

Regimental History

135th INFANTRY

1 January to 31 January 1944

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY

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1 January through 31 January

1944

SECTION II ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135th INFANTRY REGIMENT.
JANUARY 1944

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 Jan	143	5	3082
2	137	5	3066
3	138	5	3027
4	162	5	3010
5	162	5	2981
6	162	5	2940
7	166	5	2893
8	168	5	2800
9	167	5	2884
10	165	5	2846
11	163	5	2798
12	162	5	2772
13	159	5	2725
14	159	5	2684
15	158	5	3164
16	156	5	3171
17	157	5	3151
18	157	5	3140
19	159	5	3129
20	158	5	3123
21	157	5	3103
22	156	5	3083
23	156	5	3064
24	156	5	3065
25	154	5	3053
26	152	5	3045
27	153	5	3020
28	151	5	2969
29	150	5	2962
30	152	4	2950
31	149	4	2929

SECTION III - Location List - 1 January 1944 to 31 January 1944

1 January 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(982154)	Vic. of S. Pietro
Headquarters Company	(010180)	Vic. of Venafro
Service Company	(010180)	" " "
Antitank Company	(010180)	" " "
Medical Detachment	(010180)	" " "
Cannon Company	(977156)	Vic. of S. Pietro
1st Battalion	(963161)	" " "
2nd Battalion	(983158)	" " "
3rd Battalion	(957168)	" " "

5 January 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(966163)	Vic. of S. Pietro
1st Battalion	(946182)	Vic. of S. Vittore
2nd Battalion	(962165)	Vic. of S. Pietro
3rd Battalion	(943175)	Vic. of S. Vittore

8 January 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(944175)	San Vittore
Antitank Company	(944175)	San Vittore
1st Battalion	(936185)	Vic. of M. Chiaia
2nd Battalion	(931183)	Vic. of M. Chiaia

11 January 1944

Cannon Company	(948173)	Vic. of S. Vittore
3rd Battalion	(917177)	Vic. of Cle. Cicerelli

17 January 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(916182)	Hill 124
Cannon Company	(915175)	Vic. of Cle. Cicerelli
1st Battalion	(910182)	Hill 124
2nd Battalion	(911197)	Vic. of Cervaro
3rd Battalion	(897177)	Vic. of M. Trocchio

19 January 1944

Headquarters Company	(950175)	Vic. of S. Vittore
Medical Detachment	(950175)	" " "

20 January 1944

Service Company	(950175)	Vic of S. Vittore
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21 January 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(899198)	Le. Pastinelle
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24 January 1944

1st Battalion	(898204) Vic of Le Pastinelle
Antitank Company	(901198) " " " "
Cannon Company	(902193) " " " "

25 January 1944

1st Battalion	(871214) Vic. of Cassino
2nd Battalion	(884199) Vic. of M. Trocchio
3rd Battalion	(894201) Vic. of Le Pastinelle

27 January 1944

Antitank Company	(883213) Vic. of S. Michele
3rd Battalion	(902193) Vic. of Le Pastinelle

28 January 1944

2nd Battalion	(887212) Vic. of S. Michele
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29 January 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(885226) Vic. of S. Michele
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30 January 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(906225) S. Michele
Antitank Company	(909225) S. Michele
Cannon Company	(909225) S. Michele
1st Battalion	(891233) Vic. of S. Michele
2nd Battalion	(902229) Vic. of S. Michele
3rd Battalion	(903223) Vic. of S. Michele

SECTION IV: NARRATIVE HISTORY - 1 January 1944 to 31 January 1944

New Years day of 1944 found the regiment poised and prepared to strike more telling blows against the enemy. The operation upon which it was about to embark was the long awaited and much discussed assault on the enemy's "Winter Line", built in depth from San Vittore to cassino, a distance of approximately nine kilometers.

The initial steps taken by the regiment, which was deployed with the 3rd Battalion facing San Vittore, the 1st Battalion echelon to the left and rear of the 3rd Battalion, and the 2nd Battalion in reserve in the San Pietro area, were to probe and feel out with patrols the enemy defenses. Much information of value concerning machine gun positions, best routes of approach and mine fields was acquired as a result of these patrols. Prior to the attack on San Vittore, steps were taken to reduce by using heavy Corps Artillery the machine gun positions discovered as a result of the efficient 3rd Battalion patrolling into the town. These first days of January caused much discomfort and hardships for the troops because of the intense cold and biting winds and snow. During this period, as in the following cold and wet spells, the full worth of combat suits issued to the men of the line was proved.

On the night of 4 January, at 2330A, the wheels of the attack were in motion. The 3rd Battalion was attacking San Vittore, while the 1st Battalion had moved to the north of the 3rd Battalion and was attempting to cross a gulch in the vicinity of (946187) and then assault Hill 346, a shoulder of the Mt. Chiaia Hill Mass northwest of San Vittore. In the meantime the 2nd Battalion displaced forward to Cle. Morelle prepared to resist any counterattack, or continue the mission of the 1st Battalion. The morning of 5 January found the 3rd Battalion with a toehold on the town acquired only after bitter fighting against stubborn resistance. One platoon was firmly in the town after an entire night of hand grenades and close contact house to house fighting. Morning found the ammunition supply of the forward platoon low and other elements of the Battalion were sent around the town to approach it from the southwest. Initially, the First Battalion was stopped in its tracks at the gulch, which was its line of departure, by heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, finally being forced to withdraw to a more covered position east of the gulch to allow for a finer adjustment of our artillery fire on specific houses causing particular grief. During the planning stage of this operation, Major Ray Ericksen, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, based on personal reconnaissance, recommended that for his mission, he be permitted to cross the gulch at night and send one company up each nose of Hill 346 thereby avoiding the mines laid in the draw between.

SECTION IV: Narrative History - continued

The 3rd Battalion continued throughout the 5th to clear San Vittore almost house for house. The crescendo of the fighting reached its climax that day and finally on the following day resistance collapsed with many prisoners of the 44th German, Infantry Division being taken. For their attack on San Vittore, the 3rd Battalion disassembled a 37 mm Antitank Gun, packed it forward, and made excellent use of the weapon as a siege gun.

The 6th of January found the regiment continuing in its mission. The 1st Battalion, making another stab, crossed the gulch which was its line of departure, and was heavily engaged in fighting for Hill 346. The 1st Battalion was again held up by stiff resistance coming from the east slope of Mt. Chiaia. Colonel Ward decided that two companies did not constitute a large enough force for the task and ordered the 2nd Battalion to aggressively move on to the South nose of Hill 346 and assist the 1st Battalion in capturing the Hill. This added pressure finally caused Mt. Chiaia to fall. Much of the credit belonged to Captain Lance, company Commander of "F" Company, who, finding the progress of his company impeded by resistance from the north, quickly analyzed the situation and succeeded in making a rapid thrust southwest across the face of the mountain; thereby, as a result of his quick decision, adding immensely to the final collapse of the organized resistance of the Hill. The final thrust was carried out with such momentum both in our sector and that of the 168th that little pockets of resistance were left to be dealt with later. Pressure was applied to these pockets on the 7th day of January by the 1st Battalion of the 135th, and the left Battalion of the 168th and they were quickly cleaned out. At the same time the 2nd Battalion cleared the slopes of Mt. Chiaia and established outposts to the northwest. These mopping up operations were carried out under extremely heavy artillery and mortar concentrations.

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

As a result of the operation many prisoners were taken and many of the enemy were killed and wounded. The defeat was so complete that the 134th Infantry Regiment of the German 44th Division was, in fact, routed and therefore forced to withdraw to the east in a practically impotent condition. Everyone lamented that there were no fresh reserves available to exploit the break-through.

During the above described action the Regimental CP moved from the vicinity of San Pietro forward to the town of San Vittore. While in San Vittore the CP was visited by General Kendal, Assistant Commanding General of the 88th Division, who later pushed off with the leading elements of the 3rd Battalion in an attack on Hill 124. His actions were inspiring to the troops and a credit to both him and his division. Attached to the 135th Infantry as observers were other officers and also some enlisted men of the 88th Division, who, during the San Vittore operation, lived and fought with the Regiment.

The next phase on the Division's march to Cassino was the clearing of the town of Cervar by the 168th while the 135th cleared the enemy from the low rolling hills between Mt. Porchio and Cervaro, which eventually led the regiment to Mt. Trocchio. The low rolling ground facing the 135th was believed to be lightly held, but later proved to be the main defenses of Mt. Trocchio and was taken only after very intense fighting.

In the fighting for this low rolling approach to Mt. Trocchio, Hill 189 proved to be a most difficult objective to capture. The mission fell to the 2nd Battalion, which first attacked it on 10 January supported by fire from the 3rd Battalion on the left. The 1st Battalion was in regimental reserve on the Chiaia Hill Mass. The battle for Hill 189 lasted until 1610A, 13 January. "E" Company, the assault company, encountered stiff resistance from small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, and was pinned down 300 yards short of the objective. After several subsequent attempts to capture the Hill failed, "E" Company was withdrawn and "G" Company assaulted the heavily held position and succeeded in grasping the lower half of the hill. After holding tenaciously to its position while being subject to a fierce mortaring and withering artillery concentration for three days, the 2nd Battalion's brilliant action finally caused the hill to fall. When the smoke and din of battle cleared, many enemy dead and wounded lay on the field of battle, and many had been accounted for at the Regimental Prisoner of War Cage; however, in the action the 2nd Battalion suffered many casualties, one of which was Lt. Shell, who was commanding Company "E" at the time. Lt. Shell, a Tennessee "Southerner", who had joined the Regiment in Africa, had faithfully served the Regiment through its adolescence in Tunisia and in its maturity in Italy.

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

Section Iv - Narrative History - continued.

With the clearing of Hill 189 by the 2nd Battalion, and the taking of Cervaro by the 168th, the Division was in a position to attack the last mountain obstacle before Cassino - the precipitous Mt. Trocchio. Prior to the attack patrols probed forward of the MLR failing to contact the enemy. Indications were that the mountain was unoccupied. Nevertheless, the conservative plan of operation stipulated attacking under the assumption that it was heavily held in the same fashion as its foothills were. Therefore, on 15 January 1944 at 0800A, preceded by an intense artillery preparation, the Division attack jumped off to take Trocchio; the 135th Infantry on the left and the 168th Infantry on the right. The 135th Plan had the 3rd Battalion and the 1st Battalion abreast, the 2nd Battalion occupying the Regimental Reserve position in the vicinity of Hill 189. Enemy resistance was practically nil being confined to light harassing artillery fire. The few casualties sustained came as a result of anti-personnel mines which were encountered at the very summit of the mountain. This was a new technique in mine laying which the Germans employed. The Regimental CP for this operation occupied a position on the SE slopes of Mt. Chiaia. Later it moved back into San Vittore until it moved forward to a house on Hill 124 which formerly had been the 3rd Battalion CP.

With M. Trocchio in our hands, plans were promulgated for the assault on Cassino itself. The 133rd Infantry rejoined the Division and relieved the 168th, which was placed in Division Reserve. The Division was deployed with the 135th on the left and the 133rd on the right. From the 16th January to the 25th January, the Regiment maintained defensive positions on Mt. Trocchio and outposted to the west of the mountain. The 2nd Battalion outposted from Highway #6, south to a point about in the center of the Regimental sector. Intensive patrolling was carried out attempting to gain information as to what enemy unit was opposing our lines, his strength, and deployment and nature of the ground and of the Gari and Rapido Rivers to the front of the Division sector.

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

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

with the failure of the 36th Division to manipulate a successful river crossing, the 133rd Infantry was ordered to make an attempt in the 34th Division sector. The 135th again made a demonstration to cause a diversion, and as a result the 135th drew heavy enemy reaction in the form of machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. The 133rd encountered a dense mine field, was subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire, and finally was forced to withdraw what elements it succeeded in getting across the Rapido River. On 26 January the 135th shifted north of Highway #6 and relieved the 133rd which reverted to Divisional Reserve. The Regimental CP moved to (885227). Patrolling was continued from the new sector occupied by the 135th which was deployed with the 1st and 3rd Battalions abreast again, the 3rd Battalion disassembled a 37mm Antitank Gun and this time packed it forward, placing it in the 2nd story of a house with its muzzle trained in Cassino. The 168th, now on the right, was to make a further attempt to cross the Rapido at 0600A, 27 January, while the 135th was again to pull a faint by fire and movement and thereby contain the enemy in the Cassino area. That night "C" company actually made an initial frontal attack on Cassino. They crossed an irrigation ditch and ran into barbed wire and a mine field.

At 1830A, 27 January, the 135th was informed by the Division G-3 that they were to be relieved in position by the 133rd, retire to an assembly area in the vicinity of San Michele, and prepare to pass through the 168th after they succeeded in taking their initial objective. The relief was completed on the night of 29 January, after which the Regiment marched to San Michele, with the Regimental CP moving also to San Michele. While the troops rested for the first time since relieving the 141st Infantry at San Pietro the previous months, the Battalion CO's and Staffs, Company CO's, Colonel Ward, and Captain Stacy were involved in making a reconnaissance the next two days. The last day of the month found the regiment flexed and on the move again, marching the muddy trails to forward assembly areas preparatory to attacking the high ground overlooking Cassino. At this time the Regimental CP moved to (878246).

During the month of January the 3rd Battalion S-4, Lt. Leo J. Voss, was extremely successful in working out a solution to the problem of adequately feeding front line troops in combat. Experience had demonstrated that in most cases the heavy unit of the "C" Ration was not eaten by men under severe nervous tension and consequently their period of endurance was considerably shortened. As a solution to this problem a plan was evolved whereby the "C" Ration could be supplemented each evening by an issue of sandwiches, pastry, and fruit juices. The favorable reaction to the scheme by the troops was spontaneous.

SECTION V:

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGINE COMPANIESA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers, on January 1, 1944

Regimental Commander	Colonel Robert W. Ward
Executive Officer	Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest
S-4	Major Roland Anderson
S-3	Capt. Maurice W. Stacy
S-2	Lt. Lt. Louis H. Hauser
S-1	Capt. Phineas F. Smith, Jr.
Regimental Surgeon	Major Jacob F. Karn
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Keith O. Van Krevelen
" Service Company	Capt. Allen P. Crowley
" Antitank Company	Capt. James F. Garfield
" Cannon Company	Capt. Paul W. Blommen
" Medical Detachment	1st Lt. Edmund F. Obremski
" 1st Battalion	Major Ray J. Ericksen
Executive Officer	Capt. Arnold N. Brandt
S-3	1st Lt. Gibbs M. Prevost
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Kimble E. Midkiff
" Company "A"	1st Lt. Joseph A. Slezak
" Company "B"	Capt. William E. Smith
" Company "C"	2nd Lt. David Manas
" Company "D"	Capt. Donald J. Dodge
" 2nd Battalion	Lt. Col. Frank A. McCulloch
Executive Officer	Capt. Robert E. McGraw
S-3	1st Lt. Richard H. Sugars
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Joel M. Lewison
" Company "E"	Capt. Joe H. Kimble
" Company "F"	Capt. Alden S. Lance
" Company "G"	Capt. Robert L. McAllister
" Company "H"	Capt. Einer M. Lund
" 3rd Battalion	Lt. Col. Fillmore K. Mearns
Executive Officer	Major Donald C. Dandon
S-3	Capt. Emil Skalicky
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Thomas E. Chegin
" Company "I"	1st Lt. Reid B. Huff
" Company "K"	1st Lt. Irwin F. Hall
" Company "L"	Capt. Louis M. Smith, Jr.
" Company "M"	1st Lt. John L. Bridgeman

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

2 January 1944

1. Lt. Col. Frank A. McCulloch, Commanding 2nd Battalion, evacuated sick.

SECTION V: Commanding Officers in Engagements, continued.

3 January 1944

1. Major Donald C. Landon assigned Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion.

2. Major John A. Rice assigned executive Officer 3rd Bn.

5 January 1944

1. 1st Lt. John L. Bridgeman, Commanding Officer, Company "M", promoted to Captain, authority, Ltr. Hqs. NATOUSA.

8 January 1944

1. Capt. Joe H. Kimble, Commanding Officer, Company "E", evacuated wounded.

2. 1st Lt. Frank E. Shell assigned Commanding Officer Company "E".

11 January 1944

1. Capt. Robert L. McAllister, Commanding Officer, Company "G", killed in action.

13 January 1944

1. 1st Lt. Frank E. Shell, Commanding Officer, Company "E", killed in action.

16 January 1944

1. 1st Lt. George L. Lambert assigned Commanding Officer, Company "E".

2. Lt. Col. Jerome Kessner assigned Assistant Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion.

3. Major Jacob F. Karn, Regimental Surgeon, transferred to PBS.

4. Captain Vilhelm M. Johnson assigned as Regimental Surgeon.

5. 1st Lt. Gibbs M. Prevost, S-3, 1st Battalion, promoted to Captain. Authority, Ltr. Hqs. NATOUSA.

6. 1st Lt. Joseph A. Slezak, Commanding Officer, Company "A" evacuated sick.

20 January 1944

1. Captain James F. Garfield assigned Commanding Officer, Company "C".

SECTION V: Commanding Officer in Engagements, continued

20 January 1944 (Continued)

2. 1st Lt. Jack K. White assigned Commanding Officer, Antitank Company.

22 January 1944

1. 1st Lt. Reid B. Huff, Commanding Officer, Company "I", evacuated sick.

2. 1st Lt. Donovan C. Griffin assigned as Commanding Officer Company "I".

27 January 1944

1. 1st Lt. George E. Combs assigned Commanding Officer Company "G".

2. 2nd Lt. James A. Gregg assigned Commanding Officer Company "A".

30 January 1944

1. Lt. Col. Jerome Kessner assigned Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion.

2. Major Donald C. Dandon assigned Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion.

3. Capt. Robert E. McGraw assigned Assistant Executive Officer 2nd Battalion.

4. 1st Lt. Joseph A. Slezak returned to duty as Commanding Officer, Company "A".

31 January 1944

1. 1st Lt. George L. Lambert, Commanding Officer, Company "E", evacuated sick.

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

1. Killed in Action

10 January 1944

Capt. McAllister, Robert L. 0-1286523 Co. "G"

12 January 1944

1st Lt. Shell, Frank F. 0-1296589 Co. "E"

2nd Lt. Schoener, Gilbert R. 0-1319024 Co. "E"

14 January 1944

2nd Lt. Chapman, Neil D. 0-1295508 Co. "G"

2. Wounded in Action

1 January 1944

2nd Lt. Kalp, Karl R. 0-1309275 Co. "K"

2 January 1944

1st Lt. Atkin, Kenward L. 0-492796 Co. "C"

7 January 1944

Capt. Kimble, Joe H. 0-1290435 Co. "E"

2nd Lt. Griesmer, Thomas B. 0-1310100 Co. "E"

2nd Lt. Oas, Clayton S. 0-1311345 Co. "F"

1st Lt. Bernhardt, Ralph Jr. 0-323351 Co. "F"

2nd Lt. Wolf, George B. 0-1316259 Co. "G"

10 January 1944

2nd Lt. Youngmeyer, Howard V. 0-2055902 Co. "E"

2nd Lt. Finkel, Joseph 0-1309239 Co. "G"

11 January 1944

1st Lt. Biafora, Joseph R. 0-446966 Co. "I"

13 January 1944

1st Lt. Lucas, James A. 0-1291142 Co. "F"

1st Lt. Arey, Leon H. 0-1290360 Co. "H"

16 January 1944

1st Lt. North, John W. 0-1290463 Co. "K"

20 January 1944

2nd Lt. Pottschmidt, Fred C. 0-1319544 Co. "F"

21 January 1944

2nd Lt. Goodspeed, Harold N., Jr. 0-1319410 Co. "I"

24 January 1944

2nd Lt. Greene, Edward (NMI) 0-1309252 Co. "K"

25 January 1944

2nd Lt. Munoz, Filbert (NMI) 0-1319152 Co. "A"

26 January 1944

Capt. Pellettieri, Leon F. 0-432497 Med Det.

3. Missing in Action

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action	4	0	108
wounded in Action	18	0	373
Missing in Action	0	0	24

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER HAS BEEN AWARDED DECORATION AS FOLLOWS:

A. Legion of Merit

1. ROBERT W. WARD, 017637, Colonel, Inf., for exceptionally peritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Through his leadership as Regimental Commander, the 135th Infantry successfully repulsed an enemy attack in force during an early phase of the Tunisian Campaign, later captured Hill 609, a dominating terrain feature of great tactical importance. This successful action was, in a large measure, the result of Colonel Ward's superior leadership and skill in handling his regiment and attached troops. Entered the United States Military Academy from Ohio.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AS FOLLOWS:

A. Distinguished Service Cross

1. FILLMORE K. MEARNS, 021106, Lieutenant Colonel, Third Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For extra-ordinary heroism in action on the night of 16th-17th January 1944, near the Rapido River West of Mount Trocchio, Italy. When one of his companies, reinforced was ordered to cross the Rapido river to contact the enemy, Lt. Col. Mearns, the Battalion Commander, accompanied it to study the terrain first hand. Shortly after the forward elements of the company had reached the river, a series of explosions were heard to the rear of the company. Lt. Col. Mearns immediately went back and found that seven men were seriously wounded in a minefield and that all attempts to reach them had resulted in more casualties. Showing extraordinary heroism, coolness, and presence of mind in the face of danger from the minefield and the added danger from enemy fire, since the presence of the company had been detected, Lt. Col. Mearns immediately devised a plan and proceeded personally to open a path in to the wounded. Using a long pole he prodded the soil ahead of him and every few feet he used a door from an abandoned house nearby to slam on the ground to detonate any mines missed by prodding. Without regard for his own self, Lt. Col. Mearns succeeded in getting a path through to the wounded whose lives were saved largely through this prompt and courageous action. This gallantry and extraordinary heroism in the face of the enemy and known dangers was a real inspiration to his entire command and reflects great credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Berkeley, California.

B. Legion of Merit

1. HAROLD A. HERMANSEN, Master Sergeant, 20707110, Service Company, 135th Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services. He has labored untiringly and unceasingly since the induction of the regiment in organizing and coordinating the many details in such an extent that the regimental supply section has operated flawlessly at all times. His feeling of personal responsibility and devotion to duty have not only relieved the supply section of many administrative problems but have contributed directly to the supplying of the front line units of the regiment with the needed equipment, rations, and supplies at the appointed time and place. Entered service from: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

C. Silver Star

1. RICHARD R. GRIFFIN, 0293402, 1st Lieutenant, Company "B", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action near Melizzano, Italy on 12 October 1943, After a previous all-night patrol along the banks of the Volturno River, and on his own initiative, he reconnoitered further during daylight hours for additional information for a crossing and bridgehead. Unaccompanied he was able to not only cross the stream under direct enemy observation, but also to observe hidden enemy rifle, machine gun and mortar positions threatening the river, and then return to the friendly shore under enemy machine gun fire. Because of his courage and initiative in obtaining this detailed information of the enemy and the river, our artillery was able to neutralize enemy positions, allowing our unit to effect a successful crossing and establish a bridgehead. Entered service from Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

2. JOHN A. CUNNANE, 33100903, Corporal, Anti-tank Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action, 16 January 1944, in the vicinity of San Vittore, Italy. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Cpl Cunnane left the safety of his own fox-hole while under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire and crossed 30 yards of open terrain to the aid of a wounded soldier. Although he was not an aid man, Cpl Cunnane administered first aid while the shells were still falling. With the aid of a comrade, he evacuated the wounded soldier to an aid station over a route made hazardous by moderate enemy shelling. Cpl Cunnane's courage and coolness under enemy fire was an inspiration to the men of his platoon and undoubtedly contributed to saving the wounded soldier's life. His action reflects credit on the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SECTION VII: ()ATIONS AND AWARDS, Contit ()d)

3. BASIL V. ROCKWELL, 36161746, Private First Class, Anti-tank Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action, 16 January 1944 in the vicinity of San Vittore, Italy. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Pfc Rockwell left the safety of his own foxhole while under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire and crossed 200 yards of open terrain in direct view of the enemy to get a vehicle to evacuate a wounded comrade. Although the enemy shells were falling all around him, he remained with the vehicle finally extricating it from the mud in which it was mired. He then evacuated the wounded soldier although it was necessary to negotiate the only available road, then under enemy shell fire. This act undoubtedly saved the wounded soldier's life, and reflects credit on the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Adrian, Michigan.

4. LLOYD W. WILCOX, 37023668, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, Third Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on the night of 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 1036 and Pantana, Italy. When the rear of the battalion column which was moving forward toward Pantano was subjected to an intense enemy artillery concentration, S/Sgt Wilcox collected the scattered members of the aid station and directed the bearers to be^{the} temporary aid station. Then because his group had lost contact with the moving column, S/Sgt Wilcox, showing great initiative and courage, set out over the unknown terrain to locate the battalion. Three times during the night, S/Sgt Wilcox crossed through an area subjected to interditory enemy artillery fire, and then later led a vehicle on two trips over an unrecoonoitered road to evacuate wounded. All through the night of almost continual shelling, S/SGT Wilcox placed himself in great danger and his brave and untiring work was instrumental in saving the lives of three wounded and established contact between the Medical Aid personnel and the battalion. Such courage and devotion to duty in the face of great danger is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. S/Sgt Wilcox's home address is: Timberlake, North Dakota.

5. ROBERT F. McCAA, 33257766, Private First Class, Company "L", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on the night of 11 January 1944, near Mount Trocchio, Italy. When essential wire communications between his company and the Battalion CP were broken by enemy mortar fire, Pfc McCaa, a 511 radio operator, immediately volunteered to trace the line and repair the break, despite the fact that enemy mortar fire was continuously falling in his company area. Shortly after he started out on the line he was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage, but disregarding self, Pfc McCaa continued on and repaired the break in the line, thus restoring vital communications. Such willingness to assume tasks

SECTION VII: CITATIONS AND AWARDS, (Continued)

not normally required of him in order that his company might have necessary communications has been an inspiration to his comrades and reflects credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Pfc. McCaa's home address is: Gallitzim, Pennsylvania.

Regimental History

135th INFANTRY

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY

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SECTION II ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135th INFANTRY REGIMENT,
FEBRUARY, 1944

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 Feb.	151	4	2927
2	147	4	2890
3	145	4	2802
4	141	4	2704
5	137	4	2646
6	135	4	2641
7	135	4	2632
8	137	4	2648
9	140	4	2701
10	141	4	2706
11	141	4	2727
12	142	5	2734
13	142	5	2738
14	144	5	2758
15	145	5	2809
16	146	5	2812
17	149	5	2917
18	149	5	2997
19	149	5	3014
20	151	5	3059
21	155	5	3108
22	155	5	3130
23	162	5	3150
24	162	5	3180
25	167	5	3186
26	174	5	3180
27	174	5	3187
28	174	5	3187
29	175	5	3196

SECTION III - Narrative History - 1 February 1944-29 February 1944

At 0035A, 1 February 1944, the 3rd Battalion was organized in its assembly area in the vicinity of Cairo prior to attacking Mt. Castellone, a key terrain feature which dominated Caira and the Rapido River crossing in the area. The highest peak at the northern end of the mountain was the initial Battalion objective. The 2nd Battalion, under the command of its new Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Kessner, marched five miles from a point east of the Rapido River to its assembly area in the vicinity of Hill 213, south of Caira.

A coordinated attack by the 3rd and 2nd Battalions was scheduled to jump off at 0630A, with the initial objective of the 2nd Battalion being Hill 382 and 481, otherwise known as Mt. Maiola.

When daybreak arrived, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions has crossed their respective lines of departure at the designated time and committed to the task at hand. Communications were poor and radio communication provided Colonel Ward with his only means of contacting the 3rd Battalion. At 0720A, Lt. Lawson from his OP reported having heard heavy enemy machine gun fire which it was later learned was being directed at the 2nd Battalion. The 2nd Battalion was also receiving heavy artillery fire from the northwest and S/P Artillery fire from the barracks area. The enemy resistance was soon overcome and the results of the attack were favorable. The 3rd Battalion was on its objective at 0935A. Under the concealment provided by a heavy fog on the mountains, the two battalions were able to come upon the enemy almost undetected and the element of surprise was fully exploited. The next day the attack of the regiment was continued to the south, the purpose of the maneuver being to seize the high ground in the rear of Cassino and cut Highway #6, the main highway running from Cassino to Rome. The 2nd day of February found the 2nd Battalion moving south from its initial objective towards Hill 445. The 3rd Battalion was holding on its initial objective waiting to be relieved by the 1st Battalion of the 142nd Infantry prior to continuing the attack southward along the Castellone Ridge in the direction of Hill 706, known as Cle. San Angelo. The 1st Battalion moved on to Hill 382 and attacked Hill 324 in order to clean out the resistance on the left flank of the regiment.

Inasmuch as these maneuvers were conducted under the direct observation of the enemy, due to his holding the commanding ground and the Abbey on Mt. Cassino, our troops were constantly subjected to accurately fired artillery, Mortar, and Nebelwerfer concentration. Prior to the arrival of the 1st Battalion, 142nd Infantry, the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry was forced to fight off many enemy counter attacks in order to maintain the penetration it had made into the enemy lines. There was enemy resistance to their north, south and west.

Section III) Narrative History for February, continued.

After the 1st Battalion, 142nd Infantry, had fought its way south along the Castellone feature and succeeded in relieving the 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry, the 3rd Battalion again began driving south through the precipitous mountains against bitter enemy resistance. The enemy persistently counterattacked, each one being unsuccessful. The 1st Battalion continued to mop up a stubborn enemy on the left flank of the regiment where they succeeded in the taking of many prisoners from the German 44th Infantry Division.

By the end of the 4th of February, the 2nd Battalion erroneously reported that they had penetrated to Hill 593, and the 1st Battalion was slowly advancing on Hill 445. By this time the strength of the Rifle Companies was depleted as a result of the incessant fighting in which the regiment had been involved since re-entering the line at S. Pietro. The 3rd Battalion alone had suffered 165 casualties in the first four days of this action. This was an all-time high in number and rate for so short a period in the records of the Battalion. By this time some of the rifle companies in the regiment were down to approximately 50% of their fighting strength. Nevertheless, the men of the regiment fought with tenacious fury and succeeded in repelling every counterattack launched by the enemy.

At this time the 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry, was committed on the left of the 2nd Battalion and a coordinated attack was to be made by both Battalions. However, this plan failed. The 1st Battalion failed to make good progress because of heavy small arms and mortar fire coming from the west and also from the Abbey Di Montecassino. It later was ascertained that the CO of the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry, had erred in his calculations and his battalion was not on Hill 593 as he had previously reported. This permitted the enemy to fire enfilade fire from an exposed right flank. The Battalion Commander was relieved and Major Landon placed in command. The 1st Battalion did finally succeed in getting some people on Hill 445. From here they dispatched a platoon (actually the size of a squad) to continue the momentum of the drive southward. This platoon succeeded in reaching the walls of the Abbey Di Montecassino where they gathered in 14 enemy prisoners from a cave dug in the Monastery Hill. This represented the furthest advance on the Abbey made by troops of the Division and never was equaled while the Division was in position there.

The enemy kept up his harassing and interdictionary artillery fire and as a result many casualties were sustained by the men and officers of the 135th Infantry. Included in these casualties was Col. Mear, CO of the 3rd Battalion. The command of the 3rd Battalion was ably taken over by Capt. Skalicky who carried on in a manner that was a credit to himself and to the splendid traditions of the Regiment.

SECTION III - Narrative History for February - Cont'd

In beating back the many counterattacks, the Regiment literally slaughtered the enemy with accurately placed small arms and artillery fire, and by the employment of many hand grenades. The many counterattacks launched by the enemy found them throwing in fresh battalions of reinforcements which he had rushed from other fronts. In order to counteract the enemy's reinforcing tactics, the front line units were regrouped in the following manner: The 1st Battalion 135th Infantry, shifted to the northwest which placed it still on the left flank of the 2nd Battalion. Meanwhile, the 3rd Battalion on the 168th Infantry took over the sector of the 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry, on Hill 445.

At 0630A, 6 February 1944, the 2nd Battalion in the face of with flanking and frontal fire assaulted what was finally ascertained to be Hill 593 and succeeded in grasping a hold on it. They were immediately counterattacked and driven off. Major Landon, Battalion CO., after mustering the remnants of his reserves, again attacked and again succeeded in retaking the hill. Col. Ward, sensing the precarious position of the 2nd Battalion, immediately dispatched the Regimental I & R platoon to reinforce the 2nd Battalion, and together they succeeded in repelling many counterattacks - five of which occurred within 24 hours. The hill was held but only after the 2nd Battalion and the I & R Platoon who initially went up to reinforce the 2nd Battalion, only Lt. Lawson and S/Sgt. Bailey returned.

During this time the Regimental CP was located in Cairo where operated under most uncomfortable circumstances brought about by harrassing enemy artillery fire and daily air attacks. On the 7th of February 1944, the Regimental CP displaced forward and set up in the same building occupied by the 2nd Battalion CP on the mounta behind Cassino. Colonel Ward and Captain Stacy were both wounded the same day. Col. Ward was evacuated the next morning having suffered a severe leg wound. Col. Everest assumed command of the regiment.

The Division was regrouped and the 36th Division was moved into the sector on the right of the 34th Division in order to make a final coordinated effort in a sustained attack to drive the enemy from the high ground west of Cassino. In this regrouping, the 2nd Battalion was relieved on Hill 593 by elements of the 168th Infantry and the 1st Battalion shifted further to the northwest and went into positions on the right of the 2nd Battalion. The 135th Infantry has the mission of supporting the attack of the 168th Infantry and the 141st Infantry by fire and also was to be prepared to move on to Hill 593 after all the enemy elements had been cleared from the hill in order to be in a position to continue the momentum of the drive and cut Highway #6.

SECTION III - Narrative History- Cont'd

This last effort failed and plans were immediately initiated to relieve the 135th Infantry and the 168th Infantry. The fighting strength of the regiment was sapped as a result of constant, sustained fighting for a period of 48 days. The rifle companies had an average strength of 50 men, with some down as low as 30 men present for front line duty. The regiment was physically relieved by British troops of the 4th Indian Division on the night of 13-14 February and marched approximately 10 miles to an assembly area in the vicinity of San Michele.

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

Upon arrival in the assembly area in the vicinity of Sa Michele, the men of the Regiment were served a hot meal - their first in two weeks. The next day was spent resting, and that evening the regiment was loaded on trucks and moved through Cervaro down Highway #6 to San Angelo D'Alife.

The first few days spent at San Angelo D'Alife was spent in resting and relaxing, cleaning up and taking showers, and setting up a regimental Bivouac. On the 17th of February the first phase of training was begun. One and a half hours were devoted daily to training, the remainder of the day was devoted to resting and relaxing. This policy was continued until the end of the month.

SECTION IV Station List for February 1944

1 February 1944

Regt'l Hqs.	(878246)	Vic of Cairo, Italy
Headquarters Company	(910225)	Vic of S. Michele
Regimental Medics	(910225)	" " "
Service Company	(910225)	" " "
Antitank Company	(910225)	" " "
Cannon Company	(892240)	" " "
1st Battalion	(878238)	Vic of Cairo
2nd Battalion	(853241)	" " "
3rd Battalion	(845251)	" " "

5 February 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(846250)	Cairo, Italy
1st Battalion	(846250)	Cairo, Italy
2nd Battalion	(846250)	Cairo, Italy
3rd Battalion	(846250)	Cairo, Italy

14 February 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(910225)	Vic of S. Michele
1st Battalion	(910225)	" " "
2nd Battalion	(910225)	" " "
3rd Battalion	(910225)	" " "

15 February 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(218069)	S. Angelo D'Alife
Headquarters Company	(218069)	" " "
Service Company	(243048)	Vic of S. Angelo
Antitank Company	(243048)	" " "
Medical Detachment	(241046)	" " "
1st Battalion	(218069)	S. Angelo D'Alife
2nd Battalion	(230056)	Vic of S. Angelo
3rd Battalion	(241049)	" " "

25 February 1944

Regimental Headquarters	(235051)	Vic of S. Angelo
Medical Detachment	(235051)	" " "

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

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

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of February 1944.5 February 1944

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

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

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

6 February 1944

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

8 February 1944

1. Colonel Robert W. Ward, Commanding Officer evacuated wounded.

2. Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest, Executive Officer assigned Commanding Officer.

3. Capt. Donald J. Dodge, Commanding Officer, Company "D", evacuated wounded.

12 February 1944

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

14 February 1944

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

15 February 1944

1. Lt. Col. Jerome Kessner relieved of command of 2nd Battalion.

2. Major Donald C. Landon assigned command 2nd Battalion.

3. Capt. Robert E. McGraw assigned as Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion.

19 February 1944

1. Major Roland Anderson relieved of assignment as S-4, assigned as Executive Officer.

2. Capt. Allen P. Crowley relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Service Company, assigned Regimental S-4.

3. 1st Lt. Foster C. Hayden assigned Commanding Officer, Service Company.

4. 1st Lt. Anthony F. Von Ruden assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion.

5. 2nd Lt. Joe Humble assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "E".

Section V: Commanding Officers in Engagements, continued.

6. Capt. Emil Skalicky relieved of assignment as S-3, 3rd Battalion, assigned Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion.
7. 2nd Lt. Kenneth I. Hennell assigned Commanding Officer, Company "K".
8. 1st Lt. Spencer W. Jones assigned Commanding Officer, Company "L".
9. Capt. Donald J. Dodge returned to duty as Commanding Officer Company "D".

20 February 1944

1. Capt. John L. Bridgeman relieved assignment as Commanding Officer Company "M", assigned Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion.
2. 2nd Lt. Frank Fuoto assigned Commanding Officer, Company "K".
3. 2nd Lt. Kenneth I. Hennell Commanding Officer Company "K" transferred to Personnel Center Number 4, authority Special Orders 45, 5th Army.
4. 1st Lt. John Sbaffi assigned Commanding Officer Company "M".

24 February 1944

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

25 February 1944

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

SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTIONA. LOSSES IN ITALION CAMPAIGN, (From 1 February through 29 February 1944)1. Killed in Action2 February 1944

1st. Lt.	Friedman, Leonard	0-460163 Hq Co. 3rd Bn.
1st Lt.	Loeber, Herbert E.	0-1311407 Co. "L"

5 February 1944

Capt.	Midkiff, Kimble E.	0-452696 Hq. Co. 1st Bn
2nd Lt.	Yarger, Samuel J.	0-1310332 Hq.Co.3rd Bn.
2nd Lt.	Tideman, Harold B.	0-1044901 Co. "C"

9 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Vermillion, Lewis F.	0-1316107 Co. "F"
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10 February 1944

*2nd Lt.	Odekirk, Gordon L.	0-1702981 Co. "L"
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12 February 1944

*1st Lt.	Hall, Irwin	0-1292334 Co. "K"
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2. Wounded in Action2nd February 1944

Capt.	Larson, Leland R.	0-426590 Regtl. Hq.
Capt.	Pellettieri, Leon F.	0-432497 Med. Det.
1st Lt.	Obremski, Edmund	0-1542721 Med. Det.
2nd Lt.	Space, James A.	0-1303217 Co. "B"
2nd Lt.	Weimer, Henry L.	0-492790 Co. "L"

3 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Rubel, Harry C.	0-1309839 Can. Co.
2nd Lt.	White, James N.	0-1305509 Co. "A"
2nd Lt.	Montelione, Lewis	0-1310133 Co. "A"
2nd Lt.	Gregg, James A.	0-1309720 Co. "A"
2nd Lt.	Brown, Norman E.	0-1286956 Co. "E"
2nd Lt.	DeMeneces, Dagaberto	0-1300941 Co. "I"

4 February 1944

2. Wounded in Action, continued

4 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Hoener, Grant L.	0-1319501	Co. "C"
2nd Lt.	Frank, Alfred	0-437092	Co. "I"
2nd Lt.	Miller, Richard A.	0-1306450	Co. "M"

5 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Lynott, Joseph F.	0-1311898	Co. "B"
2nd Lt.	Asher, John T.	0-1288675	Co. "E"
Lt. Col.	Mearns, Fillmore K.	0-21106	Hq. Co. 3rd
1st Lt.	Vollbrecht, Howard A.	0-1283876	Co. "M"

6 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Munoz, Filbert	0-1319152	Co. "A"
2nd Lt.	Beason, Bob M.	0-456197	Co. "E"

7 February 1944

Capt.	Stacy, Maurice W.	0-383616	Regtl. Hq.
Colonel	Ward, Robert W.	0-17637	Regtl. Hq.
Capt.	Dodge, Donald J.	0-1291087	Co. "D"
2nd Lt.	Barnett, John F., Jr.	0-342151	Co. "E"
1st Lt.	Shaw, Tom M.	0-1295443	Co. "G"

8 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Smith, Robert W.	0-1301075	Co. "F"
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10 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Landrock, Arthur H.	0-1304605	Co. "B"
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11 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Marks, Harold A.	0-1320334	Co. "A"
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13 February 1944

Capt.	Smith, Louis M., Jr.	0-385222	Co. "L"
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3. Captured5 February 1944

2nd Lt.	Helmer, Donald G.	0-1309552	Co. "C"
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SECTION VI LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued4. Missing in Action1 February 1944

2nd Lt. Hanley, Edward B. 0-1316149 Co. "K"

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action :	8	0	116
Wounded in Action:	29	0	484
Captured:	1	0	1
Missing in Action:	1	0	48

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN HAVE BEEN
RECOMMENDED FOR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AS FOLLOWS:

A. Distinguished Service Cross

1. JOE H. KIMBLE, 01290435, Captain, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 13 October 1943, vicinity of Squilla, Italy. During the night assault crossing of the Voltorno River by Company E, 135th Infantry, Captain Kimble made the crossing with the point, personally capturing the first prisoner and directing the security of the bridgehead so that the valance of the company could cross. Under intense enemy machine gun fire, Captain Kimble, without regard for his own safety, personally directed the employment of his platoons and supporting weapons in such a skillful manner that the enemy was either destroyed, taken prisoner or driven away. When this isolated attack slowed down, Captain Kimble went to each platoon and gave them the information and inspiration they needed to carry on. The successful completion of their mission by Captain Kimble's Company made possible the safe crossing of the balance of the Battalion, in addition to protecting the flank of an adjacent assault unit. Captain Kimble's courage and determination, as well as his ability to inspire his men exemplify magnificent qualities of leadership. Entered service from Star Route, Mayfield, Kentucky.

2. CLEMENT S. MACKOWIAK, 15374327, Private, Medical Detachment, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 8 January 1944, in the vicinity of San Vittore, Italy. Five men of Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment were seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire and to reach them necessitated going forward under direct observation and into an area covered by enemy machine gun fire. Private Mackowiak, medical aid man, with utter disregard for his own life, went forward to administer first aid. Four of the men had fallen on the reverse slope of a small knoll, and through sniper and artillery fire Private Mackowiak skillfully and quickly administered aid. To reach the fifth man it was necessary to crawl fifty yards on to the forward slope of the knoll under intense cross fire from enemy machine guns. Displaying outstanding devotion to duty and extraordinary heroism Private Mackowiak went on to the fifth man. In administering first aid to this man Private Mackowiak was wounded in five places but carried on till he assured the saving of the man's life. Such outstanding heroism and deep devotion to duty were an inspiration to all men of the battalion and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. ROBERT J. DALE, 32805354, Private First Class, Company "M", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 5 February 1944, while his unit was in defensive positions on Hill 706, near Cairo, Italy. During a fierce enemy artillery and mortar barrage, when his platoon was left leaderless from battle casualties and the only remaining non-commissioned officer was seriously wounded, Private First Class Dale's platoon became extremely disorganized, with a counterattack in progress. Acting upon his own initiative, heedless of shell and small arms fire, Private First Class Dale left his own place of cover, and, displaying all the qualities of leadership, went from shelter to shelter, exhorting, pleading and encouraging his comrades to go to their guns. His inspiration, courage and knowledge of the situation, gave the confused men of his platoon new courage, purpose, and determination. The men went to their guns and the counter-attack was stopped. Private First Class Dale's example in placing his own personal safety as secondary to the success of the battalion in holding its hard won ground has proved a constant inspiration to the entire company and is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

B. Silver Star

1. NORMAN E. BROWN, 01296956, Second Lieutenant, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 12 January 1944, vicinity of Cervaro, Italy. When the Commander of Company "E", 135th Infantry, became a casualty, Lt. Brown displayed high qualities of leadership by immediately assuming command. With utter disregard of his own personal safety, Lt. Brown, although under heavy enemy small arms fire, mortar and artillery fire, reorganized the company and led it in a night attack. Despite the fact that the attack was repulsed, Lt. Brown continued with reorganization and led subsequent attacks which were successful in taking the objective, Hill 189. Lt. Brown's aggressiveless, initiative and courage in the face of grave danger was inspiring to the officers and men following him, and a credit to the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Woodville, New Hampshire.

2. PAUL E. NORRIS, 20708703, First Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on the 11 October, 1943, vicinity of Squilla, Italy. Sgt. Norris volunteered to accompany a patrol whose mission was to test the Voltorno River for possible crossings. Upon arrival at the river, Sgt. Norris although fired on from the enemy shore, tested the river, which was cold and swift, in four different places, reaching the enemy shore on two occasions. The testing of the river was accomplished in bright moon light with the enemy known to be on the opposite shore. Sgt. Norris's utter disregard for his own personal safety and his devotion to duty exemplify high qualities of character and is a credit to the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Albert Lea, Minnesota.

3. SPERO H. MAKRIS, 31049739, Technical Sergeant, (Then Sergeant) Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 21 October 1943 in the vicinity of Alife, Italy. Sgt. Makris, seeing that two men lay wounded in a forward OP voluntarily left the safety of his fox hole and proceeded to their aid across 200 yards of terrain which was under observed artillery fire and covered by fire from a machine gun only 300 yards away. He rendered first aid to them, helped the less seriously wounded men to the safety of a fox-hole and carried the other back over the trail to an abandoned house. Here he gave the wounded man further aid and arranged for his evacuation, all time directing his squad's fire and keeping them in good firing positions. Sgt Makris' corage and devotion to duty was examplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

C. Division Citation

1. JOSEPH T. WALKER, 0406857, Captain, Chaplain of 3rd Battali 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Monaquila, Italy. Chaplain Walker, accompanied by the Graves Registration Officer, led a detail of men to remove bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Chaplain Walker and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Chaplain Walker carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism, leadership, and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered miliatry service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2. ROBERT O. FOSTER, 0425838, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not in actual combat 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Lt. Foster, Battalion Graves Registration Officer, accompanied by the Chaplain led a detail of men to remove the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Lt. Foster and the detail were pinned down by fire from friend and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger, Despite these dangers, Lt. Foster carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism, leadership, and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Lt. Foster's home address in 1467 Elder Ave., Akron, Ohio.

SECTION VII) CITATIONS AND AWARDS, Co)nued.

3. NEIL D. McDONALD, 36131049, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Pvt. 1cl McDonald volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work, Pvt. 1cl McDonald and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers Pvt. 1cl McDonald carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty to fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Pvt. 1cl McDonald entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

4. JOHN L. HENDRICK, 37069426, Private Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not in action on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Monaquila, Italy. Pvt. Hendrick volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could only be reached by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Pvt. Hendrick and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers Pvt. Hendrick carried on with the job and succeeded to lower the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Eldorado, Illinois.

5. CHARLES E. BAGWELL, 33130200, Private First Class Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy, Pvt. 1cl Bagwell volunteered to accompany the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work, Pvt. 1cl Bagwell carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Towson, Maryland.

(SECTION) ** CITATIONS AND AWARDS (CONT'D)

6. LOUIS V. McSHEA, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Cpl. McShea volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area between friendly and enemy lines, and which could not be reached except for a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work, Cpl. McShea and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery fire placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Cpl. McShea carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

7. HAROLD D. CURREY, 20709734, Private Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Pvt. Currey volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Pvt. Currey and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges from artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Pvt. Currey carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Appleton, Minnesota.

8. LLEWELYN F. TWITCHELL, 20709733, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment, For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Pvt 1cl Twitchell volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work, Pvt 1cl Twitchell and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers Pvt 1cl Twitchell carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Appleton, Minnesota.

9. AMANDEO (NMI) MARINO, 36735643, Private, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Pvt Marino volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Pvt. Marino and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and the exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Pvt. Marino carried on the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

10. GEORGE H. SCHULTE, 20709798, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Sgt. Schulte volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Sgt. Schulte and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Sgt. Schulte carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military Service from Appleton, Minnesota.

11. CHARLES F. AURAND, Jr., 35130694, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict, on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Cpl. Aurand volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Cpl. Aurand and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Cpl. Aurand carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

12. GAYLORD E. SHAFER, 36423150, Private, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Regiment. For heroism not involving actual combat on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Pvt Shafer volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Pvt. Shafer and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Pvt. Shafer carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Pvt Shafer entered the military service from Walker Road, St. Johns, Michigan.

13. JOHN J. SUCHOR, 37208722, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Cpl. Suchor volunteered to accompany and assist the chaplain in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the predipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Cp. Suchor and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Cpl. Suchor carried on the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Denbigh, North Dakota.

14. SCOTT (NMI) BOYD, 34596881, Private, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict on 9 November 1943 in the vicinity of Hill 635 and the town of Montaquila, Italy. Pvt Boyd volunteered to accompany and assist the Chaplain and assist in removing the bodies of American dead from an area that was between friendly and enemy lines, and which could be reached only by a long climb up the precipitous slope of Hill 635. During the work Pvt. Boyd and the detail were pinned down by fire from friendly and enemy patrols, and exchanges of artillery placed them in constant danger. Despite these dangers, Pvt Boyd carried on with the job and succeeded in lowering the bodies by hand to the trail below. Such heroism and sense of duty toward fallen comrades is a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina

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SECTION I

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135th INFANTRY REGIMENT
MARCH 1944

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 March	175	5	3207
2	174	5	3207
3	174	5	3217
4	172	5	3206
5	173	5	3215
6	173	5	3275
7	173	5	3303
8	173	5	3326
9	173	5	3326
10	173	5	3331
11	172	5	3341
12	170	5	3339
13	171	6	3352
14	166	6	3267
15	159	6	3245
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19	160	6	3558
20	168	6	3571
21	168	6	3571
22	168	6	3571
23	168	6	3571
24	169	6	3591
25	169	6	3595
26	169	6	3599
27	169	6	3599
28	169	6	3599
29	169	6	3600
30	169	6	3596
31	169	6	3602

SECTION STATION LIST FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1944

1 March 1944

135th Infantry

Vicinity of S. ANGELO D'ALIFE

9 March 1944

135th Infantry

Vicinity of Calore

21 March 1944

1st Battalion
Special Units

TEXAS Staging Area, BAGNOLI

22 March 1944

1st Battalion
Special Units
2nd Battalion
3rd Battalion

Enroute to ANZIO Beachhead
" " " "
TEXAS Staging Area, Bagnoli
" " " "

23 March 1944

1st Battalion
Special Units
2nd Battalion
3rd Battalion

Vicinity of NETTUNO
" " "
Enroute to ANZIO Beachhead
" " " "

24 March 1944

2nd Battalion
3rd Battalion

Vicinity of NETTUNO
" " "

26 March 1944

1st Battalion
Antitank Company

5 Kms SW of CISTERNA di LITTO
CAMPOMORTO

27 March 1944

3rd Battalion

4 Kms SW of CISTERNA di LITTO

28 March 1944

Regimental Headquarters
Cannon Company
2nd Battalion

2 Kms NE of CAMPO MORTO
3 Kms NE of CAMPO MORTO
4½ Kms NE of CAMPO MORTO

SECTION 7 NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR 1 7TH OF MARCH 1944

The history of the 135th Infantry Regiment for the month of March, 1944, can be divided into the following phases:

- March 1-8 (incl.) Training and Reorganization in the San Angelo D'Alife area. Preparation for movement to the Calore Area.
- March 9 Movement by truck from San Angelo D'Alife to Calore.
- March 10-22 (incl) Training Program and Receiving of Replacements. Preparation for move to the Anzio Beachhead. Move to Staging Area at Bagnoli.
- March 23-25 (incl) Arrival at Anzio Beachhead. Reconnaissance prior to relief of the 7th Infantry Regiment. Planning of the relief.
- March 26-31 (incl) Physical relief of the 7th Infantry Regiment. Assumption of the responsibility for the sector.

March 1-8 (incl)- Training and Reorganization in the San Angelo D'Alife Area. Preparation for movement to the Calore Area.

During this period, the Regiment was engaged in continuing the training program arranged for the previous month. A reorganization under a new Table of Organization and Table of Equipment dated 15 July 1943 was in progress. The new T/O authorized 3100 enlisted men and 152 officers. The new T/E authorized 314 vehicles for the Regiment.

On March 6, Lt. Col. Harry W. Sweeting assumed command of the Regiment, superceding Lt. Col. Everest who had commanded the Regiment from the day Col. Ward was wounded at Cassino.

At 0820 Hours, March 6, a Regimental billeting party composed of one officer and one non-commissioned officer from each company responsible to the Assistant S-3, departed from the San Angelo D'Alife area for Calore to lay out a bivouac for the regiment.

On March 7 and 8 the regiment divided its time between training and preparing to move to the new area at Calore.

March 9- Movement by truck from San Angelo D'Alife to Calore.

At 0500 Hours, March 9, the leading elements of the 1st Battalion passed the IP at Alife. The same day the last vehicle of the regimental convoy closed at 1315 Hours in the new area at Calore. The remainder of the day was spent in establishing the new bivouac area.

March 10-22 (incl.) - Training program at Calore. Receiving of Replacements. Preparation for move to the Anzio Beachhead. Move to staging area at Bagnoli.

During this period, the Regimental Commander frequently addressed the Unit Commanders, and took a personal interest in the training program, making inspections and addresses to the troops.

The training program included many defensive night problems combat firing problems and known distance range work. Schools were conducted for the communications and intelligence personnel of the regiment. This particular period of training lasted until March 21.

The combat strength of the regiment was considerably increased on March 15 as a result of the assignment of 140 enlisted men and 35 officers, of whom the latter were placed on temporary duty with the regiment.

Plans for the move first to the Bagnoli staging area, and finally to the Anzio beachhead were promulgated by the Regimental Commander. Meetings with the Battalion and Separate Unit Commanders were frequently called in order to work out details for the move.

On the 20th of March, the Regimental Commanders, accompanied by his Battalion Commanders, left the Calore area to go to the Anzio beachhead for reconnaissance. The group proceeded first to the Naples area and embarked for the beachhead the following morning. The actual move of the regiment was to be conducted by the Executive Officer.

The movement of the regiment from Calore to the Staging area at Bagnoli was planned in two phases. The plan stipulated that the 1st Battalion and Special Units would leave for the Staging area on March 21 and embark on LSTs the following day. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions were scheduled to leave for the staging area on March 22 and embark for the beachhead on March 23.

As planned, the 1st Battalion and Special Units left Calore in trucks on March 21. The first march group of the convoy passed the IP at 0830A and arrived at the staging area at 1315 Hours the same day. The name of the staging area at Bagnoli was "TEXAS".

The following day, March 22 the troops in the first contingent, under the command of the S-3, boarded LSTs at Nisida harbor, a small harbor north of Naples, after a three mile march to the docks from the staging area.

March 23-25 (incl) - Arrival at Anzio Beachhead. Reconnaissance prior to relief of the 7th Infantry Regiment
Planning of the relief.

After an uneventful journey, the first troops of the regiment arrived at the harbor of Anzio at 0700 Hours, 23 March, and were subject to a few scattered rounds of enemy artillery. The voyage took approximately eleven hours and the troops ate two meals aboard ship.

Immediately upon disembarking from the LSTs, the troops were guided to waiting trucks and driven to their respective assembly areas.

A Regimental CP was established. The following day, March 24, the remainder of the regiment, under the command of the Executive Officer, arrived at the beachhead. The 3rd Battalion closed in their assembly area at 1315 Hours, and the 2nd Battalion closed in theirs at 1412 Hours.

Prior to the relief of the 7th Infantry by the 135th Infantry the Regimental Commander made daily reconnaissances both from the air and from the ground, and controlled the reconnaissance activities of his subordinate commanders and staff so as not to hamper the activities of the 7th Infantry Regiment.

In order to fully orient the units of the regiment, the Regimental Commander acquired from the 7th Infantry CP all of their current overlays pertaining to dispositions, gun positions, wire, mine fields, and map reference points. These overlays were reproduced and disseminated to all units concerned within the Regiment.

March 26-31 (incl) - Physical relief of the 7th Infantry Regiment.
Assumption of responsibility for the sector

On the night of 25-26, the 1st Battalion and Antitank Company initiated the relief of the 7th Infantry. The Regimental Commander and the Executive Officer left for the 7th Infantry CP at 1830 hours. Upon arrival, the Regimental Commander participated in a conference with Col. Onahandro, CO, 7th Infantry and also held conferences with the commanders of the various supporting weapons units.

At 0115 Hours, the relief of the Antitank Company of the 7th Infantry had been completed and the 1st Battalion relief of the 2nd Battalion of the 7th Infantry was completed at 0320 Hours. These units of the 135th Infantry were under the command of the 7th Infantry.

At 1830 Hours, March 24, the 3rd Battalion moved out of its assembly area by truck to relieve the 3rd Battalion of the 7th Infantry. The Regimental Commander, S-3, Adjutant, and Assistant Adjutant left for the CP of the 7th Infantry again this night. All but the Regimental Commander remained throughout the night.

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The relief by the 3rd Battalion was completed at 0300 Hours, 27 March, One squad from "L" Company received three casualties from enemy artillery fire during the relief. At 0515 Hours, the S-3 of the 3rd Battalion reported hearing several tanks to their front behind Hill 82 and all companies of the 3rd Battalion were immediately alerted. The first night in the lines, the 1st Battalion and the 3rd Battalion received a normal amount of harassing artillery fire and experienced no unusual enemy activity.

During this time it was decided that the Regimental Headquarters would publish a news bulletin which was to be distributed down to and including squads on the front lines. However, it was decided to hold the plan in abeyance temporarily because the work of a tactical nature had priority on the limited amount of time available. The problem of disseminating the daily news to the troops was finally overcome when the Regiment was successful in getting a wider distribution of the Division publication, Sandstorm News, and the Corps publication, Beachhead news.

At 1100 Hours, 27 March, the Regimental Commander reported to the CP of the 7th Infantry preparatory to assuming command of the sector that night. The remainder of the Regimental CP group displaced forward at 1900 Hours. By 2130 Hours the old CP was closed out and the new one established.

At 2030 Hours, the 3rd Battalion reported that any enemy patrol of unknown size and strength had penetrated to within 200 yards of "L" Company's position. The patrol was driven off with mortar fire.

The relief of the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry, by the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry, began at 2105 Hours, 27 March, and was completed without incident by 0035 Hours, 28 March. The command of the sector passed to the 135th Infantry at 0050 Hours.

The activities for the night consisted of three patrols. The 3rd Battalion patrol went to a point 200 yards in front of our lines and drew machine gun and machine pistol fire from 987388 and 989308. The patrol returned the fire and withdrew, receiving no casualties. The 1st Battalion had two patrols out this night. Both encountered mines extending from 968319 southeast to the Mole. One from an unknown location on the front of the 3rd Battalion. Generally the night was quiet with the usual harassing fire going in both directions.

Throughout the daylight hours of March 28, various reports were received from the Battalions concerning action taken by the enemy. The 3rd Battalion received S/P fire from LaVilla and also from the vicinity of Hill 81. The latter gun was believed to be firing from the vicinity of 898317. Division Artillery was notified and a Cub was immediately dispatched in an attempt to find the S/P's and bring fire on them. The 1st Battalion and 2nd Battalion reported receiving very little mortar and machine gun fire, however, at 1235 Hours, as a result of harassing fire, the 1st Battalion had one machine gun and one man knocked out.

In the afternoon of March 28, at 1400 Hours, the Regimental Commander left the CP for a reconnaissance over the battle area in one of the 125th Field Artillery's Cubs.

In the early evening hours of March 28, at 1700A, the S-2 of the 168th Infantry reported a small group of enemy in front of "G" Company. Fire was immediately placed on the enemy by the 168th and the 3rd Battalion. The mission finally had to be called off due to the fire of the 168th hitting too close to "G" Company's positions.

During the hours of darkness, frequent reports were received by the Regimental CP from the Battalion and Regimental CP's of incessant enemy activity. This activity took the form of increased artillery and mortar fire, scattered harassing machine gun fire and considerably flare activity.

The 1st Battalion patrol left "A" Company at 2300 Hours and proceeded to the Stream junction of the Boye at 962325 without encountering any enemy.

On March 29, the G-3 informed the regiment that they were to experiment with three 81mm "grapnel" hook shells, 6 WP rifle grenades, and 300 "Molotov" cocktails, with a report to be submitted at a later date on the success or failure of the experiment.

At 1430 Hours on March 29, the Regimental Commander made another aerial reconnaissance of the battle area. TD fire was directed at and knocked out tanks at Bridge #5. Ten hits were reported by the 3rd Battalion.

The Antitank Company OP reported seeing at 1443 Hours, an enemy machine gun firing about 600 yards in front of the left platoon of "A" Company. Cannon Company fired at the enemy with good effect.

At 1500 Hours, the Regimental OP reported seeing considerably vehicle movement along the Velletri-Cisterna Road between 981417 and 982423. The movement was watched for a period of three days and a report submitted to the Division G-2.

During an air raid at 1530 Hours, on 29 March, our Ack-Ack knocked down an enemy plane, The flyer jumped and was immediately apprehended by the 2nd Battalion upon landing. The PW was evacuated through medical channels at the request of the Division G-2 who wanted to turn the PW over to Corps for interrogation.

At 1635 Hours, the S-2 of the 168th Infantry called to say that enemy personnel were reported at 992308 and requested permission to fire. The 3rd Battalion gave a clearance and the enemy was engaged by mortar fire.

On the evening of the 29th March, the Commanding General called the Regimental commander to inform him that the 34th Division had officially relieved the 3rd Division and was now completely responsible for the sector.

The Regimental OP reported seeing a truck towing a gun or trailer moving from east to west at 972348 at 1817 Hours. This was followed by 7 men and 2 horses pulling a wagon. The OP directed fire on this target; however, the results were not thought to have been very good.

When the Regimental Commander returned from his flight in the Piper Cub at 1903 Hours, he reported having successfully adjusted fire on three tanks and one ammo dump.

The enemy actions for the daylight hours of the 29th March were normal with very little activity reported. During the hours of darkness he fired harassing artillery and mortar fire which was on a decreased scale as compared with the previous night. The usual scattered machine gun and small arms fire was exchanged along the Regimental front throughout the night.

The 1st Battalion reported its two-squad patrol had left our lines through the 2nd Platoon of C Company at 1015 Hours, and proceeded northeast for 500 yards, finally being stopped by a machine gun firing from the vicinity of 976323. The patrol engaged the enemy in a fire fight and withdrew with no casualties.

The 3rd Battalion patrol left our front lines through "L" Company's position at 2130 Hours and proceeded up the draw to "Y" at 991307, proceeded east up the fork of the draw to 992308. At this point they drew fire from an enemy out post approximately 25 yards up the draw.

The patrol withdrew along the same route it used going out and returned at 0400A.

A "G" Company patrol left from 996298 at 2145 Hours, proceeded up draw to 990300. From here, they cut across country to a bridge at 991309. The patrol proceeded from there to 993308 and returned to our lines at 0125A without encountering any enemy.

On the 30th of March the 2nd Battalion reported an SP gun which was giving them considerable trouble. The direction on the SP was phoned to Division Artillery and a Cub was immediately sent aloft to attempt to ascertain its location with no success. The 3rd Battalion reported seeing enemy activity near the knocked-out tanks in the vicinity of 992310 and 1210A. Fire from the 3rd Battalion Mortars was placed on the enemy.

At 1450A, 30 March, the CO of Company "A" of the 751st Tank Battalion reported to the Regimental commander that the road from Broadway to the treadway bridge at 983283 was in good condition for tank travel. The bridge itself was suitable for crossings. The road from the treadway bridge to Center Street had a bad, impassable soft spot about half way out where irrigation ditches converge. He told the CO that it would take 3 loads of rubble and drainage pipe to fix the road. The Engineers were notified to repair the soft spot on Penn Street at 987281. While speaking with the Engineers, instructions were issued to prepare bridges at 956312 and 983283 for demolitions.

The evening of March 30 at 1700A, the Regimental OP submitted its compiled report on the amount of vehicular movement it had picked up over a period of three days. This was immediately submitted to G-2 in accordance with his request.

Enemy personnel were observed by the OP at 965357 and the fire of Cannon Company was placed on the enemy who were seen dispersing in all directions.

The attitude of the enemy throughout the 24 hour period of the day remained the same with no unusual incidents reported. He remained concealed during the hours of daylight, and during the hours of darkness, proceeded to increase his harassing artillery and mortar fire, and his sporadic machine gun fire on our front line positions. Shortly after midnight, a ten man German patrol was reported in front of "K" Company. A 14 man ambush patrol was dispatched with no success. The enemy escaped.

At 0050A, the 1st Battalion reported their patrol back. The patrol reported seeing 50 Germans digging in approximately 600 yards in front of their lines in the vicinity of 962325. Artillery fire was placed on the enemy.

At 0450A the 3rd Battalion phoned in their report on a patrol from "I" Company. The patrol left "I" Company's position at 992303 at 2300B, proceeded up ditch to 992308 where they drew machine gun and machine pistol fire from three directions. Patrol believed this to be a well organized outpost position and returned the fire with unknown results. Our patrol returned along the same route after losing one man.

At 0955A, March 31, four enemy were seen in the vicinity of house at 972348. They went into a dugout 50 yards west of the house. The Regimental OP reported this, and the fire of the Cannon Company was placed on the enemy. An SP gun was reported firing into "K" Company at the rate of two rounds a minute at 1030B. The gun was believed to be located at 984324.

Again at 1130B, the OP observed four enemy go into the dugout at 972348, and again Cannon Company fired on them.

At 1145B, two jointly held outposts were arranged; one, with the 158th Infantry on the right, and one with the 157th Infantry on the left. The posts were to be maintained at night only.

The periodic report to Division Headquarters at 1600B mentioned the fact that ten enemy were reported digging in at 99043122 and five enemy digging in at 00153248. A TOT shot using the 3rd Battalion mortars and the Cannon Company was arranged for the Regimental Commander with the CO of the 3rd Battalion.

At 1620B the 3rd Battalion Executive Officer was notified to pick up three 37 mm guns from the 2nd Battalion at the junction of Center Street and Penn Street. The 3rd Battalion was to furnish the crews.

At 2235 Hours, the enemy laid down a smoke screen in front of the wire across the entire 1st Battalion front. The 1st Battalion called for artillery fire to be laid into the smoke. There was no reaction from the enemy.

Shortly after midnight, at 0055B, six or eight tanks were seen and heard in front of Company "C". After all available artillery was placed on them, the motor noises ceased.

The 3rd Battalion sent out patrol from "K" Company at 2130B which went to 927311. There was no physical contact with the enemy.

A patrol from "G" Company, which left at 2230B, went to the knocked out tanks at 991309 and laid an ambush for an enemy patrol. They waited one hour without seeing anyone.

The patrol from the 2nd Battalion, which left at 0100B, laid in ambush at 978322 in the vicinity of House 18. The returning reporting having seen nor heard no enemy.

Seq. No.	Code	Time	Incident	Disposition
<u>21 March 1944</u>				
1	S-3	0330A	1st Bn and Spec Units crossed IP enroute to Texas staging area from vic of CALORE.	
2	S-3	1130A	All units closed in Texas staging area.	
<u>22 March 1944</u>				
3	S-3	1230A	1st Bn & Spec Units left Staging Area. Embarked as scheduled. Sailed at 1800A from harbor of NISIDA.	
<u>23 March 1944</u>				
4	S-3	0700A	Anchored outside NISIDA harbor. Troops ate two meals on LST's. Enemy shelling harbor. Unobserved fire. High velocity. Small caliber.	
5	S-3	1030A	Disembarked from LST's 1st Bn reported closed in assembly area at 1200A; AT Co at 1205A; Cn Co. at 1240A; Serv Co at 1200A. Regimental assembly area vicinity of (397188)	
6	S-3	1200A	Reg'l CP established. Billeting details and guides from port for 2nd, 3rd Bns to their assembly areas arranged for.	
7	C.O.	1300A	Col. Sweeting went forward on reconnaissance.	
8	S-3	1500A	Bn CO's went forward on reconnaissance.	
9	C.O.	2000A	Col. Sweeting returned and made plans for 24 March.	
10	S-3	2030A	All current overlays of our position and enemy situation received from 7th Inf. Reproduced and sent to all units concerned. (All units concerned)	
<u>24 March 1944</u>				
11		1015A	Gen Ryder visited CP checking condition of men.	
12	C.O.	0900A	Col. Sweeting, Comm O, I & R Plat Ldr, Surgeon, S-1 & S/Sgt Bailey went forward to 7th Inf. on reconnaissance.	
13	3rd Bn S-3	1315A	3rd Bn closed into assembly area	
14	2nd Bn S-3	1412A	2nd Bn closed into assembly area	
15	C.O.	1530A	Col. Sweeting returned to CP	
16	S-3	1800	Bn Staffs went forward to 7th Inf. on reconnaissance. Ret'd 2330A.	

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<u>25 March 1944</u>				
17	S-3	0940		Col. Bodey visited CP for conference with Col. Sweeting.
18	C.O.	1830A		Cols Sweeting & Everest left for 7th Inf. CP.
19	C.O.	1945A		Cols Sweeting & Everest arrived at 7th Inf. CP. Col. Sweeting had conference with Col. Omahandro CO 7th Inf discussing progress of relief of 2nd Bn. 7th Inf., by 1st Bn. 135th Inf.
20	C.O.	2015A		Col. Sweeting had conference with following supporting weapons commanders; Capt. Butts, Co B, 84th Cml Bn Cml mortars at present attached in front line Bns. Capt Walker, Co C, 305th TD Bn has 3 plats of 12 towed 3" guns in sector. Only 5, however, in position to fire. Status of attachment of other 7 undetermined. Capt Miner, Co A, 601st TD Bn has two guns. Capt Matter, Co B 601st TD Bn has two guns. Col. Tardy, CO, 601st TD Bn. It was requested that 601st guns employed come from same company if possible for unit of command. Capt Hobbs, Co B, 751st Tk Bn has 4 plats of 21 tanks, two plats of which belong to Co A. Discuss of probable future plans for employment of tanks & TDs. Overlay and plans from unit commanders for sufficient use of tank & TD weapons to be submitted night of 26th. Cml mortars limited to 25 rounds per gun per day.
21	C.O.	2030A		Capt Bailey sent to Bridge #8 to pick up 2 plats & 3 trucks of 1st Bn to return them to Campo Morto detrucking area.
<u>26 March 1944</u>				
22	C.O.	0115A		AT Co relief of 7th Inf AT Co completed.
23	C.O.	0130A		Cols Sweeting & Everest returned to CP
24	1st Bn	0320A		1st Bn relief of 2nd Bn, 7th Inf completed
25	S-3	0700A		G-3 informed of completion of relief by AT Cos & 1st Bn.
26	S-1	0830A		Capt Lund, Lts Bridges & Sugars (S-1) left for Sorrento Rest Camp

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			<u>26 March 1944</u>	
27	S-1	0835A	Is it possible to transfer Lt. (G-1) Daniels to Pers Cen #6, he being on T/D w/ms from there.-Ans-NO.	
28	S-1	0900A	When does 3rd Bn Ln O report. Told to have in O report after 3rd Bn is in position.	
29	S-1	0915	Gen Ryder wants to know why 1st Bn strength in riflemen is so low. Told that 1st Bn Hq & D Cos are overstrength.	S-1
30	Sgt Maj	0930A	Location of American Cmty All Units given to all units.	
31	S-1	1000A	Col Mearns & Lt. Parker ordered to report to CP.	
32	Ex O	1100A	Edit & publish news sheet S-4 Ordered from S-4.	
33	Sgt. Maj	1115A	Need bond paper to publish news sheet. Ordered from S-4.	S-4
34	S-3	1115A	Gen Ryder visited CP. Held conference with Cols Sweeting & Everest.	
35	Sgt Maj	1410A	Called S-1, 2nd Bn, to find out if Capt Nelson is being carried att'd for by Hq Co. 2nd Bn. Question was confirmed.	Sgt. Maj 2nd Bn
36	Ex O	1455A	Efficiency rating on Capt. Garfield.	
37	Sgt Maj	1500A	2nd Ind for investigation & CO's AT report of disciplinary action, Basic Communication MP docket on Antonio Gonzales, AT Co, & Roy Johnson, Hq 2nd Bn.	& 2nd Bn
38	S-1	1515A	1st Bn will have Pvt Fitzrick (draftsman) report to Sgt Kline tonight. Will return with mess truck.	S-2, 1st
39	Sgt Maj	1518A	Notification of Officers' register and requirements of CO's.	
40	Dist Sgt	1600A	Various bulletins, circulars orders, etc. distributed to units concerned.	
41	C.O.	1620A	Col. Sweeting returned from 7th Inf CP. (Left at 1530A)	
42	S-1	1800A	Returning Form 31 on Olsen to Investigating Officer.	S-2 2nd

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<u>26 March 1944</u>				
43	S-1	1830A	Will have 100 man come to beachhead without transportation. Requested of G-1, a greater distribution of Samastorm News.	G-1
44	S-1	2000A	Capt Smith & Mr. Forbord arrived at New CP.	
45	S-2	1830A	3rd Bn pulled out of assembly area to move forward.	
46	S-2	1900A	Col Sweeting left for 7th Inf CP	
47	S-2	2000A	Maj Landon left for 7th Inf CP. He will remain there. Arrived at 2100A.	
48	S-3	2210A	M Co in position	
49	S-3	2300A	M Co's 81's; 2 plats 1 Co; 60mm mortars plat, K Co; AT Plat all relieved.	
<u>27 March 1944</u>				
50	S-3	0035A	Co I Completed relief.	
51	S-3	0126A	Co K Completed relief.	
52	S-3	0235A	All but one squad of Co L completed relief. One squad L Co received 3 casualties from arty.	
53	S-3	0240A	Lateral line to 163th laid. 7 miles of wire used.	
54	S-3	0240A	Same W/P at edge of CARANO	
55	S-3	0325A	1st Bn contact patrol lost. Went into enemy territory.	
56	S-3	0405A	Bns alerted for morning stand-to	
57	C.O.	0414A	Special Delivery from Div check by CO at 0420A.	
58	S-3	0515A	Tanks heard behind Hill 82 by K Co.	
59	S-2	0530A	Col. Haegelin, 3rd Div War Room, called and gave report on shelling.	
60	S-2	0600A	Custer Duty Off reports two tanks in front of companies on Hill 82, Companies have been alerted.	
61	S-3	0700A	Patrol - 1-No contact on Hill 100. 2-M/G fire 980315-976314. 3-M/G fire 987310-990311. Usual intermittent harassing arty fire. No enemy patrol activity.	
62	S-3	0745A	3rd Bn reported 6 rds (105mm) Div in vic 975298, 30 yds W of CP	

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27 March 1944				
63	S-1	0830A	3rd Bn closed into war area at 0800A.	G-3
64	Sgt Maj	0830A	Compliance with Bas. Comm-unication for efficiency ratings on Lts Barnes & Smedsted.	Div 4
65	S-1	0830A	1st Bn wants info concern- ing Rest center on Beach- head.	Co
66	S-1	0833A	Basic communication II Co men missing bed check. Ind calls attention to 3rd Ind of Co CO which explains.	G-1
67	S-1	0845A	Forget about Rest Center for present. Called	S-1
68	Sgt Maj	0848A	Called S-1 to tell him 1st Bn wishes to change its men on Reg't guard. Referred to Hq Co CO.	
69	Sgt Morrau	0900A	Rotation personnel to re- port to Class I dump at 0800A, 28 March	
70	Sgt Morrau	0900A	WD Forms #25	Pers
71	Sgt Morrau	0900A	Secret Envelope	S-2
72	Sgt Morrau	0900A	Col. Sweeting held conference on plans concerning 2nd Bn. Trns was arranged for move- ment of Regt'l CP. CO was sat- isfied with movement of 3rd Bn into lines. Col. Castille, Capt Van Krevelan & Lt Hauser at- tended conference.	
73	S-1	0900A	No sandstorm News to be pub- lished now. Requested of him a greater distribution of Beachhead News. He will re- port results.	G81
74	S-2	0930A	Col. Sweeting went to forward CP.	
75	Sgt Maj	0945A	Called Lt. Parker to arrange for transportation for rotation personnel to QM Class I dump. OK.	
76	Sgt Maj	0945A	Daily effective strength report. O	
77	S-3	1100A	Col Sweeting reported to 7th Inf C	
78	S-1	1200A	3rd Bn wants blank form #67 (conf report). Col. Barnes wishes to submit one on Capt Skalicky. We have none. Will send for some.	
79	Sgt Maj	1300A	S-2 See Called about paper that was requested. Referred to S-1 fwd.	S-1

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27 March 1945 Continued				
30	CO	1315A	Col. Sweeting directs that Cn Co start registering in. No new registrations were made all morning	
81	S-1	1330A	Division planning to publish Ex C news sheet to be distributed to squads. Stars & Stripes to be out soon.	
82	Dist Sgt	1340A	Info regarding atabrine	Bns & S, 13 copies Units,
83	"	1340A	Fire-fighting & prevention	S-1, F.L.
84	"	1340A	Messenger Service	Bns, S-
85	G-3	1600A	Called giving route of movement for 2nd Bn.	
86	Dist Sgt	1630A	Have Sgt Maj send strength reports forward with Capt Van Krevelen.	
87	T.O.	1715A	Called giving correct movement for 2nd Bn. It is to be same as 1st & 3rd Bns with exception of time change 2nd Bn to cross IP at 2030A Will detruck at 961230 - 200 yds W. 133rd will be on road.	
88	S-3	1835A	Is there an attack coming down Mole? 1st Bn Yes. Arty being laid on enemy.	
89	Cn Co	1850A	Cn Co just fired 2 btry. salvos. 2nd Bn "5" saw some men 300-400 yds in front of our lines. Fired Cn Co 125th FA Bn, 81mm mortars, See no enemy now. Rec'g M/G fire from the Cove on the left. Wire fire mortar into M/G.	
90	1st Bn	1855A	2 MGs on Bove fired on my Cn Co stopped firing. 1 MG firing in front of 3rd Bn, 157th.	
91	1st Bn	1900A	10 rds-105mm-fell in Co A area. CO directs a check be made before dark and a report made.	
92	S-2	1900A	1st elements rear CP left for fwd	
93	S-3	1910A	Situation on left quiet.	
94	S-4	1915A	S-4 brought msg from Div instructs Regt to administer 1/2 tablet of atabrine daily for 7 days to 1/3 of command	
95	Un O	1925A	Reports possible enemy action due enemy Infantry activity to the front	
96	751st	1925A	Tanks are bogged down and haven't been able to get into position yet	
97	Asst S-4	1925A	Msg sent to S-1 rear to publish on atabrine.	(S-1R)

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98	S-1	1945A	Lt Lambert at CP is to be transferred to 1st Bn. Sent guide over from 7th Inf 2nd Bn to take him there. (1st Lt Lambert to take command Co "C".	(Per Sec)
99	S-1	1950A		
100	CP	1945A	20 WP shells falling in the CARANO area. 1st Bn notified. Call 3rd Bn 157th, and check. Patrol up east bank of back Cove and patrol a Mole have left.	(Div Ad)
101	751st Trk Bn	1950A	Recovery tank coming up. Co tanks thinks it will take 2-3 hours to get tanks out. Will have to get more positions before morning. Get some engineers up to fix roadway into 1st house above junction on left	
102	CO	2000A	Maintain contact with "G" Co and have them contact unit on right. (3rd)	
103	CO	2000A	Get the lines into "G" Co. (Comm O)	
104	S-3	2000A	982292-Point where Engr work (Engrs needs to be done tonight. Engrs will stop at Regt'l CP & we'll coordinate work.	
105	OP	2005A	MG fire in front of Co "L".	
106	1st Bn	2006A	157th reports some arty in area, but no WP.	
107	S-3	2007A	Telephone to Co L and get a report	(Co L)
108	3rd Bn	2020A	Fired mortar at enemy patrol about an hour ago. Drove them back. Got to within 200 yards of Co L's position. Coming in from draw between Co K & Co. L. All quiet now.	
109	3rd Bn	2020A	4 phones, 7 soundpowers, 1 SWB, sn in 3rd Bn. No exchange unless CO orders it.	
110	OP	2025A	20-25 shells dropped in PADIGLIONE area. (105mm)	
111	S-2	2030A	2nd elements rear CP left for fwd CP. Old CP closed out.	
112	Comm O 7th Inf	2035A	Radio section & Msg Cent have (7th been switched. All can leave except Msg Cent Chief. Msg Cent will stay under our control.	
113	S-1	2050A	We have 12 men for Div Battle. Patrol	
114	S-2	2055A	Roving patrol from ID's tired on 015262. Rec'd M/P fire.	
115	S-2	2130A	All elements in few CP	
116	Co Co	2100A	Concentration #9. Bridge #6 & in front of bridge #5. Harassing fires for tonite 3 rds per gun per hr.	

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<u>27 March 1944 Continued</u>				
117	1st Bn 7th Inf	2130A		None of relief has shown up yet.
118	1st Bn 7th Inf	2105A		Co's E & F have arrived.
119				
120	1st Bn 7th Inf	2155A		Co A being relieved.
121	OP	2200A		Heavy enemy shelling on PADIGILIONE (long Div Arty Range). Some shells falling in vicinity of Bridge #13.
122	OP	2230A		20 shells hitting Bridge #13. Still coming in. (Div Arty)
123	751st Tk	2230A		Tanks are now in position.
124	Engrs	2235A		Engrs on way up
125	2nd Bn 135th	2242A		Relief by Hq Co completed.
126	AT Co	2260A		Enemy mortars at 98053167. (Div)
127	3rd Bn	2250A		Co L patrol of 5 men left 2000A. went Div. Through Co L's right pltn. 200 yds in front of line received MG & M/P fire from 989308. Patrol withdrew to our lines-out to west went back thru left flank of Co L's right pltn. 150 yds in front of line rec'd MG & P/P fire from 987308. Patrol ret'd fire & pulled back. Checked in thru Co "L's line at 2230. No PWS-no casualties. At 986314 Patrol believes Germans were laying mine field-saw boxes.
128	751stTk	2310A		Engrs are working on roads for tanks
129	2nd Bn	2315A		Co C, 7th Inf has been rel'd by Co F
130	157th Inf	2320A		Reports all quiet in their sector.
131	2nd Bn	2320A		Relief completed except for one SCR 300.
132	Sgt Maj	2345A		Daily effective strength rept called to S-1. (Div)
133	CO	2355A		CO tried to find out reason for del in getting arty & mortar fire.(10 P)
134	3rd Bn	0010A		Have been putting harassing fire on mortars. Co L has been in scrap with Krauts on Hill 77. Fired mortars into them. Patrol has been sent to that vic to capture PWS.
135	Para Patrol	0020A		Negative Report
136	Engrs	0022A		Rep'td to CP that road for tks

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137	CO 7th Inf	0025A		CO checked with Bn CO's to see that they were satisfied with arrangements and ready to be turned over to our regiment.
138	CO 7th Inf	0030A		Equipment will be left on position 24 hours only unless OK is given by 3rd Div. Bring our equip't with us. (Bn Cndr)
139				
140	2nd Bn	0035A		Last unit of 7th Inf relieved.
141	S-3, 2nd Bn	0053A		Called in regard to roving patrols to prevent enemy infiltration. Roving patrols to be continued.
142		0050A		Col. Sweeting assumed command of sector.
143	S-2, 1st Bn	0115A		2 Patrols sent out - 6 men ea. Both patrols ran into minefields that they did not know about vic of 968319, SE of Mole. One patrol encountered MG emplacements unoccupied. Saw few dead Krauts already reported. One patrol picked up sniper fire at 968322. MG fire seemed to be in front of 3rd Bn sector, but couldn't pick up exact location. Had to make an wire at 968323. One patrol reported at 2330A, other at 0100A. (Ltr)
144	Co 3rd Bn	0155A		Reports 2 men on outpost in front wire approx 75 yds from House "Y" believed picked up by Krauts early yesterday morning.
145	CP	0115A		At 55° az. 2000 yds forward reported enemy MG & S/A fire.
146	S-3 2nd Bn	0215A		Reports all quiet except communication with F Co out. Wire crew out on 11
147	OP	0218A		2 amber flares - one at 50° az. other at 10°.
148	S-3 2nd Bn	0300A		All quiet in sector.
149	Sgt Maj	0315A		Extracts of M/R. Report of investigation by Lt. Fellows.
150	Para Pat	0330A		Ex Neg. Rpt.
151	S-3 2nd Bn	0400A		All quiet in sector.
152	OP	0435A		2 white flares at 15°; 2 picked up at 40°. Arty landing about 40°. 15 r appear to be coming into 1st Bn sector.
153	1st Bn	0438A		Red star cluster about fwd of Co C positions
154	1st Bn	0440A		Red star cluster was fired by rt plat of Co C for illumination to investigate noise ahead of them. Not seen.

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155	Tana Fat	0442A	Neg. Rpt.	
156	OP	0445A	2 Red flares at az of 40°. 1 white parachute flare at 305°.	
157	OP	0450A	White parachute flare at 25°az.	
158	OP	0500A	All well except that 15 rds arty landed in Co F sector ½ hours ago.	
159	751st Tk	0510A	Called up reqsty that our engrs do some work on driveway in fwd position on rt to get stek th out tk has broken track.	
160	OP	0515A	Single gun flash at 307°. Time between sound & flash-38 seconds. (Div	
161	OP	0520A	MG fire to front, both friendly and enemy.	
162	S-3 2ndBn	0600A	Everything OK. In F Co sector 10 more rds of hvy arty landed.	
<u>28 March 1944</u>				
163	OP 3rd Bn	0612A	Gun flash at 73°az.-long distance of	
164	S-2 2ndBn	0700A	All quiet in sector. F Co still recd Arty.	
165	G-3 3rdDiv	0745A	Wants rpt of patrols as to rte (where they left lines and ret'd), time of departure & rtn, no. of men & what they encountered and where.	
166	S-2 1stBn	0810A	Patrol rpts of night 28-29 March: patrol #1 consisted of 1 Off & 5 men. Could not find the gap in wire so a new gap was made at 963323. They proceeded to E bank of Mole to RJ at 965328. Empl'ts in vic not occup no signs of recent use. Cont'd along rd 200 rds SE and took the south rd back thru gap. No contact was made. Patrol left at 1945A and rtd at 233A. Patrol #2 consist'g of 1 Off and 5 men left thru known gap in wire; encountered mine field of which they had no knowledge-with no boundaries (tape was there but has been destr'd by Arty fire: Encount'd niper fire fr 963322 (2 shots); MG fr in front of 3rd Bn far out. unable to give accurate location of gun. Cont'd to E bank of Mole. Did not cross river. cont'd along bank to 974325. Rtd thru gap in wire at 0100A.	
167	3rd Bn S-3	0830A	K Co patrol of 4 men left our line at the draw at (980315) followed 1 side of draw for 200 yds behind 08	

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167	(continued)		eros and falling among the men. Obsvd about 400 sheep being driven around in front of 1st Bn sector. rtd same rte at 0130 hrs.	
168	Sgt Maj	0830	Extracts and BCRs for personnel (Dis)	
169	Maj Martin	0855	Called to say the Div assumes cmd at 0900 hrs.	
	G-3			
170	Sgt Morrau	0900	Rsc 55-1 copy (File & Sta) DSO-65-1 copy Sub. Ltr-AFHQ-Title Designations 4 copies. Cir 22, 5th A. 4 copies Memo. 5th A Enemy shells - 5 copies.	
171	Capt Smith	0900	Sgt Stakem called saying Lt Briscoe is back at the rear area (Naple) At present he is invest'g the shoot' of an Italian.	
172	Maj Lund	0915	Rpts Eny arty on decreased scale in adj sectors. Power patrol found cemetery at 948326 unocc. Had fire fight at same pt. every time previous. Eny patrol activ'y increased in British 5th Div Sector.	
173	Personnel	0930	Items for distribution	(Msg Cen)
174	Sgt Kelly	1000	Strength Rpt	(G-4)
175	Sgt Kelly	1030	Copy strength Rpt	
176	Sgt Morrau	1000	Info Rec'd APO 34	(S-4)
177	Capt Mantkowski	1022	Rptd one patrol went to 958327. the rec'd rifle fire fr vic of 955329 and 961329 forces to return, 2 men wounded, 1 missing. Another patrol to cemetery and found the thing unocc, the night previous there were Germans rptd there. Another patrol to 923317 observed houses #69-70 heard coughing and movement around house also heard digging around house #67-68. Another patrol worked its way to 939315 moved 100 yds fr there and saw 5 men eny patrol. The area was lighted with flares so patrol made no contact. Patrol fr E Co only got 50 yds fr their position when fired on by MG and arty fire. Rec'd 2 casualties and rtd. Patrol fr G Co got but 25 yds of house #4 observed 4 enemy in the house. Their OP claims a truck drives up to house every day at 0400 hrs.	

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178	3rd Bn OF	1055		S/F on tank firing into 3rd Bn. rate of fire 2 rds every 5 minutes. Located at LaValle (009329). Div Arty should have a Cub take a look
179	Sgt Maj	1115		Info to S-1 that Lt Briscoe is assigned by order as 1st Bn S-3, confirmed.
180	3rd Bn	1130		Rptd flat trajectory fire fr Hill at (989317); Scattered MG fire. (Div
181	2nd Bn	1130		Rpts very little MG fire (Div
182	1st Bn	1130		Rpts very little mortar or arty fire very little harrassing fire. (Div
183	Capt Smith	1200		Furnish list of Off's available for duty at night. List furnished incl'g Ln Off's and special Att'd Off's to S-2.
184	Capt Smith	1215		Send coordinates to all units tonight
185	Capt Smith	1230		CO using center room of CP for S-2 conference room, no place for anyone to sleep please make arrangements.
186	1st Bn	1235		Rpts MG and 1 man KO'd result of mortar fire. (All Bns)
187	2nd Bn	1240		Submits neg rpt (Div)
188	Sgt Maj	1358		Rewritten citation on Pvt Petcava
189	Sgt Maj	1358		Citation on Ruskell rtd to S-1 2nd Bn for Add'l info.
190	Sgt Maj	1400		Called Sgt Kief, 1st Bn to determine if Pvt Crank of Co B was a battle casualty or only sick evac.
191	CO	1400		Col Sweeting left for aerial recon of battle area.
192	Col Everest	1435		Gave rpt that 2nd Bn was auth'd to bring in 2 of 3 37mm guns in exchange of 2 of the 7th Inf guns.
193	G-4	1600		Ref. para 3b, Ltr VI Corps, 21 March S-4 attached to ADM. Order #6, the Hq Privilege granted therein for vehicles containing commanders to separate Bns & Regts not apply to enter restricted VI Corp area, does not apply to organic units of Div. Vehicles containing Regt'l or Bn commands of units of this Div will require special vehicle plates as provided in 3m of above letter in order to enter restr'd area.
194	Capt Smith	1600		Reqstd ea Bn to submit name of anti malaria Off to S-1 at once. Requested Bns to have details on tag fr Co. Rec rpts Lt Galembos Anti Malaria Officer.

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195	Maj Jansen	1700	Rptd small group of Eny vic of house #3, Center St	Taken under fire. CO G Co ord'd cease fire. Fire hitting near positions.
196	Mr Forbord	1700	3rd Bn S-1 has telephone now.	Lt. Anderson is designated as Anti Malaria Off. for 3rd Bn.
197	1st Bn S-2	1748	At 1300 hrs light concentration of mortar and arty fire.	Fell on Co's A & G. 'No Gas'.
198	OP	1750	Rpts seeing 4-5 Germans in Kraut Valley (974337).	
199	S-2	1800	168th Inf placed mortar fire on houses #2 and #3 on Center St.	15 Eny seen digg'g.
201	2nd Bn S-2	1810	Shelling rpt, 20 rds of 170mm land	vic of house #1 on Center St.
202	2nd Bn S-2	1815	Called to check on patrolling and King and Queen Plans.	
203	S-3	1815	Col Sweeting rtd fr aerial rec fld	
204	3rd Bn S-3	1830	Told of patrol activ'ies 28-29 Mar	
205	OP	1905	Friendly MG fire at 55° az.	
206	OP	1910	Friendly and Enemy MG fire at 55°	
207	OP	1912	320°-330° Gun flash 17.2 sec. (Wit	between flash and sound of gun.
208		1915	General Ryder visited CP to talk	over arty fires.
209	OP	1940	Friendly MG fire and some SA at 55°	Ax from OP also some Enemy MG fire
210	3rd Bn S-2	1945	Enemy laying smoke 800 yds in cal	front of L Co. MG fire rptd (Cn C by OP is enemy using our MGs. (fire hitting our OP.
211	1st Bn S-5	1950	Rpts placing Cn Co and mortars on the Bove.	Herd of sheep in valley thought might be enemy trying to infiltrate using sheep as a screen.
212	OP	2008	Amber flares at 30°-More MG fire at 55°	Ax. Sounds to be friendly and some enemy.
213		2008	General Ryder left CP.	
214	751st Tk	2025	Tanks in fwd positions.	
215	OP	2050	More MG fire at 55° Az. 65° Az. mo	fire at 2050 hrs. Amber flare at 300° Az.
216	2nd Bn S-3	2100	Rpts everything OK. Tp line out to E Co.	All others OK.
217	OP	2100	Plane flying from West to East (500	ft) over our positions.
218	1st Bn S-2	2100	Rpts about 15 rds of approx 103m	shells landed around bridge #43

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23 March 1944 Cont'd				
219	2nd Bn. S-2	2115	2nd Bn. OP established at House #3 on Broadway. Report gun flash at 40° from OP. From flash to impact, sound time 8 seconds, Cal. unknown, location of impact unknown.	(Div Arty)
220	2nd Bn. S-2	2135	Enemy Arty fire on house #1 on Broadway (980279), 150mm, 30 rounds, moved south on road.	
221	OP	2140	Enemy Arty fire 500 yds to right 30 rounds (974287) Div Arty.	
222	1st Bn. S-2	2200	Unidentified plane flying to north of our positions, single plane.	
223	1st Bn. S-2	2205	Reports MG fire coming from right front into right flank, one man in Co. hit.	3rd "C" S-2
224	Lt. Wall	2205	2205 Bridge at 983282 out, no guard, 15 ft bank.	
225	2nd Bn. S-2	2020	Plane flying over our positions	G-2
226	3rd Bn. S-2	2020	MG position firing into 1st Bn reported as being at home "Y". wants harassing fire on 984313.	125th
227	2nd Bn. S-2	2225	Enemy MG firing on 3rd Bn. from 55° from their positions. (sound)	
228	Para Pat.	2230	Negative report.	
229	2nd Bn S-2	2230	Arty concentration of 100 rounds falling in grid square 9721. Cal. undetermined.	G-2
230	OP	2240	Yellow flare followed by green flare at 40° az. Arty fire (gun flashes) appearing long distance out from 40° to 50°.	
231	Cn. Co.	2243	Have fired several concentrations of nos. 2 and 16.	
232	AT. Co.	2255	MG fire and arty fire and mortar coming into "K" Co. Positions.	
233	2nd Bn. S-2	2300	Barrage landed in grid square 9930 at 2245. B preceded by red flare 50° from 2nd Bn. S-2	Div A
234	2nd Bn, S-2	2300	Wire communication out with "E" Co. Being checked and radioed in. Everything OK in "E" Co. sector.	
235	Sgt Major	2300	Effective strength and casualties called to Division.	G-1
236	Capt. Mantowski	2315	Negative report from 157th Inf.	
237	3rd Bn. S-2	2315	Pyro signal for concentration Amber Para.: B-2 Red Para fired by "K" Co.	B-3
238	OP	2320	Flare dropped by plane at 35° az.	

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239	1st Bn. S-2	2345		Harrassing arty and SA fire all evening, 3 rounds on "C" Co. At 2130, Light MG fire in the 3rd Bn. sector, one casualty, concentration arty between 1st Bn. right sector and 3rd Bn. Few rounds in the vicinity of bridge #12
240	2nd Bn. S-3	2357		Comm. with Co. "E" still out. Using Radio, everything else OK. Patrols checking in and functioning O.K.
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241	1st Bn. S-2	0012		Patrol went through gap 1½ hrs ago, no other word from them, everything O.K.
242	Cn. Co.	0005		Overlay rec'd from Cn. Co. showing defensive fires.
243	S-2	0015		Col. Sweeting returned from 3rd Bn. Col. Everest returned from the 1st Battalion.
244	2nd Bn. C.O.	0018		Wants to know if he can zero in his mortars, tomorrow using W/P permission granted by C.O.
245	2nd Bn. C.O.	0055		Contact patrol from 1st Bn. Made contact between "F" Co. and 1st Bn.
246	S-3	0115		Negative report on paratroop in area
247	3rd Bn. C.O.	0125		M/G and Cn. fire coming from knocked out tanks on 3rd Bn. Arrangements made to fire mission on same tomorrow. (997-314) location of tanks (Bridge #5).
248	Col. Everest	0135		Overlay showing normal barrage for 125th Field Artillery Battalion.
249	I & R	0145		Patrol report 983-282 Bridge is comparatively new-Bridge is 20A long and 9 Ft. wide. - Will withstand tanks. Road approaches on both ends good - road has steep banks narrow - water under bridge shallow - ground above bridge is soft and marshy.
250	I & R	0200		Btry. enemy arty. 320 ⁰ , 7000 yds <u>Wig</u> from O.P. - flash report.
251	2nd Bn. S-2	0200		No change, everything quiet.
252	Msg. Cen.	0215		Extracts and Msg. for Mr. Forbord Lt. Atarine to rear troops.
253	3rd Bn. S-3	0250		Overlay to Queen Plan destroyed by fire- Barley will send out another copy.
254	1st Bn. S-3	0300		1st Bn. patrol left "A" Co. 2300 # passed through gap in wire at 9633.

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254 (continued)				proceeded to "E" bank of Dove N. along Dove to stream junction 962-323 which was objective. No enemy encountered. Patrol returned via same route at 0300. Strength of patrol 22 E.M. and one Officer
255	3rd Bn. C.O.	0319		General situation compared with previous night. arty. fire more intense steady harrassing fire in 3rd Bn. 1st Bn has received 20-30 rds. Arty. in forward position.
256	OP	0400A		OP reports about 20 rounds of mortar falling on right company or 3rd Bn. Also report harrassing medium artillery falling in 3rd Bn. sector.
257	S-3, 2nd Bn.	0405		Negative Report
258	Para Pat	0415A		Negative Report
259	OP	0445A		1 white, 1 red, 2 white, and 1 red flare seen on az. of 350° to 360°. Also observed tracers bullets being fired from this general vicinity.
260	S-3, 2nd Bn.	0500A		Everything generally quiet in sector. Reports heavy arty shell got direct hit on "E" Co. CP. Nobody hurt. Some mortar fire of long range falling near few forward company.
261	3rd Bn	0515A		K Co reported 12 enemy mortars at, Cn Co stream junction at 963321, Cn Co. and 125th FA returned fire. Enemy fire silenced.
262	1st Bn.	0515A		Drew heavy MG, & Mortar fire from, Cn Co. stream junction at 963325. Cn Co and 125 FA returned fire. Enemy fire silenced.
263	All Bns	0709A		All Quiet
264	OP	0800A		All Quiet
265	OP	0814A		Single gun firing on Campo Morte Dist. by sound at 30 az. in vic. Area of VELLETRI.
266	Sgt Maj.	0840A		Extracts & Ber's for Pers. Sect. M. Co
267	S-2 2nd Bn	0850A		S/P gun firing on H Co for North, 2 OP 2 rds landed with radius of 75 y. 3rd OP. was
268	Regt'l CP	0923A		Two rds fired at Piper Cub.
269	OP	0923A		Kraut movement at 973335, Dugout Cn saw 3 Germans go in and movement around.
270	Sgt. Maj.	0900A		Secret Document S-1 Fwd

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284 (Continued)				be distributed among companies. Company CO can report actual coordinate from phot of any suspect enemy installation. Photo interpreter will examine daily sortie to confirm or deny suspicion.
285	Ex Off.	1345A		Lt. White, AT Co. reports possible 57 position 985309 for firing on tanks at 992511. Other possible positions of same at 988304. Either position requires 30 men plus 4 Engrs for organization. Work parties subjected to MG fire after they pass 985304. Work would have to be done between Midnight and 0500A.
286	Ex Off.	1400A		Reported effect of TD fire on knocked-out tanks at Bridge #5. Score: 10 hits; 1 gun knocked off one and track off another. suggested 155 fire.
287	CO	1420A		CO left for aerial reconnaissance of battle area.
288	AT CO OP	1443A		AT Co OP on Bove see enemy MG 1000 yds ahead of them in house and about 600 yds ahead of Co. A left Platoon at about 964327. Request Arty fire to destroy the enemy MG. Cannon Co. fired at 1520A at this.
289	Ex Off.	1456A		Capt Hobbs in direct contact with Engrs. Engrs report repairing road for crossing. At 983299 that night Hobbs has plans for Engr Off to accompany tank on Recon of Bridge at 985283 and road repair work at 991294. Will call back and confirm arrangt's OP to keep chart showing No. of MT seen at specific times, Direction movein.
290	OP	1500A		See constant MT movement along VELLETRI-CISTERNA Rd between (981417-982423) Vehicles average 7 & 10. Traffic steady all day. G-2 wants to have road watched for 2-3 days to develop story before requesting air mission. Arty claims it can't reach spot, May be main sely. route for 362 Inf. Division.
291	S-2	1500A		G-2 called & requested written report on the many advantages of having a photo interpreter down as low as Regt., embodying actual facts and incidents, Experiment

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304	CO	1345A	CO reported back in to CP Reports	14 dead soldiers in 1st Bn. -CO, 1st sector. M. O 1st Bn says 3 Bodies in minefield in front of lines, but some behind these. Will check at dawn.
305	CO	1903A	CO reports hitting 5 tanks and 1 ammo dump from Air OP.	
306	1st Bn with 157th Inf.	1910A	Tanks and vehicles at 929364.	Air mission flown for this target 2nd Bn 157 shelled this PM.
307	OP	1910A	Wanted Coordinates of target Arty was firing on at 1830A. Red'd (963355) from 125th, Reported to OP	
308	1st Bn S-2	1920A	Changing patrol mission to go -3rd for tanks at House "Y" which have been shooting up C Co. -S-3.	
309	OP	1935A	Patrol passing thru Co C at 2100A. 30-40 Hvy shells at RJ 11 (Bove rd & Main St) at 1930^ Sound -Div Arty az of 300° Est. Btry.	
310	G-2	1955A	German luftwaffe Prisoner did not state that he wanted them to shoot him. He was merely telling captors that he had been shot in arm.	
311	2nd Bn S-2	1955A	Negative report for past two hours.	
312	1st Bn OP	2035A	Enemy MG fire 55° az (sound) on 3rd Bn area will endeavor to pick up flash and submit accurate az.	
313	OP	2045A	Btry of Hvy Arty fired at RJ 11. Flash detected at az. of 326°. Div	
314	1st Bn S-2	2050A	Patrol of K Co. cleared OP at 2045A carrying phone.	
315	OP	2050A	Concentration of Hvy Arty W. of RJ 11, 35-40 shells. Tracer --Div Arty shells from AT gun or Tank gun at 295°- approx. 5 miles away.	
316	CO 1st Bn	2050A	Called regarding TD positions. cows guns to take rear positions. Six dead soldiers were outside wire and in a mine field. Wants bridge 43 prepared to blow.	
317	2nd Bn OP	2115A	Reports 35-40 shells falling at RJ 11 coming from az 345°. Div Arty On bend of rd (Main Street) 993299 coming from 29° 10 shells from 295° landing close to -- Div Arty RJ Main St. & Broadway 35-40 Heavy shells.	
318	OP	2125A		
319	Sgt Maj	2210A	G-1 report called to Division G-2	

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320	Co "B" 8th Cml Bn	2215A		Will submit report each nite to include 24-hour period from 1800A to 1800A on missions fired and Ammo expended. Has been authorized by Corps and Div to pull one platoon from line for rest. Beginning tomorrow nite guns will be manned by skeleton crew for use in case of emergency.
321	2nd Bn	2215A		Overlay of AT positions coming in tonite, Omitted on last nite's overlay.
322	2nd Bn	2230A		12 rds med cal. shells from az -D of 10°(sound). Impact area unknown
323	Ex.O, 3rdBn	2245A		Cn Co observer observed smoke -157 & arty in what he thought to be A Co sector called A Co all quiet
324	Para Pat	2245A		Negative Report
325	1st Bn, S-3	2247A		Smoke in cemetery area, 157th Inf Sector, all quiet
326	2nd Bn, S-2	2300A		5 Mortar shells in Co E area, otherwise all quiet
327	157th Inf	2300A		All All quiet, usual harrassing fire. Missing patrol returned this PM., less officer and 1 man.
328	S-2	2350A		G-2 Report 1730-2330A; G-2 Situation generally quiet in all sectors with usual harassing Arty
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329	CO 1st Bn	0030A		Called about 2-M-10's pulling out. Called Capt. Miner and found that 2 TD's had pulled out to position 150 yds south of old positions, Reported this to Col. Erickson.
330	Para Pat	0115A		Negative Report
331	OP	0140A		Numerous lights in village of G-VELLETRI. Report having seen 2 btry's enemy arty fire from direction of 320°.
332	Dist Sgt	0145A		Extracts of Morning Reports Sgt
333	OP	0200A		Headlight flashes on Highway 7 in Mts. at az of 5°. Cats eyes at 32
334	OP	0230A		Friendly machine gun and small amount S/A fire at az of 30° about in our front lines.
335	S-3, 2nd Bn	0300A		Negative report for sector. Report 11 casualties in Co G during day from mortar fire, 3 direct hits.
336	S-3, 3rdBn	0340A		All quiet in sector.

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337	Para Pat	0350A	Negative Report.	Observed large amount of S/A fire in 45th Div. sector.
338	S-2	0400A	Complete absence of enemy small arms, mortar, or arty fire on front.	Neg. Report to Div.
339	S-2, 1st Bn	0400A	Hvy exchange of S/A fire in 45th Div sector.	Div to check with 45th Div.
340	S-2, 1st Bn	0400A	1st Bn patrol of 2 sqds plus one Off left LD (2nd Bn Plat, C Co) at 1015A; proceeded thru wire NE for approx. 500 yds. Stopped by MG fire from vic 976323. After fire fight, patrol returned along same route at 0115A.	G-
341	OP	0405A	Machine gun fire to left of sector.	
342	S-3, 2nd Bn	0450A	Everything quiet.	
343	OP	0501A	Sound az 300° on enemy gun which fired 3 rds on RJ 11, on Bove St & Main St.	Div At
344	S-2	0546A	Unidentified airplane flew over CP	
345	S-3, 2nd Bn	0550A	Everything Okay.	
346	S-2, 2nd Bn	0645A	6 rds hvy arty fell approx. 300 yds E of House #2 on Pacific Ave. Thought to be 15 cm.	
347	Bn OP's	0750A	Negative report last hour	
348	Cn Co	0820A	Firing on Ger. dugout at 967339 pro German OP.	
349	Sgt Maj	0830A	Visited 109th Med. for roster of casualties.	
350	S-2, 2nd Bn	0850A	S/P gun firing single rds on House 1 on Park ave. Sound - S-2, 3r az of 56° (OP at house #5) Fired concentration 8 rds, 0845A.	Div
351	CO, 3rd Bn	0833A	Two men previously reported missing showed up last night. Were on OP some distance out and stayed there until food ran out. 2 patrols last night fairly successful and one reached tanks. Reports later.	G-3
352	OP, 2nd Bn	0900A	S/P gun firing on Impact area at RJ at House #4 on Broadway. Started firing at 0910A. Still firing. Sound az. 40° from OP. First fired air burst for registration, the HE Est. distance 3000 yards.	Div
353	Sgt Maj	0900A	Lt. Briscoe, who was evacuated during Tunisian campaign has been placed on I/D. with regt. At present with rear detail.	-Ex

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354	G-1	0910A	Assign Lt. Eriscoe to Co D.	-Pers. Get him to Anzio as soon as possible
355	Sgt Maj	0920A		Called Div to inquire if KIA's -G-1 are to be reported or as MIA's. BOR will show MIA but G-1 report will be KIA.
356	S-2, 2nd Bn	0956A		Negative Report
357	Ln O, with 1000A 157th			Patrol reports from 157th; Patrol that went out Mar 27/28 and failed to return came in last evening. Patrol leader and one scout killed therefore info was not too complete. They went up west bank of CARANO stream, found nothing, came back little farther to west and ran into 2 strands of barbed wire and while trying to cross the wire the men were killed. It was then daylight and the men had to lie low until dark, then while returning 3 MG's opened up at barbed wire coming from 955329-955333 and one from ridge east of latter. Patrol #1-29-30 March. Mission to set up listening post in Cemetery at 948327. Remained all night - negative report. Patrol #2 29-30 March. Went up road east of cemetery. Accomplished mission - negative report.
358	S-1	1000A		Psychiatrist examined Pvt. Maur, Co B, and recommended he be assigned to another Co and charges under AW 61 be held in abeyance.
359	Sgt. Kelly	1000A		Manial envelope from Div. (Units Com containing reports, bulletins, etc.)
360	Sgt. Kelly	1012A		Envelope for Med & - (Regt Med & OP) if or S-3
361	S-1	1015A		Pvt Maur to be trans to Co E and to be given another chance. (2nd Bn S-1)
362	G-2	1020A		Latest Info from G-2 on entire Beachhead front.
363	S-2, 2nd Bn	1030A		S/P still firing: 7 rds fr - (Div at 1015A to 1030A. Air Burs. s at house at 971285. Air burst 52° to 55° fr OP light caliber.
364	G-3	1105A		Inquired about 12 bodies that (1st Co saw from Air OP.
365	Ex C, 1st Bn	1107A		Info as to above to be reported (G-3 shortly.

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366	Co C	1110A	Investigation at dawn; 29 Germans to Co C's right rear near knocked out house near Mole. Also 2-3rd Div soldiers near left plat C Co in an irrigation ditch.	
367	S-2, 2nd Bn	1130A	Trk movement (1 per min) (Div Art) S/P gun still firing on RJ, (Div Art at House 4 on Broadway. sound az 20° / rds at 1110A.	
368	C Co	1130A	Trk movement (1 per min) going (G-3 S on hwy 7. Trk's did not enter La Castella.	
369	S-3, 151Fa	1130A	Ask permission for tanks to fire at enemy personnel at 990302. Behind our lines and permission not given.	
370	S-2, 3rd Bn	1130A	Checked with 3rd Bn S-2 on 990302. No activity noticed in that vicinity.	
371	S-2, 3rd Bn	1210A	The following point near KO'd tanks German activity seen- 992310	
372	S-2	1230A	Situation report to G-2 all (G-3) quiet.	
373	1st Bn	1235A	A Co reported few rds Arty fire on left platoon at 0958A C Co OP.	
374	2nd Bn	1240A	S/P gun fired in House #1 (Div Art) Park Ave 10 rds at 0845A sound az 56° fr OP on House #5	
375	OP	1240A	S/P gun fired on RJ at House (Div Art) #4 on Broadway at 0910A fr sound az of 50°.	
376	OP	1250A	More S/P fire at 1110A.	
377	3rd Bn	1250A	2 men previously reported missing had shown up.	
378	CO	1300A	Harassing fire for Arty for night 30-31 March; 98723266-6 mortars; 99343210-Mortar Position; 00303050 Mortar position; 01793078-Mortar pos; 00745062- Mortar position; 99103350-Mortar Pos.;	
379	Sgt Maj	1355A	Called Capt Smith about placing (S) Portar a transfer from the 168th. Assgd to Co A.	
380	S-1	1400A	Submit names for volunteers (Each for Combat patrols. Each Bn 7 Pvt. 2 epls; 1 sgt; 1 Officer.	
381	Sgt Maj	1440A	Requested to send forward Officer roster and combat patrol (S-1) patrol volunteers. Also given names of officers for anti-malaria control.	

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382	Raccoon White	1450A		Reports read from Broadway to treadway bridge at 983283 in good condition for tank travel. Also bridge in good shape to be crossed by tanks. Road from treadway bridge to Center has bed, impassable, soft spot about 1/2 way out where irrigation canals are converging. Est. it would take 3 loads of rubble and drainage pipe to fix road, so that tanks could use road to reach Center St.
383	Ex Off	1430A		Col Everest left for aerial recon of battle area.
384	Blue 5	1525A		Called up and asked that we check to see if Lt. Base would be relieved tonight for Cml mortars, 3rd Bn sector for one week rest, leaving skeleton crew of 10 men to man mortars. G-3 said men would leave for 4 days, but skeleton crew would remain.
385	Lt. Biancetti	1610A		Got info on preparing bridges at 956312 and 983283 for demolition. Also repair Penn St. at 987281 where soft spot exists.
386	S-3	1610A		Maj Erickson, Capt Dodge, & Lt. kin Lindstrand visited CP preparing for recon of canal defense.
387	S-2	1620A		168th authorizes harassing fires at 00303056, 01793078 and 00743062.
388	S-3	1625A		Contact Capt Butts in regard to sending men back for rest. Skeleton crew will man guns.
389	S-2, 2nd Bn	1630A		Negative Report.
390	Ex Off	1645A		Col Everest returned from aerial recon
391	S-2	1645A		Patrol left I Co at 2130A from 99129 proceeded up draw to Y at (G-3 991307; turned right up large draw to 992308, at that point fired on by enemy outpost approx. 25yds up draw. Withdrew along same draw on out, returned at 0400A, 3 men and 1 off. G. Co patrol left from 96298 2145A, proceeded up draw to 990300; cut across country to bridge at 991 proceeded from there to 993308. Patrol returned at 0125A
392	OP	1700A		1 vehicle on road at 982423 moving in VELLETRI
393	OP	1720A		Report of movement on Rd fr 982425 To 981417, 291730A-one truck going into VELLETRI; 291735A- kraut walking away fr VELLETRI; 301040A-Six vehicles with black-out lights going W away

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393. (Continued)			fr VELLETRI; 301040A-r trks going fr 982423 to 981417- 100-150 yds interval, going very fast. 301120A- Two trucks on same road.	
394	S-2	1830A	Periodic report to G-2	(G-2)
395	S-2, 2nd Bn	1730A	Single S/P gun fired 10 rds (Div Art 964280 from az of 20° fr 2nd Bn CP sound of gun heard before shell hits E Co CP got 25 rds arty. No knowledge of gun.	
396	OP	1805A	Observe 2 ammo carts, horse-drawn at 972348 Enemy MG. fire fr 45 degrees fr OP.	
397	S-3, 1st	1830A	Enemy personnel and pack train (125 sighted at 965357, 800 yds left & 900 yds N of concentration #25, Cn Co Serpent Charlie can observe	
398	Asst S-1	1900A	Maj Erickson promoted to Lt. Col, 25 Mar. Lt. Finkel promoted to 1st	
399	Cn Co CO	1906A	No firing before 1800A After 1800A hit enemy pack train at 978344.	
400	S-1	1930A	Sorrento quota period 2-7 April to report to G-1.	
401	S-2, 2nd	1955A	Negative Report	
402	OP	1919A	Reported fire of one btry (5 guns) 330°-340° Est range 4000 yds. (Div A shells landing behind CP.	
403	OP	1919A	S/A fire at 45° (sound) Possible M/G about 3000 yds.	
404	Poison 2	1925A	I Co of Poison reports an est. enemy company massing fr W to E vic 95435.	
405	Para Pat	1930A	Negative Report	
406	REXXXXXXXX	1940A	Gen Ryder phoned, and left for 2nd & 3rd Bn CP with Col. Sweeting.	
407	Poison 2	2000A	CO moving toward I Co of Poison broken up by Arty fire at 95633435. moved into woods and was shelled there again with good results.	
408	S-2, 2nd	2001A	All quiet	
409	2nd Bn	2054A	Called in regards to placing guard on bridge being prepared for demolition at 956312, Ans later	
410	S-3, 1st	2125A	Says overlay is coming up tonight.	
411	Para Pat	2150A	Negative Report	
412	S-2, 2nd	2200A	Negative Report	
413	CO, 3rd Bn	2225A	Enemy MG at 58°-2600-2800 yds, firing tracer. Our MG returned fire	

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414	Brd Bn	2230A	"Soldbuca	picked up in front of 2nd platoon, I Co on 29 Mar found in an American helmet. (FR 7th Co. PGR, 26 Panzer Division. (Showned to Lt.Clapper fwd to G-2)
415	Lt. Fuhs	2230A		Interpretation report fr recent air photos completed. (CO,S-2,S-3, Div PIU)
416	S-2,2nd	2250A		Negative report
417	Sgt Maj	2310A		G-1 report phoned to Div (G-1)
418	OP	2328A		5 rds (med cal) coming from 50° flash landed 400 yds NW of OP (Gun has been firing all nite 015 rds (hvy cal) from 310°(flash) thought to have landed vic Camp Mori (Div Arty)
419	CP,3rd	2330A		2 rds est 7.6 cal. landed fwd of OP (Div Arty)
420	Sx3	2345A	xxxx	xxxx Sound az 52° approx range 5400 yds.
420	S-3 168th	2345A		Left Bndry of left plat of 168 sect is at 001296. Left limiting point at 998296. Trainto 168
421	Ex Off	2345A	xxxxx	Col Everest retd fr 1st Bn with Ln O.
422	OP	2355A		Med En Arty to left. Rd every 2 or 3 min (Div Arty)
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423	S-2,2nd	0003A		Negative Report
424	Para Pat	0030A		Negative Report
425	S-3,3rd	0030A		10-man Ser Patrol in front (G-3) in front of K. Co. proceeding in direction of 1st Bn 14 man ambush sent out for them.
426	S-3,1st	0030A		Overlay showing patrols, .37 position and minefields. Submitted by Ln O.
427	S-3,1st	0030A		Overlay showing 81mm,4.2 mortar, Cn Co, 125th FA & 185th FA concentrations.
428	S-3,1st	0030A		Overlay showing night shifts made by B Company.
429	Sgt Maj	0030A		Extracts; News, citations fr 2nd recd fr MC
430	Dist Sgt	0030A		BOR's & Extracts for pers sect xxxx
431	S-2,1st	0050A		Strength report for S-1 fwd (pers s Combat patrol back in Encountered est 50 Germans digging in approx. 600 yds in front of pos. Arty placed on this position (G-3)
432	CO,2nd	0050A		Negative Report
433	CO	0050A		Col Sweeting returned

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434		0100A	Considerable S/A & MG fire (Div Art)	at 55 & 60° Btry or two of Eny guns firing between 320 & 330° by flash 17½ secs between flash and sound.
435	OP	0120	At 55 degrees MG and S/A fire continuous also amber flare At 40 degrees Ger gun, 12 sec between flash and sound. At 320 degrees green flare rep. at true N tracer fire.	
436	2nd Bn	0155	Negative Report	
437	C.O.	0140	Cn. Co ordered by phone to fire 3 concentrations #7 one just at dawn about 01518.	
438	S-3	0140	Lt. Prabat sent to 3rd Bn with overlay of Normal barrages.	
439	1st Bn	0310	Patrol of 22 men one officer left A Co at 21458-Center plat. Proceeded N 300 yds. over rise then down into draw meeting our barbed wire at 993324. As soon as they cut wire leading scout spotted 2 German outposts 50 yds to front Patrol was detected OP called help-estimated 50 Germans came up E Bank of Bove at 962325, Patrol had heard enemy digging in and laying wire in vic. of outposts. Patrol returned at 0030B, Concentration put on enemy.	
440	OP	0307	Arty fire at 180 dgr due S and at 40 dgr fire coming in and going out. Arty and MG fire both friendly and enemy.	
441	OP	0315	White amber flare 360 dgr where activity has been reported previously.	
442	OP	0325	Amber flare 350 dgr Tracer fire due	
443	S-3	0400	Parachute Patrol - Negative report	
444	Bn's	0400	Report all quiet	
445	OP	0425	Gun sound report 60 dgr enemy MG fire long bursts over Bn (3rd)	
446	3rd Bn	0450	I Co patrol of 6 EM and 1 off left I Co Position at (992303) at 2300B They followed Wadi to 992308 and drew MG and MP fire from 3 direction While at vic 992308 from a well organized enemy outpost position est. 1 enemy squad in ambush. Patrol returned along same route 0445B	

Ser No	Place	Time	Incident	Disposition
447	2nd Bn	0450	Negative report for period	
448	OP	0450	5 rds from 1 gun firing at 535 from OP landed at 260 estimated 105 Cal.	
449	OP	0505	10 rds est 105 mm from 75 az (Wigwag)	
450	S-2	0530	General situation reported to Div	
451	S-2	0530	Patrol to 191303 found 4 MG to right of house 3-4 inside est plat of enemy around house Patrol to 951892 received arty fire and N/werfer fire to West Patrol found listening post at cemetery.	
452	OP	0900	Gun sound 40 from OP Landed 300 yds SW of Regt Op 15 rds landed.	
453	OP	0915	15 rds arty landed 300 yds SW of OP az 40	
454	S-3	0915	Negative report to Div	
455	OP	0915	15 rds landed 200 yds E of Blue CP Possibly coming from draw behind PONTE ROTTO (Wigwag 2)	
456	F Co	0920	From 0910 to 0915 15 rds to 20 fire fr a batry landed 972-286 sound az 30 (Wigwag 2)	
457	OP	0955	4 enemy seen in vic of house at 972-348 believed to have gone in dugout 50 yds left of house (CnCo)	
458	OP	1005	Sound az of 75 single gun shooting short of OP	
459	OP	1030	2 more SP's firing at pos in front of K Co fr 984-324 have laid in 20 rds in last 10 minutes.	
460	S-1	1110	Delivered G-1 report to Div Msg Cen Stopped at Co B, 109th for check on casualties pkd up 3 (G-1)	
462	S-2	1120	Situation report to Div Generally quiet.	
463	Op	1130	Ob s4 Ger go into dugout at 972-348 (Red 6)	
464	S-2	1145	Arranged for 2 jointly held outpost between 168 and 135 and 157 which was directed by Gen Ryder Post to be held at night only, in add to visit ptrl.	
465	S-3, 1st	1220	Wants cml mortar concentrations 4, 6, & 2 subed by 81's of white also concentrations at 976-327 and 967-324. 2 guns on #4	
466	OP	1220	200 rds 105 and 150 cal landing in 92-27 grid sqr's 320 sound az.	

Ser No	Section	Time	Incident	Disposition
467	S-3	1350	A-T mines to be placed abridge at (943287 to be used only in emergency and will not be placed until ordered by Regimental CO	
468	S-3	1350	1st Bn CO observed Cn Co fire on enemy at 972348 Cn Co concentrations #20 4 rds per gun Enemy pos. reported by OP at 1145B.	
469	D-1	1550	Malaria Control 18 copies.	
470	S-2	1600	Periodic Regt Rept to G-2 & G-3 3rd Bn 10 reported digging at 990431 5 enemy digging at 0015-3248 2nd Bn reported 6 rds per hr vic bridge #15 1st Bn submitted a negative rept.	
471	S-3	1530	Capt Blahmick telephoned Bridge #4 had been mined and prepared for demolition. Pen St had been repaired between bridge #42 Center St.	
472	S-3	1620	3rd Bn Ex Off. notified to meet guide at 2nd Bn. C. P. to pick up 3-37mm gun of 2nd Bn on Center St. near junction with Penn. St. to be taken over by 3rd Bn crews to be furnished by 3rd Bn. S-4's to make necessary tallies.	
473	S-3	1620	Capt. Correy notified to report to C.P. at 1900B (Time 1530B)	
474	C.P.	1645	C.O. arranged with 3rd Bn Bn C.O. for TOT shott on 10 enemy digging at- (9904-3122) to include 3rd Bn mortar and Cn. Co.	
475	S-3	1700	Harassing fires for 31 March - 1 Apr 96.75-3265 - 9720-3375 - 9934-3210 9775-3375-0090-3450.	
476	S-2	1745	Col Everst went to the one section.	
477	xORS-3	1800	Cn. Co. fired 25 missions 751 rds of all types Cml. mortars fired 2 missions 18 rounds.	
478	S-2	1800	Col Everest returned to C.P.	
479	OP	1815	Sound Az 78° - 4 or 5 rds at a time 3 or 4 minutes between concentration	
480	1st Bn OP	1905	Med Cal Arty fire on Bridge at (938310) from sound Az 350° at 1900P	
481	S-2	1925	Reported negative report. G-2	
482	AT	1950	Recieved AT Co's King and Queen Plan	
483	S-3	1955	Para Pat. Negative report	
484	1st Bn.	2002	"A" Co. Recieving heavy con.Arty. fi	
485	S-2	2004	Communication to OP is out.	
486	2nd Bn S-3	2100	4 rds cal unknown-flash Az 360° at 2040B	
487	2nd Bn S-2	2110	1 Btry. firing from flash Az 30° 7 rounds landed approx 3000 yds in front OP Wigwag -2	

Scr. No	Section	Time	Incident	Disposition
29 March 1944 Continued				
292	S-2	1500A	Lt. Clapper has a German document turned into him by ...	Gen. Deals with 305th Inf. Div. S-2 wants document turned in to Division.
293	S-2	1530A	Enemy aircraft strafed Rd to rear of Regt'1 CP Flyer jumped, landed at 964285; Captured by 2nd Bn. Plane crashed at 974290.	
294	G-3	1530A	Called with reference to proposed change in attachments which, if approved would give us: 1 Plat. Co. "A" 601st TD; Co "C", 701st TD Bn; 1 Co. Medium Tanks; 1 Plat. of light tanks. Balance of Co A of 601st in our sector in reserve with possible use by Division.	
295	Sgt Maj	1520A	Gave driver of Mess Trk Envelope S- to deliver to S1 with evening Mess.	
296	Sgt Maj	1630A	Forwarded completed citations to S-1, 2nd Bn, for signature -S-1, 2nd and return.	
297	S-2	1635A	3rd Bn has given permission to - 1st 168th to fire at observed enemy at 992308.	
298	CO	1655A	Called from radio in plane and S- said to have 3rd Bn plan recon. Patrol to go out tonight to view of knocked-out tanks near Ponte Rotto (997314) with idea of destroying them tomorrow night with a combat patrol. 3rd Bn S-3 notified.	
299	2nd Bn S-2	1713A	Shelling report of 15 rds landing between 1704A and 1711A at - Div A (965273) Houses 6 and 7 on Broadway	
300	S-3	1730A	General situation reported to G-2	
301	RadioSec.	1755A	CO went off air. Returning to CP.	
302	CG	1830A	Gen Ryder called (no man's land is ours. We are set - be aggressive.	
303	OP	1855A	One med trk with gun or tractor G- moved from right to left at 972348. at 1817A At 1819A 7 men followed same course as truck and a few minutes later 2 horses pulling a wagon followed. Other trucks observed back in trees in same area. We directed fire which was inaccurate because Custer furnished us with incorrect coordinates.	

Ser No	Service	Time	Incident	Disposition
488	2d Bn S-2	2130	8rds heavy cal landed vic.	(975-23... no other information (Wigwag -2
489	Bn's	2125	Turned in Negative report.	G-2
490	OP	2140	4rds 150 cal on 3rd Bn.	OP az 50° Wigwag 2
491	1st Bn S-2	2150	2 rds estimated 210 cal landed vic OP	wigwag 2
492	S-1 Sec	2200	Sent strength figures to Capt Smith	
493	S-1 Sec	2210	Sgt. Major (S-1) called Strength figures into Div.	
494	2nd Bn Ex.	2215	Planning on moving M/G's back to "E" Co.	
495	S-3	2225	2nd Bn's King & Queen Plans reached Regimental CP at 2300B 30 March.	
496	S-2	2230	Para Troop - Negative Report.	
497	1st Bn S-1	2235	Smoke being laid 100 yds in front of wire along entire Bn. Sector -S-3	
498	3rd Bn S-3	2250	Patrol left C.P. and will soon reach 3rd Bn-"C" Co.	
499	S-1 Sec.	2250	Sent Secret documents forward.	
500	S-1 Sec.	2245	Called the following names to G-2 G-1, of officers going to Sorronto, Lt's Parker, Mearman & Foster of Serv. Co. Hq's Co & Hq's Bn's.	
501	Bns	2250	1st Bn-Smoke being laid 100 yds in front of whole Bn. Sector. 2nd Bn Negative Report. 3rd Bn. Harassing Arty on all Co. Fronts.	
502	1st Bn S-2	2315	Arty fired into Smoke screen-No fire recieved.	
503	C.O	2315	XXXXXXXXXXXX Requested 1st Bn to send patrol beyond wires tonight	
504	OP	2320	Blackout headlights seen near Lesterna Az 60°	
505	3rd Bn Ex. Off.	2320	Man missing from "I" Co. Patrol last night has returned. C.O.	
506	2nd Bn S-2	2350	Report all quiet in sector.	
507	OP	2350	6 or 7 rds, arty landed vic (949-29) in sec. between flash and esp) Az. 315°- Cal. 150. Wigwag 2	
508	OP	2350	Reports exchange of automatic small arms fire at 300°- 1st Bn called and said This was in 45th Div. Sect	

SECTION V:

COMMANDING OFFICERS AND ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers, on 1 March 1944.

Regimental Commander	Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest
Executive Officer	Major Roland Anderson
S-4	Capt Allen P. Crowley
S-3	Capt. Maurice W. Stacy
S-2	1st Lt. Louis H. Hauser
S-1	Capt. Phineas F. Smith Jr.
Regimental Surgeon	Capt. Vilhelm M. Johnson
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Keith O. VanKrevelan
" Service Company	1st Lt. Foster C. Hayden
" Antitank Company	1st Lt. Jack K. White
" Cannon Company	Capt. Paul W. Blommen
" Medical Detachment	1st Lt. Edward F. Obremski
" 1st Battalion	Major Ray J. Erickson
Executive Officer	Capt. Arnold N. Brandt
S-3	Capt. Gibbs M. Prevost
Commanding Headquarters Company	1st Lt. Anthony F. Von Ruden
" Company "A"	Capt. William R. Howard
" Company "B"	Capt. William E. Smith
" Company "C"	Capt. James F. Garfield
" Company "D"	Capt. Donald J. Dodge
" 2nd Battalion	Major Donald C. Landon
Executive Officer	Capt. Robert E. McGraw
S-3	1st Lt. Richard E. Sugars
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Joel M. Lewison
" Company "E"	Capt. Ralph J. Mantowski
" Company "F"	Capt. Alden S. Lance
" Company "G"	1st Lt. George E. Combs
" Company "H"	Capt. Einar M. Lund
" 3rd Battalion	Lt. Col. Fillmore K. Mearns
Executive Officer	Capt. Emil Skalicky
S-3	Capt. John L. Bridgeman
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Thomas E. Chegin
" Company "I"	1st Lt. Reid B. Huff
" Company "K"	1st Lt. Luther L. Doty
" Company "L"	1st Lt. Spencer W. Jones
" Company "M"	1st Lt. John Sbaffi

B. Changes in Commanding officers and Staff officers during month of March 1944.

1. Lt. Col. Harry W. Sweeting assigned Regimental Commander
2. Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest assigned Executive Officer
3. Major Roland Anderson assigned S-4.
4. Capt. Allen P. Crowley assigned Commanding Officer Service Compa
5. Capt James F. Garfield, Commanding Company "C" evacuated sick.

(SECTION V: Commanding Officers in Engagements continued)

9 March 1944.

1. 1st Lt. Edmund F. Obremski, Commanding Medical Detachment evacuated sick.

2. Capt. Carl J. Gumbert assigned command of Medical Detachment.

13 March 1944

1. Capt. William R. Howard, Commanding Company "A" evacuated sick

14 March 1944

1. Lt. Col. Simon Castille assigned per VOGC; assigned commanding Officer 2nd Battalion.

2. Major Donald C. Landon assigned as Regimental S-3

3. Capt. Emil Skalicky, Executive Officer 3rd Battalion transferred to Personnel Center Number 6 awaiting order for trans-shipment to the United States under rotation plan.

4. Capt. Maurice W. Stacy, Regimental S-3 transferred to Personnel Center Number 6 awaiting order for Trans-shipment to the United States under the rotation plan.

5. Capt. Thomas E. Chegin, Commanding Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion transferred to Personnel Center Number 6 awaiting orders for trans-shipment to the United States under the Rotation plan.

6. Capt. Harry Y. McSween returned to duty and assigned as Executive Officer 3rd Battalion.

7. 1st Lt. Richard E. Sugars, S-3, 2nd Battalion, evacuated sick.

18 March 1944

1. Capt. Joe H. Kimble returned to duty as Commanding officer Company "E"

19 March 1944

1. 1st Lt. Robert N. Stokes assigned as Commanding Officer Co."A"

2. 1st Lt. Reid B. Huff Commanding Officer Co."I" evacuated sick.

3. 1st Lt. Donovan C. Griffin assigned as Commanding Officer Co."

21 March 1944

1. 1st Lt. Jack K. White, Commanding Officer Antitank Company promoted to Captain.

(Section V: Commanding Officers in Engagements continued)

24 March 1944

1. 1st Lt. Richard H. Sugars returned to duty as S-3, 2nd Bn.

25 March 1944

1. Major Ray J. Erickson, Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, received Battlefield promotion to Lt. COL.

2. 1st Lt. Louis H. Hauser, Regimental S-2 promoted to Captain.

26 March 1944

1. Captain Robert E. McGraw, Executive Officer 2nd Battalion promoted to Major.

2. Captain Gibbs M. Prevost, S-3, 1st Battalion evacuated wounded.

28 March 1944

1. Captain Donald J. Dodge, Commanding Officer, Company "D" relieved of assignment and assigned as S-3, 1st Battalion.

2. 1st Lt. Herbert E. Grote assigned Commanding Officer Company "E"

30 March 1944

1. 1st Lt. George L. Lambert assigned Commanding Officer Company "F"

31 March 1944

1. Capt. John L. Bridgeman, S-3, 3rd Battalion evacuated injured.

SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

A. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (OFFICER) 1 March to 31 March 1944

2. Wounded in Action

26 March Capt. Prevost, Gibbs M. O-381928 Hq Co 1st Battalion

SUMMARY

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action	0	0	4
Wounded in Action	1	0	24
Captured	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0

SECTION VII - CITATIONS AND AWARDS, 1 March through 31 March 1944.

The following named Enlisted Men have been recommended for Decorations and awards as follows:

A. Distinguished Service Cross

1. ALBERT W. PETCAVAGE, 33621020, Pvt. Hq. Co. 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action at approximately 2130 hrs. on the night of 8 February 1944, near Cassino, Italy. A litter team of which Pvt. Petcavage was a member, was suddenly caught in an intense enemy mortar concentration. While other members of the litter team hurriedly sought cover from the savage enemy fire, Pvt. Petcavage, displaying utter disregard for his own life, coolly helped the wounded comrade from the litter to a shallow bomb crater and then, instead of seeking cover, he used his own body as a shield to protect the wounded man. Almost immediately thereafter, Pvt Petcavage was struck and killed by shell fragments. The comrade he was shielding was unharmed. This supreme sacrifice, that another man might live, has been a continuing inspiration to the entire command, and upholds the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Anna P. Petcavage, (Mother), Mahoney City, PA.

B. Silver Star

1. HARRY R. HUMPHRIES, 33784000, Pvt. Hq. Co, 2nd Bn, 135th Inf. For gallantry in action on 7 Feb. 1944, during the battle of Hill 593, vicinity of Cassino, Italy. The enemy was continuously shelling the battalion positions, and vital lines of communication were constantly being severed by shell fragments. The numerous enemy counterattacks made it imperative that wire communication be maintained constantly. Pvt. Humphries, along with another wireman, worked untiringly all that day and through most of the night, all the while under intense sniper, machinegun and artillery fire. Again the following morning all the lines of communication were severed by an intense enemy shelling. Pvt. Humphries, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, again went out on the line through numerous heavy impact areas, accurate sniper and machinegun fire. His untiring efforts enabled the Bn Commander to keep in contact with his forward elements to coordinate their efforts in resisting the numerous enemy counterattacks. His devotion to duty and courage in the face of great danger was inspiring to his fellow soldiers. Next of Kin: Ethel E. Humphries (Mother), Upper Darby, Pa.

2. ALBERT B. HOLBROOK, 33651633, Pvt. Hq. Co , 2nd Bn. 135th Inf. For gallantry in action on 7 February 1944, during the battle for Hill 593, vicinity of Cassino Italy. The enemy was continuously shelling the Battalion positions, and vital lines of communication were constantly being severed by shell fragments. The numerous enemy counterattacks made it imperative that wire communications be maintained constantly. Pvt. Holbrook, along with another wireman, worked untiringly all that day and through most of that night,

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all the while under intense sniper, machinegun and artillery fire. Again the following morning all the lines of communication were severed by an intense enemy shelling, Pvt Holbrook with utter disregard for his own personal safety, again went out on the lines through numerous heavy impact areas, accurate sniper and machinegun fire. He had restored most of the lines of communication before he was seriously wounded by an enemy shellburst. His untiring efforts enabled the Battalion Commander to keep in contact with his forward elements to coordinate their efforts in resisting numerous enemy counterattacks. His devotion to duty and courage in the face of great danger was inspiring to his fellow soldiers and a credit to the Armed Forces of the U.S. Entered Service from Coeburn, Virginia.

C. Bronze Star

McGraw, Robert E., 0393317, Capt., Hq., 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry

Lund, Einar M., 0397371, Capt., Company "H", 135th Infantry

McMahon, Ross J., 20708221, S/Sgt., Hq.Co., 2nd Bn., 135th Infant.

Peel, Donald J., 39906064, Sgt. Hq.Co., 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry

Onasch, Robert F., 33272372. T/4, Med.Det., 135th Infantry

For heroic action in the face of grave danger. On 7 January 1944, vicinity of San Vittore, Italy. When six men of a security outpost, located about 300 yards from the second Battalion, 135th Infantry CP, set off a personnel mine (bouncing baby) which wounded four of the men Captain McGraw, Captain Lund, S/Sgt McMahon and Sgt Peel volunteered to assist T/4 Onasch to evacuate the wounded men across a dense mine field that was also under moderate enemy artillery fire. On the way to the outpost, the party set off two personnel mines which were duds. These incidents did not deter them from continuing on to the outpost. After these incidents, first aid was given the wounded and the party then carried them back to the CP, again through the minefield. This heroic action in the face of grave danger upholds the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.