

Regimental History  
135<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY

1 January to 31 January 1945

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Month of

JAN 1945

## SECTION II

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY,  
JANUARY, 1945

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 January	155	4	3100
2	156	4	3107
3	156	4	3104
4	154	4	3084
5	155	4	3095
6	155	4	3095
7	155	4	3095
8	154	4	3098
9	154	4	3088
10	158	4	3059
11	163	3	3059
12	165	3	3055
13	163	3	3050
14	163	3	3051
15	163	3	3055
16	163	3	3051
17	163	3	3057
18	164	3	3049
19	162	3	3042
20	164	3	3041
21	164	3	3041
22	165	3	3026
23	165	3	3199
24	164	3	3276
25	164	3	3274
26	164	3	3273
27	165	3	3361
28	167	3	3379
29	169	3	3378
30	168	3	3379
31	170	2	3381

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STATION LIST - 135TH INFANTRY - 1st JANUARY, 1945 TO  
31st JANUARY, 1945

1 JANUARY 1945

135TH INFANTRY

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Vic of Via Reggio,  
Italy

5 JANUARY 1945

Regt'l. Hqs.

-

C. Torre dell Eredi  
(911308)

Anti-Tank Co.

-

Crocetta (917304)

Cannon Co

-

Fornacetta (899284)

Service Co

-

1½ Mi N of Quinzano

1st Battalion

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Zenarella (907300)

2nd Battalion

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Zena (906316)

3rd Battalion

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C Ghisia (900322)

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SECTION IV      NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The Regiment was still in the Via Reggio area on 1 January, and was engaged in digging in a defense line in the rear of the 92nd Division front. There were detailed preparations to repulse any effort on the part of the enemy to drive in the direction of the port of Leghorn.

Civilians informed Company L that 300 men in American uniforms and German helmets were seen in the vicinity of 981941. At the same time the 91st Division reported that five Germans in American and British uniforms were seen at 981941. Two were picked up but three were still at large. Otherwise, the period 1/4 January passed uneventfully.

The 135th Infantry started to move out of the coastal sector on 5 January and followed Highway 06 through Pisa and Florence north on Highway 05 to Filigere and then to the vicinity of Mt. Belmonte. The relief of the 351st Infantry was completed at 0045, 8 January. The Third Battalion of the 135th was on the left defending Mt. Belmonte and the Second Battalion on the right under the dominating "Church Hill" position occupied by the enemy. The 135th Infantry was attached to the 86th Division. On the same day there was a tremendous explosion at 902278, a house occupied by Company B, 313th Engineers. A truckload of mines exploded and 14 men were killed. Eighteen wounded were brought to the regimental medical detachment for treatment.

It had been snowing almost constantly since the regiment moved into the mountainous sector, and the cold weather and deep drifts were a striking change from the mild weather on the coast. Skis and snowshoes were issued and patrols used their white parka linings, painted their helmets and other equipment white. The terrain and the weather combined to make patrolling an especially difficult task throughout the month.

On 9 January an enemy company of about 60 men in strength was spotted on Highway 05 at 879326 going south and entering an icehouse at 878326. Supporting artillery was notified and the enemy was subjected to heavy fire. On this day enemy harrassing mortar fire was heavy at times and 130 rounds were fired into the Third Battalion sector in a 24-hour period. Light mortars wounded two men in Company L, and a tank fired into the Company I sector but no casualties resulted. A five-man group, dressed in white, attempted to raid Company L but it was repulsed and four of the enemy were killed. Papers on the bodies indicated that the men were from the 305th Artillery Regiment, 305th Division, 2nd Battalion. One of them was a lieutenant who had maps showing routes of movement and another map of German observation posts and concentrations. This data was forwarded immediately to the 86th Division because the 305th Division was believed at the time to be in the rear areas around Belgium. On the night of 9 January mines were laid in the 3rd Battalion area. The ground was frozen, noise from digging could be heard a considerable distance in the still, cold air, and to prevent the work from attracting the enemy push igniters were substituted for trip wires.

The Germans were employing long range harrassing fire from machine guns at 924324 and 921329 on 10 January, and the Third Battalion was subjected again to mortar fire with about 110 rounds falling in that area. In the Second Battalion area, one round of mortar fell every five minutes. At night the regiment fired harrassing fire in the right sector to cover a raiding party from the 349th Infantry. At 2120 friendly planes bombed the enemy rear.

Our patrols were uneventful in the main. A raiding party from the Second Battalion went to a house at 917328 and found it unoccupied although there was an apparent machine gun position in the house and one behind the building. There were tracks around the house.

On 11 January both our fire and that of the enemy was lighter. The Second Battalion set up five 50 calibre machine guns for harrassing fire on enemy supply roads. The weather continued cold and hand grenades were used to break the ice in the creek leading to the battalions so that jeeps could ford the stream. Eighteen cases of trench feet were reported to the commanding officer who ordered that all men wear snow packs and that dry socks be provided. A thorough investigation was initiated and the conclusion was drawn that this alarming rate was caused by the long hike through swollen river beds into the position the night the regiment relieved the 351st Infantry.

It was a relatively quiet day on 12 January with some harrassing fire from enemy medium artillery, rockets and mortars. The regiment was informed that the password had been compromised in the British sector. Measures to counter this situation were adopted immediately. Snow continued to fall on the following day and visibility was poor. More parkas were ordered for the men on guard to keep them from being spotted by the enemy. It was learned now that the password had been compromised through 17 January and accordingly new passwords were forwarded. On this day, 13 January, the 135th Infantry reverted to the control of the 34th Division.

On 14 January the regimental patrol reports were largely of a negative character as they had been since coming into this sector. The patrols were meeting with some rifle, machine gun and mortar fire. Enemy mortar fire continued to fall in the Third Battalion area, but there was little artillery fire during the day, and the same held true on the following day. Early in the morning of 15 January a single plane dropped six bombs to the left and forward of Lt. Belmonte. Another lone plane strafed in the vicinity of Zulu (884332) and dropped two bombs at a great distance north of the regimental CP on the night of 15/16 January. A raiding party from Company I was unsuccessful when they were attacked by a strong enemy outpost. No casualties resulted.

Patrols out on the night of 16/17 January found evidence of newly laid mines at 9155355 and discovered a trail running northeast at 91553345 which apparently was much used. There was a slight increase in light and medium enemy artillery fire during the 24 hours. Our artillery fired some concentrations on 18 January at houses at 906340 and 929358, guns at 884304, and started a fire at 695374.

The regiment was warned on 19 January that the enemy staged a sneak raid on the 35th Division the previous night. One man was killed and another captured. Similar raids were anticipated in the 135th regimental sector and all companies were alerted.

On 20 January Colonel Ashton H. Manhart was ordered to the United States on temporary duty and Lt. Col. Charles P. Greyer assumed command of the regiment.

A BAR man from Company A shot at two Germans on 21 January, who approached his position. One enemy was killed and one escaped. Papers on the body showed that the dead man was from the 6th Company, 146th Regiment, 65th Division. This identified the 65th Division on the left flank of the 135th Regiment. The German password for the night, "Hunger Not", was learned.

A raid was staged by Company E on the night of 22 January with the objective at 91253280. The enemy opened up with rifle fire from the south side of a stream to the east and only three men succeeded in getting across the creek. Heavy defen-

sive fire followed, and the German mortars, light artillery and machine gun fire covered an area of 600 square yards. The raiding party was forced to withdraw with three wounded and one man missing. The enemy was believed to have suffered numerous casualties from effective counter-fire. At the time of the raid a gasoline stove exploded at the Company G CP and six men were suffocated or burned to death. The entire building was in flames and was completely destroyed.

The snow was eight to ten inches deep on 23 January and much deeper where it had drifted. Throughout the day there was intermittent fire and Companies K and M had one man each killed by direct hits on dugouts. A sniper fired all day at the CP of Company I. At night two men were killed and two wounded in a group of replacements that had been brought up to Company R. Our artillery and tank destroyers fired on "Church Hill" (913333) and some rounds were put through a door. The Germans fired propaganda leaflets from rocket guns. These leaflets gave detailed suggestions on how men could fake illness to avoid duty.

Enemy fire was heavy during the next 24 hours and the Third Battalion reported receiving 71 rounds of light artillery, 20 rounds of 150 mm., two rounds of 120 mortar, 30 rounds of 50 mortar, 30 rounds of 81 mortar and 10 rounds of propaganda. The Second Battalion reported receiving 59 rounds of 75 mm and 23 rounds of mortar.

Shortly before midnight of 24 January the regimental OP reported 20 large explosions at the edge of the Po Valley. This was believed to be the results of bombing by our planes. The day of 25 January, except for harrassing fire from both sides, passed without any unusual incidents.

An ambush patrol visited the area at 918328 at 0200, 26 January, and encountered five Germans who were alerted when a member of the raiding party coughed. It was believed that all five of the enemy were killed, but the bodies rolled down a slope covered by German machine gun fire and could not be reached. The regiment was warned on this day by G-2 that the rising stream beds were washing mines loose and that the men should take care in meeting this situation.

The bright moonlight on the night of 27/28 January cancelled all patrols except for security and contact. On 27 January the regimental sector was visited by Miss Margaret Bourke-White, photographer for Life magazine. Her pictures of the terrain and the living conditions were designed to illustrate the hardships on the Fifth Army front. Miss White had photographed the Mt. Trocchio and Cassino area when the regiment was in that sector the previous year.

The 28th and 29th of January were marked by mortar and counter-mortar fire and our supporting artillery scored eight direct hits on an enemy CP at 922341. On 30 January all Italians working in the regiment were sent to the rear to be processed by CIC and work permits were issued for 24. That night a patrol from Company F found a BAR and four M-1's leaning against the bank of a hill at 922327. One of the M-1's was left there by the patrol when it was noticed that a wire was tied to the gun, indicating that it had been booby trapped.

On 31 January information was received from G-2 that the 157th Mountain Division had been identified in front of the South African sector. It was the first commitment of this German unit in Italy.

## SECTION V

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers on 1 January 1945.

Regimental Commander	Col Ashton H. Manhart, 018773
Executive Officer	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
S-4	Major Roland Anderson, 0366901
S-3	Major Fred H. Lippucci, 0359982
S-2	Capt Louis H. Hauser, 01290418
S-1	
Regimental Surgeon	Capt Charles W. Mills, 0368561
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Keith O. Van Krevelen, 0377973
" Service Company	Capt Mart R. Parker, 01294355
" Antitank Company	1st Lt Jay F. Hollyfield, 01290422
" Cannon Company	Capt Dean C. Fellows, 01168659
" First Battalion	Lt Col Charles H. Thompson, 0223488
Executive Officer	Major James E. Tyler, 023079
S-3	1st Lt Sylvester J. Hunter, 01302468
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt William R. Howard, 0387017
" Company "A"	1st Lt Louis Montelione, 01316133
" Company "B"	Capt Donovan C. Griffin, 0116559
" Company "C"	Capt William C. Huey, 0406826
" Company "D"	Capt Herbert E. Grote, 01302966
" Second Battalion	Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283
Executive Officer	Capt Jack K. White, 0336830
S-3	Capt Norman E. Brown, 01286956
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Paul E. Feiber, 01286265
" Company "E"	1st Lt Edgar W. Boggan, 0413150
" Company "F"	1st Lt Richard Bawden, 01303834
" Company "G"	Capt Nelson I. Kibler, 0373200
" Company "H"	Capt Alfred H. Breninger, 01283716
" Third Battalion	Lt Col John W. Joyce, 0331690
Executive Officer	Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519
S-3	Capt William B. Cole, 0384080
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Reid B. Huff, 0390555
" Company "I"	Capt Leslie K. Vensel, 01305681
" Company "K"	1st Lt Leon H. Arey, 01290360
" Company "L"	1st Lt Patrick J. Flannigan, 01298373
" Company "M"	1st Lt Richard A. Kearney, 01311398

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of January, 1945.4 January 1945

1. 1st Lt Richard A. Kearney, 01311398, Commanding Officer, Company "I", evacuated sick.

5 January 1945

1. Capt Joe (MIL) Humble, 01309738, Assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "M".

8 January 1945

1. Lt Col Charles H. Thompson, 0223488, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion.

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8 January 1945, Cont'd.

2. Major James E. Tyler, 023079, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, and assigned as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion.

9 January 1945

1. Capt Wart R. Parker, 01294355, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Service Company, and assigned as Regimental Adjutant.

10 January 1945

1. Capt James F. Garfield, 0370002, assigned as Executive Officer, 1st Battalion.

2. 1st Lt Burton F. Bridges, 01310565, assigned as Commanding Officer, Service Company.

3. 1st Lt Sylvester J. Hunter, 01302468, relieved of assignment as S-3, 1st Battalion.

4. Capt Donovan C. Griffin, 0416559, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "B", and assigned as S-3, 1st Battalion.

5. 1st Lt Ernest O. Saasto, 01302201, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "B".

21 January 1945

1. Col Ashton H. Manhart, 018773, Regimental Commander, 135th Infantry, returned to United States on Temporary Duty.

2. Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157, Executive Officer, 135th Infantry, assumed command of the regiment.

24 January 1945

1. Capt Norman E. Brown, 01286956, S-3, 2nd Battalion, evacuated sick.

2. Capt Charles W. Mills, 0368561, Regimental Surgeon, transferred to Hq 34th Inf Division.

3. Capt Arthur (HMI) Heldman, 0428142, assigned as Regimental Surgeon.

26 January 1945

1. Capt Donovan C. Griffin, 0416559, relieved of assignment as S-3, 1st Battalion.

2. 1st Lt Louis (HMI) Montelione, 01310133, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "A", and assigned as S-3, 1st Battalion.

3. 1st Lt Robert E. King, 0524350, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "A".

(SECTION V -- COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTS, Continued).

20 January 1945, Cont'd

4. Capt Nelson F. Kibler, 0373200, Commanding Officer, Company "G", evacuated sick.

5. 1st Lt Gordon R. Johnson, 01319125, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "G".

## SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

## A. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (From 1 January through 31 January 1945).

1. Killed in Action

7 January 1945

Pfc	Martin, Robert C.	36977243	Co "K"
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10 January 1945

S/Sgt	Spaudie, Arnold J.	36839215	Co "F"
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11 January 1945

Sgt	Humbert, Leonard C.	33726338	Co "L"
Pfc	Hurley, Thomas F.	32922761	Co "L"

23 January 1945

Pfc	Prignani, Rocco D.	33733256	Co "K"
Pvt	Chisholm, Robert E.	39420347	Co "M"

24 January 1945

Pvt	McIntosh, Thomas (M I)	42129292	Hq Co
Pvt	McGovern, Patrick (M I)	42078863	Hq Co
Pvt	McCloskey, John E	38541051	Hq Co

27 January 1945

Pfc	Smith, Hugh J.	38511204	Co "K"
Pvt	Paulauskas, Walter E.	33939350	Co "K"

2. Wounded in Action

9 January 1945

Pfc	Walpole, James C.	34814109	Co "L"
Pfc	Goble, Walter M.	34894054	Co "L"
Pfc	Hendry, William G.	38052142	Co "F"

10 January 1945

Pvt	Capeheart, Dayton D.	38696117	Co "F"
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12 January 1945

2nd Lt	Krachman, Morris (M I)	61052432	Co "E"
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15 January 1945

Sgt	Settle, William C.	37721290	Co "L"
Pfc	Yergin, John J.	35919481	Co "L"

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

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

22 January 1945

Pfc	Thomas, William L.	335511144	Co "D"
Pvt	Bryman, Bernard C	13178495	Co "E"

24 January 1945

Pvt	McCurley, Bernard L.	36687413	Hq Co
Pvt	Martinez, Raymond N.	39052967	Hq Co

27 January 1945

Pfc	Rose, William T	34922319	Co "K"
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29 January 1945

Pvt	Carollo, John J.	32809663	Hq Co 1st Bn
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31 January 1945

Pfc	Meiswinkel, Raymond W.	33809135	Co "K"
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3. Missing in Action

12 January 1945

Pvt	Breitman, Jacob (NMI)	32010832	Co "E"
Pvt	Peterson, Tommie J.	34793000	Co "E"

22 January 1945

Pvt	Gebke, Roman B.	36769264	Co "E"
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B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO JANUARY, 1945, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

1. Killed in Action

4 July 1944

Pfc	Glickstein, Irving (MIA) (Previously listed as MIA, 4 July 1944)	32897648	Co "I"
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14 November 1944

Pfc	Cluggish, George R (Previously listed as MIA, 14 Nov 1944)	35894546	Co "E"
Sgt	Schlear, Edward K. (Previously listed as MIA, 14 Nov 1944)	33117469	Co "M"

(SECTION -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued).

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action:	0	0	14
Wounded in Action	1	0	13
Missing in Action	0	0	3
Captured	0	0	0

## SECTION VII - AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

A. THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AS LISTED BELOW:

### 1. Silver Star

a. WALTER R. HAYES, 01325218, First Lieutenant, Company "B", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944, in Italy. During a night attack on a hostile strongpoint, Lt Hayes, Platoon Leader of the assault platoon, led his men to within 75 yards of the objective before encountering intense grazing fire from three enemy machine gun positions which killed one man and wounded another. Although the platoon was pinned down on terrain affording little cover or concealment, Lt Hayes exposed himself to the vicious mortar and machine gun fire to direct his men in a withdrawal to a defilade position. He then made his way to where the wounded man lay and dragged and carried him 250 yards to safety. Lt. Hayes then reorganized the platoon and led it in a daring flank attack on the hostile machine gun positions, taking advantage of the few remaining minutes of darkness. By this bold maneuver he succeeded in reaching a point within 50 yards of the enemy before being detected. In the ensuing assault, Lt Hayes was lightly wounded in the neck but by killing one and wounding another of the enemy with his carbine. Lt Hayes so inspired his platoon that they drove the enemy from their positions and took their objective. The courageous leadership and aggressiveness displayed by Lt Hayes were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 245 East 196th St., New York, New York.

b. ROBERT J. MC MEELAN, 01315957, First Lieutenant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action from 16 to 19 September 1944, in Italy. Acting as first scout, Lt McMeekan so skillfully led an advance upon enemy positions through heavily mined terrain, that his company was able to surprise a force of 100 enemy troops, capture 30 and force the remainder to withdraw. The company was then counter-attacked from the front and flanks and remained isolated from their Battalion for three days. During this period, Lt McMeekan, by leading an assault on a hostile machine gun position on the company's flank, driving off the enemy and utilizing a tree thereat as an observation post, enabled his company to hold their difficult position. Although his tree top position drew heavy mortar fire, Lt McMeekan remained there, directing friendly artillery fire that silenced several enemy mortars and knocked out a machine gun position. On the third day the company was ordered to effect a withdrawal and Lt McMeekan again led them through the hostile ring to the Battalion. He then immediately led an attached tank unit to an area from which they could direct fire at the hostile positions which he had previously observed. The skillful leadership displayed by Lt McMeekan was exemplary and an inspiration to the entire company. Home address: 56 Maple Street, Scarsdale, New York.

c. PETER HAUSLER, 37026071, Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 12 October 1944, in Italy. When his platoon was forced to withdraw in the face of a determined enemy counter-attack, Sgt Hausler and a comrade voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Under heavy mortar, machine gun and direct self-propelled artillery fire, Sgt Hausler and his companion remained in the exposed position, firing into the ranks of the advancing foe.

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A. Silver Star, contd

c. cont'd - Sgt Hausler armed with a "tommy gun" and his comrade armed with an automatic rifle, were finally forced to withdraw, leaving at least ten enemy dead or wounded lying in front of their position. While attempting to rejoin his platoon, which had effected a safe withdrawal, Sgt Hausler was wounded and his comrade killed by the enemy fire. Sgt Hausler safely reached his platoon, however, where he received medical treatment. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Hausler were exemplary and a source of inspiration to the entire platoon. Home address: Ruso, North Dakota.

d. DONALD C. JOHNSON, 01311416, First Lieutenant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 17 July 1944, in Italy. While leading his platoon up an important and strongly-defended enemy hill Lt Johnson encountered intense machine gun fire and was forced to seek another route. After finding a new route and gaining the top of the hill, Lt Johnson's platoon was spotted by an enemy machine gun which opened fire from 200 yards away. Ordering his men to cover him Lt Johnson moved through the withering machine gun fire to within 100 yards of the enemy position and opened fire with his carbine. His accurate fire killed four and wounded two of the enemy and he succeeded in capturing two more who attempted to escape. With the hostile position thus eliminated Lt Johnson was able to build up a base of flanking fire under cover of which the remainder of the Company drove the enemy from the hill. The outstanding courage and aggressiveness of Lt Johnson enabled his Company to take a key position in the enemy's defenses and his action reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: 9210 Petoskey Street, Detroit, Michigan.

e. WARNER A. SWIGER, 35594258, Private First Class, Company "F", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action from 1 to 14 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. During the bitter fight to hold an important hill against repeated enemy counter-attacks, Pfc Swiger's squad leader and assistant squad leader were wounded. Pfc Swiger immediately assumed command of the squad and continually exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun, machine pistol and mortar fire to rally his men and direct them in throwing back the fanatically attacking hostile troops. As the savage battle for this hill continued fighting, one by one the men in his squad became casualties. Pfc Swiger continued fighting with undiminished determination. On the day the Company was relieved, Pfc Swiger was the sole surviving member of the squad and was protecting the entire squad sector single-handedly. The tenacity and intense devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Swiger were exemplary and reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Cadiz, Ohio.

f. EDWARD W. CHOLOROGG, 35170248, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 December 1943, in the vicinity of Pantano, Italy. While making his way down a hill to investigate some movement in the thick underbrush, Tec 5 Cholorogg immediately opened fire on the enemy who were attempting to infiltrate up the hill. The enemy retaliated with vicious machine pistol fire. His comrades were unable to come to his aid because of a long stretch of open slope exposed to the enemy's fire, nor could they give him supporting fire be-

A. Silver Star, cont'd

f. cont'd. - cause of the defilade possessed by the enemy. After Tec 5 Oholorogg had fired all his ammunition and grenades, the enemy began closing in on him with sharp bursts of machine pistol fire. His comrades, seeing his critical plight, began rolling grenades down to him and as he received them, he hurled them at the enemy, using several to produce effective aerial bursts. His devastating grenade fire succeeded in killing three of the enemy and wounding two of them and caused the remainder to withdraw after advancing to within thirty yards of him. He then took prisoner, the two wounded Germans. The gallant stand in the face of over-whelming odds displayed by Tec 5 Oholorogg was a source of inspiration to his comrades and reflect the fighting spirit of the American Infantryman. Home address: Indianapolis, Indiana.

g. JOHN (NMI) RUDY, 37553001, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 135 Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, in the vicinity of Massa, Italy. After skillfully leading his squad up a heavily defended hill and reaching the top without drawing fire, Sgt Rudy began a sweep down the left flank of the hill in an attempt to take the enemy positions there from the rear. The surprised enemy attempted to stop the squad with frenzied machine gun fire but Sgt Rudy gallantly led his men forward and knocked out two positions with hand grenades before he was stopped by intense machine gun fire from a third enemy dug-out. Then, as his men covered him, Sgt Rudy advanced toward the dug-out and fired four clips of ammunition into it. This silenced the machine gun but failed to bring out the enemy crew. Sgt Rudy then began crawling in close to the dug-out although he drew fire from a machine gun on an adjacent hill, and when only a few yards away he hurled a grenade at the Germans, killing one and causing four others to surrender. Sgt Rudy by his exemplary bravery and devotion to duty, played an important part in an operation which succeeded in capturing a battalion objective. His action was outstanding and reflected highest credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: St. Paul, Minnesota.

h. HAROLD F. SPENCER, 39924544, Private First Class, Company "I" 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 13 October 1944, in the vicinity of I' Lagla, Italy. During a night attack on an enemy strong-point, the platoon of which Pfc Spencer was a member, became trapped in an open field by intense enemy grazing machine gun fire from its left flank. Pfc Spencer, realizing that heavy casualties would be sustained unless the guns were immediately silenced, attacked the position alone. In the face of the vicious fire, Pfc Spencer crawled to within hand grenade range of one of the hostile guns and with a grenade and several shots from his M-1 rifle, killed the four men manning the gun. He then began harassing the crew of the other machine gun with his rifle fire, thus spoiling the effectiveness of their fire. As a result, the platoon was able to resume their advance without suffering heavy casualties. The prompt and courageous actions of Pfc Spencer were exemplary and a source of inspiration to the entire platoon. Home address: Grace Idaho.

(Section VII - Awards and Decorations, cont'd)

A. Silver Star, cont'd

1. EDD B. FOSTER, 34875556, Private First Class, Company "L", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944, in the vicinity of Bruscoli, Italy. Spotting a hostile self-propelled artillery piece that was threatening his platoon, Pfc Foster maneuvered towards the enemy position. His movement over exposed terrain attracted intense machine gun fire from the left flank in addition to point blank fire from the artillery piece. Although he suffered a severe arm wound from a shell fragment, Pfc Foster crawled to within two hundred yards of the enemy, found a favorable firing position and engaged them with his automatic rifle. His accurate fire killed the commander of the gun crew and caused the remainder to flee into a nearby house for protection. He then kept the enemy penned in the house for six hours while his comrades eliminated other hostile positions in the area. A friendly tank then arrived and knocked out the enemy gun. When Pfc Foster rejoined his company and received medical attention, it was found that he had suffered a broken arm. Pfc Foster's fortitude and courage despite his wound, exemplify the fighting spirit of the American Infantryman. Home address: Houlka, Mississippi.

k. FRED G. HOWES, 32599399, Private First Class, Company "G", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 14 October 1944, in the vicinity of Anconella, Italy. While his platoon was withdrawing to a more favorable defensive position under pressure of an enemy counter-attack, Pfc Howes came upon two wounded American soldiers who had been left for dead. Although enemy bullets were kicking up dirt at his heels Pfc Howes stopped to aid the two wounded men. He applied tourniquets to their wounds and then, picking up the more seriously wounded of the two, started carrying him back to the safety of his platoon's new position. The other man, aided by the recently applied tourniquet, was able to follow along. To reach his platoon, Pfc Howes carried the man over four hundred yards of rugged mountain trail. Despite his exposure to enemy bullets and the threat of being overtaken by the enemy, Pfc Howes succeeded in carrying out his self-appointed task. The promptness and courage displayed by Pfc Howes were instrumental in saving the lives of his two comrades. Home address: Columbia, South Carolina.

l. LAYTON M. MCGUGAN, 14183362, Private, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16 July 1944 in the vicinity of Gabbro, Italy. Although left alone at the Battalion OP, Pvt McGugan remained there under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and in the face of a fanatically counter-attacking enemy force. The enemy succeeded in advancing to within 75 yards of him but by directing accurate artillery fire Pvt McGugan was able to slow down the hostile assault and finally force the enemy to withdraw. Twice his wire line was torn up by hostile shell fragments and Pvt McGugan made his way through the heavy enemy fire over 100 yards of exposed terrain and repaired the line. Finally, after remaining at his post for almost eight hours, Pvt McGugan was relieved. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Pvt McGugan played a prominent part in repulsing a dangerous enemy counter-attack, and his action is worthy of highest praise. Home address: Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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A. Silver Star, cont'd

m. HOWARD E. SCHAFHAUSER, 39215942, Private, Company "I", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 October 1944, in Italy. While the platoon of which Pvt Schafhauser was a member was engaging the enemy from a house, a German threw a concussion grenade into one of the rooms. Pvt Schafhauser, with split-second timing, picked the grenade from the floor and tossed it into a corner. The grenade immediately exploded, injuring him but leaving the four other men in the room unharmed. By his quick thinking Pvt Schafhauser saved his comrades from certain injury and left them capable of continuing their fire fight which finally routed the enemy's attack. The extreme courage displayed by Pvt Schafhauser was exemplary and a source of inspiration to his fellow comrades. Home address: Kenniwick, Washington.

n. JACK B. LYNN, 6861671, Technical Sergeant, Company "C", 135 Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 October 1943, in Italy. While attacking enemy positions Sgt Lynn's platoon encountered intense fire from four enemy tanks dug in at the base of the objective. When the platoon leader and platoon guide were wounded, Sgt Lynn immediately took command of the platoon and prevented it from becoming disorganized. Exposing himself to intense machine gun, mortar and tank fire, Sgt Lynn reconnoitered in a route of withdrawal and moved his platoon to safety. He then returned under the hostile fire which was raking the open terrain and moved the wounded officer and sergeant to the cover of a nearby haystack. When the officer died of his wounds Sgt Lynn realizing that the first aid he had rendered to the wounded sergeant would be insufficient to save his life, traversed the open field, located a litter squad and succeeded in evacuating his comrade. Sgt Lynn's courage and leadership in a dangerous situation was exemplary and reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Omaha, Neb.

o. JAMES A. MULHERN, 33466862, Technical Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, in Italy. Learning that his platoon and another were surrounded by enemy troops, Sgt Mulhern continually exposed himself to intense machine gun and mortar fire and directed his men to defilade positions. He then crept and crawled a distance of 100 yards to locate the other platoon. Finding this platoon badly disorganized due to heavy casualties, Sgt Mulhern made plans for a reorganizing and withdrawal. He called for smoke shells to be fired and then remained behind until last and directed the retrograde movement. Despite the intense enemy fire, under Sgt Mulhern's able leadership the withdrawal was accomplished in an orderly manner. The courage and leadership displayed by Sgt Mulhern was outstanding and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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B. Silver Star (Posthumously)

a. A. D. SCARBROUGH, 38479787, Private First Class, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 12 October 1944, in Italy. When his platoon was forced to withdraw in the face of a determined enemy counter-attack Pfc Scarbrough and a comrade voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Under heavy mortar, machine gun and direct self-propelled artillery fire, Pfc Scarbrough and his companion remained in the exposed position, firing into the ranks of the advancing foe. Pfc Scarbrough armed with an automatic rifle and his comrade armed with a "tommy gun", were finally forced to withdraw, leaving at least ten dead or wounded lying in front of their position. While attempting to rejoin his platoon which had effected a safe withdrawal, Pfc Scarbrough was killed by the enemy fire. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Scarbrough gained for him the respect and admiration of the entire platoon. Home address: Garrison, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs Rosie Boatman(Mother), Garrison, Texas.

b. RALPH L. KASICA, 36819584; Private, First Class, Company "F", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 June 1944, in the vicinity of Aprilia, Italy. By tenaciously remaining at his position for three days under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, Pfc Kasica, as assistant machine gunner, assisted his gunner in the killing of at least twenty enemy troops and the repulsing of several determined counter-attacks. On the third day, a hostile observer spotted the position and directed accurate artillery fire upon it. Several close hits blew Pfc Kasica completely out of his position but each time he returned to aid in manning the gun and hold off the enemy at all cost. One shell scored a direct hit on the position and Pfc Kasica, although mortally wounded, continued to assist in manning the gun until he collapsed from loss of blood. The extreme courage and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Kasica gained for him the respect and admiration of the entire company and reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: West Allis, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Gertrude Kasica(Mother), West Allis, Wisconsin

C. Bronze Star

a. GEORGE J. LOECHNER, 36306133, Private First Class, Hq Co., 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Elgin, Illinois.

b. MAX L. RUSH, 34657641, Private First Class, Hq Co., 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Camden, South Carolina.

c. PHILIP D. BRAUN, 36567802, Corporal, Hq Co., 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Linda Vista, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

d. BERNARD M. ALLICKSON, 20709050, Technical Sergeant, Hq Co., 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Montevideo, Minnesota.

e. NYLES L. ARNOTIS, 20708928, Technical Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Rose Creek, Minnesota.

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C. Bronze Star, cont'd

- f. DONALD L. WINDSOR, 01703026, First Lieutenant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Frederick, Maryland.
- g. LESTER L. WHETSELL, 35760320, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Terra Alta, W. Virginia.
- h. BERNARD S. WISNIEWSKI, 35913534, Private, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.
- i. EVERETT L. HOWELL, 35772924, Private, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Massillon, Ohio.
- k. ISAAC W. SMITH, 35235842, Private, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Strasburgh, Ohio.
- l. ROY GEORGE, 34765194, Private First Class, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Stone Mountain, Georgia.
- m. MICHAEL P. KOCHIS, 33428966, Private First Class, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Duquesne, Pennsylvania.
- n. EWALD R. SPRATHOFF, 32658214, Private First Class, Company C 135th Infantry. Home address: Teaneck, New Jersey.
- o. ELMER G. FIRESTONE, 33330779, Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Reading, Pennsylvania.
- p. RICHARD A. HARTMAN, 15109075, Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
- q. HAROLD RANDOLPH, 33281354, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. Home address: Carmichael, Pennsylvania.
- r. LOUIS MONTELICNE, 01310133, First Lieutenant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.
- s. WAYNE E. SHUMAN, 01695688, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Chambersbur, Pa.
- t. LOUIS H. HAUSER, 01290418, Captain, Headquarters, 135th Infantry. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- u. EARL W. SORENSON, 31021353, Private First Class, Headquarters Co., 135th Infantry. Home address: Stordord, Connecticut.
- v. LEO BITNER, 33067956, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Co., 135th Infantry. Home address; Port Deposit, Maryland.
- w. JOSEPH B. LESTER, 34088339, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Co., 135th Infantry. Home address: Dallas, Georgia.

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C. Bronze Star, cont'd

- x. OTIS (NMI) MINGO, 34625292, Private, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Philadelphia, Mississippi.
- y. MAX H. ALBER, 17071431, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Lovilia, Iowa.
- z. CHARLES (NMI) B ECKMANN, 42012815, Private First Class, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Englewood, New Jersey.
- al. CHARLES O. DETER, 33679494, Private First Class, Company H, 135th Infantry. Home address: Mather, Pennsylvania.
- bl. JAMES P. DYLLA, 37025744, Private First Class, Company G, 135th Infantry. Home address: Minnesota Lake, Minnesota.
- cl. HARRY E. EKDAHL, 36708251, Private First Class, Company D, 135th Infantry. Home address: Joliet, Illinois.
- dl. JESSE L. FRINK, 36622146, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Chrisman, Illinois.
- el. JOSEPH M GUIDRY, 38267980, Private First Class, Company "G" 135th Infantry. Home address: Morse, Louisiana.
- fl. HARRY R. HARPER, 35589787, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Dennison, Ohio.
- gl. FRANCIS S. INK, 32287704, Private First Class, Headquarters Co., 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Becklenburg, New York.
- hl. JAMES M. MOORES, 31347623, Private First Class, Company "G" 135th Infantry. Home address: Springfield, Massachusetts.
- il. WALTER J. STACHURA, 31126155, Private First Class, Hq Co., 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts.
- kl. DOMINICK BLAVACH, 33761497, Technician Fifth Grade, Hq Co., 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
- ll. GEORGE B. YURATOVAC, 35521004, Corporal, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.
- ml. LYLE H. ROSKE, 20713194, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: West Duluth, Minnesota.
- nl. JAMES I. WAGONER, 38564391, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 135th Infantry. Home address: Lamar, Oklahoma.
- ol. ALBERT P. DOUGLAS, 20127211, First Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Home address: Naugatuck, Connecticut.

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C. Bronze Star, cont'd

- p1. ALEX D. MILLER, 019999086, Second Lieutenant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Austin, Minnesota.
- q1. DAVID B. AYRES, 0467438, First Lieutenant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. Home address: Ithica, New York.
- r1. ROBERT E. KING, 0524350, First Lieutenant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- s1. WALTER F. MALIZIA, 01691745, First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. Home address: NewCastle, Pennsylvania.
- t1. ARNOLD BROWN, 35462243, Private, Company "M", 135th Infantry. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.
- u1. MARVIN W. MARTIN, 44050750, Private, Company "M", 135th Infantry. Home address: Enterprise, Alabama.
- v1. ERNEST F. CAESAR, 38567781, Private First Class, Company M, 135th Infantry. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- w1. WILLIAM J. GRUMLEY, 35432522, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania.
- x1. CHARLES A. FISHER, 36336485, Private First Class, Company F, 135th Infantry. Home address: Cudahay, Wisconsin.
- y1. HERBERT BELLEAU, 38488288, Private First Class, Company I, 135th Infantry. Home address: Opelousas, Louisiana.
- z1. HOLDEN F. TURNER, 31398892, Private First Class, Company I, 135th Infantry. Home address: Mount Vernon, Maine.
- a2. KARL O. PIDDOCK, 42024173, Private First Class, Company I, 135th Infantry. Home address: Lorraine, New York.
- b2. ARNOLD J. JOHNSON, 37027556, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry, Third Battalion. Home address: Everett, Michigan.
- c2. BLAIR E. FRAZEE, 35677213, Corporal, Antitank Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Monroe, Ohio.
- d2. JAKE AEUWSE, 36407367, Sergeant, Company "F", 135th Infantry. Home address: Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- e2. MAX B. HARLAN, 33119756, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Powhatan, Virginia.
- f2. THEODORE J. HILL, 34608396, Staff Sergeant, Company "L", 135th Infantry. Home address: Reidsville, North Carolina.

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C. Bronze Star, cont'd

g2. PETER J. GRESS, 37025505, Technical Sergeant, Company "F", 135th Infantry. Home address: Mott, North Dakota.

h2. KENNETH J. EDER, 20708300, First Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Home address: Lakefield, Minnesota.

12. DEAN C. FELLOWS, 01168659, Captain, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

j2. PERCY E. EDWARDS, 33559034, Private, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Capitol Heights, Maryland.

k2. DOMINICK M. IUSPA, 32921742, Private, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Newark, New Jersey.

12. FRANK PORZIANO, 36737384, Private, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

m2. BENJAMIN W. STAIR, 34732653, Private, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Knoxville, Tennessee.

n2. PHILIP L. ARMELIE, 35059851, Private First Class, Company D 135th Infantry. Home address: Lorain, Ohio.

o2. ERNEST F. BIASUCCI, 33435813, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: New Castle, Pennsylvania.

p2. MORRISON B. HAINES, 36482341, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: St. Louis, Missouri.

q2. RICHARD S. LAINER, 14095786, Private First Class, Company D 135th Infantry. Home address: Tylertown, Mississippi.

r2. JOHN S. LESNIEWSKI, 32531244, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Buffalo, New York.

s2. DELLWOOD F. MICHAEL, 33721145, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Frederick, Maryland.

t2. EDWARD V. REGAN, 33583290, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

u2. HARRY K. LOVEJOY, 33389018, Private First Class, Company Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Palermo, West Virginia.

v2. LOUIS FRIEDLAND, 32172875, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

w2. CLIFFORD W. SHREEVES, 33636465, Corporal, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Quarry, Virginia.

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3. Bronze Star, cont'd

x2. JOSEPH A. GRANGER, 36281347, Staff Sergeant, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Delevan, Wisconsin.

y2. GILFORD AMICK, 35430898, Staff Sergeant, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Carl, West Virginia.

z2. IRVING L. WILLIAMS, 20360653, Technical Sergeant, Company D 135th Infantry. Home address: Richmond, Virginia.

a3. WILLIAM J. YAEGGER, 20708168, Master Sergeant, Service Co., 135th Infantry. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

b3. RALPH J. LARSON, 01702980, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: New Richmond, Wisconsin.

c3. WILLIAM B. CROSBY, 34826291, Private First Class, Company F 135th Infantry. Home address: Coolidge, Georgia.

d3. FRANK G. FUCHS, Jr., 36708239, Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Joliet, Illinois.

e3. CLARENCE E. HEROLD, 35808292, Private First Class, Company "F", 135th Infantry. Home address: Millport, Kentucky.

f3. HARVEY W. RITTER, 33719567, Private First Class, Company G, 135th Infantry. Home address: Westminster, Maryland.

g3. DANIEL K. RUDOLPHI, 36079393, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. Home address: Wendelin, Illinois.

h3. LEO A. GARNER, 37026250, Sergeant, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Home address: Mapleton, Minnesota.

i3. JAMES K. BETHEA, 34134018, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

k3. EDWIN P. DAUBERT, 32335879, Staff Sergeant, Company "D" 135th Infantry. Home address: Pine Island, New York.

l3. HARRY W. KOTECKI, 36430938, Staff Sergeant, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

m3. HARVEY M. KURTZ, 20709561, Staff Sergeant, Company "L", 135th Infantry. Home address: Duluth, Minnesota.

n3. ROSE H. MATTER, 20708903, Staff Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Lyle, Minnesota.

o3. SHARLEY S. FRENCH, 01315420, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Canton, Ohio.

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C. Bronze Star, cont'd

o3. JACK K. WHITE, 0336830, Captain, Headquarters Second Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Deerfield, Illinois.

p3. JOHN W. JOYCE, 0331690, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters Third Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Waukegan, Illinois.

q3. LOUIS E. CARSTENS, 37027444, Staff Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Frazee, Minnesota.

r3. JAMES R. EASTERLING, 35773270, Private, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Ironton, Ohio.

s3. ROGER L. ELLIOTT, 33736077, Private First Class, Company L, 135th Infantry. Home address: Hollywood St. Mary's, Maryland.

t3. BERNARD (NMI) SELTZER, 42035797, Private First Class, Company "L", 135th Infantry. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

u3. HARVEY (NMI) SPRICK, 36161729, Private First Class, Anti-tank Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Holland, Michigan.

v3. BUDRICK D. TESLOW, 20707374, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

w3. RUBEN C. CHRISTIANSON, 20709291, Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Home address: Dawson, Minnesota.

x3. BRUNO H. SCHWANDT, 20709787, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Appleton, Minnesota.

y3. ELROY F. REBERG, 37027333, Technical Sergeant, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Home address: Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

z3. EMERY S. SCULE, 01295100, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Winston Salem, North Carolina.

a4. HAROLD G. SPELLMAN, 35588112, Staff Sergeant, Company "F", 135th Infantry. Home address: Fairfield, Ohio.

b4. CLIFFORD H. BAILEY, 01692928, Second Lieutenant, Company A, 135th Infantry. Home address: Norwich, New York.

c4. HENRY DUERR, 36801392, Private First Class, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

d4. ELVY T. COLLETTE, 20708907, Corporal, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Austin, Minnesota.

e4. JOHN J. BRADLEY, 13176745, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Philadelphia Pennsylvania

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C. Bronze Star, cont'd

f4. PAUL C. KIRSCH, 01299422, First Lieutenant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Spangler, Pennsylvania.

D. Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

a. Service Company, 135th Infantry, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks in the Italian Campaign during the period 1 January 1944 to 30 June 1944.

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1st FEBRUARY 1945

Regt'l Hqs	-	C Torre dell Eredi (911308)
Anti-Tank Co	-	Crocetta (917304)
Cannon Co	-	Torracetta (899234)
Service Co	-	1½ Mi N of Quinzano
1st Battalion	-	Zenarella (907300)
2nd Battalion	-	Zena (906316)
3rd Battalion	-	C Ghisia (900322)

11th FEBRUARY 1945

135th INFANTRY	-	Barberino
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17th FEBRUARY 1945

Regt'l Hqs	-	La Torre (769235)
Hqs Co	-	Montori (771228)
Anti-Tank Co	-	Vic of Montecuto Vallese (773206)
Cannon Co	-	La Mandria (794238)
Service Co	-	Stne Castiglione dei Penoli (755180)
1st Battalion	-	Gardelletta (796269)
2nd Battalion	-	La Quercia (775264)
3rd Battalion	-	La Mandria (794238)

28th FEBRUARY 1945

2nd Battalion	-	La Mandria (794238)
3rd Battalion	-	La Quercia (775264)

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SECTION IV --- NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

On 1 February the 135th Infantry occupied the same position as in the last of the previous month. It was a hazy day with limited visibility; there was scattered medium and light artillery fire from the enemy and some mortar fire. A concentration of 300 rounds of enemy artillery fire was seen coming in on Highway 65 from the regimental OP at 1930. Throughout the day and night our supporting artillery fire was moderate.

That night one officer and 20 enlisted men from Company A went to a house at 89353270 and found it unoccupied. There were many tracks around the house, and six men were left in the building which was prepared for demolition to be blown the morning of 3 February when the patrol of six was scheduled to return.

Visibility continued poor on 2 February but there was somewhat of an increase in artillery activity on both sides over the previous day. The enemy fired some propaganda shells.

The following day, 3 February, the six-man patrol which had been left in the house at 89353270 returned at 0400. They had not sighted any Germans during their stay but reported that they believed a tank was firing from a draw at 089328. The house, as had been planned, was blown. It was extremely foggy on this day and artillery and mortar fire lessened largely because of lack of observation.

A Polish deserter was picked up by Company G near La Maddalena (909328) in the early morning of 4 February. He stated that he was from the 3rd Company, 576th Regiment, 305th Division, and added that his company was partially relieved by an unknown unit during the night. Two other Poles, taking advantage of the change in units, deserted with him at the same time, but the three split up to make their way to our lines. At 2220 Company B received heavy mortar fire which included many phosphorous shells. Our patrols brought back negative reports.

The new automatic carbine was tested by officers and men of the regiment on 5 February and the general opinion of those who tried the weapon was that it was superior to the comparable German weapon.

During the day a German staff car, preceded by two motorcycles, was seen on a road (894344) moving to houses at 809335. Men were observed going into a large house in this vicinity. Cannon Company was called upon for fire and scored one direct hit. The pack howitzers also scored 15 hits on a house at 925336, using delayed action, and 13 hits on three houses in Casa di Sotto (925336).

Our patrols returned with negative reports. During the darkness our planes were overhead for the purpose of taking pictures of the enemy terrain.

There was little activity on 6 February except for scattering machine gun and mortar fire, and the same held true the next day. Our patrol reports continued negative.

The weather was clear and warm on 8 February, visibility was excellent and the snow was melting rapidly. Artillery activity increased; the enemy fired 35 to 45 rounds within a few minutes in the 3rd Battalion sector. Some German propaganda shells landed.

On 9 February the regiment learned that it was to be relieved by the 301st

infantry, 91st Division, and after a rest in Barbarino was to relieve South African units. It was a day of threatening rain, two of the bridges to the rear of the battalions had gone out, and the roads were deteriorating. By the next day the stream had started to recede, but an examination disclosed that five bridges would have to be rebuilt. It was possible to ford the stream.

The relief was completed without incident at 0740 on 11 February.

The rest period in Barbarino extended to 16 February and on 14 February the largest decoration ceremony in the history of the 135th Infantry was held. One hundred and twenty-five men were decorated by General Bolte who later addressed all the officers of the regiment. At the ceremony a meritorious service plaque was presented to Service Company for its efficient work in the Italian campaign. The award entitled the men of the company to wear a laurel wreath on the right sleeve.

The forward group of the 135th Infantry arrived at the 24th Grenadier Guard Brigade CP on 16 February in the vicinity of Montorio (769236), and the entire relief was completed on 17 February at 2030. The 135th Infantry Combat Team was attached to the 6th South African Division with the command passing to the 1st Armored Division (American) on 24 February. The 1st and 2nd Battalions were on the line, the 2nd on the left flank, and the 3rd Battalion in reserve.

A German prisoner questioned by the British on 18 February said that an enemy attack was to be made in the near future on Hill 501 (781275) or Hill 505 (783278). They were to be seeking prisoners. The enemy flare signals were as follows: one white and one red for attack; two white and one red for tank attack, and one white, one red, and one green to bring down defensive fire. The regiment was alerted on the basis of this information.

On 19 February, a foggy day, the regiment was adjusting itself to the new positions, and on the next day General Keyes, II Corps, visited the regimental sector and CP. There was moderate artillery fire throughout the day, and some propaganda shells were fired in the 2nd Battalion area. A reconnaissance patrol from the 1st Battalion located an empty house at 802276 which seemed to be an excellent place for locating one of our ambush patrols.

The anticipated enemy raid came at 0500 on 21 February against Hill 505 in the Company F sector. It was supported by artillery, mortar and machine gun fire but the enemy's mission was a failure for no prisoners were taken. Eight of our men were wounded but it was not possible to make an accurate estimate of the German casualties.

That night our bombers were over the enemy lines in our sector.

The regiment was alerted by IV Corps on a possible enemy counter-attack on 22 February. It was learned that the German 232nd Division was planning an attack on our 10th Mountain Division. There was more than the normal amount of enemy artillery fire on 23 February and one concentration of 200 rounds fell in the 2nd Battalion area, but there were no casualties. The day was clear and warm, the temperature reaching 32 degrees.

A deserter from the 8th Company, 2nd Battalion, 296th Mountain Regiment, 125th Division, gave the location of his company CP at 79852800, and also provided the location of several machine gun positions. This information was relayed to Cannon Company and supporting artillery.

Command passed from the 6th South African Division to the 1st Armored Division at 240600.

There were only nine rounds of enemy artillery during the day. In the evening an enemy raiding party of 20 to 25 men raided our positions on the "Rock" (793276), overran the outpost, killed one man and captured the other. The enemy also attacked at 793276 with a 30-man force, but they were driven off by artillery and 61mm mortars. There were no casualties among our men.

The weather continued clear and warm on 25 February and it was a day of unusual quiet. The Germans did not fire their mortars and very little artillery fell in the regimental sector. There was a slight increase in mixed calibre enemy artillery on 26 February, and two or three Germans approached Company F positions at 784274 at 2055 but scattered when fired upon. The same relative quiet prevailed on 27 February with some German artillery fire falling in the regimental rear areas. The 125th Field Artillery, firing in support of the regiment, was using a new type of aerial burst which was reported to be extremely effective.

A patrol from Company G set out on a raid the night of 28 February with the objective the area around 801280. A stick mine was tripped and two officers and one enlisted man were injured. Several Germans were noticed near the mouth of the tunnel at 805280 but by the time the patrol reached that point the enemy had gone. The patrol entered the tunnel for a distance of 75 yards and then encountered barricades. The withdrawal was without incident.

The enemy staged a raid on the "Rock" positions at 794275. They used hand grenades and small mortars but withdrew when our men opened fire with small arms, mortars and artillery. Twenty to 30 Germans were in the party. We had no casualties.

## SECTION V

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers on 1 February 1945.

Regimental Commander	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
Executive Officer	
S-4	Major Roland Anderson, 0366901
S-3	Major Fred H. Lippucci, 0359982
S-2	Capt Louis H. Hauser, 01290418
S-1	Capt Mart R. Parker, 01294355
Regimental Surgeon	Capt Arthur (NMI) Heldman, 0428142
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Keith O. Van Krevelen, 0377973
" Service Company	1st Lt Burton F. Bridges, 01310565
" Antitank Company	1st Lt Jay F. Hollyfield, 01290422
" Cannon Company	Capt Dean C. Fellows, 01168659
" First Battalion	Major James E. Tyler, 023079
Executive Officer	Capt James F. Garfield, 0370002
S-3	1st Lt Louis Montelione, 01316133
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt William R. Howard, 0387017
" Company "A"	1st Lt Robert E. King, 0524350
" Company "B"	1st Lt Ernest O. Saasto, 01302201
" Company "C"	Capt William C. Huey, 0406826
" Company "D"	Capt Herbert E. Grote, 01302966
" Second Battalion	Major Leon K. Kurland, 0264283
Executive Officer	Capt Jack K. White, 0336830
S-3	
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Paul E. Feiber, 01286265
" Company "E"	1st Lt Edgar W. Boggan, 0413150
" Company "F"	1st Lt Richard Bawden, 01303834
" Company "G"	1st Lt Gordon R. Johnson, 01319125
" Company "H"	Capt Alfred H. Breninger, 01283716
" Third Battalion	Lt Col John W. Joyce, 0331690
Executive Officer	Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519
S-3	Capt William B. Cole, 0384080
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Reid B. Huff, 03900555
" Company "I"	Capt Leslie K. Vensel, 01305681
" Company "K"	1st Lt Leon H. Arey, 01290360
" Company "L"	1st Lt Patrick J. Flannigan, 01298373
" Company "M"	Capt Joe (NMI) Humble, 01309738

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of February, 1945.17 February 1945

1. Capt Jack K. White, 0336830, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion and returned to United States on Temporary Duty (Leave).

19 February 1945

1. Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, and assigned as Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion.

2. Major Allison A. Conrad, 0327559, assigned as Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion.

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3. Capt William B. Cole, 0384080, relieved of assignment as S-3, 3rd Battalion, and assigned as S-3, 2nd Battalion.

4. 1st Lt Robert O. Foster, 0425838, assigned as S-3, 3rd Battalion.

5. Capt Paul E. Feiber, 01286265, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, and returned to United States on Temporary Duty (Leave).

6. 1st Lt Clayton S. Oas, 01311345, assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion.

27 February 1945

1. 1st Lt Leon H. Arey, 01290360, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "K".

2. 1st Lt George A. Hunt, 02055397, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "K".

28 February 1945

1. Capt Louis H. Hauser, 01290418, relieved of assignment as Regimental S-2 and returned to United States on Temporary Duty (Leave).

2. 1st Lt Leo J. Remmetter, 0437485, assigned as Regimental S-2.

3. 1st Lt Jay F. Hollyfield, 01290422, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Antitank Company, and returned to United States on Temporary Duty (Leave).

4. 1st Lt Bruce M. Heniford, 01285588, assigned as Commanding Officer, Antitank Company.

## SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

## A. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (From 1 February through 28 February, 1945).

1. Killed in Action

5 February 1945

Pfc	Bosco, Frank C.	42040666	Co "K"
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13 February 1945

* Sgt	Settle, William C.	37721290	Co "L"
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20 February 1945

Pfc	Kitchens, George A., Sr	34980247	Co "E"
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21 February 1945

* S/Sgt	Woolsey, Theron C.	32662153	Co "F"
Pfc	Comeaux, Horace L.	33486424	Co "F"

24 February 1945

Tec 5	Kroz, Frank J.	33318012	Co "B"
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\* Died of Wounds in Hospital

2. Wounded in Action

3 February 1945

Pvt	Massey, Leonard J.	37595369	Co "C"
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5 February 1945

S/Sgt	Arneson, Edwin K.	37027536	Co "K"
Pfc	Fritz, Edward (HMI)	31358656	Co "G"
Pfc	Dean, James R.	33417734	Co "B"

10 February 1945

Pvt	Hahn, Clement F.	42144109	Co "K"
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11 February 1945

Sgt	Gardner, Charles R.	33735084	Co "L"
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20 February 1945

Pvt	Hunter, Charles N.	33321679	Co "E"
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2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

21 February 1945

Pvt	McDonough, Francis T.	31468957	Co "F"
Pfc	Holcombe, Willard L.	34817714	Co "F"
Pfc	Hankins, Arthur M.	35877255	Co "F"
S/Sgt	Mills, Alma C.	34813195	Co "F"
Tec 4	Gerbasi, Victor E.	32332945	Co "F"
Pvt	Keany, Martin J.	42135230	Co "F"
Pvt	Lynch, Dalton R.	33662546	Co "F"
Pfc	Dempsey, Phillip W.	374186174	Co "F"

22 February 1945

Pfc	Harris, Golden R.	34875563	Co "E"
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24 February 1945

Pfc	Garcia, Pedro G.	38257425	Co "E"
Pfc	Beane, James F.	45609521	Co "E"
Cpl	French, Raymond K.	37540054	Co "E"

25 February 1945

Pfc	Blouse, Glenn C.	33508019	Co "D"
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26 February 1945

Pfc	Reed, Robert H.	35808756	Co "F"
Pvt	Medina, Jose E.	38311152	Co "F"
Pfc	Zadrozny, Robert (NMI)	35919640	Co "F"

28 February 1945

1st Lt	Hamil, Jack H.	01303719	Co "C"
1st Lt	Turner, Edwin K.	01695742	Co "C"
Pvt	Estrada, Raymond S.	39293622	Co "C"

B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO FEBRUARY, 1945, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

1. Killed in Action

1 February 1944

Pvt	Kosiorek, John S.	33680718	Co "E"
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5 February 1944

Pfc	Kopischke, Carl A.	37500524	Co "A"
Pvt	Lindsey, James R.	34710729	Co "A"
Sgt	Crawford, Virgil I.	38245635	Co "A"
Pfc	Kettner, John E.	36804319	Co "A"

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1. Killed in Action, Con'd

16 November 1944

Sgt Rainey, Leonard R. 34764893 Co "I"

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action	0	0	12
Wounded in Action	2	0	24
Missing in Action	0	0	0
Captured	0	0	0

## SECTION VII

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONNEL OF THE 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AS INDICATED BELOW:

a. Distinguished Service Cross

(1) KARL A. BROOKS, (6261350), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action, on 1 July 1944, in the vicinity of the Cecina River, Italy. An enemy counterattacking force succeeded in infiltrating through a company's positions on a hill covered with thick brush. In the fierce, close-range fire fight that ensued, several men were wounded; and the company was forced to withdraw and reorganize, leaving all wounded on the field of battle. Observing that his wounded comrades faced either death or capture, Private First Class Brooks, although painfully wounded himself during the engagement, secured a submachine gun and a number of grenades and took up a position between the enemy and his wounded fellow soldiers. Determined to save his comrades, he fired his submachine gun at the Germans and hurled his grenades at them, killing seven and wounding several others. His heroic stand held off the enemy to enable his company to reorganize, move forward and repulse the counter-attack. Private First Class Brooks not only saved his comrades, but so inspired other members of his company that they routed the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties. The intrepidity of Private First Class Brooks is exemplary of the fighting traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas. (GO 176, Hq Fifth Army, dtd 21 Nov '44).

b. Legion of Merit

(1) JOHN E. CULHANE, (37026153), Staff Sergeant, Company "D", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 15 December 1943 to 9 September 1944. Under the most trying combat conditions from Cassino to Pisa, Italy, S/Sgt Culhane, a mess sergeant, has performed his work in an exceptionally outstanding manner. Regarding it as his personal responsibility to see that his comrades received rations, S/Sgt Culhane compiled the brilliant record of never allowing his company to miss a meal. Over roads swept by machinegun fire and pounded by artillery and mortar fire, and up slippery, mined, backbreaking mountain trails, S/Sgt Culhane has night after night led ration parties to his company's positions. Were it not for the exemplary courage and determination S/Sgt Culhane displayed during those miserable nights, the men with him would never have been able to deliver their vital loads of rations. S/Sgt Culhane has handled all details concerning the procuring of rations, their preparation and distribution in so capable a manner that the officers of his company have never had to concern themselves with these problems and have been able to devote the time thus saved to other pressing administrative and tactical matters. The prodigious efforts S/Sgt Culhane made to constantly deliver meals to the hard pressed men of his company and the extra items such as pastries which he managed to make from the limited amount of rations he was allotted, were an important factor in maintaining the morale of his company during the many fierce battles in which they have participated. During the rest periods, when the company was not in combat, S/Sgt Culhane, on his own free time, made long trips through the surrounding countryside in search of fresh vegetables and fruit for his company. S/Sgt Culhane's tireless efforts, his intense devotion to duty, and his numerous exhibitions of personal heroism under enemy fire have rendered his company valuable services and have won the profound gratitude and admiration of all the men in his company. S/Sgt Culhane's achievements are worthy of high commendation and are a distinct credit to our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minn. (GO 12, Hq MTOUSA, dtd 18 Jan '45).

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b. Legion of Merit, Continued.

(2) VERNON P. FORBORD, (W-2108282), Warrant Officer (jg), Headquarters 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 August 1943 to 15 March 1944. By continuously and unselfishly working long hours on cold rain swept mountainsides often subjected to enemy shell fire, Warrant Officer Vernon P. Forbord, then Master Sergeant, performed exceptionally meritorious services as Sergeant Major of the 135th Infantry Regiment. In addition to his principle job of keeping a daily effective strength report available for his Regimental Commander and Division Staff, WO Forbord, in the absence of an adequate personnel in the Regimental S-1 Section, assumed the burden of preparing courts-martial papers, award recommendations, and battle casualty reports. To further add to his work and responsibility, in the absence of the Assistant Adjutant who was often ill for long periods, WO Forbord handled and prepared all official correspondence, indorsements and reports for the Regimental Commander. By doing all this so capably and expediently, WO Forbord enabled the Regimental Adjutant to remain at the forward CP during combat and kept the Regimental Commander from concerning himself with administrative problems and therefore able to devote the time thus saved to more urgent tactical problems. Another of the duties which WO Forbord assumed and skillfully handled was the receiving of replacements, their assignment to units, and the contacting of First Sergeants to see that proper records were made of the new men so that if anything happened to them, they could be accounted for. Handling the work of an S-1 section which now includes seven over-worked enlisted men but then included only four, WO Forbord was forced to follow an eighteen hour daily work schedule and became ill. Although ordered to a hospital for a month of rest, WO Forbord on learning that the men in his section were having difficulty in preparing battle casualty and strength reports during the fierce battle for Cassino when tremendous losses in men were suffered, persuaded the doctors to release him and returned to work. As the battle for Cassino raged, WO Forbord worked feverishly keeping the long casualty list of his regiment up to the minute and a true picture of the regiment's strength constantly available. During this difficult period, WO Forbord's exemplary fortitude inspired greatly the over-burdened men working with him. Despite the great amount of work he constantly performed, WO Forbord took the utmost care to familiarize himself with all new incoming regulations and memorandums from higher headquarters thereby assuring prompt compliance by his regiment with all new changes. WO Forbord's keen, tireless devotion to his numerous and arduous duties and the extremely efficient manner in which he performed them contributed their share to the combat success of his regiment. The outstanding record he achieved as Regimental Sergeant Major merits for WO Forbord the highest of praise and commendation. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 37, Hq MTOUSA, dtd 28 Feb 45).

(3) ALLEN C. MC SWEEN, (0362360), Captain, Headquarters 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious conduct in the performance of exceptionally outstanding services from 26 March 1944 to 4 June 1944. Chaplain McSween as the chaplain of an infantry battalion performed extremely meritorious and inspiring work. While the men of his battalion were occupying foxholes on the Beachhead at Anzio, Italy, Chaplain McSween nightly braved enemy fire to visit lonely foxholes and bring words of cheer to the men living therein. Realizing that the men were becoming depressed and despondent from long monotonous days of living in their small cramped foxholes, Chaplain McSween provided for these men a place where they could spend a day of cleaning up, reading, writing letters, playing games, or praying if they so desired. This rest center constructed by Chaplain McSween became a tremendous morale builder. When the building in which he maintained his haven was destroyed by enemy action, Chaplain McSween promptly secured volunteers and had constructed a large number of

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b. Legion of Merit, Continued.

Dugouts which he equipped with games and books, thereby restoring to the men of his battalion their refuge from the signs of foxhole life. When the drive on Rome began Chaplain McSween remained constantly in the vicinity of the aid station ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of all passing through the place. In the vicinity of Lanuvio, Italy, when the battalion became engaged in one of the fiercest, bloodiest battles it had ever participated in, Chaplain McSween helped the battalion surgeon to establish an aid station close to the front line. Despite the enemy fire that fell around the vicinity of the aid station, Chaplain McSween worked day and night helping aid men and litter bearers. When a number of men broke down and fled from their position, Chaplain McSween risked injury from heavy mortar fire to intercept these men, give them new courage, and send them back to fight again. Chaplain McSween's great zeal for work and the valorous manner in which he performed this work helped tremendously to sustain the men of his battalion through the grave days they encountered. For this splendid liaison work between God and the men of his battalion, Chaplain McSween's work deserves great praise and commendation. Entered military service from Clinton, New Jersey. (GO 145, Hq IROUSA, dtd 12 Dec 44).

(4) HARRY Y. MC SWEEN, (0410272), Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 June 1944 to 9 September 1944. Taking command of an infantry battalion in the face of violent enemy counterattacks during which the battalion commander and most of the staff were wounded, Lt Col McSween, then a captain and acting executive officer, organized under fire a strong defensive position from the remnants of his battalion and a disorganized unit on his left. Although lacking experience in commanding a unit as large as a battalion, Lt Col McSween prevented enemy attempts to effect a breakthrough, supervised a quick efficient relief of his unit, and moved his battalion to a town below Rome. Although his men were desperately tired and battle weary from many long days of combat, Lt Col McSween succeeded in moving them on foot twelve miles to Rome and ten miles beyond the city with only a few hours rest in between moves. Lt Col McSween was now given a company of tanks to employ with his infantry in maintaining an unrelenting pursuit of the enemy. Lt Col McSween had not had previous experience with armor but skillfully organized two task forces and by employing leap-frog tactics succeeded in driving out one hostile force after another to reach the important road junction of Vetralla about 30 miles above Rome. Here, Lt Col McSween's battalion was relieved and moved to the division bivouac area where he conducted a vigorous training program to fit some three hundred replacements into his battalion and develop it into a highly efficient combat organization which in ensuing battles was to prove its efficiency. In the operations which followed, Lt Col McSween, by his tireless efforts, maintained a splendid degree of coordination as his units worked their way through heavily wooded terrain and then skillfully maneuvered them over a flat plain to reach the fortress town of Rosignano without casualties. Lt Col McSween encountered intense opposition before this town but by making a feint with armor at one end of the town succeeded in infiltrating the remainder of his battalion into the city. Intrepidly exposing himself to enemy fire to exercise close supervision over the difficult house to house fighting that followed, Lt Col McSween soon had complete possession of this town, knocked out three enemy tanks, and captured one hundred prisoners. The enemy launched strong counterattacks to retake Rosignano but Lt Col McSween so inspired his men by his coolness and determination that the enemy's thrusts were all broken up. By the capture of Rosignano, the last important obstacle before Leghorn was removed. While leading his men through the hill south of Leghorn, Lt Col McSween was wounded and evacuated. He returned to his battalion prior to the launching of the attack on the Gothic Line but unfortunately while leading his men to their line of departure, lost a foot

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b. Legion of Merit, Continued.

when he set off a "Saw-mine". Although thus seriously wounded, Lt Col McSween heroically refused medical aid so that others would not set off mines and ordered his battalion to proceed with the attack. The outstanding leadership ability displayed by Lt Col McSween merits high praise and commendation and his devotion to duty and courageous handling of an assignment of grave responsibility was an inspiration to all those that served under him. Entered military service from Chester, North Carolina. (GO 33, Hq MTOUSA, dtd 21 Feb '45).

(5) CHARLES W. MILLS, (0362360), Captain, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 November 1943 to 4 June 1944. Captain Mills has as a battalion surgeon performed outstanding work under the most trying combat conditions. Despite unfavorable terrain, miserable weather conditions, and the hazards of enemy action, Capt Mills has always maintained aid stations and organized evacuation systems whereby the wounded constantly received the maximum care in a minimum of time. From Mt Pantano to Cassino, Italy, Capt Mills maintained aid stations in close proximity to the front lines despite enemy artillery and mortar fire. During the period, he worked day and night treating the unusually large number of sick and wounded that passed through his aid station. When his battalion was finally relieved, he was completely exhausted, but his heroic work had won the praise and admiration of the entire battalion. On the Anzio Beachhead and in the drive for Rome, Capt Mills performed similar gallant and valuable work, especially during the bloody battle near Lanuvio. There, seeing that immediate aid would be necessary for the battalion, Capt Mills established and maintained his aid station at a point 400 yards from the front lines. Capt Mills personally organized his litter men and supervised the evacuation of all wounded men including men from the two adjacent units whose aid stations were located well to the rear. On 30 May during a seven hour period, Capt Mills and his aid station evacuated over one hundred and seventy casualties. On the following day some one hundred and sixty-two casualties passed through his aid station, again a number far in excess of the normal number of casualties processed by a battalion aid station. During the three day period, Capt Mills spent considerable time on the battlefield rendering first aid to men as they fell in the attack, all the while subjected to enemy sniper, machinegun, mortar, and artillery fire. On 1 June, during an enemy counterattack, Capt Mills not only treated all casualties but also halted and reorganized a large number of men retreating to the rear and sent them back to their positions. By doing so he assisted in stopping the counterattack. The untiring loyalty and devotion to duty always displayed by Capt Mills has been an inspiration to the men of his battalion. They have always gone into battle with their morale bolstered by the knowledge that Capt Mills would have an aid station closely by to give them prompt treatment should they be wounded. Capt Mills' conduct has demonstrated the heroic and courageous traditions of our Armed Forces, and the innumerable numbers of lives which were saved by Capt Mills is a tribute to the valuable work being performed by the Medical Corps. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri. (GC 148, Hq MTOUSA, dtd 15 Dec '44).

(6) NORMAN L. NELSON, (20708772), Staff Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 November 1942 to 9 September 1944. Constantly in the face of grave personal danger, under difficult combat conditions, S/Sgt Nelson, a rifle company supply sergeant, has delivered urgent supplies and equipment to the company's front line positions. In the Cassino area, on two separate occasions, he reorganized mule trains which had scattered in disorder under heavy shellings, and led them to his company's positions under hostile observation and fire. On the Anzio Beachhead, although his vehicle was pierced by hostile shell fragments,

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b. Legion of Merit, Continued

S/Sgt Nelson continued over the heavily shelled route he was using to transport a sorely needed truckload of gun parts and supplies to his company. In the fighting below Rome, S/Sgt Nelson helped his company to beat back strong hostile counter-attacks by delivering vital ammunition as they were about to run out of it. While in a rest area during the past summer, S/Sgt Nelson performed a splendid job of re-equipping his company and helped restore his company's ordnance to top operating condition despite the hard usage it had undergone in previous fighting. As a result of S/Sgt Nelson's tireless and resourceful efforts during the aforementioned period, his company was well prepared for the assault on the Gothic Line, and their morale strengthened by the knowledge that he could be depended upon in emergencies to supply vital equipment and ammunition. S/Sgt Nelson's keen devotion to duty, courage, and dependability rendered his company outstanding services and reflect distinct credit upon himself and our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Hayward, Minnesota. (GO 35, Hq MFOUSA, dtd 25 February 1945).

c. Silver Star

(1) ROBERT G. DAVIS, (01304872), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 23 May 1944, in Italy. When the Company Commander was wounded during an attack, Lt Davis assumed command, rallied his men and led them in a 5000 yard advance over flat open terrain under incessant enemy fire. When the company reached a wooded area, Lt Davis, suspecting an ambush, advanced alone to reconnoiter their route. He did not turn back until he observed six hostile Mark IV tanks bearing toward the company. He returned to find 13 casualties among his company from heavy artillery fire. He immediately made his way about the shelled area, deployed and concealed his men so skillfully that the hostile tanks sped by without observing them. Lt Davis then radioed for artillery fire on the tanks, although they were 500 yards behind him. His accurate fire directions resulted in 5 of the tanks being knocked out and the other withdrawing. Lt Davis then led an assault on the company's objective and although repulsed by vicious machinegun fire, he immediately attacked again. His aggressive actions resulted in the overrunning of the enemy position and the capture of 42 enemy soldiers, including one officer, an anti-tank gun, four mortars and a large cave containing a large supply of ammunition. The gallant leadership displayed by Lt Davis was exemplary and a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Danbury, Connecticut. (GO 32, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 Feb'45).

(2) CARL D. DICCIO, (33622000), Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 17 September 1944, in the vicinity of Barberino, Italy. While a platoon was crawling through a barbed wire entanglement, a murderous volume of machinegun, rifle and grenade fire wounded Sgt Diccio (then Private First Class) and ten comrades. As the platoon attempted to withdraw, the enemy fire intensified while the Germans began shooting red flares, apparently calling for mortar support. The men of Sgt Diccio's squad hugged the ground, unable to move. Realizing the necessity for decisive action, Sgt Diccio crawled through the barbed wire and poured an intense volume of automatic rifle fire into the opening of a German pillbox, to wound five of the enemy and force the surrender of nineteen others. Although severely wounded, Sgt Diccio had saved his platoon and had eliminated a difficult obstacle in the path of his company's advance. His indomitable fighting spirit is a tribute to the gallantry of the American Infantryman. Entered military Service from Norristown, Pennsylvania. (GO 4, Hq FIFTH Army, dtd 6 Jan'45).

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c. Silver Star, Continued.

(3) HAROLD A EVANS, (31326183), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 6 February 1944, in Italy. After a series of bitter but futile attacks on a strongly held enemy hill Sgt Evans volunteered to lead one of the platoons of his Company in a new attack. Leading his men aggressively forward in the face of vicious machinegun and sniper fire, Sgt Evans inspired his comrades with the determination that was responsible for the taking of their objective. Sgt Evans, during the attack, killed one and wounded two of the enemy manning a well-entrenched machinegun, and although hostile resistance was fanatic he maneuvered his platoon so skillfully that only three casualties were sustained. The courage and leadership displayed by Sgt Evans in the face of grave danger was outstanding and reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Fishers Island, New York. (GO 36, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 Feb'45).

(4) ALFRED W. HAUGEN, (37027543), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 October 1944, in the vicinity of Monzuno, Italy. When an enemy machinegun opened fire on his platoon leader and two enlisted men who were making a reconnaissance, S/Sgt Haugen immediately led the remainder of the platoon to their aid. While crossing an open area S/Sgt Haugen received a wound which rendered his left arm useless. Disregarding his wound, he fearlessly remained exposed to the enemy's fire as he attempted to organize his men in a skirmish line to hold off enemy troops advancing under cover of intense machinegun fire. Seeing three of his men forced to surrender to the enemy, S/Sgt Haugen, using one hand, fired upon the enemy guard with his carbine, killing the German and enabling his men to escape. Inspired by Staff Sergeant Haugen's courage and coolness, his men rallied, slowed the advancing enemy and, although completely surrounded, held their ground. One by one, Staff Sergeant Haugen withdrew his men under cover of fire laid down by those remaining. Although weak from loss of blood, he was the last to leave the position. By his indomitable fighting spirit and complete disregard for his own safety, S/Sgt Haugen saved his platoon from annihilation or capture. Entered military service from Oberon, North Dakota. (GO 11, Hq Fifth Army, dtd 28 Jan'45).

(5) JOHN P. MARINZACK, (01691725), First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 19 September 1944, near Massa, Italy. Given the mission of taking an enemy hillside strongpoint, First Lieutenant Marinzack (then Second Lieutenant) skillfully led a seventeen-man patrol to a point on the flank of the German positions. Sending one group of men to secure the top of the hill, he led another group in attacking the strongpoint. While making their way through a barbed wire entanglement, his men aroused the attention of the enemy who immediately opened fire with machineguns. Remaining erect to draw enemy fire, First Lieutenant Marinzack fired into a hostile pillbox and directed his men in neutralizing the position with grenades and automatic rifle fire. First Lieutenant Marinzack then made his way to the crest of the hill and led his men in a sweep down the hillside to complete the rout of the enemy force. Twelve Germans were killed and twenty-six were captured by his patrol. First Lieutenant Marinzack's heroic actions and skillful leadership are notable tributes to his ability as a combat officer. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey. (GO 8, Hq Fifth Army, dtd 17 Jan 1945).

(6) JOHN S. STAREINIC, (36307090), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 September 1944, in the vicinity of

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c. Silver Star, Continued.

Bruscoli, Italy. Assigned the mission of capturing a heavily defended hilltop strongpoint, T/Sgt Staresinic, acting platoon leader, led his men up a steep, rocky slope to reach his objective without attracting fire and succeeded in surprising the enemy. T/Sgt Staresinic singlehandedly engaged three enemy soldiers in a hand to hand fight, killed one with his carbine and forced the other two to surrender. His platoon soon had the objective in its possession, with eight enemy killed, one wounded and several taken prisoner. As T/Sgt Staresinic attempted to organize defensive positions on the newly gained ground, an enemy machinegun opened fire to his platoon. Ordering his men to cover him, he moved through the hostile fire to a position some twenty-five yards from the enemy. From this position, T/Sgt Staresinic hurled two grenades at the enemy gun, silencing it, killing one member of the crew and wounding another. The gallant leadership and bravery displayed by T/Sgt Staresinic enabled his platoon to accomplish its difficult mission with light casualties. Entered military service from Lockport, Illinois. (GO 18, Hq Fifth Army; dtd 20 Feb '45).

d. Soldier's Medal

(1) LECIL L. SETLIF, (34814318), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not in action on 1 November 1944, in Italy. The company of which Pfc Setlif was a member, was relieved from their positions and were making their way back when they came upon a river which had risen to a depth of from 5 to 8 feet. As the company started across, Pfc Setlif, the second man in the column, observed the leading man lose his footing and start to slip down stream. Knowing his comrade could not swim, Pfc Setlif jumped in to save him, disregarding the swift current and the jagged rocks which lined the bottom. He reached his helpless comrade and struggled with him for about fifty yards down the stream. Due to the swift current and the drowning man's weight, however, Pfc Setlif could not hold on to him and the former was lost in the river. Although he did not save his comrade, Pfc Setlif's gallant attempt at the risk of his own life was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Brilliant, Alabama. (GO 32, Hq 34th Inf Division, dtd 8 Feb '45).

e. Bronze Star

(1) MERVIN C. ELLIS, (35213937), Private First Class, Infantry, Co "K", For heroic achievement in action on 5 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: RFD #1, Hurricane, West Virginia. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

(2) RALPH J. HALL (35131568), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "H", For heroic achievement in action on 28 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 28 Columbia Ave., Reading, Ohio. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

(3) WILLIAM L. SPEELE (34136127), Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-tank Company. For meritorious service in combat on 1 July 1944 and 20 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route No. 3, Gloster, Mississippi. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

(4) CHARLES E. MOREHEAD (20707361), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Anti-tank Company. For meritorious service in combat from 16 April 1944 to 19 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1625 Sixth St., North Minneapolis, Minn. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

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e. Bronze Star, Continued

(5) ALBERT J. FRANCHI (32173733), Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 135th Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, in Italy. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45). Bronx, N. Y.

(6) CLARENCE B. WEIGLE (37026762), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K". For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, in Italy. Home Address: Ezerado, North Dakota. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

(7) ROBERT D. ADAMS (34087932), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", For heroic achievement in action on 9 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Geneva, Alabama. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

(8) HERSCHEL A. ROLLINS (35214420), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "H", 135th Inf Regt. For heroic achievement in action on 6 November 1943, in Italy. Home address: Sissonville, West Virginia. (GO 24, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Jan '45).

(9) WALKER D. KISER (34172279), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 2 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Grover, North Carolina. (GO 24, Hq 34th Inf Div, 29 Jan '45).

(10) RICHARD J. STAKEM, JR., (33067511), Master Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action from 12 April 1943 to 18 April 1943, in Tunisia, North Africa. Home address: 414 Fayette St., Cumberland, Maryland. (GO 24, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Jan '45).

(11) LIONEL J. NADEAU (31303542), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 30 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: 192 Haffards St., Fall River, Mass. (GO 32, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 Feb '45).

(12) CRESLIE W. LEWIS (17068370), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: 2005 Des Moines St., Des Moines, Iowa. (GO 32, Hq 34th Div, 8 Feb '45).

(13) RICHARD R. TUENGE (20708071), First Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1943, in Tunisia, North Africa. Home address: 603 West Maple St., Stillwater, Minnesota.

(14) ROBERT C. THOMPSON (01320981), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "D", 135th Infantry Regiment, For heroic achievement in action on 18 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: 808<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Washington Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 32, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 Feb '45).

(15) DONOVAN C. GRIFFIN (0416559), Captain, Infantry, Company "B", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Box 237, Route # 3, Klamath Falls, Oregon. (GO 32, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 Feb '45).

(16) ROBERT T. THOMPSON (31371463), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "C", 135th Infantry, For heroic achievement in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: 25 Howe St., Hingham, Mass. (GO 34, Hq 34th Inf Div, 12 Feb '45).

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c. Bronze Star, Continued.

(17) FRENCH (NMI) CASEBOLT (35657180), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "B", 135th Inf Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 24 June 1944 to 1 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Mousie, Kentucky. (GO 39, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 17 Feb '45).

(18) ROBERT I. KAISER, (36821029), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "B", 135th Infantry Regiment, For meritorious service in combat from 24 June 1944 to 1 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 601 Division Street, Mukwonago, Wisconsin. (GO 39, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 17 Feb '45).

(19) PALMER W. KOBBS (37026981), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 31 January 1944 to 31 January 1945, in Italy. Home address: 2514 Jackson St., North East, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 39, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 17 Feb 1945).

(20) PAUL W. ORTHAN (36079409), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 3 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: 559 South Washington St., Taylorville, Illinois. (GO 43, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 27 Feb '45).

(21) LLOYD K. WALUND, (37026807), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Forbes, North Dakota. (GO 43, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 27 Feb '45).

(22) LEO J. SCHUELLER (37027489), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, in Italy, Home address: Regent, North Dakota. (GO 43, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 27 Feb '45).

(23) JAY F. HOLLYFIELD (01290422), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Antitank Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 12 February 1943 to 1 February 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Roanoke, Virginia. (GO 43, Hq 34th Inf Div, dated 27 Feb 1945).

f. Bronze Star, (Oak Leaf Cluster)

(1) GEORGE GELLER (32591172), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 10 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: 320 South Orange Ave., Newark, New Jersey. (GO 20, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 23 Jan '45).

(2) HARRY R. HARPER (35589787), Private First Class, Infantry, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route 1, Dennison, Ohio.

(3) ALEX D. MILLER (01999086), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "H", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: Fox Drive, Austin, Minnesota. (GO 24, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Jan '45).

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g. Bronze Star, (Missing in Action).

(1) LOUIS NETTO (32917427), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 135 Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 23 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Clifton, New Jersey. (GO 20, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 23 Jan '45).

h. Bronze Star, (Posthumously)

(1) LON H. HANNAH (34810429), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: Pell City, Alabama. (GO 39, Hq 34th Inf Div, 17 Feb '45).

(2) JOSEPH L. MURPHY (33440975), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 30 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Connellsville, Pennsylvania. (GO 34, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 12 Feb '45).

i. Division Citation

(1) STANLEY E. BROSE (32171846), Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 10 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1007 Wood Crest Ave., Bronx, New York. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

(2) ROBERT D. ADAMS (34087932), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 7 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Geneva, Alabama. (GO 2, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Jan '45).

(3) MIKE RENNER (37028799), Private First Class, Infantry, Antitank Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 28 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: 609 Third St., SW, Mandan, North Dakota.

(4) CLIFFORD W. JACOBY (32181947), Private, Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: 35 Mercer St., Hamilton Square, New Jersey. (GO 36, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 Feb '45).

(5) GEORGE J. LOECHNER (36306133), Private First Class, Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: 624 Kirk Ave., Elgin, Illinois. (GO 36, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 Feb '45).

(6) PHILIP D. BRAUN (36567802), Corporal, Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: Linda Vista, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. (GO 36, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 Feb '45).

(7) JOSEPH J. BUFALO (37399865), Sergeant, Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: 6071 Hartford St., St Louis, Missouri. (GO 36, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 Feb '45).

# Regimental History

## 135<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY

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## SECTION II

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY  
MARCH, 1945

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 March	168	1	3274
2	170	1	3275
3	172	1	3269
4	171	1	3266
5	171	1	3247
6	173	1	3240
7	171	1	3232
8	169	1	3224
9	169	1	3223
10	169	1	3223
11	169	1	3258
12	169	1	3263
13	169	1	3253
14	169	2	3257
15	169	2	3243
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19	172	2	3222
20	172	2	3225
21	171	2	3198
22	172	2	3195
23	173	2	3195
24	171	2	3192
25	171	2	3187
26	171	2	3169
27	172	2	3164
28	170	2	3198
29	171	2	3202
30	171	2	3219
31	172	2	3218

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III STATION LIST

1 MARCH 1945

Regt'l Hqs	-	La Torre (769235)
Hqs. Co.	-	Montori (771228)
Anti-Tank Co.	-	Vic. of Monteacuto Vallese (773206)
Cannon Co.	-	La Mandria (794238)
Service Co.	-	Stne Castiglione dei Pepole (755264)
1st Battalion	-	Gardelletta (796269)
2nd Battalion	-	La Mandria (794238)
3rd Battalion	-	La Quercia (775264)

9 MARCH 1945

1st Battalion	-	Vic. of Barberino
2nd Battalion	-	Gardelletta (796269)

10 MARCH 1945

Anti-Tank Co.	-	Vic. of Barberino
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11 MARCH 1945

Regt'l Hqs. & Hqs. C.	-	Crocione (871219)
3rd Battalion	-	Anconella (865265)
Service Co.	-	Ca di Romognolo (873208)

20 MARCH 1945

1st Battalion	-	Gardelletta (796269)
2nd Battalion	-	Anconella (865265)
3rd Battalion	-	Vic. of Barberino

27 MARCH 1945

2nd Battalion	-	Vic. of Barberino
3rd Battalion	-	Anconella (865265)

## SECTION IV

## NARRATIVE FOR MARCH

There was no change in the position of our troops 1 March, and the 15th Regimental Combat Team was preparing to push forward by infiltration to a general line of Ca Serra (767277), Hill 375, de Sopia (775200), Ca Fudella, Hill 470, Hill 445 (792270), Hill 431 (796200), and a house at 0025-2700.

Enemy artillery was active in the early morning and 45 rounds fell in the vicinity of the 1st Battalion CP, and later about 57 rounds fell in the rear areas. Before dawn Company K opened fire on an enemy patrol near 760260 and at daylight it was found that one of the enemy group had been killed.

Our patrols, after a relatively quiet night on 1/2 March which brought only a brief fire fight with a German patrol, returned without casualties after completing reconnaissance. Enemy artillery lessened during the day of 2 March. It was clear and warm with fair visibility.

Four of six patrols from the 1st and 3rd Battalions were successful on their missions on the night of 2/3 March and reinforcements took over the positions permanently. One reconnaissance patrol reached its objective at Hill 431 (796279) and two platoons occupied the objective at 0500. The second patrol reached its objective on Hill 445 (792270) and one platoon occupied the area by 0520. The fourth patrol, after reaching its objective at Ca Fudella at 785200, was reinforced by one platoon at 0400. Machine gun fire halted the progress of the other two patrols to Ca Serra (767277) and di Sopia (775200).

General Reyes and General Pritchard visited the Regimental CP at 1440, 3 March, and went forward with Colonel Greyer to observe.

At 1900 a reconnaissance squad from Company A moved into Ca Serra and found it unoccupied. Another squad moved toward di Sopra and found that this locality, too, was unoccupied. In searching the area for positions, the squad became lost and another squad was dispatched to make contact with the first. They joined, moved to di Sopra only to find that 15 of the enemy had occupied the area. Company L was ordered to attack the position, an artillery preparation was laid down, and the objective was taken at 0030 hours and held.

Only the normal security and contact patrols were out on the night of 3/4 March.

A P.W. from the 3rd Company, 276th Infantry Regiment, 34th Division, was picked up by a Headquarters Company wireman at 765247 on the morning of 4 March. He had been a member of a 15-man reconnaissance patrol and had deserted. The Germans, according to the P.W., were having many casualties in their own minefields because many had been placed by the 16th SS Division without marking or recording the fields. A Russian labor battalion, he continued, was attached to the 276th Regiment and recently

nine of them were shot as a result of a mutiny. The prisoner, who said that the daily rations had been cut again, declared that all soldiers whose homes were in the areas overrun by the Americans and Russians on the western and eastern fronts were being taken from the front lines to the rear because many of them had deserted.

Seven men were wounded and one killed from Company B when schu mines and booby traps were encountered on Hills 401 and 470. A number of dead from the 6th South African Division were found on the latter hill. Other than this, the entire front was extremely quiet.

Our patrols brought back negative reports on the night of 4/5 March and during the day the companies consolidated positions on the new line of defense. There was slight, scattered enemy fire and our artillery halted enemy work on dugouts in the vicinity of 70288.

A man from the 1st Battalion, who had been taken prisoner, was found on Hill 445. He had been strangled and beaten to death.

A reconnaissance patrol from Company I on the night of 5/6 March found a number of buildings in Cassetta (70202) unoccupied. Voices were heard in a cemetery at 70204 but no movement was observed. Another patrol from Company A went to the vicinity of 770285 and determined that the road there was not suitable for tanks, nearby fields were under cultivation and muddy. A reconnaissance patrol from Company L went up a draw to the right of di Spora (77200), probed the earth with bayonets which went in to the hilt. This terrain also was considered unsuitable for tanks.

The day was quiet except for the strafing of the main road below the Regimental CQ by two enemy planes at 1450.

Patrol reports were negative again on the night of 6/7 March. On this night the 2nd Battalion, 155th Infantry, relieved the 1st Battalion, 351st Infantry, in the vicinity of Bibulano (L0524), and one man was killed.

Shortly after midnight on 6 March an enemy raid was directed against positions held by Company B on Hill 476. After an exchange of grenades, small arms, artillery and mortar fire, the enemy withdrew. Shortly afterward Company I was engaged in a brief firefight. A BAR man from Company B was missing as a result of the first raid and he was found later beside a German, both were dead. During the day our artillery fired a concentration on Ca Cetla (70282), where enemy activity was reported.

On the night of 7 March the 1st Battalion, upon completion of relief by the 2nd Battalion, moved to a training area near Barberino, and by 11 March the various units were located as follows: Regimental Headquarters, Crocione (07219); 3rd Battalion, Anconella (00225); Service Company, Ca di Romognolo (07200), 1st Battalion and Anti-tank Company, Barberino; 2nd Battalion, Gardelletts (79029) and Cannon Company, La Mandria (79423).

Throughout the remainder of the month the battalions rotated and when not on the line utilized the period for intensive training which

included reduction of field fortifications with demolitions, mine schools, demonstration of recoilless weapons, use of bangalore torpedoes, and use of the new flame thrower. River crossings and the coordination of infantry and tanks were stressed.

On 17 March Colonel Manhart returned from the United States and re-assumed command on the following day.

At the close of the month the regiment was preparing to relieve the 13rd Infantry.

## SECTION V

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers on 1 March 1945.

Regimental Commander	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
Executive Officer	
S-4	Major Roland Anderson, 0366901
S-3	Major Fred H. Lippucci, 0359982
S-2	1st Lt Leo J. Remmetter, 0437485
S-1	Capt Mart R. Parker, 01294355
Regimental Surgeon	Capt Arthur (NMI) Heldman, 0428142
Commanding Headquarters Co	Capt Keith O. Van Krevelen, 0377973
" Service Co	1st Lt Burton F. Bridges, 01310565
" Antitank Co	1st Lt Bruce M. Heniford, 01285588
" Cannon Co	Capt Dean C. Fellows, 01168659
" First Battalion	Major James E. Tyler, 023079
Executive Officer	Capt James F. Garfield, 0370002
S-3	1st Lt Louis Montelione, 01316133
Commanding Headquarters Co	Capt William R. Howard, 0387017
" Company "A"	1st Lt Robert E. King, 0524350
" Company "B"	1st Lt Ernest O. Saasto, 01302201
" Company "C"	Capt William C. Huey, 0106826
" Company "D"	Capt Herbert E. Grote, 01302966
" Second Battalion	Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283
Executive Officer	Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519
S-3	Capt William B. Cole, 0384080
Commanding Headquarters Co	1st Lt Clayton S. Oas, 01311345
" Company "E"	1st Lt Edgar W. Boggan, 0413150
" Company "F"	1st Lt Richard Bawden, 01303834
" Company "G"	1st Lt Gordon R. Johnson, 01319125
" Company "H"	Capt Alfred H. Breninger, 01283716
" Third Battalion	Lt Col John W. Joyce, 0331690
Executive Officer	Major Allison A. Conrad, 0327559
S-3	1st Lt Robert O. Foster, 0425838
Commanding Headquarters Co	Capt Reid B. Huff, 03900555
" Company "I"	Capt Leslie K. Vensel, 01305681
" Company "K"	1st Lt George A. Hunt, 02055397
" Company "L"	1st Lt Patrick J. Flannigan, 01298373
" Company "M"	Capt Joe (NMI) Humble, 01309738

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of March, 1945.3 March 1945

1. Capt Joe (NMI) Humble, 01309738, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "M".
2. 1st Lt Richard A. Kearney, 01311398, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "M"

4 March 1945

1. Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519, Executive Officer, Second Battalion, evacuated sick.

(SECTION V -- COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTS, Continued).

6 March 1945

1. 1st Lt Gordon R. Johnson, 01319125, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "G".

2. 1st Lt Sam (NMI) Guzzardo, 01312760, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "G".

17 March 1945

1. Capt Arthur (NMI) Heldman, 0428142, Regimental Surgeon, promoted to Major.

18 March 1945

1. Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, 135th Infantry, and assigned as Regimental Executive Officer.

2. Col Ashton H. Manhart, 018773, assumed command of 135th Infantry.

23 March 1945

1. 1st Lt Louis Montelione, 01316133, relieved of assignment as S-3, First Battalion.

2. 1st Lt Robert G. Davis, 01304872, assigned as S-3, First Battalion.

25 March 1945

1. Capt Alfred H. Breninger, 01283716, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "H".

2. 1st Lt Ambrose J. Briscoe, 0391531, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "H".

30 March 1945

1. 1st Lt Bruce M. Heniford, 01285588, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Antitank Company.

2. Capt Edward T. Butt, 01030227, assigned as Commanding Officer, Antitank Company.

## SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

## A. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (From 1 March through 31 March 1945).

1. Killed in Action

4 March 1945

Tec 4	Skimer, Lloyd G.	34830227	Med Det
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7 March 1945

Pvt	Nealey, Joseph E.	34450454	Co "B"
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11 March 1945

* Pfc	Clayton, Charles E.	34827208	Co "F"
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22 March 1945

S/Sgt	Doty, John A.	32835895	Co "E"
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24 March 1945

Pvt	McKinzie, Andrew R.	35655247	Co "C"
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25 March 1945

* Pvt	Donovan, James J.	42022767	Co "C"
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29 March 1945

Pvt	Stiles, Daniel S.	34490073	Co "K"
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\* Died of Wounds in Hospital

2. Wounded in Action

2 March 1945

Tec 5	Hogan, James T.	33305154	Co "L"
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3 March 1945

Pfc	Watson, Kelsie A.	37063024	Co "A"
Pvt	Kingsley, James F.	36984767	Co "B"
Pfc	Schneider, George A., Jr	42046117	Co "A"

4 March 1945

Pfc	Bailey, Charles J.	34884951	Med Det
S/Sgt	Hurrell, Phillip H.	31045855	Co "B"
Sgt	Henchon, Martin E.	35564422	Co "B"
Pvt	Schoen, Kenneth P.	39335186	Co "B"
Pvt	Niekamp, Gerald A.	35401542	Co "B"

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

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

4 March 1945, Cont'd

S/Sgt	Saatzer, Ernest M.	37555518	Co "A"
Sgt	Seale, Lonnie R.	18072265	Co "A"
Cpl	Gore, Wilner S.	34426370	Co "A"
Pfc	Morgan, Lyndon E.	39583757	Co "A"
Pfc	Shadd, Edward (NMI)	31325575	Co "A"
Sgt	Christie, Ralph W.	33589286	Co "D"
Pvt	Smith, Melvin E.	37696447	Co "I"

9 March 1945

Tec 4	Giguere, Robert J.	36527626	Co "L"
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10 March 1945

Pfc	Herold, Clarence E.	35808292	Co "F"
Pfc	Clayton, Charles E.	34829208	Co "F"

13 March 1945

Pfc	Erickson, Kervin V.	36815502	Co "G"
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15 March 1945

Pfc	Beers, Arthur L., Jr	35249258	Co "E"
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19 March 1945

S/Sgt	Gould, Lawrence L.	37464986	Co "B"
Sgt	Sauls, Robert H.	34766722	Co "F"

24 March 1945

Pvt	Donovan, James J.	42022767	Co "C"
S/Sgt	Malone, James M.	34475563	Co "C"
Cpl	Soja, Romuald M.	35160535	Co "C"
Pvt	Falkenberg, Arthur J.	16099338	Co "C"
Pvt	Fivecoat, Elmo	36570111	Co "C"

28 March 1945

T/Sgt	Schwartz, Leroy W.	35588982	Co "B"
Pfc	Lipper, Ralph I.	35556972	Co "B"

29 March 1945

Pfc	Archutowaki, Chester (NMI)	36584965	Co "A"
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B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO MARCH, 1945, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

1. Killed in Action

26 January 1944			
Pvt	Noell, Charles W., Jr	14117461	Co "E"
9 February 1944			
Pfc	Marshall, John J.	36669733	Co "B"
17 October 1944			
Pfc	Quintana, Joe N.	37352904	Co "L"
2 November 1944			
Pfc	Woodward, George C.	33793872	Co "L"
16 November 1944			
Pfc	Giotis, John G.	33898967	Co "I"
Pvt	Sawicki, Harry S.	33614312	Co "I"
24 February 1944			
Pvt	Lang, Frederick (NMI)	42143662	Co "B"

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action	0	0	14
Wounded in Action	0	0	31
Missing in Action	0	0	0
Captured	0	0	0

1. THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONNEL OF THE 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AS INDICATED BELOW:

a. Silver Star

(1) ALBERT E. DRIVER (35874598), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in Italy. As a result of an intense enemy artillery concentration, three men in Pfc Driver's company were buried beneath the rubble of a demolished building. Pfc Driver immediately made his way to the building, crawled under the debris until he reached the wounded men and although in imminent danger of parts of the building collapsing, remained there for four hours rendering first-aid and giving encouragement to the three men. Later, as the ammunition and pioneer section attempted to dig out the buried men, the walls of the building collapsed and pinned Pfc Driver beneath the rubble. Fortunately he sustained only a leg injury and after fifteen minutes was able to free himself. Pfc Driver's courage and devotion to his comrades were exemplary and a credit to himself and the military service. Home address: 751 East Market Street, Lima, Ohio. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(2) CHARLES W. HUGG (36743467), Private First Class, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 31 May 1944, in Italy. While advancing through a vineyard toward an enemy strong point, Pfc Hugg's platoon became pinned down by intense enemy machine gun, rifle, grenade and mortar fire. Seeing all but ten of his platoon wounded or killed in a short space of time, Pfc Hugg realized the urgency of knocking out the enemy machine gun which was keeping them pinned down. Advancing to within 15 yards of the enemy gun in the face of grazing fire, Pfc Hugg rapidly fired all his rifle ammunition into the hostile machine gun nest and threw in two hand grenades. His fire killed two of the crew and caused the third to surrender. The platoon, inspired by his actions, resumed their advance and took their objective in the face of determined resistance. Pfc Hugg's courage and aggressiveness reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Chrisman, Illinois. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(3) WALTER A. CASEY, JR (32766922), Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 14 October 1944, in Italy. Shortly after being stopped some distance short of their objective, Sgt Casey's machine gun platoon and the rifle platoon which they were supporting were counter-attacked by the enemy. Sgt Casey's machine gun was lying on the ground while a firing platform was being constructed, when the enemy force was detected only fifty yards away. Although the enemy threatened to overrun him, Sgt Casey picked up his machine gun, cradled it in his arms and began blazing away at the enemy from an exposed crouching position.

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a. Silver Star, cont'd

(3) Cont'd. The enemy subjected Sgt Casey to heavy volleys of hand grenades and intense small arms fire but he tenaciously defied all their efforts to overpower him. Although one platoon of riflemen were overrun and several on his flanks were forced to withdraw, Sgt Casey remained in his position until all his ammunition was expended. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Sgt Casey reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: 127 Oakland Terrace, Newark, New Jersey. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(4) WOODROW W. JULIAN (34777723), Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company "G", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 17 October 1944, in Italy. When his platoon was stopped by intense enemy fire while attacking a group of houses and were unable to maneuver around the enemy's flank, Sgt Julian decided on a bold plan of action. He volunteered to draw the enemy's fire upon himself while one of the squads made a break for the enemy flank. As his men handed him their rifles and kept reloading them, Sgt Julian kept darting in and out of the cover of a building, blazing away at the surrounding doors and windows and an enemy machine gun position behind a nearby well. Although he drew murderous volumes of extremely close range machine pistol, rifle and machine gun fire, his diversionary actions enabled the squad to complete their flanking movement. The enemy was forced to abandon their positions, giving Sgt Julian's company possession of a key strong point in the enemy's defenses. Sgt Julian's gallant actions are exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Route Number 1, Greensboro, North Carolina. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45)

(5) GEORGE J. HANIS (36160870), Technical Sergeant, Company "L", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 24 May 1944 in Italy. As they closed in on their objective, a rifle company and its supporting armor encountered an enemy Mark VI tank. The four friendly tanks were unable to provide any support in the face of the enemy's heavier armor and firepower and the forward riflemen, on terrain affording little cover or concealment, were in imminent danger of being overrun and annihilated. Sgt Hanis, armed with only a rifle and an attached anti-tank grenade launcher, crawled along a ditch to within thirty yards of the enemy tank. Although in deadly danger of being detected and fired upon by the 88mm gun with which the tank was armed, Sgt Hanis fired two anti-tank grenades and secured two hits upon the tank, one of which was a direct hit on the turret. Surprised and frightened by this bold and accurate fire, the enemy tank withdrew and sped back to its own lines. The extreme courage and aggressiveness displayed by Sgt Hanis averted a serious threat to his company and the supporting armor. Home address: 1025 Leahy Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

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a. Silver Star, cont'd.

(6) DONALD (NMI) ALBERTSON (01999139), Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 23 May 1944, in Italy. During an advance across flat, open terrain Lt. Albertson's Company was stopped by intense enemy machine gun fire and the Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant of one of the attacking platoons were wounded. Disregarding his own safety, Lt. Albertson rushed through a hail of machine gun fire to the wounded men, carried them to a defiladed position, rendered what first aid he could, and arranged for their speedy evacuation. Lt. Albertson then began crawling up a shallow gully towards the enemy machine gun nest. At a point 100 yards away from the enemy emplacement, he opened fire with his rifle, killing one of the enemy manning the gun and wounding the other. Lt. Albertson's action in wiping out the hostile machine gun enabled his company to resume the advance, and his courage and aggressiveness in the face of grave danger reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Route 3, Douglas, North Dakota. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(7) LESTER A. KEARNEY (01287361), First Lieutenant, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 2 June 1944, in Italy. After making his way through enemy mortar fire and setting up an OP, Lt. Kearney observed four hostile Mark IV tanks in a river bed several hundred yards away. Although fully aware that they could easily spot his position, he began adjusting fire on the enemy tanks. He drew intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, and one of the tanks fired at him from the deadly range of 300 yards and wounded him in the wrist. In spite of this however, Lt. Kearney directed such accurate fire that he forced the four enemy tanks to withdraw. After receiving first aid for his wounds, Lt. Kearney elected to remain with the riflemen and continue to give them supporting artillery fire. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lt. Kearney greatly bolstered the morale of the men around him and his outstanding action averted an armored enemy counter-attack. Home address: 1302 Orchard Avenue, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

(8) RAY W. MORRISON (20704980), Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 24 May 1944, in Italy. During an attack on enemy positions, a First Scout was wounded by enemy machine gun fire and lay helpless on a patch of completely exposed terrain. Sgt Morrison unhesitatingly crawled forward and, although the enemy gunner attempted to pick him off, applied a tourniquet to the wounded man and remained with him until the company's advance overtook him and litter bearers could be employed. Later in the day when one of the officers was wounded by sniper, Sgt Morrison again risked his life to render to him first aid and then returned over exposed and shelled terrain to guide litter bearers to the scene. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Morrison were exemplary and a source of inspiration to the entire company. Home address: 1710 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

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a. Silver Star, cont'd

(9) HENDERSON C. BOWERS (36598944), Technical Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 6 February 1944, in Italy. When enemy forces launched a strong counter-attack against his Company's positions, Sgt Bowers exposed himself to heavy concentrations of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and directed mortar fire which knocked out two enemy machine gun positions. Later when most of his mortar section had become casualties Sgt Bowers assisted aid men in treating and evacuating his comrades, in the face of intense enemy fire. Sgt Bowers then made his way forward and assisted the riflemen in holding off the enemy by killing two and wounding four with his carbine. The courage and fighting spirit displayed by Sgt Bowers did much to hearten his hard pressed comrades, and greatly assisted them in repelling the enemy attack. Sgt Bowers' action was exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: 117½ Flint Park Boulevard, Flint, Michigan. (GO 64, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 21 Mar'45).

b. Silver Star (Posthumously)

(1) JOHN F. ROBERTSON, JR (0469716), First Lieutenant, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 30 June and 1 July 1944, in Italy. Seeing his men wavering and becoming disorganized when they encountered intense enemy machine gun and 20mm fire while crossing an open plain, Lt. Robertson quickly rallied them and led them toward their objective. After a fierce fire fight during which Lt. Robertson continually exposed himself to vicious enemy fire, he succeeded in getting his company across a river and upon the high ground overlooking it. Several hours later a large enemy force under cover of darkness infiltrated Lt. Robertson's positions and bitter, close-in fighting ensued. During this struggle Lt. Robertson was mortally wounded but continued advising and directing his men. Inspired by his courage, his men were able to eventually repel the enemy. The heroism and leadership displayed by Lt. Robertson was outstanding and will always be remembered by the men of his Company. Home address: Sarasota, Florida. (GO 64, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 21 Mar'45).

(2) GAIL L. BARBER (33081259), Private First Class, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 22 September 1944, in Italy. As Pfc Barber's platoon was crossing an open stretch of ground during an advance on an enemy held hill, the enemy opened fire from the crest with machine guns and rifles. Several casualties were incurred and the men in the platoon became disorganized and began to scatter for cover. Pfc Barber, with utter disregard for his own safety, opened fire on enemy positions which were less than 100 yards away, with his automatic rifle. Boldly firing his weapon from the hip Pfc Barber drew a murderous volume of hostile fire. The remainder of the platoon, aided and inspired by his covering fire, launched an assault and drove the enemy from the top of the hill. While thus engaged with the numerically superior enemy force, Pfc Barber was killed by hostile fire. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Pfc Barber gained for him the respect and admiration of the entire company. Home address: 141 Lincoln Avenue, Grove City, Pennsylvania (GO 45, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 1 Mar'45). -4-

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b. Silver Star (Posthumously) cont'd

(3) HARRY F. BATES (33578481), Private First Class, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, in Italy. Although over 250 rounds of enemy mortar fire landed on or about the observation post at which he was on Pfc Bates refused to leave his position. Only after the concussion of several close hits put his radio out of commission did he leave his post. While making his way down the trail leading from his observation post, Pfc Bates came under enemy observation and heard mortar fire but he continued seeking someone who might have a spare part which he needed for his radio set. He finally found a radio operator from whom he obtained the needed part and immediately attempted to repair his set although the area was under intermittent artillery fire. Several shells landed within 50 yards of him as he feverishly worked on the radio but realizing the necessity for the fire missions, he continued working. Finally fragments from a shell hit killed Pfc Bates and he died crouched over his radio, attempting to repair it. The courage and extreme devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Bates were inspirational to the men of his company. Home Address: 3326 North Smedly Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (GO 45, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 1 Mar '45).

(4) PAUL L. HANSEN (37566409), Staff Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 28 September 1944, in Italy. While Sgt Hansen's platoon was descending an open slope into a ravine, an enemy force on the opposite bank opened upon them with machine guns and rifles. Sgt Hansen, who had already reached a defilade position at the bottom of the ravine, yelled to his men to quickly make their way down the slope. Due to the heavy enemy fire, however, the men became panicky and hugged the ground. Sgt Hansen, ignoring the advice of others in the ravine, made his way up the slope toward his men. As he advanced, he kept rapidly firing his rifle, partially neutralizing the enemy's fire and directed and encouraged his men to make their way down the slope of the ravine. While thus exposing himself to the enemy's fire, Sgt Hansen was shot and killed by enemy fire. Sgt Hansen's courage and devotion to his men, however, resulted in most of the platoon reaching safety. Home address: 3334 Lyndale Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 45, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 1 Mar '45).

c. Soldier's Medal

(1) VILFREDO A. PALOMBELLA (36877227), Private First Class, Company "H", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not in action on 13 November 1944, in Italy. Pfc Palombella was descending a steep, slippery trail on the side of a 100 foot cliff to a river bottom below with his Company Commander when the latter lost his footing and started sliding towards a spot where the cliff took a sudden 50 foot drop.

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c. Soldier's Medal, Cont'd.

(1) Cont'd. Situated several feet below the officer, Pfc Palombella immediately placed himself in his path and, with the aid of his carbine, braced himself to stop the officer from sliding to certain death on the rocks below. Although the officer was much heavier than himself, Pfc Palombella was able to break the officer's fall. The willingness of Pfc Palombella to jeopardize his own life in order to save that of another, exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 15803 Stoepel Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(2) WILLIAM R. COONEY (35321213), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not in action on 15 January 1945, in Italy. While the Company in which he was attached as an aid man was located on the side of a mountain Pfc Cooney heard a loud noise and upon investigation discovered that one of the Company's dugouts had caved in, pinning several men under a pile of dirt and large rocks. In the face of repeated small landslides with rocks crashing down all around him, Pfc Cooney crawled into the dugout and extricated two soldiers who were still inside their sleeping bags and almost completely buried. He gave them first aid and then with the help of others tried desperately to uncover two other men in the dugout. While thus engaged Pfc Cooney was struck by a rock and knocked unconscious. On regaining his senses, although still badly shaken up, Pfc Cooney refused to be taken to the aid station as he was the only aid man present in the area. Pfc Cooney's courageous action saved the lives of two fellow comrades and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: 31 Church Hill Road, Girard, Ohio. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

d. Bronze Star

(1) ROBERT G. MC DONALD (32921748), Private First Class, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1944 in Italy. Home address: 61 North 11th Street, Newark, New Jersey.

(2) FRED J. PELLEGRINO (33111552), Private First Class, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: Plumville, Pennsylvania. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(3) NASH (NMI) ROYBAL (37337767), Private First Class, Company "G". For heroic achievement in action from 17 to 19 October 1944, in Italy. Home Address: 833 Champa, Denver, Colorado. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(4) PAUL R. LENNEX (35128721), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: Maysville, Kentucky. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

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d. Bronze Star, Cont'd.

(5) WILLIAM J. GLATZEL (37025745), Technician Fourth Grade, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: Norwood, Minnesota. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(6) LEOPOLD (NMI) GOTSCH (32181627), Technician Fourth Grade, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: 424 Trumbell Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(7) JOSEPH P. SMITH (6299524), Technician Fourth Grade, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: Jerusalem, Texas. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(8) ALFRED W. HODDER, JR (33072664), Sergeant, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: 3512 North Water Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(9) JOHN H. PELLEGRINO (32182541), Sergeant, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: 1318 Hamilton Boulevard, Springfield, New Jersey. (GO, 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(10) GLENN C. STEFFEN (35871126), Sergeant, Company "L". For heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 1518 Banklick Street, Covington, Kentucky). (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(11) FOY D. LOCKHART (6972313), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company (then with Company "C"). For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: General Delivery, Beaverton, Alabama.

(12) ELMER H. SIRONEN (37027022), Technician Fourth Grade, Company "G". For meritorious service in combat from 12 February 1943 to 1 February 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address 917 14th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 64, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 21 Mar'45).

(13) CHARLES F. GOVERN (33621015), Staff Sergeant, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: Kaska, Pennsylvania. (GO 64, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 21 Mar'45).

(14) JOHN M. FAIRBANKS (01308801), Second Lieutenant, Company "A". For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1943, in Italy. Home address: 153 Mansour Street, Lowell, Massachusetts. (GO 64, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 21 Mar'45).

(15) GEORGE M. JOHNSTON (01297544), First Lieutenant,

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d. Bronze Star, Cont'd.

(15) Cont'd. Headquarters, First Battalion. For heroic achievement in action from 2 to 14 February 1944, in Italy. Home Address: 62 Sisson Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (GO 64, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 21 Mar'45).

(16) LOUIS PISAPIA (32875101), Private First Class, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1822 West 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(17) EDWIN J. WAYNEE (36589357), Corporal, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 513 North Jefferson Street, Bay City, Michigan. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(18) EDWARD F. KANTER (32881864), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: 724 East 158th Street, Bronx, New York. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(19) SAMUEL F. SUTTON (36869331), Staff Sergeant, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: 2074 Vinewood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(20) THOMAS S. LOGAN (33089930), Private First Class, Company "F". For heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Meadowview, Virginia. (GO 70, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 31 Mar'45).

(21) WILSON L. KENYON (36162415), Private First Class, Anti-tank Company. For meritorious service in combat on 6 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 6035 Chicago Road, Warren, Michigan. (GO 61, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(22) WALTER F. MIESIK (36161524), Private First Class, Anti-tank Company. For heroic achievement in action on 28 October 1944; in Italy. Home address: 2127 East Kirby Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 61, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(23) CLYDE M. ELLIS (20708883), Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company. For meritorious service in combat from 21 February 1944 to 1 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 805 Oakland Avenue, Austin Minnesota. (GO 61, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(24) KEITH R. MEMMOLA (20713220), Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company. For meritorious service in combat from 21 September 1943 to 1 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 1525 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 61, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

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d. Bronze Star, Cont'd.

(25) ROBERT S. TULE (36593222), Private First Class, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 11, 12 and 13 January 1944, in Italy. Home address: 597 Manistique Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 52, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 11 Mar'45).

(26) JOHN W. LEEZER (35214503), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion. For meritorious service in combat from 28 December 1943 to 14 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Burton, West Virginia. (GO 52, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 11 Mar'45).

(27) CARMIE L. WINSTEAD (35716478), Staff Sergeant, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 11, 12 and 13 January 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route 1, Madisonville, Kentucky. (GO 52, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 11 Mar'45).

(28) EMMIT DICKERSON (34876313), Private First Class, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944 in Italy. Home address: Johnston Station, Mississippi. (GO 45, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 1 Mar'45).

(29) RICHARD W. KRIEBEL (33325140), Private First Class, Service Company. For heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944 in Italy. Home address: 1501 Beverly Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (GO 45, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 1 Mar'45).

(30) EDWARD W. ADAMS (42028999), Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company "K". For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: 163 Crawford Street, Rochester, New York. (GO 45, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 1 Mar'45).

(31) CHARLES J. BAILEY (34884951), Private First Class, Medical Detachment. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Anthras, Tennessee. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(32) GLENN C. BLOUSE (33508019), Private First Class, Company "D". For heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, in Italy. Home address: RFD Number 1, Wrightsville, Pennsylvania.

(33) BARTON (NMI) EDGIN (38661072), Private First Class, Company "M". For heroic achievement in action on 5 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Route 3, Leachville, Arkansas. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(34) ORRIS J. NORDLAND (20708942), Corporal, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1943, in Tunisia, North Africa. Home address: RFD Number 4, Moscow, Minnesota. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(35) EDWIN P. LACY (35130807), Sergeant, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Insko, Kentucky. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

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d. Bronze Star, Cont'd.

(36) NATHAN (NMI) LEVIN (33100618), Sergeant, Company "A". For meritorious service in combat from 28 March 1944 to 23 May 1944 in Italy. Home address: 2146 North 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(37) ALVIN J. HEZLEP (33430988), Staff Sergeant, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action from 17 to 19 September 1944 in Italy. Home address: 488½ Ella Street, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(38) GLENN W. KRULISH (20708879), Staff Sergeant, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1944, in Italy. Home address: Austin, Minnesota. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(39) HENRY M. MC KIBEN (34588063), Staff Sergeant, Company "M". For heroic achievement in action on 5 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Box 85, Troy, Alabama. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(40) RUDOLPH C. MONSAAS (20713222), Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 23 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: 420 East Eighth Street, Duluth, Minnesota. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(41) DOUGLAS H. SHATEK (20708905), Staff Sergeant, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 10 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: 609 Padden Avenue, Austin, Minnesota. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(42) ROBERT J. MUCHA (20713331), Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 23 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: 117 North Second Avenue, East, Duluth, Minnesota. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(43) FRANCIS H. ZIMMERMAN (0885753), First Lieutenant, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 26 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1112 South First Street, Stillwater, Minnesota. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(44) WILLIAM V. ISBELL (34814390), Private, Medical Detachment. For heroic achievement in action from 30 June 1944 to 2 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Marion, Alabama. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(45) IRVING H. BACHRACH (32984440), Private First Class, Medical Detachment. For heroic achievement in action from 30 June 1944 to 2 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: 27 Amsterdam Place Mt. Vernon, New York. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

SECTION VII (Awards and Decorations, Cont'd)

d. Bronze Star, Cont'd.

(46) EARL C. LILE (38176678), Private First Class, Medical Detachment. For heroic achievement in action from 30 June 1944 to 2 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Mansfield, Arkansas. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(47) JOHN R. MATLAK (33110588), Private First Class, Company "D". For meritorious service in combat from 21 September 1943 to 1 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 416 Robinson Street, Braddock, Pennsylvania. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45)

(48) RALPH L. LILLY (33102063), Private First Class, Headquarters Company. For heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1944, in Italy. Home address: Locust Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(49) JEFFERSON D. PACK (33119316), Corporal, Anti-tank Company. For heroic achievement in action on 10 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: 3542 13th Street Northwest, Washington, DC. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(50) HERMAN O. BOUCHER (37028829), Corporal, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 2 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Thorne, North Dakota. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(51) ROBERT L. BOZA (36661368), Sergeant, Company "L". For heroic achievement in action on 5 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 12009 Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(52) MONTE L. ZEHRINGER (20709587), Staff Sergeant, Company "L". For meritorious service in combat from 1 February 1943 to 1 February 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Ortonville, Minnesota. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(53) ROBERT W. HARDIMON (38161898), Staff Sergeant, Company "D". For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Box 183, Rock Island, Texas. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(54) ELMER H. TAATJES (37027140), Staff Sergeant, Company "E". For meritorious service in combat from 12 February 1943 to 1 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Raymond, Minnesota. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

e. Bronze Star (Posthumously)

(1) EDWARD (NMI) VERVAET (32181278), Private First Class,

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e. Bronze Star (Posthumously) Cont'd.

(1) Cont'd. Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: Fairlawn, New Jersey. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(2) WILLIAM D. MILLER (33119700), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 27 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: Norfolk, Virginia. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(3) LLOYD G. SKINNER (34830227), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Tuscumbia, Alabama. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

f. Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)

(1) CHARLES O. DETER (33679494), Private First Class, Company "H". For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944 in Italy. Home address: Mather, Pennsylvania. (GO 49, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 5 Mar'45).

(2) CHARLES E. HUGHES (34806672), Private First Class, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 23 October 1944 in Italy. Home address: Route 2, Elkmont, Alabama. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(3) BERNARD C. SELLERS (36649882), Staff Sergeant, Company "K". For heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: Oak Park, Savanna, Illinois. (GO 67, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 26 Mar'45).

(4) DONALD R. PATRICK (20707882), Staff Sergeant, Company "C". For meritorious service in combat from 1 January 1944 to 9 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 3236 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

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(1) PAUL F. EMERY (33106550), Private First Class, Company "L". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 12 February 1943 to 1 February 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(2) OTHO G. STONEMAN (34175304), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 2 May 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Denim Station, Greensboro, North Carolina. (GO 60, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

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g. Division Citation Cont'd

(3) WILLIAM G. SMITH (34149606), Private First Class, Anti-tank Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 27 March 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route Number 2, Columbia, Tennessee. (GO 61, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 Mar'45).

(4) HOWARD C. HARRIS (20708735), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 30 May 1944 to 1 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Hayward, Minnesota. (GO 52, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 11 Mar'45).

(5) WILLIAM E. JOHNSON (37027119), Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 30 May 1944 to 1 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route 2, Dakota, Minnesota. (GO 52, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 11 Mar'45).

(6) VERNON W. VIGEN (37027276), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "H". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 23 February 1943 to 1 March 1945, in Italy and North Africa. Home address: 624 Scott Avenue, Bemidji, Minnesota. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(7) KENNETH W. SCHUSTER (37027339), Sergeant, Company "H". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 23 February 1943 to March 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Pine River, Minnesota. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(8) DANIEL H. EVANS (37027279), Staff Sergeant, Company "H". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 February 1943 to 1 January 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Box 75, Judson, Minnesota. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(9) EARL E. SCHNIRRING (20708890), Staff Sergeant, Company "H". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 February 1943 to 1 January 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: 920 Lansing Avenue, Austin, Minnesota. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(10) FRANCIS G. DICKINSON (01691744), First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 28 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: 110 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, South Dakota. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

(11) CAMILIUS H. STABB (01289987), First Lieutenant, Anti-tank Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943 to 1 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: Oriskany Falls, New York. (GO 69, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 29 Mar'45).

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PLAN "A"

The intent of this plan is to provide for the movement of the 155th Infantry Regiment from its current position to the forward assembly area. This plan is based on the assumption that the enemy has been successful in its approach and that the following hills, 445 (8226), 469, 502 (8227), 520 (8326), 410, 421 (8327), and local reserves have been unable to restore these positions.

PLAN "A"

Assumption is made that the enemy has been successful in its approach and that the following hills, 445 (8226), 469, 502 (8227), 520 (8326), 410, 421 (8327), and local reserves have been unable to restore these positions.

1. Regiment closes in forward assembly area 4 hours after receiving movement orders.
2. Regiment is kept informed of situation in threatened area by Liaison Officers assigned at Division.
3. On Division order, Regiment moves two battalions by truck and Battalion in marching by truck to assembly area where battalions close and prepare to attack. Order of March, 2nd Bn, 153rd Infantry, 3rd Bn, 155th Infantry, and 1st Bn, 155th Infantry.
4. Advance party from leading battalion consisting of Battalion C.P., S-2, S-3, S-4, S-5, S-6, S-7, S-8, S-9, S-10, S-11, S-12, S-13, S-14, S-15, S-16, S-17, S-18, S-19, S-20, S-21, S-22, S-23, S-24, S-25, S-26, S-27, S-28, S-29, S-30, S-31, S-32, S-33, S-34, S-35, S-36, S-37, S-38, S-39, S-40, S-41, S-42, S-43, S-44, S-45, S-46, S-47, S-48, S-49, S-50, S-51, S-52, S-53, S-54, S-55, S-56, S-57, S-58, S-59, S-60, S-61, S-62, S-63, S-64, S-65, S-66, S-67, S-68, S-69, S-70, S-71, S-72, S-73, S-74, S-75, S-76, S-77, S-78, S-79, S-80, S-81, S-82, S-83, S-84, S-85, S-86, S-87, S-88, S-89, S-90, S-91, S-92, S-93, S-94, S-95, S-96, S-97, S-98, S-99, S-100, S-101, S-102, S-103, S-104, S-105, S-106, S-107, S-108, S-109, S-110, S-111, S-112, S-113, S-114, S-115, S-116, S-117, S-118, S-119, S-120, S-121, S-122, S-123, S-124, S-125, S-126, S-127, S-128, S-129, S-130, S-131, S-132, S-133, S-134, S-135, S-136, S-137, S-138, S-139, S-140, S-141, S-142, S-143, S-144, S-145, S-146, S-147, S-148, S-149, 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5. A minimum of nine (9) hours must be allowed between the time the troops first begin to move and the time of the attack. Additional time for resting troops in forward assembly area is desirable.
6. Artillery not already registered will register during forward movement of troops.
7. Concentrations on call will be fired by artillery.
8. Regiment attacks in column of Battalions, 2nd Bn of 153rd attacks, 3rd Battalion of 155th ready to move, and 1st Battalion of 155th is reserve, units use L.D. which suits situation.

PLAN "X"

Assumption is made that the enemy has been successful from this approach and that he occupies any or all of the following hills, 445 (8226), 469, 502 (8227), 520 (8326), 410, 421 (8327), and local reserves have been unable to restore these positions.

1. Regiment closes in forward assembly area 4 hours after receiving movement orders.

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COUNTERATTACK PLANS W, X, Y, Z.

General:

135th Inf Regt (w/attached) must not allow any portion present front lines to be lost due to enemy action by counterattack upon order 34th Div Hqs.

2. Missions:

- a. Res Bn (BARBERINO Training Area)
    - Prepared to execute any of the counterattack plans W, X, Y, or Z. (See Overlay)
    - On 6-hour alert.
    - Prepares to close into forward assembly area 4 hours after leaving Barberino.
  - b. Res Bn (ANGONELLA - L-965267)
    - Prepared to execute any of counterattack plans W, X, Y, or Z.
    - Prepared to close into forward assembly area 4 hours after receiving movement order.
  - c. Res Bn, 133rd Inf (vic SERRA - L-825225)
    - Prepared to be attached 135th Inf for counterattack mission upon order 34th Div Hqs.
    - Will execute any of plans W, X, Y, or Z upon order this Hqs following attachment.
    - Prepared to close into forward assembly area 4 hours after receiving movement order.
3. 135th Inf will be assisted in execution of counterattacks by 133rd Inf. It will furnish information of Regt'l sector, provide guides as requested by CO, 135th Inf, and support C/As by fire.
  4. 135th Inf will be assisted in execution of counterattacks by 168th Inf. It will furnish information of Regt'l sector, provide guides as requested by CO, 135th Inf, and support C/As by fire.
  5. Direct Artillery Support for this Regiment will be provided by 91st Div Arty who will:
    - Support C/A upon order of 34th Inf Div.
    - Prepare to send Ln Parties and Fwd Obs to 135th Inf upon order of 34th Inf Div.
  6. Others -
    - No change.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GREYER

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