

Regimental History

135th INFANTRY

1 April to 30 April 1945

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SECTION II

ASST. STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY
 APRIL, 1915

Date	Officers	Warrant Officers	Enlisted Men
1 April	175	2	3225
2	177	2	3227
3	179	2	3220
4	178	2	3200
5	179	2	3202
6	181	2	3220
7	182	2	3285
8	180	2	3282
9	179	2	3113
10	177	2	3102
11	177	2	3102
12	177	2	3103
13	178	2	3102
14	179	2	3100
15	179	2	3105
16	177	2	3108
17	179	2	3101
18	180	2	3103
19	180	2	3107
20	180	2	3131
21	180	2	3131
22	180	3	3131
23	181	3	3131
24	182	3	3129
25	182	3	3129
26	182	3	3127
27	180	3	3396
28	180	3	3100
29	180	3	3106
30	180	3	3394

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STATION LIST - APRIL 1945

1 April 1945

Regt'l Hqs	-	Monzuno (823-242)
Hqs. Co.	-	" " "
Anti-Tank Co.	-	" " (Vic.)
Cannon Co.	-	Atchd 133rd Inf - 74522472
Service Co.	-	Ca di Romognolo - 873-208
1st Battalion	-	Atchd 11th Armored Brigade
2nd Battalion	-	Monzuno (828-251)
3rd Battalion	-	" (3292-2622)

14 APRIL 1945

Regt'l. Hqs.	-	Castelnuovo di Bisano (912-255)
Hqs: Co.	-	" " " " Vic.
Anti-Tank Co.	-	" " " " Vic.
Cannon Co.	-	Atchd 133rd Inf.
Service Co.	-	Vic. Castelnuovo di Bisano (912-255)
1st Battalion	-	Atchd 11th Armored Brigade
2nd Battalion	-	Montorenza - (911-255) Vic.
3rd Battalion	-	Castelnuovo - (906-252) Vic.

18 APRIL 1945

Cannon Co.	Returned 135 Inf.	Vic. Castelnuovo di Bisano (919-253)
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19 APRIL 1945

1st Battalion	Returned 135 Inf.	Vic. Castelnuovo di Bisano (919-253)
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20 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	Vic. Livergnano (873-317)
Hqs. Co.	-	" " "
Anti-Tank Co.	-	" " (874-309)
Cannon Co.	-	" " (874-325)
Service Co.	-	" Castelnuovo di Bisano (912-255)
1st Battalion	-	" Livergnano (874-325)
2nd Battalion	-	" " "
3rd Battalion	-	" Zulu (878-329)

STATION LIST - APRIL 1945

21 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	City of Bologna	(907-467)
"	-	" " "	(895-503)
Hqs. Co.	-	" " "	" Vic.
Anti-Tank Co.	-	" " "	(892-505)
Cannon Co.	-	" " "	(876-491) Vic.
Service Co.	-	" " "	" "
1st Battalion	-	" " "	(89855080)
2nd Battalion	-	" " "	(875-510)
3rd Battalion	-	" " "	(891-512)

24 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	Castelfranco -	(668-601)
Hqs. Co.	-	" " "	" Vic.
Anti-Tank Co.	-	" " "	" "
Cannon Co.	-	" " "	" "
Service Co.	-	City of Bologna	(876-491)
1st Battalion	-	Castelfranco	(67255930)
2nd Battalion	-	" " "	" Vic.
3rd Battalion	-	" " "	(673-597)

24 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	Vicinity of	480-660
Hqs. Co.	-	" " "	" "
Anti-Tank Co.	-	Detached	135th Inf.

25 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	Rubiera -	(464-670)
Hq. Co.	-	Vic. of	480-660
Cannon Co.	-	Rubiera -	(464-670)
Service Co.	-	" "	" "
1st Battalion	-	" "	" "
2nd Battalion	-	Vic. 146-828	Attacking Down Hwy. 9
3rd Battalion	-	Vic. 185-795	

26 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	Fidenza -	(040-877)
Hqs. Co.	-	Rubiera -	(464-670)
Service Co.	-	" "	" "
Units - Attacking Down Hwy. 9	-	Cleared Fidenza; Fiorenzuola; D'Arda, Cadeo and Piacenza.	
1st Battalion Assembled		Vic. Piacenza - 756-149	
2nd Battalion	" "	684-080	
3rd Battalion	" "	"	

STATION LIST - APRIL 1945

26 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	City of Pontenure
Hqs. Co.	-	Enroute
Service Co.	-	"
Cannon Co.	-	Vic. Pontenure (663-118)
Anti-Tank Co.	Returned 195th Inf	" "

29 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	City of Brescia (030-068)
Hqs. Co.	-	" " " "
Anti-Tank Co.	-	" " " "
Cannon Co.	-	" " " "
Service Co.	-	" " " "
1st Battalion	-	" " " "
2nd Battalion	-	" " " "
3rd Battalion	-	" " " "

30 APRIL 1945

Regt'l Hqs.	-	City of Gallarate (948-878)
Hqs. Co.	-	" " " "
Anti-Tank Co.	-	" " " "
Cannon Co.	-	" " " "
Service Co.	-	" " " "
1st Battalion	-	" " " "
2nd Battalion	-	City of Milano
3rd Battalion	-	City of Gallarate

April, a month of fair weather, came with the 135th Infantry continuing in its location at Monzuno (823-242) with the exception of the First Battalion which remained with the 11th Armored Brigade, and Cannon Company attached to the 133rd Infantry.

For more than half the month the regiment was occupied with the static kind of warfare which had been characteristic of the Italian theater throughout the winter months. Preparations for the offensive were underway but the men of the regiment, accustomed to the slow, hard fighting in the mountains, had no realization or expectation that by the time the month had come to a close the Italian campaign for all practical purposes would have ended in the complete rout of the enemy.

From the period 1/ 14 April there was little activity in the Monzuno sector. On 3 April reconnaissance and security patrols had as an additional mission the checking of mine fields. For the first time the regiment employed dogs on patrols and the men reported that they were a helpful addition. Despite the fact that smoke was used daily to screen the valley between Monzuno and Highway 65, the enemy succeeded in knocking out two peeps on the road leading to the regimental CP. For the most part, however, artillery fire on both sides was limited.

The Germans, anticipating the coming attack, increased the use of flares at night.

On 5 April the 135th Infantry was attached to the 60th Division. There was an increase of our artillery and mortar fire on this day at targets on Hill 127 (825206) and Montemurici (835288) and our artillery also fired propaganda shells. The Germans returned with some mortar fire and shelling from SP guns.

Engineers started the work of clearing enemy minefields near the regimental positions on 6 April and the Germans, extremely sensitive to any movement, again increased their use of flares.

A taste of things to come was given the enemy on 7 April when five air missions were flown over the division sector. On the following day a Polish soldier was picked up at 811277 and gave the information that he was with the 296th Mountain Alpine Infantry attached to the 157th Division.

Illness sent Colonel Menhart to the 8th Evacuation Hospital on 9 April and Lieutenant Colonel Charles P. Greyer assumed command of the regiment.

We were maintaining constant patrols whose reports were largely negative, and on 10 April the enemy with a force of unknown strength attempted a raid against Company E positions shortly after midnight. The Germans fired machine guns, machine pistols and rifle grenades but they withdrew without success when mortars were directed against them.

On 11 April preparations were underway for the relief of the regiment.

A patrol from Company J, captured a prisoner on 12 April and this soldier from the 296th Infantry Regiment claimed his unit had been in their positions

for the past three months..

Early on the morning of 13 April the regiment was shocked by the news of the untimely death of the commander-in-chief, President Roosevelt.

The following day Colonel Ellis W. Williamson, who had been with the 34th Division Artillery, was sent to the regiment as commanding officer. It had been learned that Colonel Manhart probably would be confined to the hospital for a long period. On the same day the regiment was notified that a flak danger zone had been set south of the 88-24 (895240) line, and that this zone would be hazardous from 1511255 to 1511130 April. Anti-aircraft guns were being fired as a guide to our planes who was to soften the enemy as a preliminary to the ground offensive. The regiment, now in a new location, was designated as III Corps reserve and placed on a two hour alert. Regimental Headquarters, Service Company, Anti-tank Company and the Third Battalion were stationed in the vicinity of Castelnuovo di Bisano (912-255), the Second Battalion at Montorenza (911-255), the First Battalion continued attached to the 11th Armored Brigade, and Cannon Company to the 133rd Infantry.

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It was on ~~14~~ April that the 168th Regiment jumped off in the start of the offensive in the 34th Division sector. For days there had been a steady increase of fire from our artillery. Reports of initial progress on the Fifth Army front raised the morale of the men who were anxious to get out of the mountains and into the Po Valley.

Colonel John M. Breit assumed command of the regiment on 18 April and Colonel Williamson returned to the 34th Division Artillery. On the same day Cannon Company returned to the regiment and on the 19 the First Battalion reverted back to regimental control.

On 20 April the regiment was alerted to clear Bologna and moved forward to the area around Livergnano (873317). Great care had to be taken in selecting billeting areas because of the large number of mines. On 20 April the regiment was alerted to clear Bologna and moved forward along Highway 65 on the morning of 21 April. The 133rd Infantry preceded the 135th into the city. Our vehicles, displaying fluorescent panels, red and yellow, as a signal to our aircraft, moved into the city where another warm welcome, typical of liberated Italian cities. In Bologna it was evident that the partisans of northern Italy were more numerous and more highly organized than in the south, and through the rest of the campaign the regiment witnessed the valuable role played by patriotic Italians in freeing their country from Germans and Fascists.

Installations in Bologna were guarded, road blocks and patrols established, and the 34th Division was ordered to garrison the city. Bologna was inspected for booby traps and mines but none was found although some bridges were prepared for demolition. The enemy had left in great haste with meager transportation which included much horse drawn equipment. Charcoal burning vehicles also were used. Shortly before midnight of 22 April enemy planes bombed Bologna with anti-personnel and heavy bombs. Except for minor damage to First Battalion vehicles the regiment was untouched.

The Bologna garrison duty of the division was of short duration. The 34th Division was ordered to drive northwest along Highway 9 to cut off the enemy attempting to pull back from the western sector across the Po River. By 24 April the regiment was at Castelfranco (668-601) and on the next day at Rubiera (461670) with the Second Battalion attacking along the highway in the vicinity of 146-828.

Little organized resistance was offered by the Germans. we had the support of elements of the 755th Tank Battalion. Movement was so rapid that the task of transporting the troops was a difficult problem. By 25 April Pidenza (040-877) was in the hands of the regiment, and in succession the towns of Fiorenzuola, PArda, Cadeo and Piacenza were taken by the Second Battalion. The Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon operated patrols in the city of Parma in order that the regiment might move through the city.

General Bolte informed the regiment that a large number of the enemy was reported coming out of the mountains to the south and expressed the belief that they would cut to the northwest when fired upon.

The First Battalion, located at Georso (755150), was subjected to an attack from the rear when a German pocket attempted to break through to the Po River on 26 April. A heavy fire fight developed and did not end until the following day. Some Germans broke through and took 27 prisoners from the battalion with them, but the battalion threw back the main body, knocked out a large amount of equipment, including three tanks, an 88 mm artillery piece and prime mover, three SP guns, and numerous trucks and personnel carriers. Two hundred and forty-six prisoners were taken. The 27 prisoners captured by the fleeing Germans were freed several days later by the First Armored Division after they were forced to cross the Po River on rafts under our own artillery fire and march more than 60 miles northward.

Communications between the regiment and the First Battalion were not established until the following day, 27 April, and on the afternoon of that day a German major formally surrendered more than 700 enemy soldiers to the battalion.

There was a steady and increasing flow of prisoners into the regiment. Partisans also were bringing in many groups. Motorized equipment, Volkswagens, motorcycles, as well as tanks, artillery pieces and field kitchens were collected with such rapidity that an accurate count was difficult.

The regiment was alerted against the reported movement of the 148th Division moving northward toward our sector, but shortly afterward we were notified that the Brazilian Expeditionary Force would relieve us at Pontemure (663-108) and the 135th Infantry would pull back on Highway 9 and sweep in an arc to the northwest to Brescia (030060). The regiment was to head off the 34th German Infantry Division, a fitting climax for the men of the "Red Bull" Division. Already, on 28 April, there were rumors of a general surrender by the enemy in Italy.

By 29 April the regiment was in Brescia, an important manufacturing center, and the prisoner round-up continued. The PW count on 29 April was 1385. Company A gathered in one group of 697 men, 29 officers, 85 vehicles, 13 AA guns, and 7 AT guns.

A task force was ordered into Milan and the Second Battalion, assigned as part of the group, moved into the city on 30 April. The entry took the form of a parade for the Italians had liberated their city, executed Mussolini, his mistress and a number of accomplices and flung them into the gutter. The city where Fascism had its origin was its grave.

The balance of the regiment, plus elements of the 109th Medical Battalion, 75th Tank Battalion and the 109th Engineers, moved to Gallarate (945870) on 30 April, and a group went on to the Swiss frontier at Porto Ceresio where the American flag was raised. The long difficult road from Salerno to Switzerland had been traveled. There were two more days before the formal surrender took effect, but the war was over in the Italian theater.

SECTION V

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers on 1 April 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	1st Lt Leo J. Remmetter, 0437485
S-1	Capt Mart R. Parker, 01294355
Regimental Surgeon	Major Arthur (NMI) Heldman, 0428142
Commanding Headquarters Co	Capt Keith O. Van Krevelen, 0377973
" Service Co	1st Lt Burton F. Bridges, 01310565
" Antitank Co	Capt Edward T. Butt, 01030227
" Cannon Co	Capt Doen C. Fellows, 01168659
" First Battalion	Major James E. Tyler, 024079
Executive Officer	Capt James F. Garfield, 0370002
S-3	1st Lt Robert G. Davis, 01304872
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, 0406826
" 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. Eoggan, 0431150
" Company "F"	1st Lt Richard Barden, 01303634
" Company "G"	1st Lt Sam (NMI) Guzzardo, 01312760
" Company "H"	1st Lt Ambrose J. Briscoe, 0391531
" 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"	1st Lt Richard A. Kearney, 01311398

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

9 April 1945

1. Col Ashton H. Manhart, 018773, Commanding Officer, 135th Infantry, evacuated sick.
2. Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, 135th Infantry, and assigned as Commanding Officer, 135th Infantry.
3. Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, and assigned as Executive Officer, Second Battalion.

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

9 April 1945, Cont'd.

4. Lt Col Simon Castillo, 0234762, assigned as Commanding Officer, Second Battalion.

5. Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, Second Battalion.

12 April 1945

1. Capt William L. Gammon, 01300471, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Cannon Co.

2. 1st Lt Wilbur (MII) Williams, 01295971, assigned as Commanding Officer, Cannon Company.

14 April 1945

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

2. Col Ellis V. Williamson, 012335, assumed command of 135th Infantry.

15 April 1945

1. Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283, Executive Officer, Second Battalion, evacuated sick.

2. Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519, assigned as Executive Officer, Second Battalion.

3. Capt Norman E. Brown, 01286956, assigned as S-3, Second Battalion.

4. Capt William B. Cole, 0384080, relieved of assignment as S-3, Second Battalion, and assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "H".

5. 1st Lt Ambrose J. Briscoe, 0391531, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "H".

17 April 1945

1. Major James E. Tyler, 023079, Commanding Officer, First Battalion, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

18 April 1945

1. Col Ellis V. Williamson, 012335, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, 135th Infantry.

2. Col John M. Breit, 019171, assumed command of 135th Infantry.

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

19 April 1945

1. 1st Lt Robert E. King, 0524350, Commanding Officer, Company "A", evacuated sick.
2. 1st Lt Walter R. Hayes, Jr., assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "A".

20 April 1945

1. Capt Reid B. Huff, 0390555, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion.
2. Capt Leslie K. Vensel, 01305681, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "I" and assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion.
3. Capt John S. Chesebro, 0464696, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "I".
4. Capt Mart R. Parker, 01294355, relieved of assignment as Regimental S-1.
5. Capt Joe (NMI) Humble, 01309738, assigned as Regimental S-1.

27 April 1945

1. 1st Lt Richard (NMI) Bawden, 01303834, Commanding Officer, Company "F", evacuated wounded.
2. 2nd Lt James B. Miloser, 02001744, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "F".

SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

A. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (From 1 April through 30 April 1945).

1. Killed in Action

6 April 1945

Pfc	• Nolley, Douglas I.	33655991	Co "A"
Cpl	• Schielke, James G.	15313287	Co "G"

7 April, 1945

S/Sgt	• Stafford, Paul G.	37664167	Co "A"
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8 April, 1945

2nd Lt	• Lester, Gordon W.	01061452	Co "H"
* Pfc	• Bohlig, Donald J.	32974360	Co "G"

26 April 1945

Pfc	• Vaicunas, Boleslaw C. J.	31430434	Co "E"
Cpl	• Huff, Charles A.	33684618	Co "D"

27 April, 1945

Pfc	• Sikora, Stanley E.	35096475	Co "M"
Pvt	• Jonas, Walter A.	36968298	Serv Co
Cpl	• Larson, Ernest R.	36667805	Serv Co

* Died of Wounds in Hospital

2. Wounded in Action

3 April, 1945

Pfc	• Lidstone, Theredon J.	31400056	Co "L"
Pfc	• Pare, John A.	36457150	Hq Co 2nd Bn

5 April, 1945

Sgt	• Duffy, Joseph L.	33437107	Co "I"
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6 April, 1945

Pfc	• Bobay, Harry V., Jr.	37706140	Co "G"
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7 April, 1945

Pvt	• Gaines, William L.	34813440	Co "A"
Sgt	• Clayton, James I.	36479405	Co "A"
Pfc	• Martin, Richard N.	35830421	Co "A"

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

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

8 April, 1945

2nd Lt	- Gibson, Richard G. Jr	01058808	Co "G"
Pfc	- Hill, Robert H.	35903776	Co "G"

11 April, 1945

Pfc	- Short, C. B. (IO) Jr	38368701	Co "A"
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13 April, 1945

S/Sgt	- McKay, Ernest C.	31352025	Co "L"
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15 April, 1945

Tec 5	- Wood, Loren L.	16155915	Co "C"
Pfc	- Ferrara, Archie W.	33808249	Co "C"
S/Sgt	- Synder, Howard E.	33833975	Co "C"
Pfc	- Glasberg, Herman D.	42050066	Co "C"

16 April, 1945

Pvt	- Rupp, Edgar R.	33562109	Co "B"
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26 April, 1945

Pfc	- Carr, Robert E.	36631747	Co "C"
Pfc	- Pfau, Charles F.	36736323	Co "C"
Pfc	- Estep, Garland R.	35932625	Co "A"
1st Lt	- Bawdon, Richard (NMI) Jr	01303834	Co "F"
1st Lt	- Inglis, Thomas N. Jr	0537008	Co "F"
Pfc	- Gurley, Abraham (NMI)	15090647	Co "F"
S/Sgt	- Maynard, Dennis E.	34735188	Co "F"
Pfc	- Lowe, Leroy (NMI)	35435781	Co "F"
Pvt	- Gomez, Edward Y.	39864176	Co "F"
Pfc	- Carter, Francis A.	33556506	Co "F"
1st Lt	- Jacobi, Charles R.	0536625	Co "E"
Pvt	- Ferguson, Marvin (NMI)	35708154	Co "E"

27 April, 1945

Pfc	- Wilson, Romey L.	34875550	Co "E"
Pfc	- DeRosa, Salvatore A.	33454417	Co "I"
S/Sgt	- Katool, George K.	34136155	Serv Co
Pvt	- Kennedy, Andrew H.	38388807	Serv Co

3. Missing in Action

26 April, 1945

1st Sgt	Tuenge, Richard R.	20708071	Co "D"
Pfc	Alderman, Julius A.	33563794	Co "D"
Pfc	Bishop, Freeman E.	31308003	Co "D"

(SECTION VI--LOSSES IN ACTION, Cont'd)

3. Missing in Action, Cont'd

26 April, 1945, Cont'd

Pfc	Bombaro, Carmen S.	32758455	Co "D"
Pfc	Borrolli, Gene A.	35056009	Co "D"
Pfc	Castaldo, Carmin E.	31308028	Co "D"
Pfc	Constantine, Joseph W.	32819331	Co "D"
Pfc	Cripe, Lee W.	35096728	Co "D"
Pfc	Culver, Orville L.	34782974	Co "D"
Pfc	Day, George E.	35868895	Co "D"
Pfc	Decker, Hubert C.	35700186	Co "D"
Cpl	Fulcher, Clyde D.	37519471	Co "D"
Pfc	Gaffoy, Earl W.	33434169	Co "D"
S/Sgt	Hardimon, Robert W.	38161898	Co "D"
Pfc	Lambert, Arthur U.	31381599	Co "D"
Pfc	Lewence, Alfred L.	32600500	Co "D"
Pfc	Libby, Charles H. L. Jr	31322101	Co "D"
Pfc	McCurdy, Raymond C.	33689292	Co "D"
Pfc	Michalowski, Joseph J.	33623886	Co "D"
Pfc	Mitchell, Edmund S.	32100493	Co "D"
Pvt	Napomano, Fred J.	32871153	Co "D"
Pfc	Sevier, Ordon T.	34735164	Co "D"
Pfc	Taylor, Buford L.	33215553	Co "D"
Pfc	Vitalo, James V.	32823914	Co "D"
Pfc	Walters, Clyde J.	38662260	Co "D"

27 April, 1945

Tec 5	Hee, Bong (NMI)	32617992	Co "C"
Pvt	Ferguson, James A.	33715729	Co "C"
Pfc	Little, Hyron S.	34834997	Co "C"
Pfc	McKenzie, Record D.	34889522	Co "C"
Pfc	Emord, Edward R.	36805691	Co "C"
Pfc	Talkington, Leonard (NMI)	34706759	Hq Co 2nd Bn
Pfc	Dinger, John (NMI)	35924988	Med Det
Pfc	Beachler, Frederick L.	35878317	Med Det

29 April, 1945

Pfc	Dawson, Clarence E.	14044138	Co "F"
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B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO APRIL, 1945, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

1. Killed in Action

26 January, 1944

Pvt	Jaroszek, Kasimier T.	32584883	Co "E"
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17 October, 1944

Pfc	Phelan, Matthew W.	36695454	Co "F"
S/Sgt	Dayton, William R.	7081146	Co "F"

SECTION VI--LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

2. Wounded in Action

29 March, 1945

Pfc Weeks, John G. 34013268 Co "K".

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action	0	0	29
Wounded in Action	4	0	13
Missing in Action	0	0	34
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) OLE H. EVANS (37027579), Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action from 1 to 3 February 1944, in Italy. When his platoon leader was wounded during a heavy shelling of the ridge occupied by the platoon, Sgt Evans assumed command and exposed himself to extremely heavy enemy fire as he directed his men to positions of safety. He then succeeded in removing the twelve wounded men of the platoon to a position where they could receive medical aid. That night when a numerically superior enemy patrol attempted to raid their position, the platoon, under Sgt Evans' capable leadership, drove off the enemy force with heavy casualties. During the next two days Sgt Evans led his platoon forward in the face of withering grenade, small arms and artillery fire to make small gains. He repeatedly exposed himself and on the third day he was wounded. Refusing evacuation, Sgt Evans directed his men in repelling an enemy counter-attack. The courage and gallant leadership displayed by Sgt Evans were a source of inspiration to the entire platoon. Home address: Dunseith, North Dakota. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(2) FREDERICK J. WILCOX, JR (32063999), Technical Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 6 January 1944, in Italy. During a dawn attack upon enemy held ground, Sgt Wilcox's company ran into concertina wire, detonated some mines and were subjected to small arms fire from friendly troops who mistook them for the enemy. Several rounds of friendly artillery also fell short and all the officers in the company became casualties. At this point, Sgt Wilcox took command of the company and ordered it to continue the attack. He then led his company through a supporting artillery barrage and his aggressive attack so surprised the enemy that the company was not detected until they were within 50 yards of the enemy positions. Most of the enemy fled but one machine gun crew attempted to stop the assault. No sooner had the hostile machine gun opened fire than Sgt Wilcox led three of his men in a charge and killed the two man crew. The courageous and aggressive leadership of Sgt Wilcox enabled his company to seize important dominating ground and capture ten enemy troops. Home address: 110 Elecker Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(3) EDWARD C. AKERS (33534118), Private First Class, Company "D", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, in Italy. Although enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire forced the members of his squad to seek safety, Pfc Akers, a mortar gunner, courageously remained beside his weapon and continued to fire on counter-attacking enemy forces. When an enemy artillery shell set fire to a pile of ammunition near his mortar, Pfc Akers quickly moved his weapon to a new firing position. In so doing he was badly burned and wounded in the leg by the exploding ammunition. Despite his injuries Pfc Akers continued firing until the hostile attack was beaten off. Pfc Akers' tenacious devotion to duty and

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a. Silver Star, Cont'd.

(3) Cont'd. courage was an inspiration to his comrades and his action reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Rocky Mount, Virginia. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr'45).

b. Silver Star (Posthumously)

(1) ERVIN W. PROKSCH (36829034), Staff Sergeant, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 22 September 1944, in Italy. Under the aggressive leadership of Sgt Proksch, a squad of eight men gained the top of a hill raked by intense enemy small arms fire. Immediately eight enemy troops attacked the position firing machine pistols and rifles. Realizing his position was untenable because of the open nature of the terrain, Sgt Proksch ordered his men to withdraw and remained behind to cover their movement. Armed with a rifle he engaged the enemy force, killed two and wounded two. While fighting off the remaining four, Sgt Proksch was killed but the diversion he had created enabled his squad to gain safety. Sgt Proksch's aggressiveness and devotion to his men exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: LaCrosse, Wisconsin. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(2) LEVI H. RODGERS (35130723), Technical Sergeant, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 1 and 2 February 1944, in Italy. When his platoon became subjected to severe concentrations of enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, Sgt Rodgers repeatedly exposed himself to the intense fire to direct his men in driving off a numerically superior enemy raiding party. He made his way through a hail of small arms and grenade fire to capture an enemy officer who had been lying wounded some 75 yards in front of his platoons position and as a result gained valuable information. The next day the enemy again attacked and Sgt Rodgers time and again dashed back and forth across the bullet swept terrain to adjust his men's firing positions and distribute ammunition when needed. The courageous and cool leadership of Rodgers was inspirational and a key factor in the successful operation. Home address: Brookville, Ohio. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

c. Oak Leaf Cluster for Silver Star (Posthumously)

(1) VIRGIL C. KIFER (33721201), Staff Sergeant, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 10 October 1944, in Italy. By skillful use of all available cover and concealment Sgt Kifer brought his platoon to within 100 yards of an objective which had been holding up his Battalion for three days. He then led half his platoon in a daring rush through a hail of machine gun fire to secure one of the buildings on the objective. Although the entire hillside he was on was being raked by intense enemy small arms fire, Sgt Kifer directed his men to the best positions from which to meet an expected counter-attack. While bringing the remainder of his platoon up the hill Sgt Kifer saw the house in which he had left the other men blown up by an enemy landmine. He immediately began rushing

c. Oak Leaf Cluster for Silver Star (Posthumously) Cont'd.

(1) Cont'd. back up the hill to see what he could give, but enroute he was mortally wounded by the vicious fire raking the hillside. Although dying, Sgt Kifer gave instructions for the withdrawal of the surviving members of his platoon. Sgt Kifer's indomitable fighting spirit and courageous leadership was outstanding and will always be remembered by his fellow comrades. Home address: Cumberland, Maryland. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr'45).

d. Bronze Star

(1) OWEN W. CAMPBELL (20707265), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 5 May 1943, in Tunisia, North Africa. Home address: 5337 42nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(2) DWAIN LINDSEY (34700702), Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 9 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Trenton, Alabama. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(3) ANTHONY A. TOMASSONI (36229267), Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 20 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 707 Norway Street, Iron Mountain, Michigan. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(4) WILLIAM E. HASTIE (01030251), First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: E. Bennett Avenue, Glendora, California. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(5) EDGAR T. ADLER (01297296), Captain, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action from 1 to 3 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Elm Street, Rock Hill, Connecticut. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr'45).

(6) HORACE J. RAPEL (34607074), Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 31 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route Number 3, Kearsop, North Carolina. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr'45).

(7) RALPH W. CHRISTIE (33589286), Sergeant, Company "D", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 28 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: 211 North Second Street, Darby, Pennsylvania. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr'45).

(8) MARINO FALCONE (13021943), Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 322 South 7th Street, Steelton, Pennsylvania. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr'45).

d. Bronze Star, Cont'd.

(9) EDWARD J. MC DONOUGH (31371981), Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 5 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: 16 Garfield Avenue, Woburn, Massachusetts. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(10) RICHARD R. FOSBURG (01320833), First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 215 North Chambers Street, Galesburg, Illinois. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(11) ROBERT T. HUNTER (01303509), First Lieutenant, Service Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 20 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 156 Fuller Lane Winnetka, Illinois. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(12) GUSTAV A. ISAACSON (01318307), First Lieutenant, Headquarters 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1702 Tenth Street, Anacortes, Washington. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(13) CARL J. GUMBERT (0373576), Captain, Dental Corps, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division (then with Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment). For meritorious service in combat from 11 February 1943 to 10 February 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: 1773 Scheffer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(14) LOUIS J. ESPOSITO (32182452), Private First Class, Company "B", 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 30 June 1944 to 18 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Caldwell, New Jersey. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(15) MORTON R. LILLY (33111042), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 11 February 1943 to 1 March 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: 103 South East Street, Connersport, Pennsylvania. (GO 82, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 28 Apr '45).

(16) CHARLES F. BRISCOE (20709743), Staff Sergeant, Company "M", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 2122 24th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 82, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 28 Apr '45).

e. Division Citation

(1) WILLIAM R. COVINGTON (34876508), Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 2 to 4 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Route 2, Sibley, Mississippi. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

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e. Division Citation, Cont'd.

(2) ELVIN J. KOBILIAN (37363227), Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 2 to 4 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Box 214, Route 3, Calhan, Colorado. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(3) KENNETH W. MARTIN (35003658), Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 2 to 4 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Newburg, West Virginia. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(4) ROYALD A. NEWBURN (31303853), Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 2 to 4 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 250 Logee, State Woonsocket, Rhode Island. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

(5) RALPH B. GOHMAN (37027430), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "H", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 17 to 21 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Clearlake, Minnesota. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr '45).

(6) HAROLD N. JOHNSON (37025858), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "L", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 November 1942 to 15 March 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: RFD Number 1, Astoria, South Dakota. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr '45).

(7) SHERRILL P. FRIED (37045393), Corporal, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 November 1942 to 15 March 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: 86 Huxley, Iowa. (GO 80, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 21 Apr '45).

f. Division Citation (Posthumously)

(1) DOUGLAS I. NOLLEY (33655991), Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 2 to 4 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: Vicker, Virginia. (GO 76, Hq 34th Inf Div., dtd 15 Apr '45).

Regimental History

135th INFANTRY

1 May to 31 May 1945

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SECTION II

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY
MAY, 1945

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 May	180	3	3372
2	184	3	3400
3	185	3	3409
4	188	3	3406
5	186	3	3415
6	188	3	3415
7	190	3	3435
8	189	3	3403
9	187	3	3384
10	185	3	3374
11	186	3	3371
12	186	3	3372
13	186	3	3368
14	186	3	3386
15	186	3	3386
16	186	3	3388
17	187	3	3387
18	187	3	3385
19	187	3	3392
20	187	3	3394
21	178	3	3319
22	176	3	3302
23	174	3	3279
24	173	3	3270
25	173	3	3272
26	172	3	3271
27	170	3	3273
28	168	3	3265
29	166	3	3262
30	166	3	3250
31	166	3	3246

STATION LIST - MAY 1945

1 May 1945

Regtl Hq	-	City of Gallarate (948878)
Hq Co	-	" " " "
AT Co	-	" " " "
Cannon Co	-	" " " "
Service Co	-	" " " "
1st Battalion	-	" " " "
2nd Battalion	-	" " Milano "
3rd Battalion	-	" of Gallarate "

2 May 1945

Regtl Hq	-	City of Biella (3781)
Hq Co	-	" " " "
AT Co	-	" " " "
Cannon Co	-	" " " "
Service Co	-	" " " "
1st Battalion	-	" " " "
2nd Battalion	-	City of Milano "
3rd Battalion	-	" " Biella "

4 May 1945

Regtl Hq	-	City of Ivrea
Hq Co	-	City of Biella (3781)
AT Co	-	City of Ivrea (155678)
Cannon Co	-	" of Biella
Service Co	-	" " "
1st Battalion	-	" " Rivarolo (090573)
2nd Battalion	-	" " Milano
3rd Battalion	-	" " Colletterto (157680)

15 May 1945 (Thru end of Month)

Regtl Hq	-	City of San Remo
Hq Co	-	" " " "
AT Co	-	" " " "
Cannon Co	-	" " " "
Service Co	-	" " " "
1st Battalion	-	" " " "
2nd Battalion	-	" " Milano
3rd Battalion	-	" " San Remo

The weather was cold and rainy at Gallarate (9145-878) where all the regimental units with the exception of the Second Battalion were located on 1 May. The Second Battalion, part of CCB of the First Armored Division, was detached from CCB on 2 May and then attached to IV Corps Artillery, remaining in Milan throughout the month.

The 135th RCT did not encounter any enemy units in the vicinity of Gallarate and on 2 May moved to Biella (37-81). Snow and rain were encountered en route to the new area. Because of the rapid movement, transportation and gasoline supply were becoming increasing problems. The 135th moved into Biella without any certain knowledge whether the German 34th and 5th Mountain Divisions would fight or surrender, but at 1300 on 2 May the regimental message center received the news that the 75th German Corps had surrendered and that all resistance had ceased in northern Italy and western Austria. Colonel Faulmueller, chief of staff of the 75th Corps, acting in behalf of General Schlemmer, offered to surrender at 0915 hours and acceptance was given by Captain Patrick Moore, of the British Military Mission. Negotiations were conducted with Captain Moore and Colonel Breit and German officers for the surrender of the two German divisions and all air, naval and service units along the western shore of Italy. The units of the 135th RCT were notified not to shoot unless fired upon.

On 3 May all patrols were canceled, and the troops took showers, changed clothing and cleaned equipment. During the day, 150 Germans drove to the Company I area in their vehicles and surrendered.

Orders were received from the 34th Division that all German troops were to be cleared through Colonel Breit. It was estimated that about 40,000 men might be involved.

Regimental Headquarters, Anti-tank Company and Cannon Company moved to Ivrea (155678) on 4 May, the First Battalion to Rivarolo (090573), and the Third Battalion to Colleretto (157680). Road blocks were set up around the German area and the regimental instructions were to keep the Germans in and the Americans out of the designated territory. Numerous small groups of Germans were being picked up; they were not a part of the main concentration. More than 150 Germans, including a few wounded, sought sanctuary at the shrine at Oropa. They were evacuated.

Arrangements were made for the first surrender of German equipment, including the following: 62 truck loads of ammunition, seven tanks, 20 SP guns, 40 horse drawn vehicles, four light anti-tank guns, 40 light field artillery pieces, 9 heavy field howitzers, 18 81 mm, mortars with carts, and five 120 mm. mortars.

The evacuation of prisoners started on 5 May and by the following day more than 5,000 men had been sent out. The handling of prisoners continued until 15 May when the 135th RCT was ordered to proceed to San Remo on the Italian Riviera and relieve the Third Battalion of the 473rd Infantry. Our troops moved through Genoa and up the coast on Highway 1.

French troops had taken over the Aosta Valley district of Italy and had refused to withdraw. The 135th RCT was instructed to go into San Remo with the idea of relieving the French but under no circumstances to engage in any kind of trouble with our allies. The French were to be permitted to cross the border.

San Remo, a resort center, proved to be an excellent rest center for the troops. Hotels were available, mines and torpedoes were removed in order that the beaches might be used, and later passes were issued for one-day trips to Nice, France.

On 25 May General Truscott, commander of the Fifth Army, was met at the Nice airport by Colonel Breit and escorted to San Remo. General Truscott addressed several formations of the men, lauded the part they played in the Italian campaign, and inspected road blocks. He remained overnight at the regimental headquarters at Hotel Savoy and returned to Nice the following day.

Training was resumed with the addition of a greatly expanded educational program. The balance of the month passed uneventfully.

SECTION V

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

Regimental Commander	Col John M. Breit, 019171
Executive Officer	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
S-4	Major Roland Anderson, 0366901
S-3	Major Fred H. Lippucci, 0359982
S-2	1st Lt Leo J. Remmetter, 0437485
S-1	Capt Joe (NMI) Humble, 01309738
Regimental Surgeon	Major Arthur (NMI) Heldman, 0428142
Commanding Headquarters Co	Capt Keith O. Van Krevelen, 0377973
" Service Co	1st Lt Burton F. Bridges, 01310565 ✓
" Antitank Co	Capt Edward T. Butt, 01030227
" Cannon Co	1st Lt Wilbur (NMI) Williams, 01295971
" First Battalion	Lt Col James E. Tyler, 023079
Executive Officer	Capt James F. Garfield, 0370002
S-3	1st Lt Robert G. Davis, 01304872
Commanding Headquarters Co	Capt William R. Howard, 0387017
" Company "A"	1st Lt Walter R. Hayes, Jr., 01325218
" Company "B"	1st Lt Ernest O. Saasto, 01302201
" Company "C"	Capt William C. Huey, 0406826
" Company "D"	Capt Herbert E. Grote, 01302966
" Second Battalion	Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762
Executive Officer	Major Robert B. Allen, 0330519
S-3	Capt Norman E. Brown, 01286956
Commanding Headquarters Co	1st Lt Clayton S. Oas, 01311345
" Company "E"	1st Lt Edgar W. Boggan, 0413150
" Company "F"	2nd Lt James B. Miloser, 02001744
" Company "G"	1st Lt Sam (NMI) Guzzardo, 01312760
" Company "H"	Capt William B. Cole, 0384080
" 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 Leslie K. Vensal, 01305681
" Company "I"	Capt John S. Chesebro, 0461696
" Company "K"	1st Lt George A. Hunt, 02055397
" 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 May, 1945.1 May 1945

1. Major Fred H. Lippucci, 0359982, Relieved of assignment as S-3, 135th Infantry.

4 May 1945

1. Second Lieutenant James B. Miloser, 02001744, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "F".

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4 May 1945, Cont'd

2. First Lieutenant Robert H. Mikkelsen, 0520259, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "F".

6 May 1945

1. Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283, assigned as S-3, 135th Infantry.

2. First Lieutenant Walter H. Hayes, 01325218, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "A".

3. First Lieutenant Robert E. King, 0524350, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "A".

4. Captain James J. Kelly, 01291130, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "B".

5. First Lieutenant Ernest O. Saasto, 01302201, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "B".

30 May 1945

1. Captain Keith O. Van Krevalen, 0377973, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company.

2. First Lieutenant Spencer L. Heerman, 01304527, assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company.

SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

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

1. Killed in Action -None
2. Wounded in Action -None
3. Missing in Action

1 May 1945

S/Sgt	Spiewak, Charles R.	20112451	Co "L"
Pvt	Rostkowski, Paul F.	33560893	Co "L"

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

1. Wounded in Action

25 April 1945

Pfc	Day, George E.	35868895	Co "D"
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2. Captured

1st Lt	Ayres, David B.	0467438	Co "B"
Tec 5	Johnson, Gordon W.	35722626	Serv Co ✓
Pvt	Iocopeni, Alfonso (NMI)	42143390	Serv Co ✓
Pvt	Jamison, Wayne B.	35838440	Serv Co ✓
Pvt	Bragg, Gerald E.	35239700	Serv Co ✓
Pfc	Poppolla, Thomas (NMI)	31338303	Co "H"
Pfc	Walter, Harold H.	35336403	Co "H"
Pfc	Elkins, Bruce R.	38699484	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	0
Wounded in Action	0	0	1
Missing in Action	0	0	2
Captured	1	0	7

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

a. Silver Star

(1) ROLAND P. DUMONT (31037905), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "C", 135th Regiment. For gallantry in action on 26 April 1945, in Italy. While mopping up by-passed hostile elements Pfc Dumont's platoon encountered an enemy half-track pulling an 88mm SP gun. A firefight immediately ensued during which the anti-tank grenadier in Pfc Dumont's squad was wounded. Although the half-track containing 11 heavily armed enemy soldiers was only a short distance away from him at the time, Pfc Dumont quickly picked up the wounded grenadier's weapon and fired a grenade at the half-track. This grenade did not explode but Pfc Dumont quickly fired another one and this time set the hostile vehicle on fire. The Germans therein immediately came out and all but one of them were either killed, captured or wounded by Pfc Dumont and his fellow comrades. By his quick thinking and great courage in the face of grave danger Pfc Dumont eliminated a serious threat to his platoon. His action was outstanding and worthy of highest praise. Home address: 215 Cleaves Street, Biddeford, Maine. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(2) CHESTER L. MICHALSKI (32568429), Technical Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 14 October 1944, in Italy. When a strong enemy force infiltrated through his Company's defenses and threatened to cut off his platoon, Sgt Michalski received an order to withdraw his platoon. Although wounded by a grenade fragment, Sgt Michalski repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy small arms and grenade fire to collect not only his own platoon but also other elements of the Company, and then started them toward the rear. Sgt Michalski then remained behind with a small body of men and successfully covered the withdrawal, despite desperate enemy attempts to overpower them with withering volleys of grenade and machine gun fire. When the withdrawal was completed Sgt Michalski withdrew his covering force through flanking machine gun fire and rejoined his company. Only after checking his platoon and supervising the removal of the wounded did he consent to be evacuated for treatment of his own wound. The courage and coolness of Sgt Michalski in the face of grave danger reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: 76 Broad Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey. (GO 96 Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(3) RAYMOND J. TONN (01692987), Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944, in Italy. While advancing across an open field Lt Tonn's platoon encountered extremely heavy and close range small arms and grenade fire. When his platoon leader became wounded Lt Tonn took command, rallied his men and led them forward into a hail of fire to close with the enemy. He then single-handedly charged, forced an enemy machine gunner to surrender, and killed two enemy riflemen after a short exchange

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a. Silver Star, cont'd

(3) Cont'd. of fire. Inspiring them by his utter disregard for the enemy fire, and urging them to close in on the fanatically resisting enemy, Lt Tonn led his men in clearing the field of enemy troops. The fight cost his platoon 16 casualties but resulted in the killing of 20 of an estimated force of 30 enemy and the occupying of a hill dominating the approaches to the German Gothic Line. Lt Tonn's courageous leadership was exemplary and a credit to himself and the United States Army. Home address: Brownton, Minnesota. (GO 96, 34th Inf Div Hq, dtd 19 May '45).

(4) WALLACE J. CHALOUPKA (01304500), First Lieutenant, Company "F", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, in Italy. Although he had but 14 men left in his platoon Lt Chaloupka launched an attack on a strongly fortified enemy position with the utmost intrepidity. When it was impossible to continue the advance in the face of withering hostile machine gun fire, Lt Chaloupka single-handedly assaulted one of the enemy's machine gun emplacements. As he crawled toward this position he was wounded by grenade fragments, but despite this he tenaciously continued on to a point from which he was able to hurl a grenade into the German position. He then jumped into the enemy's midst and killed four of them with his rifle. Lt Chaloupka next made his way back across the bullet-swept ground to rejoin his men and lead them in an assault on the remaining enemy positions. Under his spirited leadership the objective was soon taken and 12 enemy captured. Lt Chaloupka refused to leave his men for treatment of his wounds, but remained with them to assist in the event of a counter-attack. Not until two days later when his wounds became infected did he consent to be evacuated. The courage and fighting spirit displayed by Lt Chaloupka was outstanding and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Bostwick, Nebraska. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

b. Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star

RALPH D. STRATMOEN (01703029), First Lieutenant, Company "M", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 26 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Montevideo, Minnesota. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

c. Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star (Posthumously)

LLOYD G. SKINNER (34830227), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: Tusculumbia, Alabama. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945).

SECTION VII (Awards and Decorations, Cont'd)

d. Bronze Star (Posthumously)

(1) LAVERN L. PATTERSON (36434990), Sergeant, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: RFD Number 1, East Alton, Illinois. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(2) NORMAN G. SCHOENROCK (37189514), Technical Sergeant, Company "I", 135th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: Albert Lea, Minnesota. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

e. Bronze Star

(1) GEORGE W. MC CLURE (33703084), Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 25 Webster Avenue, North Irwin, Pennsylvania. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945.)

(2) WILLIAM H. STEPHENSON (34813128), Private, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 2304 30th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

(3) PAUL W. SUSAG (37571815), Private, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 3240 30th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 91 Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(4) HARRY A. CREADY (33677567), Private First Class, Medical Detachment. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 811 Locust Street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(5) ELMER O. FEHLHABER (37175839), Private First Class, Cannon Company. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 15 June 1944 to 12 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: 671 Cherokee Avenue, St Paul, Minnesota. (GO 91)

(6) CHARLES M. SMITH (36869327), Private First Class, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 9386 Peterson Street, Delray Branch, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(7) DON L. BALMER (20713044), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment. For heroic achievement in action on 18-19 October 1943, in Italy. Home address: 122 West Palmetto Street, Duluth, Minnesota. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

SECTION VII (Awards and Decorations, Cont'd)

e. Bronze Star (cont'd)

(8) RAYMOLD E. MALONE (33507730), Sergeant, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1301 Montgomery Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(9) VIRGILIO (REI) ROSATI (20100916), Sergeant, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 5 Marsh Street, Quincy, Massachusetts. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(10) JAMES F. ROWE (32779309), Sergeant, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 225 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. (GO 91 Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(11) DONALD E. DUNN (33090702), Staff Sergeant, Anti-Tank Company. For heroic achievement in action on 18 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Winchester, Virginia. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(12) GERALD W. GRINSTEAD (36130918), Staff Sergeant, Company "I". For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944 in Italy. Home address: 14235 Breakfast Drive, RFD Number 2, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(13) GEORGE W. SLEZAK (20708216), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion. For meritorious service in combat from 12 February 1943 to 15 March 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Route 4, Owatonna, Minnesota.

(14) LESLIE K. VENSEL (01305681), Captain (then First Lieutenant), Headquarters 3rd Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 2206 Fort Stockton Drive, San Diego, California (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dated 8 May '45). (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(15) ASHTON H. MANHART (018773), Colonel, Headquarters 135th Infantry. For meritorious service in combat from 11 September 1944 to 9 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: 1658 East Ninth Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(16) RICHARD J. O'BEIRNE (32828900), Private First Class, Company "B". For heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 773 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

SECTION VII (Awards and Decorations, Cont'd)

e. Bronze Star (cont'd)

(17) JOSEPH A. SARLO (32810634), Private First Class, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 5 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: 417 Delancey Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(18) GERALD I. SALER (36867005), Private First Class, Company "K". For heroic achievement in action on 5 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 2545 West Chicago Street, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(19) ROBERT E. MARSHEL (33761492), Private First Class, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route 7, Box 555, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(20) ROLAND N. DATTNER (32794234), Sergeant, Company "M", For heroic achievement in action on 26 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(21) CHARLES E. DUNSCOMBE (32182724), Sergeant, Headquarters Company. For meritorious service in combat from 11 February 1943 to 15 April 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home Address: 39 Afterglow Way, Montclair, New Jersey. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(22) LAWRENCE (REI) OUSLEY (15053916), Sergeant, Company "G". For heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in Italy. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(23) ARNOLD V. CHAPMAN (34175243), Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment. For meritorious service in combat from 8 November 1942 to 15 April 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Walnut Cove, North Carolina. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(24) KENNETH L. GLOVER (33271323), Technical Sergeant, Company "M". For heroic achievement in action on 26 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Box 156, Rixford, Pennsylvania. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(25) DONALD C. JOHNSON (01321416), First Lieutenant, Company "B". For heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945, in Italy. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45). Home address: 9210 Petoskey Street, Detroit, Michigan.

SECTION VII (Awards and Decorations, Cont'd)

e. Bronze Star (cont'd)

(26) BANTO (NMI) LA BELLA (01293611), First Lieutenant, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 10 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 371 Hudson Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(27) RICHARD E. MALANY (01323153), First Lieutenant, Anti-Tank Company. For heroic achievement in action on 27 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: 214 Hubbell Street, Syracuse, New York. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(28) SCHUYLER W. MILES, JR (0493718), First Lieutenant, Service Company. For meritorious service in combat from 26 November 1943 to 16 February 1945, in Italy. Home address: 65 East Katherine Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(29) WILBUR (NMI) WILLIAMS (01295971), First Lieutenant, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Route 1, Mount Top, Pennsylvania. (GO 94, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 15 May '45).

(30) JAMES M. FLY, JR (34926680), Private First Class, Company "C". For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Summit, Mississippi. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(31) LINKUS (NMI) WHITED (33647269), Private First class, Cannon Company. For heroic achievement in action on 1 to 8 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Jewell Ridge, Virginia. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(32) FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN (32180936), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company. For meritorious service in combat from 20 to 26 December 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1876 Victory Boulevard, Port Richmond, New York. GO 96, Hq 34th Div.

(33) CHARLES (NMI) GAW (32181951), Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion. For meritorious service in combat from 21 September 1943 to 1 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: RFD Number 1, Yardville, New Jersey. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(34) GARNET L. GRAHAM (20707016), Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company. For meritorious service in combat from 20 to 26 December 1944, in Italy. Home address: 615 Sixth Street, South East, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

SECTION VII (Awards and Decorations cont'd) (Bronze Star, cont'd)

(35) ROLLIE B. MULLINS (35670665), Sergeant, Company "G". For heroic achievement in action on 9 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: Orlando, Kentucky. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(36) SAM (NMI) GUZZARDO (01312760), First Lieutenant, Company "G". For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, in Italy. Home address: 342 Kirk Place, San Antonio, Texas. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(37) THOMAS J. NOLAN (0364508), Captain, Service Company. ✓
For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 26 February 1943 to 15 April 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: 4737 Chowne Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

f. Division Citation.

(1) LAWRENCE I. GOULD (37464986), Staff Sergeant, Company "B". For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 7 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: Castle, Wyoming. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945).

(2) JESUS R. ECHAVARRIA (39866322), Technical Sergeant, Company "B". For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 7 March 1945, in Italy. Home address: 526 West Sycamore Street, Santa Paula, California. (GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 8 May '45).

(3) CHESTER H. DEZOTELL (20709750), Private First Class, Company "M". For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 19 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: Appleton, Minnesota. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(4) JOSEPH W. FITRZYK (36540736), Private First Class, Service Company. ✓
For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 26 March 1944 to 15 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: 13741 Keystone Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(5) PAUL H. WRAY (37037435), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "M". For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 26 March 1944 to 23 May 1944, in Italy. Home address: Lenox, Iowa. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

(6) GEORGE C. FREDERICK, JR (33067430), Technician Fourth Grade, Anti-Tank Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 18 April 1944, in Italy. Home address: 1508 Pentridge Road, Apartment 137, Baltimore, Maryland. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May 1945).

(7) FRANKLIN B. KELLEY, Sergeant, Service Company. ✓
For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 11 February 1943 to 15 April 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Falls, Virginia. (GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, dtd 19 May '45).

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1 June 1945

DECLASSIFIED PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12356, Section 3.3,
By Epstein/Wsw NARS, Date 4/17/84

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1	1300	Lt. Remmetter	Informed S-3, 3rd Bn that the head of the CIC and Lt. Jones from 34th Div. G-2 section would be coming down to one of their roadblocks tonight and would be there for awhile.
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2 June 1945

2	0905	Lt. Remmetter	Left the CP to go to AMG office.
3	0930	AMG Officer	Called Col. Greyer asking him to come to the AMG office. Col. Greyer said he was awaiting the arrival of some French officers who are the new French officers due to the change over in their Regiment. They have to get right on back to Imperia. The AMG officer desires to talk to the French and will do so today at lunch.
4	0958	Capt. Anders	Asked Maj. Kurland for the new location of the AMG office, since they recently moved. Was told it is in the Municipal Bldg. in San Remo.
5	1150	AMG Officer	Called Lt. Remmetter concerning additional PW's to be evacuated from Bordighera. Also discussed progress made in screening the area for enemy agents and saboteurs. Lt. Remmetter said the area has been well screened now and we have leads to enable us to capture people we suspect, therefore, help from AMG will not be necessary.
6	1645	Lt. Remmetter	Called 3rd Bn and told them to tell Lt. Coleman that the AMG officer is turning the man loose that Lt. Coleman brought up here today.

3 June 1945

7	1210	Lt. Leadley	Sent the following message to Div. I & E: "Is it possible to procure film, "Two Down and One to Go" for one more showing. Have a small group who have not seen it.
8	1225	125 FA Air OP	Said they just came from Div. and G-3 had told them to remind us of status of training report that is due today.
9	1621	Lt. Remmetter	Informed 1st Bn. we have a message for Capt. Kelly of "E" Co as follows: "Trucks will be there tomorrow at 0630 to pick up PWs at Community Cage" We will type up the request and send it down.
10	1931	Lt. Remmetter	Informed SPs that he wants to see 1 or 2 of them tonight in regard to detail tomorrow.

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By F. J. Fennell / NSW
MARS, Date 4/17/84

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11	0915	Lt. Remmetter	Told Capt. Hanna that there is some Germans working with Partisans on clearing mines in vic. of Imperia. One of the German Sgts. was wounded while taking mines out. Lt. Remmetter told him one of our Sgts. is going there this morning and suggested that Capt. Hanna send a man with him so he can get location of some of these mines. Capt. Hanna will have a man ready to go right away.
12	1300	Co. B 109 Medics	Informed Lt. Remmetter they have a German that was wounded by shrapnel. He has been helping with these minefields around Imperia., and is valuable. Lt. Remmetter said he will see that he isn't evacuated.
13	1305	Lt. Remmetter	109 Engr said that the above German will be either hold here or sent back to a civilian hospital in Imperia.
14	1310	Lt. Remmetter	Told 109 Engr to keep the German there and have the wound dressed every day. The 109 Medics will take care of that and of it, but the Engrs will have to provide sleeping quarters.
15	1320	Maj Anderson	Told Lt Remmetter that the SPS took PWs out of stockade to Bordighera.
16	1405	Lt Remmetter	Sent the following message by Div Radio to G-2, 34th Div: "POWs will not be sent to the POW cage present due to mix-up with AMG Legal Officer in Imperia."
17	1524	SPs	Reported that the PWs are back at Bordighera. We are to inform Lt Remmetter.
18	1620	Capt Gallagher	Informed Col Greyer that a Colonel from the 14th French RI with his wife will pay us an official visit time unknown.
19	<u>5 June 1945</u>		
19	0900	Lt Remmetter	Told Capt Hanna that the German PW is not wounded badly as first thought. We now have him in the stockade and will keep him there until needed.
20	0923	Maj Kurland	Told Service there are two Yugoslav officers going to Milan. Will send them down to Service to catch first truck that is available. Will be down to Service this afternoon to supervise the moving of the Italian civilians.
21	0942	Maj Anderson	Asked Col Greyer the ammo dump location at Arma di Porgia. Col Greyer said there is one truck load there. No small arms but mortar and arty shells. This has last been reported about one week ago. Col Greyer wants to get some 10 in ones for a FWB at Bordighera. Maj Anderson will see that it is taken care of.
22	1030	Maj Conrad	Asked Maj Kurland if M Co hardball team can be excused from training to play in baseball league. Maj Kurland said they could.
23	1224	Lt Remmetter	Told AMG that Admiral Luigi Barioli of the Royal Italian Navy is here and he wants to go to Ventimiglia, for a few hours. AMG asked him to send him over to Hotel Capp to get some information that

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(Continued) may change his mind. Lt Remmetter will issue the regular 135 Inf pass. Will be over to see Lt Remmetter this afternoon after the admiral is dispensed with.

24 1224 Lt McGee

Told Lt Remmetter they had a woman at their CP who has told them that she has recognized a former German SS Commander and three of his compatriots. Two of which are females today on the outskirts of San Remo. S-2 directed that they obtain this lady's address and release her and that he would contact Capt Carraghan of CIC and check into the matter.

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6 June 1945

25 0835 Journal Clerk

Called 109 Engra Co "B", regarding report that they are moving. Was told they have received orders to report back to their battalion as soon as possible and are now waiting for transportation. Capt Hanna is on the way to the Regt CP now regarding the matter.

26 0838 Journal Clerk

Informed Special Service that the 135 Inf band is to be in position for retreat and review at 1645 today. Orders of Maj Kurland. They will notify the band who will check back on it later this morning.

27 0910 K Co

Informed Lt Isaacson that the two CIC men at the Hotel, are gone, and won't be back until noon.

28 1025 Lt Isaacson

Informed all units that the city water main is broken and there is a shortage of water.

29 1445 125 FA

Reported that they have six more German PWs there, that were picked up where they were clearing mines.

30 1448 Lt Remmetter

Reported above to the SPs.

7 June 1945

31 0820 Msg. Center

Called in following message from G-2 to S-2 135 Inf, "Jeep to be at San Remo bus strip at 0900 hrs 7 June/45. To be at disposal of Lt Jones and Capt Moine until dismissed." Copy of Msg being sent up to CP.

32 0835 Lt Jones

Called Capt Gornaloy, saying that he and Capt Moine were getting transportation to our CP and asked if we would have a jeep ready for them when they arrived here.

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8 June 1945

None

9 June 1945

None

10 June 1945

33 0745 Lt Coleman

Reported that our K Co outpost at Bordighera informed him the French guards are letting civilians from France into Italy, but will not let them back to France again, and there is quite a crowd collecting. Call was then transferred to Col Breit's phone.

34 0820 Lt Coleman

Reported that as per instructions of Col Breit, he contacted the AMG concerning the above situation, but the

By Epsteinell /NSW

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that the French received orders last night to stop all
Italians from entering France. Said the large crowd of
civilians are still at the French post in Bordighera.
Col Greyer then talked to him and will contact the French
Commander, and AMG concerning it.

- 35 2230 B Batry. 125 FA Reported that they have picked up two armed partisans, one man and one woman. Lt Montelione told them to turn them over to the guards at city command and have them put them in concentration camp and book them for illegal possessions of weapons.
- 36 2240 125 Artillery Said that the two partisans mentioned above, the man has a permit from AMG to carry a weapon but the woman does not. Lt Bridges told them to have the guards at city command keep them both there until Lt Montelione gives them other instructions.

11 June 1945

- 37 0135 Journal Clerk Gave following msg to radio for transmission to G-3 "Regards to phoned in msg No. 224, marked urgent to us. It is not clear. Request repeat.
- 38 0205 3rd Bn CP Informed that the no. 1,2,3,4, Op lines have been laid, but that no. 5 and 6 have not due to lack of wire.
- 39 0945 Lt Eves Asked if there will be a memorandum out on the training schedule that they are to submit today. Was told that there will not be, and they can submit the schedule covering some subjects as on last one submitted.
- 40 0900 CP Col Breit left to visit 3rd Bn, 1st Bn and 125 FA.
- 41 0930 CP Lt Col Greyer left for AMG
- 42 1027 Sgt Kléne Called Cn Co. CG of 34th Div to CO, 135th Infantry. "Material of Cn Co will be exchanged from 75 mm pack how. to 105 mm how. Arrange to send 75 mm equipment to Mantova on 12 June 1945, to make exchange complete. Instructions being forwarded by msg ctor. this date." Sgt Kline will contact Service Co to arrange for gun trucks and ammo trucks. Cn Co will have everything ready to roll except for the trucks. Nine trucks needed by Cn Co S-4 notified and Regt Transportation Officer.
- 43 1130 Maj Kurland Called Lt Graham, instructing him to have a roving patrol pick up men that are at Alassio Rest Centers, who drift thru San Remo, and run them out of town. They are strictly out of order, and making it hard on everyone.
- 44 1131 Maj Kurland Made a conference call with 3rd Bn and 1st Bn. Instructed roving patrols and road blocks of above. Anyone not in proper uniform will not be allowed to cross into France. San Remo is off limits to all troops but those who have bus pass or are of 135th RCT!
- 45 1315 Lt Remmetter Called K Co and asked them about the report he received about the French officer riding through their road block with his gun out. They will check with road post and call him back.
- 46 1440 Msg Center Received the following msg from Div. Location of 5th Army HQ Gardone (F-3376).
- 47 1830 Sgt Kline To Radio, submitted following message to G-3, 34th Div.

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(Continued) Have not received details on exchange of Cannon Co. equipment as yet would like further detailed information."

- 48 1855 Radio Informed us that above message to Division cleared at 1850 hrs.
- 49 2005 Lt Remmetter Sent the following message by Div Radio to G-2, 34th Div. "Mr. Battan, Frontier CIC, has placed an urgent request for official army photographer to be here June 12 to have him photograph important documents which are in his possession only until the evening of June 12. Can you send a photographer by message center plane tomorrow morning. Please acknowledge."
- 50 2105 Switchboard Reported the following message was received from G-3, 34th Div to S-3, 135th Inf: "Information you asked for t 18-16 left this hq on 1300 hr. message center run." Signed Maj Chapman, Time 2025 hours.
- 51 2200 Maj Kurland Informed Col Breit that he is moving the Cannon Co men out with the 75 mm pack how. to exchange for 105mm how. at Mantova tonight. The men are to move tonight so they will not rushed later. They are to arrive by 1700 tomorrow night.
- 52 2215 Lt Williams Reported that the trucks for the Cannon Co convoy are ready to roll.
- 53 2220 Maj Kurland Called Lt Williams regarding above. Was told there are 6 6x6s and one peep. Arrangements have all been made. Convoy moved out 2215 hours.

12 June 1945

- 54 0920 Capt Garigue Inquired about TOP SECRET work. Answer to be given later.
- 55 0925 Sgt Bradley Called Col Greyer about above. Col Greyer will bring it down to AMG.
- 56 0945 Col Joyce At outpost No. 4, French setting up about 100 yds behind bend of present post. In building around bend. Have instructed personnel to remain on post. Called Lt Remmetter
- 57 0955 Sgt Bradley Called C Co, in regards to Sgt Yaffey who was told to report to S-3 this morning.
- 1025 1415 G2 To S-2, Photographer must return to Div before dark tonight.
- 1445 1445 Col Tyler Called Maj Kurland to find out about training circular 1st Bn received. Discussed keeping up a file of training circulars, which is desirable at the time.

13 June 1945

- 60 1030 Sgt Bradley Msg Center. Message to G-3 from S-3 "Request 7 copies FM on 105mm how. for Cannon Co."
- 61 1037 Mesg. Cter. Division CO desires all motor off cers present at meeting following ceremony today." Repeat on telephone call.
- 62 1050 125 FA A one star peep just passed 125 FA heading this way. Journal Clerk notified Maj Kurland and Col Breit.
- 63 1220 CP General Sherman arrived at the Regimental CP.
- 64 2250 Msg Center Relayed the following radion message to S-2 from CG, 34th Div. At interview 7 June between Lt Jones G-2, 34th Div. and Capt Maine French Ln Officer, and Lt Col Hemo, Chief of Staff, 36th French Division. Latber undertook to

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(Continued) to prepare for 34th Div. overlay of areas in Italy occupied by 36th Div. in which the French do not wish AMG set up. Send 135 Ln Officer to obtain overlay from Col. Homo. If overlay not available ascertain tactfully reasons for delay. Send overlay to 34th Div HQ by Ln Plane.			
<u>14 June 1945</u>			
65	0850	Maj Kurland	Informed K Co. CO that General Sherman just left the CP and will be coming thru K Co. road posts soon. Told them to be on the alert for him.
66	0930	Lt. Hayes	Informed Major Kurland that a Lt. from the 630th MPs was at the K Co. outpost and desired to come into San Remo to go to the Hotel Imperia on business. Lt. Hayes said he understood no one but members of the 135th Regt. were allowed in the area. Major Kurland said to let him do that, but to tell him to leave as soon as possible.
67	1045	Maj. Kurland	Informed 3rd Bn. that they submitted "Lessons learned in Combat" from Officers only. Major Kurland wants all members of the Bn. including privates to submit their "Lessons Learned in Combat".
68	1120	Lt. Remmetter	Sent the following message by Division Radio: To G-2 from S-2. Liaison officer to the French did not get AMG restricted zone overlay. It has been promised to us in 3 or 4 days.
69	1415	Msg Ctr	General Bolte from General Sherman. Will arrive at Div. CP between 8 and 9 P.M. However do not delay mess.
70	1416	Maj Kurland	-Col. Tyler. Col. Breit wants to know how many men in Regt. can swim. We will set up some kind of program, and will take men by companies to qualify as a swimmer. Men must jump in water over their head, level off and and swim 40 feet.
	1430	Maj. Kurland	Told 1st Sgt. at L Co. to take disciplinary action against men that were sent to him out of uniform. One had on a homemade overseas hat and a belt that is no longer issued. This time it will go easy but the next time will be much harder.
72	1509	Maj Anderson	Told Col. Breit that he has been looking around the Regt. for a TO officer to replace Capt. Groat who is going home. Has decided on a Lt. from D Co.
73	1700	Lt Remmetter	Sent the following message via Division Radio from G-2, 34th Division to Chief of Staff. Request confirmation of information I have received that the French have orders to withdraw to 1939 border.
74	1850	Capt. Garigue	Left a message for Colonel Greyer that he had visited the French Colonel and that he doesn't know anything about anything.
75	2115	Msg. Ctr.	Relayed following radio message for S-2, 135th Infantry from Colonel Forsythe. "French authorities have agreed to withdraw to border. But whether such an order has been issued is not known".

15 June 1945

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76	1130	Sgt. Bradley	Called sergeant of mine platoon and told him we had received locations of explosives in the regimental area and asked if he would come up to the CP this noon to get the information.
77	1400	Lt. Brady	Called Lt. Remmetter in regards to two Italian girls who had their hair cut by Partisans.
78	1415		To C.O. from G-3, Russian Officer will be crossing the border from France the morning of June 16 with pass to visit Milan and Turin. Inform road post not to delay him.
79	1700	Lt. Coleman	Notified Lt. Remmetter there were 15 French trucks loaded with civilians headed for French border. They passed thru San Remo.
80	1748	C.P.	Lt. Remmetter left CP to go to AMG to attend a meeting with the partisans.
81	1750	"	Col. Breit left CP to have dinner at the 3rd Bn. CP. Will be back at 1900.
82	1800	"	Colonel Grever left CP to have dinner with Col. Cousins at Capt. Wootens Place. Major Kurland to be in charge until Colonel Breit returns.

16 June 1945

83 Normal activities. No calls of importance for recording material.

17 June 1945

84 1400 Radio Message To C O 135th Infantry. Att S-2 from C.G. Negatives and prints of BATTINS photo documents are at 34th Div. Hq. Request further disposition from Battins.

18 June 1945

85 1115 Lt. Remmetter Sent the following message by Division Radio to G-2 Send negatives and prints of Battins documents to this Hqs. thru Message Center run.

86 1245 C.P. Major Kurland left CP to go to the Rec Cross.

87 1530 Ct. Campbell told Lt. Remmetter for S-3 that the trucks for personnel going to the 85th Div. would be at the individual C.P.s at 0845 tomorrow morning and that they had to report back at Service Company not later than 0845.

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88 1515 S/Sgt. Bradley Sent the following message via radio to Division Hqs. In Redeployment T.M. 1 Hq. 5th Army, do they mean annex D in par. 7 & 8?

89 1555 S/Sgt. Bradley- Corso cavalette Villa Scolio, Frua De Angeli. Address where small arms ammo is to be picked up. To G-4.

90 1556 S/Sgt. Bradley To Art. & Personnel. By 1200 H 21 June comply with following Radio Message. From information now available within your unit submit to this Hq. 34th, by 1200 22 June, information called for in Paragraph 7&8 RED. T.M. 1, 21 May, as of 1200 Hr. 19 June. Par. 8 firing sub A Status of qualification firing with ind weapons Type, No. So armed No. fired weapons. Course fired.

DECLASSIFIED PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12356, Section 3.3, 735012
By E. Donnell / NSW
MARS, Date 4/17/84

- 91 D.
- 92 1825 1st Bn. Informed Duty Officer that a new officer was at the 1st Bn. CP and that he should come down there for a few minutes to orientate him.
- 93 1830 CP Duty officer left CP to go to 1st Bn. CP as requested. Will return shortly.
- 94 1900 Willow 3 Informed Lt. Leadley that due to men going home, that "B" Battery will only have about 11 men for retreat tomorrow. Asked if they could switch over with another unit. The Flag will be put up by Willow and Lt. Leadley will check tomorrow morning with Major Kurland.

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- 95 0700 Lt. Leadley Informed 125 FA that "B" Battery will stand retreat tonight with the men on hand rather than change to another company which would confuse the whole schedule.
- 96 0943 ----- Col. Breit left for 3rd Bn, 125 FA, Service Co., and Personnel Section.
- 97 1645 ----- Col. Breit returned to the CP.
- 98 1725 Maj. Conrad Reported that the French found a dead man in American soldier uniform the other side of Post 4 beyond Ventimiglia. No identification was on him, and its unknown if he is an American or not. The French brought him to our Post No. 4. Maj. Conrad wants to know what to do with him. The body seems to have been dead 3 or 4 months and seems to have been in a mine field, and was found in sort of a cave. Journal Clerk checked on this and found that Maj. Heldman had previously been notified of the matter and Capt. Cohen was sent down to take care of it.
- 99 1855 Mr. Blackburn S-4 Office Called regarding any record we had of the Partisan Ammo. at Partisan ammo. dumps being picked up, as they were reported to G-4. Mr. Blackburn said he has to submit a report concerning that. Sgt. Bradley said only the small arms ammo. from one place has been picked up, and our latest instructions from MTOUSA is to leave the dumps in place.

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- 100 0845 Lt. Brady Asked Maj. Kurland how to secure information from men regarding report to be filed on qualifications firing of men of the regiment. Maj. Kurland said each man should be questioned as to the weapons he has fired.
- 101 0855 ----- Maj. Kurland left CP to visit various units of the Regiment.
- 102 0910 ----- Col. Breit left CP and informed Lt. Reiter that he and Col. Forsythe, Chief of Staff, would visit Service Co., 125 FA and the Red Cross Club this morning. Lt. Reiter is to inform those units of this.
- 103 0915 Lt. Reiter Informed Red Cross Morgano Club, Service Co., and 125 FA of above.

No.	Time	Person	Event
104	0920	Sgt. Thompson	Informed Sgt. Bradley that in regard to the Qualifications of Firing report, Service Co. has fired only the M-1, Carbine, etc. Sgt. Bradley said to note only the weapons fired by the Company.
105	0945	Lt. Remmetter	Called 1st Bn Message Center regarding a lost History of 168th Inf that 2nd Bn gave to a 1st Bn driver. 1st Bn will have the driver who is now with Regt. Message Center call him on it.
106	1200	Message Center	Reported the following message was received by Radio, TO CO 135 Inf ATF S-3 from G-3. "A new training program is in effect. In order for you to submit schedules in compliance with directive, training schedules for the week 24 to 30 June may be submitted as late as 230800B."
107	1300-	Message Center	Informed Sgt. Bradley that an order from Division states "No civilians will ride in Division Message Center vehicles". Regt. Message Center also believe an order will come through that no civilians will ride in Regt. Message Center vehicles.
108	1412	AMG S.R. to	Asked Lt. Graham if he was familiar with French vehicle Lic. No. K 77883. Lt. Graham left for AMG to look into matter.
109	1900	Sgt. Bradley	Sent following message by Division Radio to G-3 from S-3 "New Training Directive referred to in your radio message today has not arrived".
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110	0850	-----	Col. Breit left for 1st Bn and AT Co.
111	0900	Sgt. Bradley	Informed Battalions and Special Units that there will be a meeting of Bn. S-3's and Spec. Unit CO's at Regt. S-3 Section to discuss new training schedule.
112	1000	Cannon Co.	Asked about getting vehicles for two hour CPX problem next week. Maj. Kurland said they could not get vehicles, so forget the problem.
113	1100	Maj. Kurland	Left CP to go to Cannon Co, 3rd Bn, to Red Cross.
114	1115	Col. Breit	Returned to the CP.
115	1315	Maj. Kurland	Left CP to attend Memorial Service by the French at Bordighera.
116	1300	-----	Following radio message sent to Mr. Andrews, from SCI CED Unit Genoa thru Area Signal, to SCI Unit San Remo & AMG: "Milan SCI CED requesting immediate information on arrest of Aldo Parani and Lilly Von Weddl."
117	1422	Capt. Garigue AMG	Informed Lt. Remmetter there are two German prisoner in the civilian jail. Requests they be taken over by military authorities.
118	1450	-----	Col. Breit left CP.
119	1525	-----	Following Radio Message was sent by Mr. Andrews: From SCI Unit 21 San Remo & AMG, TO: SCI unit 21 Genoa thru 60th Sub Area Signal:

- *1. Following for SCI 2 Milano.
2. Aldo Parani mentioned by Leon Gerlier, alias Felix as letter box for Italian services in Milano. Friend of Dante Vancichi further info

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119 (Continued)			requested of Felix but not yet received. 3. Parani also acted as courier for Rudy Daetwiller subject Milano memorandum 134. 4. Von Weddel known to Sessler. Was mistress of Vanucchi prior to meeting Parani. 5. SD Official in France thinks she might have been agent for one of the services but cannot specify.
120	1600	Maj. Kurland	Returned from Bordighera.
121	1800	Lt. Graham	Informed SP's to take a vehicle and go down to pick up woman at concentration camp to deliver to SP cage at 0630 23 June 1945.

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122	0835	Col. Breit	Asked Maj. Anderson what the license number the vehicle is that was caught speeding last night. Was told it was a 1st Bn. peep license No. 28. Col. Breit will talk to Col. Tyler concerning it. Maj. Anderson said the driver is at Service Co. now and in addition to speeding he was carrying civilians without a permit. The license has been taken in.
123	1325	-----	Following message was received by Radio from S-1, 168th Inf. to CO 135th Inf.: "Inform your men at Road Blocks to stop Lt. Sipusic, who is enroute to Naples. He is to return immediately to 168th Inf CP. Vehicle No. 20553813".
124	1345	Journal Clerk	Informed K Co, L Co, and B and D Companies of the previous message. They will notify the road blocks.
125	1445	-----	Col. Breit left CP to swim near Bordighera.
126	2015	Lt. Coleman	Called Lt. Remmetter about an Italian who has an AMG pass to cross the border at Bordighera. Was told he would have to have a pass from this Hqs. Italian had seen Capt. Humble and was told he would have to have a pass from Capt. Garique. Was told to see Mr. Battain.

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127	0830	City Command	Asked for Lt. Graham to call them soon as possible.
128	0835	Journal Clerk	Informed City Command where Lt. Graham can be contacted.
129	0925	-----	Col. Breit left CP to go to Service Co.
130	1030	Lt. Camel	Wants Lt. Remmetter to call him regarding a message from Nice, France.
131	1055	Lt. Coleman	Called regarding a new plan of training, to conduct training in the mornings and leave the afternoons for education. Lt. Leadley said a meeting was held with Col. Breit, Maj. Kurland, and himself to encourage our education program. As the new plan will interfere with original policies of recreation and organized athletics in the afternoon besides training, the new plan may interfere with present

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131 (Continued)			morning classes in I & E work, as the men may want to have recreation in the mornings now.
132	1120	Col. Tyler	Called Lt. Leadley regarding classes being conducted within the Regiment. Specialists in Math., Auto Mechanics, and other skilled classes are now conducting the classes. Also, illiteracy classes within the Regiment are being organized. An attempt to eliminate the thought in many mens' minds that they will just quit trying when they get home and will not care to advance their education and ability now for use in civilian life, to help maintain themselves as well as the nation in peace time, is being and must be made now.
133	1250		Col. Breit left the CP to go to the AMG Captain's residence, (Capt. Garigue).
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134	0845	Maj. Kurland	Informed Cannon Co and all units in San Remo to determine by actual tests the number of men who are not able to swim. The test would be to jump in water over their head and swim 40 feet. Those who are unable to do that would be unable to save themselves in case they fell off a boat, etc. Those men unable to do that will be given instructions in swimming during the periods of recreation, and the tests will be conducted during that time. Survey is to be completed before the end of the week. A regular swimming school will be conducted for those unable to swim.
135	0925	Lt. Graham	Informed SP Stockade that the CIC Agent desires to move the stockade in closer. The CIC agent has some women prisoners he can better take care of there. The stockade will be moved to the Hotel Bellevue where the Carbineri stand guard.
136	1005	Cannon Co.	Informed Major Kurland that 20 of their men cannot swim as was previously requested of them to report. Maj. Kurland said to start immediate instructions for these men to enable them to swim.
137	1020	Maj. Kurland	Discussed swimming instructions for men who cannot swim with Lt. Coleman, 3rd Bn. Maj Kurland desires to have every man in the Regiment able to swim sufficiently so he can save himself until help comes in case of an accident in the water.
138	1030	Capt. Kelly	Informed Lt. Remmetter there is an Italian at their CP who has three passes signed by Maj. Fisher of AMG to cross the border into France to secure furniture abandoned by the Germans October 28. There are evidently three persons involved. Lt. Remmetter said to send the man to the Regt. CP as Capt. Kelly has nothing to do with such matters.
139	1135	Col. Breit	Informed Lt. Reiter that Maj. Kurland is to work

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139 (Continued)			for new weapons this afternoon for 125 FA Bn. Maj. Kurland is to see 125 FA S-3 about it.
140	1145	Col. Tyler	Asked Maj. Kurland concerning Field Manual Publications in regard to training in conjunction with the CO's desires as to what shall be used. Redeployment Training Memo No. 1 from 5th Army was discussed in relation to 135 RCT which states various publications for training will be requisitioned.
141	1220	Maj. Kurland	Called Lt. Coleman in regard to new training schedule.
142	1220	Maj. Kurland	Called C.O. of Cannon Co. in regard to new training concerning 105mm Howitzers.
143	1310	Lt. Leadloy	Sent following message by Div. Radio to Div. I-3 from 135 I-E, "Can you advise me this afternoon as to disposition of personnel scheduled to attend AUSC. S-1 requires this information".
144	1315	Maj. Kurland	Told 125 FA to arrange with Cannon Co for same instruction for them this afternoon. 125 FA will arrange this with Cannon Co and send an instructor there at 1400 hours.
145	1316	Maj. Kurland	Notified Cannon Co. of above.
146	1450	Col. Breit-	Left CP for tour of inspection.
147	2035	Message Center	Reported the following message was received thru Div. Radio, From G-2 to S-2, "The following 4 Yugoslavian Officers from Belgrayer have authority from A.F. HQ and S.S.A.E.F. to cross the French border. Surnames are given first: Capt. Slavko, Erab; Capt. Sava, Milevsic; Capt. Muniro, Trgorijakovic; Dr. Mutja, Gores. Date, place, and time of crossing now known but will follow if available.
148	2040	Pfc. Hartig	Called Lt. Coleman at 3rd Bn and relayed the above message to him.
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149	0050	General Bolte	sent the following message to Col. Breit, "URGENT". Report the arrival of PX convey your area. Explanation will be given to me why such a convey moved without an officer in charge and why an enlisted man was made dispensable of such a sum of cash. EM's name is PFC Schoen."
150	0110	Duty Officer	Informed Col. Breit of preceding message.
151	0115	-----	Capt. Kelly, Reg't. Duty Officer, left to go to Service Co. to contact Maj. Anderson.
152	0145	-----	Capt. Kelly returned.
153	0755	Maj. Kurland	Called Capt. Kelly about Gen. Bolte's message of this morning.
154	0922	Col. Breit	Left for Cannon Co, 125 FA, and Service Co.
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156	1300	-----	Col. Forsythe and Col. Walz arrived at CP.
157	1515	-----	Col. Breit returned to the CP.
158-	1410	Division Radio	Informed Cpl. Guerin that radio message from Col. Breit to Gen. Bolte was closed at 1405 hrs.
159	1450	-----	Col. Forsythe and Col. Walz left CP.
160	1603	-----	Following message was received from General Bolte to Col. Breit, "Have no record of reply to my message 231300B relative to message 221800B. Answer 261518B.
161	2230	Div. Radio	To CO, 135th Inf from CG, 34th Div: "What is status of Pvt. J. McKinney, Co "L" present for duty in K Co, stockade or where?" Expedite detail: 2230 26 June 1945." This message was referred to the S-1.
162	2345	Message Center	Reported the following message received by Division Radio to Commo. Officer, 135th Inf. from C.O. 34th Signal, "Request number of line repeaters EE89 on hand in your Regiment".

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163	0730	Sgt. Bradley	Called Div. Radio about a telegram that was never received here. This is the second check call.
164	0920	Col. Breit	Left CP to go to Cannon Co, AT Co, 3rd Bn, 125 FA. and Service Co.
165	1200	Col. Breit	Returned to the CP.
166	1350	Division Radio	Reported the following message was received from G-4 to Col. Breit, "Material in Hands of Troop report has not arrived at G-4. Was to arrive not later than 271800 June as per instructions in section one Administrative No. 23, 18 June. Reply by radio stating time report was forwarded to this office." This message was given to S-4, Sgt. Grundy.
167	1418	Division-Radio	
167	1415	Sgt. Bradley	Sent the following radio message to Gen. Bolte from Col. Breit: "Reference your message 261518. Our reply original communication cleared here 231035 June."
168	(Late entry in conjunction with above message)		
	0920	Sgt. Bradley	Sent following radio message to Gen. Bolte from Col. Breit: "Reference your message 261518B. Message Center has no record your message 221800. Still checking".
169	1445	Col. Breit	Requested that Major Kurland outline a plan for relieving the French.
170	1450	-----	Following Radio Message from Capt. Horton to Special Service Officer is as follows: "Film which you have is scheduled for 109 Medical 1800 hrs today. Imperative this film be returned. Answer please. (Given Service Co. CQ, Pvt. Engel
171	1740	Major Kurland	Left CP for Ospedaletti.

By F. Quinnell / WSW MARS, Date 4/17/84

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172	2355	Div. Radio	Reported the following message to CO, 135 Inf. and CO 125 FA Bn: "Reference Para. No. 9 Special Order 138 this Hqs. dated 25 June, personnel are to report to the casual detachment of this Hqs. at 1200 hours 29 June instead of 1600 hours 29 June as published in orders. Acknowledge. No signature. 34 Div. 272145B.
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173	0005	Pfc. McCoy	Sent acknowledgement of above message by radio through Message Center. Also repeated the message to 125 FA Bn.
174	0820	Msg. Center	To S-4 from S-4 34th Div. "Received material in hands of troops. Report received 271600B June/45 Report is satisfactory. S-4 informed by telephone by the Journal Clerk.
175	0845	Col. Breit	Left CP to visit R.C.T. units in San Remo.
176	0920	Sgt. Bradley	To C.O. Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. (telegram) Vehicle not necessary. Will arrive by own transportation Saturday. Co. Clerk Hq. Co.
177	0955	Maj. Kurland	Left CP to go to "B" company for and inspection.
178	1015	Maj. Kurland	Informed Lt. Remmetter he was at the Red Cross and was checking on the shooting affair there. Wants Lt. Graham to make a report on the matter. There was a shooting affair at the Red Cross Morgana Club last night.
179	1145	Col. Breit	Returned to the CP.
180	1145	Maj. Anderson	Called Col. Breit and was told to come to the CP right away.
181	1150	Maj. Kurland	Returned to the CP.
182	1250	Msg. Ctr.	Reported a message was received thru the 125 FA Switchboard to tell Lt. Graham to be at the Concentration camp at 1500 hours today. Message believed to be from SP's.
183	1345	Maj. Kurland	Left CP to go to the 3rd Bn. CP.
184	1420	Maj. Kurland	Returned to the CP.
185	1435	Radio	<p>1. To: S-1 135Inf. From: G-1. Reference your radio 43 dated 260430 Baker do not pick up officers in strength until they arrive as yet they have not reported to this hdqs and do not know when they will arrive so cannot say when you are to expect them. Will inform you when your unit has quota to mine warfare school. (Handed to M/Sgt. Goetter S-1)</p> <p>2. To: S-4 135th Inf. from G-4. Submit tally to Division Ordnance Office immediately covering turn in of two one-ton trailers as directed by letter this Hdqs. 18 June. (Given Mr. Shimansky at S-4)</p> <p>3. TO: CO. Co. "B" 109 Medics FROM: Capt. Newock. 11 pair of tennis at \$3.10 each request sizes immediately if desired. (Given Co. "E" 109 Med. 1st Sgt. Hill)</p>
186	1700	Maj. Kurland	Informed Col. Joyce that Col. Breit would like to make a readjustment to have Ventimiglia covered better. Overlay figures will be sent in tomorrow morning.

187	1900	Message Center	Radio Message- TO: S-Z NO sender. "Papers on Private J. McKinney returned this date for re-investigation.
188	2000	Message Center	TO: 125 FA (Personnel Adjutant) 34 Division. "Yes, you can send class "A" Agents to pick up money on 30 June 1945.
189	2015	Message Center	Submitted the following message. "Received from Special Service Officer Division to S-1 135 Inf. "Reference Radio Message 28 June concerning your request to purchase locally athletic equipment.
190	2225	Message Center	Radio Message from Finance Officer to S-1 135th Infantry. "Payrolls and money will be ready morning 30 June
191	2235	Message Center	TO: CO from G-1. Band in process of reorganization. If replacements received on time will be able to provide band as requested. Information is desired as to what type and specific time Band is required.
192	2240		Message acknowledged by M/C
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SC2B 173	HEHN 0025	Message Center	To: C.O. 125 FA. From 34th Division. Reply message 44 your Hdqs. Attention invited to War Department circular 96 and MTOUSA Circular 74 dated this year.
194	0830	Lt. Remmetter	Called 3rd Bn. and notified them to have Post No. 4 record all vehicle (French) license numbers. Talked to CO and Major Kurland concerning this. It is alright if the French know about it.
195	0900	Lt. Remmetter	To S-2, 34th Division. "If available send 20 copies each of 1/50,000 maps covering Frontier Zone" The history that Lt. Remmetter requested was sent back to 2nd Bn. with Hanson (a driver for message Center) at 2nd Bn. but he has gone home. Lt. Remmetter will check further with 2nd Bn in Milano.
196	1130	Message Center	To I&E, 135th Inf. from I&E 34th Division. Received message 0700B. O.K. on Jaffe.
197	1503	Major Kurland	Left CP.
198	1610	Col. Greyer	Left CP and instructed that Capt. Watson, if he comes here, is to be informed that Col. Greyer is at TOGGIO with Capt. Wootin and wont be back until late. Also, Capt. Watson is to be informed there is nothing new and to leave anything for Col. Greyer in his room. Col. Greyer will not be back until late.
199	1613	Message Center	"To 135th Inf. from Lt. Friedman. TCM ex trial of Pat Roger JM Nichole is scheduled for 30 June 1945. Bn Hq. has been notified by me to have necessary witnesses T.J.M. of GCM of Battalion here. Request you send accused soldier to this office by not later than 1100 hours 30 June 1945 Acknowledge.

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200	1630	Major Kurland	Called Col. Joyce concerning details of advance party to be sent out by 3rd Bn. to the French Area we are to occupy. Col. Joyce said on 6 July 1 Officer and 1 NCO will be on each garrisoned place and M Co. will furnish the contact patrols. Major Kurland said our proposed plans for taking over the French Area is being submitted to Division.
201	1800	Lt. Malany	Called Cannon Co. to have Lt. Calambos relieve him as Dutzy Officer for tonight. Lt. Malany is not well.
202	2000	Lt. Calambos	Relieved Lt. Malany as Dutzy Officer.
203	2030	Message Cenger	Thru S-3 to Personnel from Finance. Send agent officer to pick up payroll for each company with exception of Hqs. Co., Hqs. Co., Company Charles and 3rd Bn. Also furnish roster of Officers to agent officer who will pick up officers vouchers for 1st and 2nd Bn. Pay will be ready on morning of 30 June 1945.
204	2100	Major Kurland	Called Red, FA, Blue, 109 Medics, Service Co., and Anti-tank Co's. requesting that each company handle non-swimmers in their own company. Report to be turned in at end of week of progress made.
205	2320	Major Kurland	Called Wishful "B" and asked that they send one Officer to Regt. CP at 0630 tomorrow morning with a jeep to go to division. Also called Capt. Garfield and Lt. Camel in regards to the above.
206	2332	Capt. Garfield	Called Col. Tyler about an Officer to go on Recon to Division tomorrow.
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207	0830	Lt. Coleman	Reported a large Marine Mine floating loose in the water about 400 yards out from 3rd Bn. CP. Asked what action should be taken in getting rid of it.
208	0835	Lt. Remmetter	Asked Col. Breit about above message and suggested blowing it up rather than trying to tow it in. Col. Breit said it should be blown up.
209	0910	Col. Breit	Left CP to make his daily tour of RCT units in San Remo, starting with Cannon Co. at 1000 to 1015 Col. Breit is usually at the 125 FA.
210	0940	Lt. Coleman	Said the mine was sunk by explosion and there are now more mines coming in. The mine was exploded by a 50 cal. MG. There are about 4 more mines coming in which will be sunk. As there may be others in the area, the matter should be reported at once.
211	0950	Lt. Remmetter	Sent following Radio Message (thru Message Center to Div. Radio) to G-2, 34th Div. from S-2 135th Inf. "Five spherical marine mines estimated 3 feet in diameter observed floatin

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211 (Continued)			shoreward vicinity San Remo. Being taken under fire by 50 cal. MG. Believed more are floating in. Suggest Navy be notified.
212	0955	Lt. Camel	Called Cannon Co. From Regt. CP and asked how many 6 by 6 trucks they will require to move the company complete. This information required by G-4 was told 10 trucks would be sufficient. 12 6by6's were figured necessary to handle all guns. Because Service Co. has 3 of their 6 by 6's it was decided that those 3 plus 7 more would be sufficient.
213	1050	Lt. Remmetter	Informed Cannon Co. that mines are floating in and to be on the alert for them. Also notified 1st Bn. and A.M.G., 125 FA, A-T, Service Co. and all units including Red Cross. Also asked to report any mines they see as to location.
214	1125	Col. Breit	Returned to CP.
215	1120	Message Center	To CO 135th Inf. ATT. S-3, from G-3 34th Div. Resubmit Training Schedule 1st Bn. and Co. "L" complying with Paragraph "E" change no. 1 to TM No. 10 this Hqs. dated June 22 1945 by 021200B Jul.
16	1137	Lt. Remmetter	Called Capt. Garigue about a wire to Genoa in regards to reporting the mines floating toward San Remo to the Navy there. Also checked with 135 Message Center as to whether or not a vehicle was going to Genoa so he could send the message about the mine to the Navy. No vehicle was going there.
217	1150	Willow 3	Reported that Battery "C" has observed what they believe is a mine floating in near the Morgana Red Cross Beach. Lt. Remmetter will get someone over to blow it up.
218	1245	Sgt. Bradley	To G-3 Reference your radio 301120 corrections will be submitted your Hqs by 1200 B 1 July.
219	1325	Lt. Remmetter	Informed Lt. Ayres, 1st Bn. that an OP to watch for marine mines should be set up so the mines can be blown up by a mobile crew using a 50cal. MG. This should be ineffect for the next two days at least.
220	1330	Lt. Remmetter.	Informed 3rd Bn. that we are attempting to inform the Navy of the Marine mines, but meanwhile a roving patrol should be used to watch for these mines to explode them. 3rd Bn
221	1435	Radio	To C.O. 125 FA. Bn. from Gen. Bolts. Furnish 185 FA Bn. with manner of performance rating Lt. Rogers for period he served with you by Radio. Expedite (Given to Sgt. Allen)
222	1835	Message Center	To CP from 34th Division. Refer paragraph 17 shipping order 142 this Hqs. dated 29 June 1945. Submit WD AG order form no. 67 and return WD EG forms no. 66A-1 for officers concerned to this Hdqs. by 2000 1 July (WHH)

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223	1900	Message Center	To 125 FA from 34th Division. Reference paragraph 20 shipping order 142 this Hqs. dated 29 June 1945. Submit WD AG order no. 67 and return WD AG order forms no. 66-1 for officers concerned to this Hqs. by 2000 1 July 1945.
224	1905	Pfc. McCoy	Reported this message to 125 FA.