schneider, Henry D.	32347950	Co. "B"
Pvt	Reed, Joseph T.	32140876	Co. "C"
Pvt	Munson, Harry A.	35214516	Co. "E"
Pvt	Mazzolla, Raphael C.	32342304	Hq Det 3rd
Pvt	Thompson, Robert V.	36306319	Co. "M"

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Cpl	Coombe, Charles P.	32173626	Co. "A"
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12 April 1943

Pvt	Diniglia, Amadeo	32012044	Co. "F"
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2nd Lt.	O'Farrell, Rufus E.	0492789	Co. "B"
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2. Wounded in Action

8 April 1943

Cpl	Warnecke, Vernon L.	37025735	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Bova, James A.	33111229	Co. "B"

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2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

8 April 1943, cont'd

Pvt lcl	Katke, Walter J.	37025356	Co. "B"
Pvt lcl	Moroney, William A.	12085648	Co. "B"
Cpl	Goeman, Francis V.	37025827	Co. "B"
Pvt lcl	Mund, Theodore E.	33119671	Co. "B"
Pvt	Millett, Lewie F.	32287172	Co. "B"
Pvt	Ahles, Vincent P.	37045361	Co. "B"
Pvt	Torkelson, Alvin J.	36307207	Co. "B"
Pvt	Borland, Alexander S.	10600023	Co. "B"
Pvt	Clarke, William A. P.	10600265	Co. "B"
1st Lt	Slezak, Joseph A.	0399382	Co. "B"
Pvt	Daniels, William C.	33271252	Co. "C"
Pvt	Gaza, Mike (NMI)	33269226	Co. "C"
Pvt	Kane, James E.	36306788	Co. "C"
Sgt	Hjelmstad, Sivert	37025738	Co. "C"
Sgt	Muscoplat, Abe (NMI)	20707917	Co. "C"
Pvt lcl	Hefferran, James P.	10600017	Co. "C"
Pvt lcl	Metaliios, Peter (NMI)	32116996	Co. "C"
Pvt	Davis, Harry E.	20705712	Co. "C"
Pvt	Finney, James H.	36047999	Co. "C"
Pvt	Langie, Arthur J.	37082050	Co. "D"
Pvt lcl	Wexler, Sam	36015681	Co. "D"
Pvt lcl	Kucian, Joseph G.	33110993	Co. "D"
Pvt	Trumbo, Charles W.	33119280	Co. "D"
Pvt lcl	Durham, Ralph E.	34087440	Co. "D"
Pvt lcl	Roman, Nick	33111445	Co. "D"
Pvt	Nussbaum, Francis J.	32206650	Co. "D"
Pvt	Talley, Walter W.	32367755	Co. "F"
S/Sgt	Zack, John	20708472	Co. "F"
Sgt	Russell, Dale L.	20708550	Co. "F"
Cpl	Keane, James W.	20708526	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Weber, Frederick L.	37025854	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Schock, Clyde E.	33111472	Co. "F"
Pvt	Stabley, Claude W.	33343472	Co. "F"
Pvt	Manning, Albert B.	34356873	Co. "F"
Pvt	Lischak, Metro	32182734	Co. "F"
Pvt	Michalko, Paul	20708539	Co. "F"
Pvt	Tomlin, William C.	33119538	Co. "F"
Sgt	Barden, Robert T.	20708502	Co. "F"
Pvt	Krum, Max R.	19016837	Co. "F"
S/Sgt	Regan, Maurice J.	20708964	Co. "H"
Cpl	Carstens, Louis E.	37027444	Co. "H"
Cpl	Kiekow, Fred J.	37027441	Co. "H"
Sgt	Skulborstad, Harry M.	20709136	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Snodgrass, Harry L.	35213731	Co. "I"
Pvt	Meyer, Harold M.	20709165	Co. "I"
Cpl	Royce, Layton A.	20709318	Co. "K"

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2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

8 April 1943, cont'd

Cpl	Johnson, Gahlord G.	37026827	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Calabrese, James (NMI)	33106460	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Frohm, Emil O.	37027328	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Gurka, John E.	36306834	Co. "K"
Pvt	Reamer, Richard H.	36161815	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Shanley, Vern E.	36229432	Co. "K"
Pvt	Blakeman, Donald R.	37045340	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Amundson, Sverre A.	37025941	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Plummer, John R.	37026061	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Keller, William P.	37026768	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Page, Raymond R.	20706414	Co. "K"
Pvt	Newberry, Garfield D.	36079394	Co. "K"
Pvt	Traynor, Oakley O.	36161818	Co. "K"
Pvt	Ellefson, Merlin A.	20709311	Co. "K"
1st Lt	Cronshaw, Thomas H.	0316816	Co. "L"
Sgt	Erickson, Lester C.	37045348	Co. "L"
Sgt	Hendrickson, Worth W.	37028900	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Blikre, Sylvester A.	37028880	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Korkiamaki, Waino H.	36229326	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Reimer, Fred M.	36306711	Co. "L"
Pvt	Davis, Hiram C.	34149838	Co. "L"
Pvt	Lowder, Jack G. A.	35130899	Co. "L"
Pvt	Ross, Wendell A.	20709731	Co. "M"
Pvt 1cl	Smith, Leonard K.	33067918	Co. "M"
Sgt	Johnson, Arthur J.	20709714	Co. "M"
Pvt	Murray, Kenneth E.	20709770	Co. "M"
Pvt 1cl	Ryan, Delbert C.	36129918	Co. "M"

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Pvt 1cl	Stinson, Andrew P.	34002257	Med Det
Pvt 1cl	Telles, Harry L.	37037227	Med Det
Pvt 1cl	Ferguson, David J.	37025905	Med Det
1st Lt	Lyons, John T.	0407368	Co. "A"
2nd Lt	Meyers, George G.	01292369	Co. "A"
S/Sgt	Brostrom, William A.	20707482	Co. "A"
S/Sgt	Smith, John F.	20707478	Co. "A"
Sgt	Bell, LeRoy M.	20707479	Co. "A"
Sgt	McCloskey, John E.	33101083	Co. "A"
Sgt	Mullin, William J.	32183720	Co. "A"
Sgt	Venanzi, Settimio	32181863	Co. "A"
Cpl	Funkhouser, Earl M.	33098476	Co. "A"
Cpl	Terry, Ralph F.	33068050	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Cichanowski, James P.	37025710	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Garner, Wilbert	34175277	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Ozog, Paul E.	36306633	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Papesh, Albert P.	36307203	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Petrich, Jack	36305797	Co. "A"

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2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

9 April 1943, cont'd

Pvt 1cl	Suhy, Frank H.	33106724	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Tobin, John G.	32181398	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Zinner, Robert	32178724	Co. "A"
Pvt	Bourgeois, George	34154541	Co. "A"
Pvt	Bryant, James L.	33202634	Co. "A"
Pvt	Birmingham, George E.	33201474	Co. "A"
Pvt	Hancock, Alton B.	33090509	Co. "A"
Pvt	Pixler, George H.	36307240	Co. "A"
Pvt	Raskin, Leo	32107271	Co. "A"
Sgt	Moffett, Frederick F.	33119846	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Pittman, Robert C.	6561170	Co. "B"
Pvt	Cavin, Tommie W.	34278294	Co. "B"
Pvt	Ford, Harold L.	32372862	Co. "B"
Pvt 1cl	Sohmerin, Samuel (NMI)	33245964	Co. "C"
Pvt	Campolattaro, Armando H.	32182832	Co. "C"
Pvt	Ellwanger, Richard L.	12130827	Co. "C"
Pvt 1cl	Ross, Alan R.	10600067	Co. "C"
Pvt 1cl	Lathem, Richard H.	34088602	Co. "C"
Pvt 1cl	Rowan, Arthur W.	32172241	Co. "D"
Pvt 1cl	Carroll, Wilfred M.	20708077	Co. "D"
Pvt	Lempke, Wilbert C.	36162389	Co. "E"
1st Lt	Vacura, Harold J.	0418412	Co. "E"
1st Sgt	Vacek, Joseph J.	20708258	Co. "E"
Sgt	Suelflow, Harold W.	20708331	Co. "E"
Sgt	Mix, Melvin M.	20708264	Co. "E"
Cpl	Jensen, Norman C.	37026310	Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl	McMonagle, Dean B.	10600051	Co. "E"
Cpl	Jerome, John J.	37026279	Co. "E"
Cpl	Facteau, James J.	32370102	Co. "E"
Pvt	Donadio, Carmine	32342352	Co. "E"
Pvt	Hanson, Ludvig H.	37027170	Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl	Oelfke, Lawrence H.	37026285	Co. "E"
Pvt	Hough, John C.	10600129	Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl	Skalicky, Edward E.	20708323	Co. "E"
Cpl	Steiner, Albert J.	20708275	Co. "E"
Pvt	McSherry, James E.	6911743	Co. "E"
Pvt	Mackowiak, Clement S.	15374327	Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl	Fagg, Murray L.	33090522	Co. "E"
Pvt	Abrams, Julius	32336588	Co. "E"
Pvt	Spellman, Harold G.	35588112	Co. "F"
Pvt 1cl	Marcionetti, John P.	32181795	Co. "F"
Pvt	Lavine, Robert G.	32181795	Co. "F"
Pvt	Belisle, Louis J.	37025825	Co. "F"
Pvt	Kutzuba, Michael P.	32370197	Co. "F"
Pvt	Stutzman, William F.	35588041	Co. "F"

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2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

9 April 1943, cont'd

Pvt	Snell, Clifford P.	35588037	Co. "F"
Pvt	White, Earl J.	35424917	Co. "F"
Pvt	Stafford, Gaines, W.	34367908	Co. "F"
Pvt	Ward, Rudin T.	34313255	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Okonek, Arthur P.	37027324	Co. "H"
Pvt	Maher, James A.	32304042	Co. "H"
S/Sgt	Hanson, Ellsworth G.	20709149	Co. "I"
Pvt	Lindsay, Alexander M.	36307061	Co. "I"
Pvt	Wehunt, Hoyt	34002514	Co. "I"
Sgt	Gruenwald, Roland L.	20709338	Co. "K"
Pvt	Taival, Samuel N.	36229291	Co. "K"
Pvt	Fox, William R.	32269521	Co. "K"
1st Lt	Vangene, Kermit E.	0415058	Co. "K"
Cpl	Beaty, Fred M.	20709540	Co. "L"
Pvt	Milke, Walter J.	36132397	Co. "L"
2nd Lt	Whisenhunt, Howell O.	01292969	Co. "M"
Cpl	Mrozek, Raymond F.	20709769	Co. "M"
Pvt	Keyes, Thomas J.	12035922	Co. "M"
Pvt	Kolthoff, Paul H.	35028762	Co. "M"
Pvt	Skinner, Burley R.	38138589	Co. "M"
Pvt	Speed, Samuel M.	18082228	Co. "M"
Cpl	Gilderhus, Murton R.	37028674	Co. "M"
Pvt	Covell, Gerald E.	36117315	Co. "M"

10 April 1943

Pvt lcl	Davern, Jerry J.	20713050	Med Det
Pvt	Kourt, Leo D.	37036982	Med Det
Pvt	Asbel, Joseph Z.	12088095	Med Det
Pvt lcl	Dreisbach, Malcolm E.	33101318	Co. "B"
Pvt	White, William R.	33119486	Co. "B"
Pvt	Bishop, Allen	33106369	Co. "B"
Pvt	Jakimas, Joseph G.	32182885	Co. "B"
Sgt	Strong, Robert E., Jr.	32181210	Co. "B"
Sgt	Tripp, Walter L.	34147087	Co. "B"
Pvt lcl	Grieve, William A.	10600157	Co. "B"
Pvt lcl	Kautz, Lynford E.	33100462	Co. "B"
Cpl	Larson, Louie C.	37025753	Co. "B"
Cpl	Sgro, Samuel J.	33100434	Co. "C"
Pvt	Busick, Stephen (NMI)	32180657	Co. "C"
Pvt	Russell, Melvin S.	34101510	Co. "C"
Pvt	Schiff, Allen J.	12065008	Co. "C"
Pvt	Workman, William C.	15117314	Co. "C"
Pvt	Shuman, William B.	14120408	Co. "C"
Pvt	Schultz, Raymond D.	20708571	Co. "F"
Pvt	Sullivan, John M.	32343294	Co. "F"

(SECTION VI --) LOSSES IN ACTION, (continued)

2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

10 April, 1943, cont'd

Pvt lcl	Adler, Merrile F.	33120071	Co. "H"
Pvt lcl	Collins, Robert F.	20709058	Hq Det 3rd
Pvt	Schan, Matthew (NMI)	37026052	Co. "K"

11 April 1943

Pvt	Garrison, Jack N.	6557441	Co. "B"
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12 April 1943

2nd Lt	Roth, Emanuel M.	01292589	Co. "D"
Pvt	Garcia, Alexander	12065870	Co. "D"

SUMMARY:

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

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1. Killed in Action

19 April 1943

Pvt	Grace, Samuel S.	12048956	Hq Det 1st (7 miles east of Maktar)
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27 April 1943

Pvt	Ruohonen, Arthur A.	36229240	Co. "I"
Pvt	Steidler, Quinton R.	33243485	Co. "L"

28 April 1943

Pvt	Bickerton, Richard F.	10600105	Co. "F"
Cpl	Christianson, Willard C.	37025553	Co. "F"
Pvt	Marron, Walter A.	12165595	Co. "F"
Pvt	Westfall, Carl H.	35136652	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Horky, John	32335125	Co. "F"
Pvt	Webb, Andrew D.	34315889	Co. "G"
Pvt	Sims, Carl M.	34332876	Co. "G"
Pvt	Brown, Graham L.	34123775	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Hayden, Forrest R.	35169984	Co. "G"
Pvt	Heller, Willard L.	20645104	Co. "G"
Pvt	Campbell, Walter D.	34396564	Co. "I"
Pvt	Nutt, Marion L.	36160539	Co. "K"
Pvt	Vaughn, Veston	36068509	Co. "K"

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1. Killed in Action, cont'd

28 April 1943, cont'd

Pvt lcl	Miller, Bertram M.	37027591	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Pyne, Thomas L.	37027560	Co. "K"
Pvt	Tanner, Ernest G.	34449220	Co. "K"

29 April 1943

2nd Lt	Koulgeorge, James	01292904	Co. "A"
Sgt	Feinstein, Jacob	33087141	Co. "B"
Pvt	Thorson, Lawrence (NMI)	6576658	Co. "C"
Pvt	Reich, Walter H.	37037889	Co. "E"
Pvt	Lunak, Henry F.	33382079	Co. "E"
Pvt	May, Robert L.	35214452	Co. "H"
Pvt lcl	Nelson, Harry E.	35214504	Co. "H"
Pvt	Larson, Mentz	37277325	Co. "H"
Pvt	Dunstan, Robert G.	36229314	Co. "L"
Pvt	McAlpin, Lester C.	34149635	Co. "L"
Pvt	Rabinowitz, Sidney (NMI)	32539560	Co. "L"

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Pvt lcl	Williams, Charles E.	36306719	Co. "A"
Sgt	Robertson, James R.	34088597	Co. "C"
Pvt	Zick, Louis R.	32182572	Co. "C"
Pvt	Stiner, Stephen	33088394	Hq Det 2nd
Pvt lcl	Colangelo, John B.	32341988	Co. "E"

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Pvt lcl	Remley, Richard R.	32182537	Hq Det 3rd
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2. Wounded in Action

27 April 1943

1st Lt	Cronshaw, Thomas H.	0316816	Co. "I"
2nd Lt	Bewley, Leo	01290369	Co. "I"
Pvt	Risi, Anthony J.	32622009	Co. "I"
Sgt	Johnson, Donald R.	20709124	Co. "I"
Pvt lcl	Stangel, Ernest E.	37027202	Co. "I"
Pvt	Ortman, Paul J.	36079409	Co. "K"
S/Sgt	Jacobson, Orlin R.	20709552	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Fink, Willim (NMI)	37026975	Co. "L"
Pvt	Lehocky, Frank J.	36161800	Co. "L"
Pvt	Seggerman, Ervin E.	36306995	Co. "L"

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2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

28 April 1943

Pvt lcl	Wilson, Elmer S.	14074098	Co. "A"
Pvt lcl	Bussenger, Virgil J.	36131117	Co. "A"
Pvt	Caputo, Garmen	32303812	Co. "E"
Sgt	Weekley, Virgil J.	33090432	Co. "E"
Pvt lcl	Grzeboski, Joseph	32182708	Co. "E"
Cpl	Lamson, Harley D.	20708313	Co. "E"
Pvt lcl	Goddard, Markus E.	37026282	Co. "E"
Pvt	Chmielewski, Leonard S.	32354148	Co. "F"
2nd Lt.	Lance, Alden S.	01290440	Co. "F"
Pvt	House, James O.	37450912	Co. "F"
1st Lt	Boff, Gordon F.	0452111	Co. "F"
Sgt	Singlestad, Sylvester D.	20708561	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Wheeler, Elmer N.	33067402	Co. "F"
Pvt	Young, Obie E.	37349942	Co. "F"
Pvt	Rudin, Hymen	32283830	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Casey, James P.	10605002	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Worwa, John	37025948	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Beckett, Hugh C.	33062989	Co. "F"
Pvt	Thompson, Chester	35637197	Co. "F"
T/5	Moreno, Antonio	39161201	Co. "F"
Pvt	Cress, Henry J.	20708513	Co. "F"
Pvt	Toney, John E.	35636985	Co. "F"
Sgt	Ellerman, Marvin F.	20708513	Co. "F"
Pvt	Valosin, Michael	32568380	Co. "F"
Pvt	Ponterio, John	32342002	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	Heffernan, Richard	10600036	Co. "F"
Pvt	Taylor, Clayton F.	32047221	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Fishman, Louis	32182427	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Tuttle, Barney V.	20708775	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Wertlib, Aaron	32181078	Co. "G"
Pvt	Thompson, Robert L.	33395972	Co. "G"
Pvt	Tinley, Clifford A.	34449187	Co. "G"
Pvt	McGarry, Patrick H.	39249214	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Mazzochi, Gabriel J.	36017068	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Reynolds, Richard J.	33111349	Co. "G"
Pvt	Tauriello, Anthony J.	32568220	Co. "G"
Cpl	Rice, Melvin D	37026852	Co. "G"
Pvt	Hoycyk, Michael	32343416	Co. "H"
Sgt	Kelbrick, Stanley V.	36307036	Co. "I"
Pvt	Dideum, Roy V.	33234063	Co. "I"
Pvt	Thomas, Robert L.	34448718	Co. "I"
S/Sgt	Jorges, Waldemar K.	20709187	Co. "I"
2nd Lt	Svitavsky, Leo E	01283139	Co. "J"
Cpl	Westgaard, Erwin O.	20709355	Co. "K"
Cpl	Halvorson, Levi M.	37027542	Co. "K"
Pvt	Weber, George F.	35668495	Co. "K"

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2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

28 April 1943, cont'd

Pvt lcl	Thompson, Lyle W.	20709313	Co. "K"
Pvt	Malone, Charles E.	36307195	Co. "K"
Sgt	Holmquist, Waldo C.	20709313	Co. "K"
Pvt	Williams, Harold H.	34365110	Co. "K"
Sgt	Stagl, Albert T.	37027496	Co. "K"
Pvt	Thomas, Willie (NMI)	34448883	Co. "K"
Pvt	Thawley, Clarence O.	35666640	Co. "K"
Pvt	Klunk, Walter S.	36079389	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Dhondt, Lawrence H.	36229282	Co. "K"
Pvt	Fox, William R.	32269521	Co. "K"
Pvt lcl	Arika, Peter N.	36131331	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Larson, Milton O.	36229257	Co. "L"
Pvt lcl	Jasnowski, Arthur J.	36131164	Co. "M"

29 April 1943

Pvt	Bucklin, Kenneth E.	37036829	Med Det
Pvt	Dillard, L. B.	38038886	Med Det
Pvt lcl	Charest, Arthur L.	31108998	Co. "A"
Pvt	Krueger, Magelon R.	37276893	Co. "A"
2nd Lt.	Branon, John C.	01307932	Co. "A"
1st Lt	Tucker, Matthew	0387934	Co. "B"
Pvt lcl	Carlo, Alfred A.	32181126	Co. "C"
S/Sgt	Jensen, Lowell H.	20708271	Co. "E"
Pvt lcl	McMonagle, Dean B.	10600051	Co. "E"
Pvt	Smothers, Cecil	34101427	Co. "E"
Pvt	Stuart, Gilbert W.	34361425	Co. "F"
Pvt	Ingenito, John T.	32539681	Co. "F"
Pvt	Sigler, Roy E.	35588082	Co. "F"
Pvt	Sacks, Morris	33447366	Co. "F"
Pvt	Rupslaukis, James J.	32303942	Co. "F"
Pvt	Bathel, Donald E.	20708503	Co. "F"
Pvt	Stewart, Reginald F.	15335292	Co. "F"
Pvt lcl	McFarland, Leon D.	35130882	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Czimer, Richard J.	36034498	Co. "G"
Pvt	Bartnick, Edward	13081581	Co. "G"
Pvt	Taber, Donald E.	36156229	Co. "G"
Pvt	Brzezinski, Edward	32308489	Co. "G"
Pvt	Collyer, Charlie C.	34149578	Co. "G"
Pvt	Thompson, Eunis C.	34361754	Co. "G"
Pvt	Karwoski, Theodore J.	33129471	Co. "G"
Pvt	Glorius, John H.	35131537	Co. "G"
Pvt	Summers, Joseph F.	15331666	Co. "G"
Pvt lcl	Annunziata, Michael	6908180	Co. "H"
S/Sgt	Pepper, Walter H.	20708897	Co. "H"
Pvt	Bellcourt, Joseph D.	37027387	Co. "H"
Pvt	Salazer, Rupert R.	34209598	Co. "I"

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2. Wounded in Action, cont'd

29 April 1943, cont'd

Sgt	Nelson, Lloyd H.	20709353	Co. "K"
Cpl	Evans, Ole H.	37027579	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	DePasquale, Joseph	33106427	Co. "K"
Cpl	Fritsch, Frank F.	32287920	Co. "K"
Pvt	Lindahl, Harvey A.	36229229	Co. "K"
Pvt	Stiles, Daniel S.	34490073	Co. "K"
2nd Lt	Hall, Irwin F.	01292334	Co. "L"
Cpl	Onstad, Vern P.	37028895	Co. "L"
Cpl	Usselman, Gabe	37028712	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Dvorski, Joseph J.	36131259	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Houser, Orval	37045372	Co. "L"
Pvt 1cl	Myhre, Arthur H.	37028691	Co. "L"
Pvt	Crabtree, Hughes R.	1423789	Co. "L"
Pvt	Long, Thaddeus E.	33106678	Co. "L"
Pvt	Thomas, Melvin H.	33215625	Co. "L"
Pvt	Lippstreu, Martin K. O.	33372098	Co. "M"

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Pvt 1cl	Rolfhus, Kennard R.	37025791	Hq Co.
Pvt	Abowitz, Benjamin	34175406	Co. "A"
Pvt	Klarich, Blosch	36229241	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Maddock, Donald S.	36229377	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	York, William S.	34175297	Co. "A"
Cpl	Warthan, John W.	33121875	Co. "A"
Sgt	McTague, Frank C.	32173150	Co. "A"
Pvt 1cl	Gearl, Charles H.	32167837	Co. "C"
Sgt	Williams, James T.	33119747	Co. "C"
Sgt	Osborn, Harold E.	6574140	Co. "C"
Pvt	Bulger, Bernard J.	31116492	Co. "C"
Cpl	McCoy, George E.	10600077	Co. "C"
Pvt 1cl	Green, Rawson L.	10600054	Co. "E"
Pvt 1cl	Gramentz, Herman M.	37025730	Co. "E"
Pvt	Salzbrunn, Gerald J.	37026320	Co. "E"
Pvt	Ties, Hubert B.	37026269	Co. "E"
Pvt	Tracy, Marshall O.	35508124	Co. "G"
Pvt 1cl	Lacy, Edwin P.	35130807	Co. "H"
Pvt 1cl	Pihlaja, Arvo A.	36229293	Co. "I"
Pvt	Gundrum, Edward L.	12172140	Co. "I"
2nd Lt	Flynn, John P.	01292861	Co. "K"
Pvt	Walker, Arthur H.	36079403	Co. "K"
Sgt	Stratmoen, Ralph D.	20709321	Co. "K"
Pvt 1cl	Holmquist, Wallace R.	20709341	Co. "K"
Cpl	Martinson, Johnny	37027551	Co. "K"
Pvt	Sutherland, Harvey C.	33215755	Co. "K"
Pvt	Flesher, Nathan (NMI)	32349780	Co. "K"
Pvt	Ellis, Mervin C.	35213937	Co. "K"

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2. wounded in Action, cont'd

30 April 1943, cont'd

Pvt 1cl	Frank, Henry G.	33317389	Co. "L"
Pvt	Kolodziej, Edward	32578479	Co. "L"
Pvt	St. John, George	37028514	Co. "L"
Pvt	Trinka, Robert	37028734	Co. "L"

1 May 1943

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

2 May 1943

Pvt 1cl	Wolfarth, George J.	32181052	Co. "A"
Cpl	Schmidt, Howard M.	32173808	Co. "A"
Pvt	Hanson, Ludvig H.	37027170	Co. "E"
Pvt	Morrison, Alexander R.	10600061	Co. "E"

5 May 1943

Cpl	Campbell, Mason E.	34152043	Serv. C
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SUMMARY:

Killed in Action: 1 Off., 35 EM
Wounded in Action: 9 Off., 148 EM

TOTAL LOSSES IN ACTION

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Tot</u>
Killed in Action:	15		151	
Wounded in Action:	35	1	545	
Missing in Action	2		25	
Captured			6	78
	<u>52</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>727</u>	

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SECTION VII * C. ACTIONS AND AWARDS.

A. Distinguished Service Cross.

1. ROBERT ROONEY, 20709718, Staff Sergeant, Company "M", 135th Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action. On 8 November 1942, in the city of Algiers, Algeria, Staff Sergeant Rooney distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy. The troops which had landed in the city were ordered to withdraw because of heavy opposition. Staff Sergeant Rooney's group had to pass a street intersection which was under heavy machine gun fire from two directions. After passing the intersection himself, Staff Sergeant Rooney saw Private Lawrence Fonder receive a wound and fall in the danger area. With utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Rooney went back, and under heavy fire carried Private Fonder to cover. His action probably saved the life of his comrade at great actual risk to his own. (Authority: GO 29, Allied Force Hq., APO 512, 16 December 1942)

2. MELVIN A. LEIN, 20707266, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On 8 November 1942, in the city of Algiers, Algeria, Private First Class Lein distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the initial assault on the city, he was informed of the location of a wounded officer of his organization, but was told he would have to subject himself to heavy machine gun fire in order to reach the officer. With utter disregard for his own safety, he went to the officer and rendered emergency treatment. Private First Class Lein then started back to his post, but was killed by enemy machine gun fire. His valiant action and devotion to duty set a high example to his comrades. (Awarded posthumous.) (Authority: GO29, Par 2, Allied Force Hq, APO 512, 16 December 1942)

B. Silver Star.

1. JOHN J. LEONARD, 20708314, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. The Headquarters Company was under enemy armored vehicle fire and being a member of a group of nine men of which three men were killed and six wounded, Corporal Leonard although wounded returned enemy fire, dressed the serious wound of Sergeant Robert Bailey and brought him back to our lines safely through enemy machine gun fire. Corporal Leonard's bravery under fire, in evacuating his comrade and devotion to duty is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24897) Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div., dated 18 April 1943)

2. ALVIN BAKKE, 37028882, Private First Class, Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March, 1942, near *** Tunisia, North Africa. During the battle for the high ground, Private First Class Bakke, after himself being wounded, made his way back to the Medical Aid Station, secured a litter squad and under heavy artillery and mortar fire led them back to pick up his Battalion Commander who was seriously wounded. He then proceeded to have his own wounds treated. Private First Class Bakke's conduct under fire was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24735) (Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div, 18 April 1943).

3. ARTHUR R. KELLER, 33234823, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action during the morning of *** April, 1943 in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Private Keller, as a litter bearer, went into a forward area containing personnel mines to give aid to a wounded man. As he approached, the wounded man was killed by the explosion of a mine. Private Keller continued in the same mine field caring for other wounded personnel. Private Keller's devotion to duty in the face of danger is a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24607) (Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div., 18 April 1943.)

4. CHARLES L. MATHEWS, 03479921, First Lieutenant, Company "I", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Lieutenant Matthews, upon receiving orders to withdraw his men from their position to a more secure one, checked his machine gun section and found Corporal Kerr missing. Lieutenant Matthews with utter disregard to his own personal safety set out to find Corporal Kerr, though the area was covered with enemy rifle and machine gun fire and infiltrated by small groups of enemy troops. Lieutenant Matthews rejoined his unit two days later having gone through the enemy lines in order to return. Lieutenant Matthews bravery and coolness in the face of grave danger set an example for his men and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24671)(Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div.)

5. JOSEHH A. LAWNIZAK, 32283775, Private, Company "I", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. One machine gun section of Company "I", 135th Infantry were ordered to withdraw from their position to a more secure location and found that Corporal Kerr was missing. Private Lawnizak with utter disregard to his own personal safety volunteered to remain behind and endeavor to locate the above mentioned Corporal, in an area covered by enemy machine gun fire and infiltrated by small groups of enemy troops. Private Lawnizak rejoined his unit two days later, having gone through the enemy lines in order to return, Private Lawnizak's bravery and coolness in the face of grave danger was exemplary and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24220) (Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div 18 April 1943)

6. KENNETH E. BUCKLIN, 37036829, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action at the time of the action in the hills SE of ***TUNISIA, North Africa on about *** April 1943. As a First Aid Man, and under fire almost continuously for a period of three days and at one time severely shocked from the explosion of a shell that had wounded others close to him, continued to give first aid in complete disregard for his own safety and distinguished himself in an outstanding way. Private Bucklin's courage, devotion to duty and loyalty to the service is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24852) (Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq. 34th Inf. Div., 18 April 1943.)

7. WALTER H. REICH, 37038889, Private, Company "E", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** April on hill in ***TUNISIA North Africa. Private Reich and another soldier advanced ahead of the main body of his organization, trying to clear the enemy from the path. Although Private Reich's rifle became jammed he advanced with his bayonet as his only weapon and captured two Italian prisoners. Private Reich's bravery under exceptional circumstances and courageous action at an opportune time was a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24363) (Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 18 April 1943)

8. HERMAN B. KARLEBACH, 6834134, Private, Company "F", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** February 1943, at *** Tunisia, North Africa. After having been sent out on a patrol to obtain enemy information, Private Karlebach did, after obtaining this information, return, under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, and mortar fire, carrying his wounded comrad Sergeant Barden to safety and medical care. He then reported to his Commanding Officer and collapsed from sheer exhaustion. Private Karlebach's bravery and conduct under fire is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24871) (Authority: GO 11, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div., 18 April 1943.)

9. FRANCIS D. POLL, 36160589, Corporal, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of **** Tunisia, North Africa. During the attack on *** Pass, Corporal Polls entire squad was pinned to the ground by extremely heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Corporal Poll discovered that one of his own squad members was badly wounded and he immediately left his place of safety, advanced thru enemy fire, and helped the wounded man back to cover. He then proceeded to administer first aid to him. After this was completed, Corporal Poll took up his former position and led his squad's successful advance upon the objective. Corporal Poll's disregard for his own safety, bravery under fire, and quick thinking was an inspiration to his men and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24912) (Authority: GO 13, Par 1, Hq, 34th Inf. Div. 2 May 1943.)

10. PALMER E. JERDE, 20709342, Private, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, at *** Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt. Jerde observed that the automatic gunner of his squad was badly wounded. Pvt. Jerde assisted him back to cover and then returned to take over the wounded man's position. During the ensuing action he himself was wounded by enemy rifle fire but continued to man the gun until given the order to withdraw. During the withdrawal Pvt. Jerde assisted his wounded comrade, and through first aid measures probably saved his life. Pvt. Jerde's initiative, cool-headedness, and bravery under fire with disregard for his own safety and pain is meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 24866) (Authority: GO 13, Par 1, Hq. 34th Inf. Div. 2 May 1943).

11. WILLIAM L. MUIR, 0386785, First Lieutenant, Company "M", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. During the early evening of this day, 1st Lt. Muir was at a forward infantry OP and when heavy enemy anti-tank fire started falling in the area it caused some individual infantrymen in that section to start making a small scale withdrawal. 1st Lt. Muir observed this and though his route necessitated his going over 100 yards of open territory under observation of the enemy he ran to the men and by encouraging them and by his display of courage and leadership reorganized them and maintained the positions. The coolness under fire, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by 1st Lt. Muir is meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 16641) (Authority: GO 15, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 25 May 1943).

12. JOHN MOCK, 36306777, Corporal, (Then Private), Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, near *** Tunisia, North Africa. Corporal Mock in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire and under perfect observation of the enemy located only 250 yards east of his company and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, carried a seriously wounded comrade to an area of cover where he could receive the necessary medical attention. This gallant act saved his comrade's life. The courage of Corporal Mock is worthy of the highest praise and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 16630) (Authority: GO 15 Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 25 May 1943).

13. ROBERT F. CONRATH, 10600180, Corporal, Company "G", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on the morning of *** April 1943, in the vicinity of Hill 461, near *** Tunisia, North Africa. In the attack on Hill 461 the 3rd Platoon of Company "G" 135th Infantry, was held down by heavy machine gun fire. Corporal Conrath, then Pvt. Conrath, led his squad and destroyed the machine gun next resulting in the capture of the company objective. Corporal Conrath personally destroyed one member of the machine gun crew allowing the rest of the squad to advance and deal with the other members of the enemy machine gun. Corporal Conrath's bravery and coolness under fire act as an example for his men and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 16638) (Authority: GO 15, Par 1, Hq. 34th Inf. Div. 25 May 1943).

14. CHARLES J. MALEVICH, 37026600, Private First Class, Company "E" 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on *** April 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 461, Tunisia, North Africa. During the assault on hill 461, Pvt. 1cl Malevich while acting in the capacity of squad leader proceeded forward in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, secured an enemy machine gun next and turned it on the retreating enemy. His gallant action caused much disorder and confusion among the enemy and his initiative, aggressiveness and bravery in the face of grave danger did ~~materially~~ aid materially to the success of the assault and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 17158) (Authority: CO 15, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 25 May 1943.)

15. ELMER H. LINDE, 20709048, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt. 1cl Linde while on duty with the reconnaissance platoon of his company was then under fire from German armored vehicles. The fire was extremely heavy and all the Platoon's vehicles were destroyed and three of the nine men the reconnaissance party were killed, and the other six wounded. Pvt. 1cl Linde although painfully wounded himself went out in the open under intense fire and brought back one of his seriously wounded comrades. After administering first aid to his comrade he went back for help. Pvt. 1cl Linde's bravery under fire and devotion to duty helped in saving his comrade's life is exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 17132) (Authority: CO 15, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 25 May 1943.)

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16. THOMAS A. ALEXANDER, 01290358, Second Lieutenant, Company "E" 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on Hill 254 in the vicinity of *** on April 1943, During the advance on this hill Lt. Alexander's company was pinned down by enemy automatic rifle fire. The enemy had allowed part of the company to pass their position and then they opened fire stopping the entire unit. Lt. Alexander, with two volunteers, went forward in the face of heavy machine gun fire and silenced the enemy position thereby enabling the company to complete its mission. The courage, Leadership and bravery under fire displayed by Lt. Alexander set a fine example for his men and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 27277) (Authority: CO 17, Par 1, 34th Inf. Div. 28 May).

17. THEODORE E. JUNKINS, 34160492, Corporal, Company "D", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on the night of *** May 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 609 near *** Tunisia, North Africa. Corporal Junkins' platoon, the 81 MM mortar platoon had displaced forward to Roman Ruins. The only route open to them was known to be heavily mined. Corporal Junkins was aware of the fact that the platoon would need plenty of ammunition to ward off any counter attack or to support a push. Under cover of darkness he drove his jeep through the mine field thereby opening a trailer for other ammunition and supply trucks thus enabling the mortars to keep up constant firing. Corporal Junkins' courage and fearlessness contributed greatly to the success of his platoon's mission and his action is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 17133) (Authority: CO 17, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 28 May).

18. FRANCIS P. LOWE, 20707240, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action during the battle of *** Tunisia, North Africa, on the morning of *** April 1943. Under heavy enemy machine gun fire Private Lowe left the shelter of the irrigation ditch to go to the aid of wounded men of his own regiment and also two British soldiers. On his way forward he inadvertently tripped a booby trap which exploded four feet from him. This failed to deter Private Lowe from the performance of his duty as he continued forward and attended to the wounded. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Lowe is meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 17192) (Authority: GO 17, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 28 May 1943.)

19. CHARLES G. ANDERSON, 37023695, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on hill 490 in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa on *** April 1943. As a first aid man, Pvt. Anderson, in the face of heavy German artillery and mortar fire and in an area containing personnel mines, continued to administer aid to the wounded thereby saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. The courage, coolness, efficiency and resourcefulness displayed by Private Anderson in the face of great danger is meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 17265) (Authority: GO 17, Hq 34th Inf. Div., 28 May 1943.)

20. RECIS J. CRUM, 33101127, Private, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. In the face of intense German artillery bombardment, Private Crum unceasingly repaired and spliced telephone communication lines. While repairing a break in one line, adjacent communication lines, ten feet on both sides of him were blown out by enemy artillery shell explosions. Private Crum completed repairs on the line on which he was working and then spliced the two adjacent wires. The coolness, skill, courage and devotion to duty which distinct marked the work of Private Crum was a vital factor in the success of the engagement and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Medal No. 16674) (Authority: GO 17, Par 1, Hq. 34th Inf. Div., 28 May 1943)

21. LOUIS R. ZICK, 32182572, Private, Company "C", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** May 1943, in Tunisia, North Africa. When the advance of an infantry patrol was held up by enemy machine gun fire, Private Zick volunteered to go with a combat patrol to try and destroy the enemy machine gun. The mission was accomplished, but during the action, Private Zick was killed by fire from another enemy machine gun. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Private Zick is highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 17, Par 2, Hq 34th Inf. Div., 28 May 1943)

22. JAMES R. ROBERTSON, 34088597, Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** May 1943 in Tunisia, North Africa. When enemy machine gun fire pinned down his patrol, Sgt. Robertson and another soldier volunteered for a combat patrol to destroy the enemy gun. The patrol accomplished their mission but during the action another enemy machine gun fired on them killing Sgt. Robertson immediately. The bravery, initiative and devotion to duty of Sgt. Robertson was an inspiration to his men and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 17, Par 2, Hq 34th Inf. Div., 28 May 1943). Awarded posthumously)

C. Citations.

1. WILLIAM L. MUIR, 0386785, First Lieutenant, 135th Infantry Regiment. Following is a letter received by Lt. Muir: "Sir, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that the King has been graciously pleased to approve the mention of your name in Despatches for your bravery on passage to North Africa as Ninth U.S. Army Officer attached to the Boarding Parties in H.M.S. MALCOLM when you jettisoned burning ammunition containers set on fire by enemy gunfire. The Certificate will be sent to you in due course. I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. V. Markham
Office of the Secretary of Admiralt

2. HAROLD A. HOFFMAN, 37078871, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For exceptional meritorious conduct on the evening of *** February 1943, at *** Tunisia, North Africa. While a company of infantry were under intense airplane bombing and strafing, Private First Class Hoffman, with complete disregard for his own safety gave immediate first aid to all wounded in his area. Pvt lcl Hoffman's courage, devotion to duty while under fire, was outstanding and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 12 Par 2, 34th Inf. Div. 20 April 1943).

3. RICHARD L. LUNDBERG, 20707241, Private first Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For exceptional meritorious conduct on *** March 1943, at *** Tunisia, North Africa. With complete disregard for his own safety, Pvt. lcl Lundberg passed through an area that under extremely heavy machine gun fire to render first aid to a wounded soldier. Pvt lcl Lundberg's courage and devotion to duty exemplifies the highest tradition of the Medical Service and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 12, Par 2, Hq 34th Div., 20 April 1943)

4. CLARENCE) PEARSON, 20701704, Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. For exceptional meritorious conduct on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. When a patrol of 5 men under the leadership of Sgt. Pearson were sent on the mission of reaching the top of hill 306 and driving the enemy off they were met with enemy machine gun fire. Near the top of the hill two members of the patrol were wounded by machine gun fire. Amid more machine gun fire and concussion grenade, the remaining three men advanced on the machine gun next, killing one and wounding another of the enemy. Sgt. Pearson guided his wounded comrade to safety, found the other member of his squad dead, and returned with the remainder of the patrol and reported the activity on the hill. Sgt. Pearson later took another patrol and returned to the hill and prepared to resist a counterattack. Sgt. Pearson's courage and coolness under fire was outstanding and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 13, Par 2, Hq 34th Inf. Div., 2 May 1943)

5. HERBERT P. WEHRKAMP, 35130780, Private First Class, Co."I", 135th Infantry, For exceptional meritorious conduct on *** April 1943, at *** Tunisia, North Africa. While Company "I" was engaging the enemy two soldiers were buried in their respective foxholes by a tank over-running them. Pvt. 1cl Wehrkamp, under direct observation of the enemy and exposed to mortar and machine gun fire, left his foxhole to extricate his two comrades. Pvt. 1cl Wehrkamp's courage in the face of enemy fire is a credit to the Armed forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 13, Par 2, Hq 34th Inf. Div., 2 May 1943.)

6. GORDON A MAY, 10600130, Private, Company "C", 135th Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on *** April 1943, near Tunisia, North Africa. While Company "C", 135th Infantry was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire and artillery fire, Pvt. May upon hearing the cries of the wounded men left the safety of his foxhole and went to the wounded men and carried them to safety. This act saved the lives of two of his comrades. Pvt. May's courage and devotion to duty while under fire was outstanding and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 16 Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div, 27 May 1943)

7. GEORGE E. MCCOY, 10600077, Private First Class, Company "C", 135th Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. On four separate occasions during the afternoon and the evening of *** April 1943, Pvt. 1cl McCoy left his squad and personally assisted in removing wounded men to suitable shelter. Pvt. 1cl McCoy's actions were particularly outstanding and a source of inspiration to the men of his platoon inasmuch as they were performed under duress of enemy shell fire. By disregarding his own safety and thus facilitating the removal of the wounded, Pvt. 1cl McCoy was instrumental in saving a number of lives. Later, on the night of *** April 1943, Pvt. 1cl McCoy displayed extra-ordinary courage by voluntarily returning

to an area which was known to harbor booby traps to assist in locating the dead and evacuating of the wounded. Pvt lcl McCoy's courage and devotion to duty was a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 16 Par 1, 34th Div. 27 May 1943)

8. GOBER CONNER, 34088001, Corporal, Company "A", 135th Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. During the attack on Hill 531, a member of Corporal Conner's organization was wounded by enemy fire. Corporal Conner, with disregard for his own safety, left his cover and administered first aid to the wounded man, in spite of the fact that the immediate vicinity was under heavy enemy artillery fire. Corp. Conner after administering first aid to the man, rejoined his organization and continued in the attack. Corporal Conner's courage and leadership was highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. (Authority: GO 18, Par 1 Hq 34 Inf. Div., 31 May 1943)

9. MILTON F. FIX, 20706993, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarter Third Battalion, 135th Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on *** April 1943 at *** Tunisia, North Africa. While T-4 Fix's battalion was engaging the enemy, he placed his radio communication equipment in a position well in advance of other units of the bn. Although he was subjected to severe German 88mm cannon and mortar fire, his aerial being in plain view of the enemy, T-4 Fix remained at his post, maintaining communications until the objective was reached. T-4 Fix's courage and devotion to duty were exemplary and a credit to the Army Forces of the United States (Authority: GO 18, Par 1, Hq 34th Inf. Div. 31 May 1943).

The following recommendations have been made for awards, but at the time of this typing, the General Orders necessary have not been issued:

D. Distinguished Service Cross.

1. RUFUS E. O'FARRELL, 0492789, Second Lieutenant, Company "B", 135th Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism on *** April 1943, at about 0700 hours in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. On this morning Lt. O'Farrell was leading his platoon across an open plain approaching a high mountain to the front with high ground to his left in the assault on *** Cap. The day was clear and afforded the enemy unobstructed observation and as the platoon advanced it came under heavy mortar fire, but with Lt. O'Farrell's leadership, continued to advance until it was finally pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Although wounded during the advance he proceeded forward and demanded the surrender of the machine-gun nest. When the demand for surrender was refused, Lt. O'Farrell formed a base of fire for his flank scouts and, although his gun jammed, continued to expose himself drawing the fire from the flanking scouts and consequently resulted in the successful taking of the

machine gun nest. Then, although mortally wounded, he called his platoon sergeant to him and gave him his final instructions. Some of the men in the platoon wished to remain and give him first aid. He ordered them to go on and take their objective, which helped the company and ultimately the entire battalion in reaching its objective. The leadership and courage displayed by Lt. O'Farrell was an inspiration to the entire battalion in which he served and reflects great credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. (To be awarded posthumously).

2. ALBERT A. SVOBODA, 0103869, Lieutenant Colonel, 135th Infantry, Regiment. For extraordinary heroism on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of ***Tunisia, North Africa. During the battle for hill 461, Lt. Col. Svoboda, Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 135th Infantry personally led one of the companies of his battalion in gaining a foothold on the hill, which he was then able to exploit thereby securing the hill. While under heavy machine gun fire from Hill 609, Lt. Col. Svoboda was constantly at the head of his troops, moving among them and directing fire. His utter lack of fear and total disregard for his own personal safety acted as an inspiration to his men and officers. His initiative in this action was beyond that expected of him in normal line of duty. Lt. Col. Svoboda's great courage and inspiring leadership reflects great credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. ROBERT P. MILLER, 0256068, Lieutenant Colonel, 135th Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism on *** May 1943, in the vicinity of ***Tunisia, North Africa. On the afternoon of this day, Lt. Col. Miller's battalion was engaged in close in fighting with the enemy for the possession of hill 531. Lt. Col. Miller, from an advanced and exposed observation post, observed the beginning of a counter-attack toward the right front directed at Hill 523 that was held by the First Division. He immediately called for and directed artillery fire which broke up this attack. On the evening of *** May 1943, Company "C" 135th Infantry, was pinned down by hidden enemy machine guns and mortar on hill 531. During the advance of Company "C" to this position, Lt. Col. Miller had remained well forward under direct enemy observation, machine gun and sniper fire. The enemy machine gun which was temporarily holding up the company was spotted to the left front, and without hesitation, Lt. Col. Miller called for volunteers to accompany him on a flanking patrol to knock out the gun. Before the patrol could be maneuvered into a position from which it could assault the machine gun, Company "A" silenced it, but the example set by Lt. Col. Miller was an inspiration and a lesson in leadership to all those present.

E. Silver Star

1. KENNARD E. ROLPHFUS, 37025791, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, in the vicinity of **** Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt. 1cl Rolphfus, together with two other enlisted men, volunteered to serve as litter bearers. He proceeded through heavy artillery and mortar fire at great risk to his own life and successfully evacuated the wounded, a battalion commander, communications officer and communications sergeant. The battalion commander was seriously wounded and Pvt 1cl Rolphfus' action was undoubtedly instrumental in saving his life, and his action reflects great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. EDWARD C. DIKE, (continued on page 12)

E. Silver Star (cont.)

2. EDWARD C. DIKE, 20707149, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt. 1cl Dike, together with two other enlisted men, volunteered to serve as litter bearer. He proceeded through heavy artillery and mortar fire at great risk to his own life and successfully evacuated the wounded, a battalion commander, communications officer, and communications sergeant. The battalion commander was seriously wounded and Pvt. 1cl Dike's action was undoubtedly instrumental in saving his life, and his action reflects great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. NICHOLS C. MANGIARACINI, 34152608, Private, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** March 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt. Mangiaracini, together with two other enlisted men, volunteered to serve as litter bearer. He proceeded through heavy artillery fire and mortar fire at great risk to his own life and successfully evacuated the wounded, the battalion commander, communications officer, and communications sergeant. The battalion commander was seriously wounded and Private Mangiaracini's action was undoubtedly instrumental in saving his life, and his action reflects great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States.

4. WARREN F. RUSKELL, 20708274, Staff Sergeant, Company "E", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. While his company was making an assault on an objective, hill 461, they were pinned down because of enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Staff sergeant Ruskell of the weapons platoon noted the position of two enemy machine guns. In disregard of his own safety and on his own initiative, he advanced at least two hundred yards in the face of a very heavy enfilade machine gun and artillery fire in order to contact the company commander and get his decision on the disposition of the weapons. Staff Sergeant Ruskell returned to the point of his departure under this heavy fire and had the weapons placed where there was concentrated fire on the enemy's automatic gun positions. The courage and integrity demonstrated by Staff Sergeant Ruskell was instrumental in the company's fast advance on the objective. This action of courage exemplifies a high degree of leadership and unselfish devotion to duty and the credit of the Armed Forces of the United States.

F. LEGION OF MERIT (Degree of Officer)

1. WILLIE A. DOEBLER, 37028518, Corporal, Antitank Company, 135th Infantry. For meritorious service under fire and devotion to duty on ***, ***, ***, and *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Corporal Doebler, of the Transportation Section, carried on his duties in evacuating disabled vehicles

under fire of the enemy in such an efficient manner that the vehicles were quickly repaired and returned to service. Thereby reducing the shortage of vehicles to the extent that the unit commander could move his guns without delay. Corporal Doebler's devotion to duty is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.)

2. PEARY B. BERGER, 0344610, Captain, Medical Corps, 135th Infantry. For bravery and exceptionally meritorious service of a high degree in the performance of outstanding service as Third Battalion Surgeon, 135th Infantry, during the attack on the 135th Infantry on *** Tunisia, North Africa on *** April 1943.

3. ALBERT A. KURLAND, 0418226, First Lieutenant, Medical Corps 135th Infantry. For coolness and exceptionally meritorious conduct of a high degree in the face of savage and incessant German artillery and mortar fire, while administering medical treatment to wounded during the attack by the 135th Infantry Regiment of the German positions at *** Tunisia, North Africa, on *** 28 April 1943. Lt. Kurland assistant surgeon of the Third Battalion, 135th Infantry by his brilliant work and efficiency while under a terrific German 88 cannon bombardment, unquestionably saved the lives of at least five critically wounded men.

4. ANTHONY F. VON RUDEN, 01290508, Second Lieutenant, 135th Infantry. For services of a high degree of merit during the operations around the *** Gap, during the period from *** to *** April 1943. On the morning of *** April 1943, an urgent telephone message was received from the Regimental Commanding Officer which had to be delivered to the Battalion Commander at once, he being with the front line companies. The front line zone and the area directly behind it were at that time under heavy and continuous shell fire and the wire forward from the rear echelon of the Battalion CP was out. Although the scope of his duties did not demand it, he volunteered to deliver the message and in spite of heavy shell fire and without regard for his personal safety, worked his way to the front line and delivered the message to the Battalion Commander. In addition to this incident, Lt. Von Ruden maintained the supply service of the battalion so that at all times during the engagement, the troops received the maximum of ammunition, food, and water that could be supplied them under the circumstances

G. Legion of Merit (Degree of Legionnaire)

1. WALTER A. LIGENZA, 36162701, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For meritorious service on *** April 1943 on hill 490 in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Private Ligenza, as a first aid man attached to Company "F", 135th Infantry, did exceptional work in taking care of the wounded of his company under heavy artillery fire and in complete disregard of his own personal safety. In addition on his own initiative, he gave first aid to wounded men of another battalion and part of another Regiment of infantry. In one area containing personnel mines, he continued giving aid while under heavy mortar fire. Private Ligenza's bravery in the face of grave danger and outstanding devotion to duty is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. RICHARD R. NORTON, 33111469, Corporal, Company "D", 135th Infantry. For meritorious service under enemy fire on *** April 1943 in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Corporal Norton moved 300 yards through heavy artillery and machine gun fire to give the location of an enemy machine gun nest and 88 mm gun emplacement to his heavy weapons platoon leader. Through this action mortar and machine gun fire was brought to bear on the enemy positions neutralizing them so that the advance would continue. Corporal Norton also gave the location of a wounded American soldier enabling an aid man to find and treat the stricken soldier, which action undoubtedly contributed to saving the man's life. Corporal Norton's meritorious action is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. MASON E. CAMPBELL, 54152043, Private First Class, Service Company, 135th Infantry. For meritorious service under enemy fire during the operations in Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt 1cl Campbell was assigned as assistant to the Chaplain of the Third Battalion, 135th Infantry. During the action at *** Tunisia, *** March to *** April 1943 he performed his duties in an exemplary manner. During this entire action he and the chaplain supervised the evacuation of the dead from the field of battle, doing this work under ~~ENEMY FIRE~~ the most difficult conditions of total darkness and under enemy artillery fire. After the Chaplain's death, Pvt. 1cl Campbell completely took over the duties of Chaplain, with the exception of holding services. After the battle of Hill 609, while the area was yet under anti-personnel artillery fire, Pvt 1cl Campbell supervised the evacuation of the dead in this area. This group was heavily shelled and one casualty was suffered. During the supervising of the burial of German dead, Pvt 1cl Campbell was wounded by shell fragments. The exceptional ability, and unselfish devotion to duty, is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

4. WAYNE D. LIDDICK, 36305626, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For outstandingly meritorious service rendered on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Pass, Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt lcl Liddick volunteered to leave the safety of his foxhole in the rear of the company to go out beyond the front line and render first aid to a wounded soldier. Unmindful of his own safety Pvt lcl Liddick without hesitation braved enemy artillery shelling, machine gun fire and aerial bombing in order to treat the injured man. He was out in "no man's land" for fully 30 minutes trying to comfort the stricken man. In addition, all during the operations, Pvt lcl Liddick always put his personal safety last, treating wounded men under most trying circumstances. His devotion to duty is a great credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

5. WILFRED M. CARROLL, 20708077, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. For meritorious service during the morning of *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Pass, Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt lcl Carroll while carrying two boxes of machine gun ammunition to a forward gun position under heavy artillery fire, was wounded by flying shrapnel. In spite of the wound and continuous barrage of enemy artillery fire, Pvt lcl Carroll continued to carry the ammunition forward until he reached the gun position. The stubborn courage and strong will of Pvt lcl Carroll was indeed an inspiration to the other men of the unit and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

6. HOKE S. BELL, 0422401, First Lieutenant, Chaplains Corps, 135th Infantry. For exceptional bravery in face of known danger at about 1830 hours *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. 1st Lt. Bell unhesitatingly entered an enemy anti-personnel mine field to the aid of seriously wounded soldiers. He did this with the full knowledge that it could mean serious personal injury or death. In his efforts to give assistance to the wounded soldiers, 1st Lt. Bell was killed by a booby trap explosion.

7. LEO C. VOSS, 0451700, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 135th Infantry. For exceptional bravery in the face of known danger on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. 1st Lt. Voss unhesitatingly entered an enemy anti-personnel mine field to the aid of seriously wounded soldiers. He did this with the full knowledge that it could mean serious personal injury or death. Through 1st Lt. Voss's efforts, the wounded and dead were evacuated from the area.

8. CLIFFORD E. OST, 20711732, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For exceptional bravery in the face of known danger on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt lcl did unhesitatingly go into an enemy anti-personnel mine field to aid two wounded comrades. He did this with the full knowledge that it could mean serious personal injury or death. In this action, Pvt lcl Ost was killed by the explosion of a booby Trap while in the act of carrying one of the wounded men to safety.

9. JOSEPH Z. ASBELL, 120088095, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For exceptional bravery in the face of known danger on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Private Asbell did unhesitatingly go into an enemy anti-personnel minefield to aid two wounded comrades. He did this with the full knowledge that he was subject to grave personal injury and at the risk of his life. In the carrying out of this act Private Asbell was seriously wounded by the explosion of a booby trap.

10. MONRUD E. ANDERSON, 20709051, Private First Class, Headquarter Detachment, Third Battalion, 135th Infantry. For exceptional bravery in the face of known danger on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Pvt lcl Anderson, knowing that there was much danger from booby traps, volunteered to go into a mine field with the Chaplain and other men to give aid to wounded men injured by mine explosions. When one of the wounded was being brought out on a stretcher, another personnel mine exploded, killing Pvt. Ost, Chaplain Bell, Pvt. Mazzolia, and injuring two others. Pvt lcl Anderson miraculously escaped injury.

11. CHARLES H. MAZZOLLA, 32342304, Private, Headquarters Det., Third Battalion, 135th Infantry. For exceptional bravery in the face of known danger on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Knowing that there was much danger from booby traps, Pvt. Mazzolla, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to accompany the Chaplain and two other men in to the field to aid the wounded. One of the wounded was being brought out on a stretcher when another personnel mine exploded, killing Private Mazzolla.

12. ROBERT F. COLLINS, 20709058, Private First Class, Headquarters Detachment, Third Battalion, 135th Infantry. For exceptional bravery in the face of known danger on *** April 1943, in the vicinity of *** Tunisia, North Africa. Knowing that there was much danger from the booby traps in the area, Pvt lcl Collins with utter disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to accompany the Chaplain and two other men into the mine field to render aid to the wounded. One of the wounded was being carried out when another mine exploded, injuring Pvt lcl Collin's.

13. GUNDER EGGE, 20707350, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 135th Infantry. For exceptional meritorious service during the operations against the enemy from *** March to *** April 1943, in the vicinity of ***TUNisia, North Africa. Staff Sergeant Egge on numerous occasions repaired broken down and damaged vehicles for his unit, thus enabling the 37 mm gun crews to proceed into position. His untiring efforts to keep the vehicles mobile at all times was undoubtedly in part responsible for the successful completion of the missions assigned to the Antitank Company. Staff Sergeant Egge has performed second echelon maintenance in the front lines and he kept in constant contact with all the vehicles in his organization. Staff Sergeant Egge's devotion to duty is a great credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.