PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY

Relief at CASSINO, rest, replacements and preparation for departure for ANZIO, departure for and period of static defense at ANZIO.

The first few days spent at SAN ANCELO D'ALIFE were spent in resting and relaxing, cleaning up and taking showers, and setting up a Regimental Bivouac. On the 17th of February, the first phase of training was begun. One and a half hours were devoted daily to training, and the remainder of the day was devoted to resting and relaxing. This policy continued uhtil the end of the month. Around the 19th of the month the Battalions received two months pay and several hundred men were sent to CASERTA, mem NAPLES, on "Rest-Leave". The 2nd Battalion held a Battalion dance at the Dukes Palace in PIEDMONT on the 19th and enjoyment was had by all.

The 1st Battalion had their practice parade on the 21st February cancelled, to prepare for their banquet which was held in PIEDMONT at 1750 hours (everyone multo umbriagot). General Butler visited the 1st Battalion area on the 25rd (probably tried to discover what happened on the 22nd February the day after the party; no one recalled it. Phase two of the training period began on the 28th February which called for a full days training schedule.

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

On March 6, Lt. Colonel W. Sweeting assumed command of the Regiment, superceding Lt. Colonel Everest who had co manded the Regiment from the

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day Colonel Ward was wounded at CASSINO. Also on this day, one officer and non-commissioned officer from each Company responsible to the against 8-5, departed from the SAN ANGELO D'ALIFE area for CALORE to lay out a bivouse for the Regiment. Time, on the next two days in the Regiment, was divided between training and preparing to move to the new area at CALORE. On the 9th of March, the entire Regiment mounted training and were on their way from SAN ANGELO D'ALIFE to CALORE. This took all was ning, and the day same to a finish seeing the twoops establishing the bivouse area.

while this training cycle progressed, the Regisertel Commission and quantity addressed the Unit Commanders, and took a paramid interial in the training program, making inspections and addresses to the training program was expanded with the sprival of large numbers of paramited placements and the program included many defensive night problems, and fixing problems, and know distance range work, Schools were commission. The first the communications and intelligence personnel of the Regisert's filly particular period of training lasted until the first of Harchs. The commission of the 185th Infantry was considerably ingressed on new lasted as a result of the assignment of 140 enlighed man and 35 excitors of whom the latter were placed on temporary duty with the Regisery.

Plane for the move first to BAGNOLI staging area and finally to the ABELO beachhead were promulgated by the Regimental Communicate Markings with the Battalion and Separate Unit Commanders were frequently salted in order to work out details for the move.

On the 20th of March, the Regimental Commander, accommended by his Estation Commanders, left the CALORS area, to go to the ANNIO Baschiese for recommissace. The group proceeded, fire, to the Markes area and embarked for the beachhead the following morning. The extral move of the Regiment was to be conducted by the Executive Officers.

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The movement of the Regiment from CALORE to the staging area at BAGHOLI was planned in 2 phases. The plan stipulated that the lat Bate talion and Special Units would leave for the staging area on March 21st and embark on LST's the following day. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions were scheduled to leave for the staging area on March 22nd and embark for the beached on March 23rd.

Everything went assording to plan, for the 21st, the 1st Battalion and Special Units left CALORE in trucks arriving at the Staging Area about 1300 hours the same day. The name of the staging area at BAGNOLI was "Texas".

On the following day, the troops in the first contingent under the command of the S=3, boarded LST's at NISIDA harbor, a small harbor North of Haples, after a 3 mile march to the docks from the staging area.

After an uneventful journey, the first troops of Regiment arrived at the harbor at ANZIO at 0700 hours, the 23rd of March, and were subject to a few scattered rounds of artillery fire from the enemy. The voyage took approximately eleven hours and the troops ate two meals abourd ship

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

The beachhead at ANZIO was a place unique in the experience of the Regiment. A small piece of completely flat land, measuring less than 10 miles at its widest point and no more than 8 miles deep, heavily oulmaivated and criss-crossed with canals, and drainage ditches --- these for square miles were so congested with troops and equipment that at times it seemed impossible to find a vacant place to dig a hole or pitch a puptent. For this reason the bulk of the units transportation had been left behind at NAPLES where it was used to bring up supplies from the ports and dumpls to the forward areas of the Southern front in preparation.

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for the gigantic Spring offensive that was even then in an advance stage
of planning.

At AH210 the Regiment learned a new type of warfares they learned that the enemy, from the hills overlooking the beachhead, could noe everything that went on in our sector during the day-light. They learned to dig in to the sides of the ditches and stream beds and to remain under cover during the day, coming out at night to stretch their logs and to keep watch against the everypresent possibility of a German attack. The Infantry learned the routine of manning defensive positions, posting guar making patrols and being relieved. The Artillery perfected the shatterin technique of cordinate: artillery fire in which the shells from hundreds of guns arrived on their target at the same instant. (This was popularly known as Time on Target - T T). The Signal Company operated its scores of miles of telephone wire, learned to lay its lines away from the most likely objectives of German Artillery fire, to dig in all their Switche boards and to provide for alternate channels of commun.cation. The Engineers learned the difficulty of laying barbed wire entanglements and and minefields at night under cover of infantry patrols. The entire Regiment chared the same life in damp and dismal holes, under a constant hammering from Gorman artillery and aircraft.

When the Regiment had arrived at the beachhead, the energy had just failed in two concerted attempts to drive the Allies into the sea, and no one sould be sure that they would not try a third time.

A Regimental Command Post was established and on the following day, the S4th of March, the remainder of the Regiment under the command of the Executive Officer Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest, arrived at the beachedead. This included the 3rd Battalion, and 2nd Battalion, who entered their assembly areas in that order also.

PHASE IX - 186TH IMPANTRY REGIME T HISTORY (Cont'd)

Prior to the relief of the 7th Infantry by the 135th Infantry, Lt. Col. Harry W. Sweeting, 135th Regimental Commander, made daily reconnaissance activities of his subordinate Commanders and staff so as not to hamper the activities of the 7th Infantry Regiment. In order to fully exient the units of the Regiment, the Regimental Commander acquired from the 7th Infantry Command Post, all of their current overlays pertaining to dispositions, gun positions, wire, mine fields, and map reference points. These overlays were reproduced and dissiminated to all units concerned within the Regiment.

On the night of 25-26, the lat Battalion and Anti-tank Company initiated the relief of the 7th Infantry. The Regimental Commander and the Executive Officer left for the 7th Infantry Command Post early in the evening and upon their arrival, Lt. Colonel Omahandro, Commanding Officer, 7th Infantry, and also held a conference with the Commanders of the various supporting weapons units.

When the relief of the Anti-tank Company and 2nd Battalion of the 7th Infantry had been completed between 0100 and 0330 hours, the 155th Anti-tank Company and our let Battalion were placed under the command of the 7th Infantry.

On the 26th of April, the 1st Battalion raided the enemy positions to their front with a reinforced latton and was force to withdraw because of terrific mort r and artillery fire. The raids during this period were almost nightly; it was never necessary to go any great distance from our lines, as the German lines were only 50 yards away, just out of hand grenade range!

On the night of 87-23, the 3rd Battalion moved out of its assembly area by truck and relieved the 3rd Battalio of the 7th Infantry. The Regimental Commanding Officer S-3, adjutant and assistant Adjutant left

this night also for the Command-Post of the 7th infantry. All but the Regimental Co.mander remained throughout the night. The relief of the 1st Battalien, 7th Infantry, was accomplished about midnight of the 27th of March by the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry. The relief of the 3rd Battalion was uneventful with the exception that one squad from "L" Company received three casualties from enemy artillery fire during the relie Just before dawn, the 8-5 of the 3rd Battalion, reported hearing several tanks to their front, behind Hill 88, and all companies of the 3rd Hattalien were immediately alerted. The lat night in the lines, the lat Battalien and 3rd Battalien received a normal amount of harassing artiller fire and experienced no unusual enemy activity. The men had been impressed with the necessity of digging in and needed no reminder when they experienced air raids, and heard heavey siege gun shells from the enemy in the staging area in the vicinity of NETTUNO. Falling flak from antiaircraft guns was a menage both here and in later positions on the beachhead. The 1st and 3rd Battalions were on the line approximately 5 kilometers southwest of CISTERNA D. LITTORIA, and the 2nd Eattalion Antitank and Cannon Companies, and Regimental Headquarters were grouped around CAMPO MORTO, and the vicinity to the Northeast. The 168th Infantry was on the right flank and with the relief of the 3rd Division completed on 29 March, the 180th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division was on the lost.

On March 29, the G-3 informed the Regiment that they were to experiment with 3 81mm "graphel" hook shalls, 6 WP rifle grandes, and 500 "Molotov cooktails, with a report to be submitted on a later date on the success or failure of the experiment.

Also on this night, the Regimental Commander was notified by the Commanding General, that the Regiment had officially relieved the 3rd

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Division and was completely responsible for the sector. Responsibility for the defense of ANZIO Beachhead Southwest of CISTERNA which existed for the greater part of the North of April was mostly in the form of defense in depth with innumerable aggressive patrols penetrating the enemy's lines continually.

On the front of the Regiment, the enemy units consisted of the 362nd Infantry Division, a recently formed organizatio, who were not outstandingly good but who maintained a very high standard of alertness in their defensive. After a time it became clear that the Germans had abandoned the offensive and the 185th infantry conducted a series of well-coordinated raids to secure information on enemy units, on their tactics and their defensive positions. Hever before had the agencies used to collect information about the Germans, worked so well together. Aerial photographs, interpreted at headquarters, only a few hours after they had been taken, were used to pin-point enemy weapon positions. Prisoners taken by the Infantry were carefully que tiened for facts about enemy tactics, supply and other matters. The artillery staffs built up a complete picture of the opposing gun lay-out, and after almost two months of hard work, our knowledge of the every opposite us was complete and accurate almost to the last detail. During this period, also, our own troops had been relieved by turns, and as each unit passed into Reserve it went to a training school, where veterans could pass on the benefit of their experience to the large numbers of fresh replacements. At no time did the Regiment delude itself with the idea that the current defensive phase was anything but temporary. Nonene, (expecially as the beachhead became more and more crowded with the steady inflex of troops and supplies) had any desire to remain a sitting target for the Germans any longer then was necessary. All day and all night, the Germans artillery shot harassing

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fires at our damps, or forward positions and our supply lines. It was difficult for them to miss -- so congested was the area! At night, their artillary program was stepped up to take advantage of the fact that transfit on the roads was increased, since we could only move supplies by night.

At might, activity on our part, as well as that of the Germans, consisted largely of aggressive patrolling and sending out raiding parties. To respite the German artillery barrages, we brought up tanks for direct and indirect firing. Colonel Sweeting made frequent reconnaissance trips in the field artillery Cubs to observe the enemy and to check on the concealment of our positions. All of which were under direct observation of the enemy on the high ground of the beachhead periphery. The diffensive situation continued throught the 27th of April and there was no slackening in the constant exchange of artillery, mortar, tank and small arms fire, as well as elmost nightly Air raids by the Germans. Rocket guns also were used by the enemy. Illustrative of the shelling from the enemy were the events on 13 April when all Battalions areas were shalled throughtout a 24-hour period, and the average number of rounds coning in at one time numbering between 12 to 20 rounds. Forty rounds landed in the vacinity of the 2nd Battalion Command Post, and the area held by Company "P" was bombed from the air at the same time. On 16 April, 4 men were killed and 7 wounded at the same Command Post, and later in the day a 50 round concentration killed 8 men. The enemy also fired propaganda leaflets.

On 14 April before the break of day, it was reported that the 133rd Infantry had completed its relief of 168th Infantry on the right flank of the 135th Infantry. 3 days later, approximately 50 replacements arrive for assignment in the ranks of the Regiment. Patroling and raiding con-

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT (Cont'd)

tinued and on 26 April, the 3rd Battalion executed "Charlie" Plan. "CHARLIE PLAN"

After adequate reconnaissance the plan, routes, and sites were deeaded upon. (See Sketch - Charlie Plan.) The following problems remained: 1. Movement of tanks to assembly area by secrecy or leception in order to gain surprise; 2. Removal of enem, mined-fields and possible "wildcat" freindly mines; 3. Neutralization of enemy supporting fires, especially anti-tank weapons.

Tank and Infantry personnel made joint reconnaissances. The Tankers elected the route after accepting advice from the Infantry who had been on the ground for sometime, and then the Infantry probed for mines along the route of approach as far as enemy reaction allowed them to move at night. In this way a path was cleared almost to the objective. The Engineers were consulted in this work but furnished no personnel to assist in the work.

The Infantry and Tank personnel who were to participate in the raid practiced together for three days running several rehearsals at the appropriate time of day.

Artillery and Infantry Heavy Weapons supporting fires were planned as shown by the sketch.

It was planned to use a special "Smoke Observer" in the person of the Chemical Morter Company Commander to adjust the smoke, It was planned to screen the basic smoke screen with a second smoke screen to be laid by the artillery. Smoke was to be jaid wide to either flank; and a second screen somewhat deeper in enemy territory was to be developed before the desired section of screen was laid for the raid by Chemical morters. It was hoped to be able to deceive the enemy as to the exact

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Contid) location of the raid, until it was too late for him to react.

Infantry automatic and heavy weapons were to be used on both flanks of the raid with the double purpose of neutralizing supporting enemy fires and effecting diversion.

It was planned to bring eight tanks into the assembly area about midnight, have three of them fire for about five minutes and withdraw. It was hoped to create the illusion that all of the tanks had withdrawn. (Actually the tank surprise was complete, but it is believed that the enemy did not notice or did not analyze correctly any tank sounds at all until it was too late. The ruse might still be effective against a sharper enemy.) A pair of overwatching 1-10's were to move into position at the same time as the tanks. (See sketch).

PLAN OF MANSUVER:

At GSSS the artillery preparation was to initiated simultaneously, with starting the tank motors. It was estimated that it would take fifeteen minutes to warm the tank motors (not too well) and to move to the MLR. The Infantry were to be loaded on the tank decks in the Assembly Area so that there would be no stopping of the tanks until they reached the objective. A blocking squad was also to take up position previous to this time and under cover of darkness. This squad was to insure that the SANTA MARIA would be available to the raiding squad when it returned with prisoners. It was also to cover the flanks and rear of the traiding squad as they went in as well as when they were withdrawing.

About five minutes after the initiation of the artillery fires, the artillery was to start its smoke screen and the chemical mortars were to start throwing smoke well out to the flanks. It was planned to place a light general area smoke of the objective, to limit observation to 200-200 yards.

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When the tanks arrived at the MLR the rest of the supporting fires were to be placed as indicated by the sketch and the schedule. The overwatching TD's were not to fire unless they detected enemy armor or enemy ati-tank guns firing.

The tanks were to transport the Infantry directly to the objective which was House BYB and vicinity, cover the Infantry with supporting cannon and machine gun fire until the raiding squad had captured its prisoners and withdrawn to the security of the SANTA MARIA. The tanks were then free to withdraw under cover of the TD's and the supporting artillery and heavy weapons fire of the Infantry. The tank plan was to position two supporting tanks in slight defilade near the MIR and to close with three tanks. Four Infantrymen rode on each tank. An additional mission of the tanks was to breach the wire at the house if that should be necessary. It was not thought that it would be necessary for the tanks to go around the house to accomplish their mission and it was considered that this would entail tinnecessary risk of equipment in this case because of the lack of knowledge of the mine fields in that area and because the scope of the raid did not indicate such a risk of equipment.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTROL:

The Battalien Commander took post at a Out Post and maintained contact with the tanks through a tank radio operator using an SCR-509. This set remained close to the Battalien Commander throughout the action. The Battalien Commander maintained contact with the Infantry blocking squad by SCR-500. By phone the Battalien Commanding Officer had direct contact with all supporting weapons and in addition with a second Out-Post at which were situated the Chemical Company Commanding Officer, the Regimental Artillery Liaison Officer, a Tank Destroyer Liaison Officer,

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and the Regimental Commander. The Battalien Commander had communications
with the Tank Destroyer Liaison Officer at the Regimental Out-Post and
with the overwatching M-10's direct through a radio SCR-609 which was
placed in operation at the Battalien Command Post. Phone wire communications were used almost exclusively.

The plan developed successfully. The two M-10's got into position on time and so did four out of five of the tanks. One tank fell out on the march to the assembly area and was not reported until after the firing tanks had left the area. The plan was then medified to have only one tank remain in support in the overwatching position near the MLR;

THE ACTION:

The raid was delayed ten minuted because of poor light conditions, but there was no confusion entailed because of the excellent communications at that time. Ten minutes later the action started as planned. The smoke screen developed nicely in about eight minutes, but there was just a little trouble in getting exactly what was wanted because of an eight mile an hour breeze from fifty degrees which was the worst possible direction that the wind could have chosen to be blowing from Despite this fact the smoke was good, well-laid and effective.

The remainder of the artillery and other supporting fires were play ced just as the tanks crossed the MLR (this was controlled from the Battalian Out-Post and was not entirely dependent on time schedule althought the approximate time had been figured and considered. The problem ran a little faster here than it was thought possible.)

The supporting tank took up position and fired too close to the Infantry troops in the vicinity but it was directed to correct its fires immediately and there was no further discrepancy on that part. The lead tank approached the house from the West and struck a mine about twenty-five yards from the house. The tank crew remained in the tank and supported the Infantry by fire and the Infantry detail riding on the back of the tank immediately dismounted and went to work searching

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out the enemy. Searching describes the action rather accurately because the enemy was not resisting except that most remained concealed. One German-speaking American soldier called out for the enemy to give himself up and that brought out a couple from hiding. All three tanks were in position by now, supporting the raid by fires on all suspected supporting positions and keeping a watchful eye on the action right close by. The enemy was in small groups about the building but none appeared to be directly in the house which was being mortared briskly by either shorts from our own fire or by the enemy. (It is thought that this fire was enemy mortar fire because it was heavier type shell than we were using at this particular point.)

In a few minutes the raiding party had either killed or captured all the enemy personnel that they could find in the vicinity of the house (The prisoners later stated that a couple of machine gunners had withdrawn and escaped at the beginning of the raid. The prisoners also stated that the Platoon Command-Post was only about one hundred yards on beyond House "Y" but these facts were learned after the raid was over.

The raiding squad of twelve men captured six enemy, killed one for sure, and returned with only one slight casualty by way of the SANTA MARIA. The blocking squad covered the raiding party until it had cleared the battlefield and then returned without a casualty.

The Tank Commander of the disabled tank decided that the tank was so badly damaged that recovery so close to the enemy lines would be impracticable. A double or triple mine had been hit and the belly of the tank had been stove in as well as smashing the tracks and front beggies. He accordingly had the tank destroyed by setting thermite grandes on the transmission and final drive. The members of the tank Platoon suffered no casualties. All tanks except the one which hit the mine returned without damage.

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RESULTS:

- 6 Prisoners of War
- 1 Enemy Killed (confirmed)

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The enemy reaction to the raid was one of complete surprise and ineffective local reaction. They had not heard the tanks at all some of
them saw the Infantry before they saw the tanks. They stated that they
were surrounded so swiftly that they did not have a chance to use their
weapons. They did not resist but were reluctant to leave their tranches
until routed out and ordered to do so., only a couple responding when
directed to surrender in German.

The entire raid took twenty-eight minutes.

This report of the "Charlie Plan" was submitted by Harry W. Sweetin Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding the 135th Regiment at this time. (The forementioned "SANTA MARIA" in this plan, was probably a church or building. Exact facts of what it really was is not available at this writing.)

The relief of the 135th Infantry by the 168th started on 27 April, and was completed on the last day of the month. The Battalian Commander of the 3rd Battalian requested and was granted permission to truck his Battalian to their reserve area upon completion of their relief by the 168th Infantry rather than marching to the new area. The move put the Anti-tank Company in the vicinity North of TRE CANCELLI, the lat and 2nd Battalians near CAMPO MORTO, and the Regimental Headquarters just South of LB FERRISER.

About this time, it was decided that the Regimental Headquarters would publish a news bulletin which was to be distributed down to, and including, squads on the front lines. However, at was decided to held the plan in abeyance, temporarily, because the work of a tactical mature had priority on the limited amount of time available. The problem of disseminating the daily news to the troops was finally overwome, when the Regiment was successful in getting a wider distribution of the Division publication, Sand Storm News, and the Corps publication, Beachhead news. In the earlier part of this Month, the S-1 reported

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Lt. Thompson and 8 men who had been reported missing in action since

MONTEQUILA had been reported as Prisoners-of-War in Germany.

At the beginning of the month of May, the 135th Infantry Regiment occupied the Division Reserve position in the 34th Division Section on the ANZIO Beachhad after having been in the line for a period of 31 straight days. The men of the Regiment were dirty and tired. The nature of the flat terrain restricted daylight movement to the extent that washing was utterly impossible. Attempts had been made to give the men an opportunity to get cleaned up and rested by extricating small groups and bivouscing them in the kitchen areas for short periods of time. However, the reserve position offered the first complete opportunity for the Regiment to get cleaned up and get a clean clothing issue. Information was complied and checked form the following sources.

PARTICIPATION OF THE SERVICE CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY.

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- 2. G-3 and S-3 Journals.
- 3. Unit Diaries.
- 4. Italian Maps.
- 5. Overlays of actions and events occuring during this phase of history.
- 5. Interview of Faterans who were present "then".
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- 8. Read to Rome, 5th Army Publication dedicated to the 5th Army by Lt. General Clark.
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- 10. Partial History of 135th Infantry Regiment compiled by I and E Section, 35th Division.

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COMMANDING OFFICERS AND STAFF OFFICERS. ON 1 MARCH 1944

	Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest
Executive Officer	Major Roland Anderson
S-4	Capt. Allen P. Crowley
5-3	Capt. Maurice W. Stacy
S-2	lat Lt. Louis H. Hauser
S-1	Capt. Phineas P. Smith. Jr.
Regimental Surgeon	Capt. Vilhelm M. Johnson
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt. Keith Q. Van Krovelan
" Service Company	lat Lt. Fester C. Hayden
" Antitank Company	lat Lt. Jack K. White
" Gannon Company	Capt. Paul W. Blommen
" Medical Detachment	lat Lt. Edmind F. Obremski
" let Battalion	Major Ray J. Ericksen
Executive Officer	Capt. Arnold N. Brandt
S-3	Capt. Gibbs M. Prevest
Commanding Headquarters Company	1st Lt. Anthony F. VonRuden
" Company "A"	Capt. William R. Howard
" Company "B"	Capt. William E. Smith
" " Company "C"	Capt. James F. Garfield
" Company "D"	Capt. Donald J. Dodge
" 2nd Battalion	Major Donald C. Landon
Executive Officer	Capt. Robert E. McGraw
· 5-3	let Lt. Richard H. Sugare
Commanding Headquarters Company C	Capt. Joel M. Lowison
" Company "E"	Capt. Ralph J. Mantkewski
" Company "F"	Capt. Alden S. Lance
g g Company "G"	lat Lt. George E. Combs
. " Company "H"	Capt. Riner H. Lund
" 3rd Battalion	Lt. Col Fillmore K. Mearns
Executive Officer	Capt. Emil Skalicky
S -3	Capt, John L. Bridgeman
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt, Thomas E. Chegin
" Company "I"	lat Lt. Reid B. Haff
" Company "K"	let Lt. Luther L. Doty
" " Company "L"	let Lt. Spencer W. Jones
Company "M"	let Lt. John Sbaffi
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Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of March 1944.

& March 1944.

- 1. Lt. Col. Harry W. Sweeting assigned Regimental Commander.
- 2. Lt. Col. Charles B. Everest assigned Executive Officer.
- 3. Major Roland Anderson assigned Commanding Officer Service -- Company.

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3. Major Roland Anderson assigned S-4

4. Capt. Allen P. Crowley assigned Commanding Officer Service Company.

5. Capt. James F. Garfield, Commanding Company "C" evacuated sick.

9 March 1944.

- 1. 1st Lt. Edmind F. Obremski, Commanding Medical Detachment evacuated sick.
- 2. Capt. Carl J. Gumbert assigned command of Medical Detachment.

13 March 1944.

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

14 March 1944.

l. Lt. Col. Simon Castille assigned per VOGO; assigned Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion.

2. Major Donald C. Landon assigned as Regimental 8-3.

3. Capt. Emil Skalicky, Executive Officer 3rd Battalion transferred to Personnel Center Rumber 6 awaiting orders for transphipment to the United States under rotation plan.

4. Capt. Maurice V. Stacy, Regimental S-3, transferred to personnel center Runber 6 awaiting orders for trans-shipment to the

United States under rotation plan.

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

6. Capt. Harry Y. McSween returned to duty and assigned as Exe-

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

18 March 1944.

1. Capt. Joe H. Kimble returned to duty & Commanding Officer Company "E".

19 March 1944.

- l. lat Lt. Robert N. Stokes assigned as Commanding Officer Company "A".
- 2. 1st Lt. Reid B. Huff Commanding Officer Commany "I" evacuated sick.

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3. lat Lt. Donovan C. Griffin assigned as Commanding Officer Company "I".

21 March 1944.

1. 1st Lt. Jack K. White, Commanding Officer Anti-tank Company, promoted to Captain.

24 March 1944.

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

25 March 1944.

- 1. Majer Ray J. Erickson, Commanding Officer 1st Battalion receive Battlefield promotion to Lt. Colonel.
- 2. 1st Lt. Louis H. Hauser, Regimental S-2 promoted to Captain.

26 March 1944.

- . 1. Captain Robert E. McGraw, Executive Officer 2nd Battalion promoted to Major.
 - 2. Captain Gibbs, M. Prevest, S-3, 1st Battalion evacuated wounder

28 March 1944.

- 1. Capt. Donald J. Dodge, Commanding Officer, Company "D", relieved as S-3, lst Battalion.
- 2. 1st Lt. Herbert E. Grote assigned Commanding Officer Company "

30 March 1944.

1. 1st Lt. George L. Lumbert assigned Commanding Officer Company

31 March 1944.

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

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (CONt.d)

LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN. OFrom 1 Morch through 31 March 1944.)

1. Killed in action

8 March 1944

Templeton, Gaithel B. 37243182 Co. "H"

28 March 1944

Schellenberg, Louis Pfe.

38459029 Co. "K"

30 March 1944

Craig. Garnet W.

36657331 Co. "G"

Died of Wounds after being evacuated to Hospital.

2. Wounded in Action

25 March 1944

Pfo,	Crank Bert	35654791	Co.	nBu
Pfo.	Ebert, Donald J.	17181149		

26 March 1944

Capt.	Provost,	Gibbs	H.	0-381928	Hq.	Co.	lst	Bn

27 March 1944

Pvt.	Pelix, Alfonso	35943119	Co.	uKa
Pvt.	Belix, Robert	35943119		
Pvs.	Walker, Richard N.	34739869	Co.	a Ku
Pfc.	Leveille, Clifford E.	31288002		

28 March 1944

Pvt.	Susalla, James D.	33414413	Co.	nAn
Pvt.	Pauley, William F.	33830742		
Pvt.	Pelions, Joseph F.	33864932	Co.	нСп
T/Sgt.	Anderson, Paul E.	20708722	Co.	11 (2 11

29 March 1944

Pfc.	Church, James R.	3 75193 59	Co.	#C n
Pfc.	Moore, John B., Jr.	34807222	Co.	"C"
Pvt.	Didicco, Carl D.	33622006	Co.	n G n

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGISENT HISTORY (Cont.d)

LOSSES IN ACTION (Cont.d)

2. Wounded in action. Cont'd

29 March 1944, Cont'd

Pvt	Saboosik, Andrew M. Pillarella, Celio J.	33 79 3808 3 100 5 84 1	Co.	nKa nKa
P io S gi	Bable, James E.	37397565	Co.	uLu
Pvt	Johnson, Alfred F. Teti, Mario R.	3 6456975 3 36994 24	-	aila aila

30 March 1944

Pfo Pvt	Becker, Henry J. Stephens, Timmie B.	32898346 34 81 32 09		
Pvt S/Sgt	Leverett, Charles B. Myhre, Arthur H.	36612302 3 7 02 8 691	Co.	TIO

31 March 1944

Pfo	Mann, Harry L.	35670982	Co.	"Ba
Pvt	Davis, Lester I.	37653785	Co.	uKm

LOSSES IN ITALIAH CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO MARCH, 1944, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS.

1. Killed in Action (Previously listed as Missing in Action).

13 October 1943 Pfc Hale, Claudie W. 34365356 Co. "A"

BUNMARY

	<u>Officera</u>	officera	Men
Killed in Actions	0	0	4
Wounded in Actions	1	0	24
Captured:	0	0	0
Missing in Action:	0	0	0

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont.d)

Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the Month of April 1944.

1 April 1944.

1. Lt. Co. Simon Castille, Commanding 2nd Battalion evacuated sick.

8 Appll 1944.

- 1. Capt. Vilhelm M. Johnson, Regimental Surgeon, promoted to Major per letter Headquarters NATOUSA.
- 2. Lt. Col. Simon Castille returned to duty as Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion.
- 3. Capt. William E. Smith, Commanding Officer Company "B" evacuated sick.
- 4. 1st Lt. Richard R. Griggin assigned Commanding Officer Company "B",

14 April 1944.

- 1 Major Donald C. Landon, Regimental S-3, transferred to PBS awating orders for trans-shipment to United States under rotation Plan.
- 2. Major Fred H. Lippucci assigned per 34th Division Special Orders assigned as Regimental S-3.

19 April 1944.

- 1. Lt. Co. Charles B. Everest, Executive Officer, Transferred to PBS awaiting orders for trans-shipment to United States under retation Plan.
- 2. Lt. Col. John J. Phelan, assigned per 34th Division Special orders assigned as Executive Officer.

24 April 1944.

1. Capt. George E. Combs. Commanding Officer, Company "G", evacuated sick.

28 April 1944,

1. 1st Lt. Anthony F. MonRiden, Commanding Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, killed in action.

LOSSES IN ACTION

Losses in Italian Campaign, (From 1 April through 30 April 1944).

1. Killed in Action

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HI: TORY (Cont.d)

LOSSES IN ACTION (Cont'd)

Pfe

1. Killed in Action (Cont'd)

2 April 1944

Pfe P vt P	Shimko, Michael S. Rease, James H.	15354742 Co. "X" 34733719 Co. "X"
	3 April	. 1944
Pfe	logado, Ray L.	33721208 Go. "G"
	4 April	1944
+ PVS	Rosutic, Andres J.	33508883 Co. "B"
	6 Aprell	1944
Pfe	Wandard, Faul H.	34149611 Co, "AT
Pio	Grigoby, Leglie W.	37196181 co. AT
Pvt	Selector, Jacob R.	36679935 Co. "I"
	7 April	L 1944
Pvt	Caynor, Richard J.	36518925 Co. "I"
	. 8 April	1 1944
T/Sgt	Saboe, Leater R.	20709319 Co. "X"
	II Apr	11 1944
+ Pvb	Riddle, K ennet h 12 Apr	35138484 co. "c" 11 1944
Pvt	Noble, Walter B.	35871410 Co. "E"
Cpl.	Mischke, Martin A.	36360800 Co. "K"
Pfc	Albrecht, Everett W.	36817832 Co. "G"
	. 13 Apr	11 1944
+ PVS	Roxbury, Edwin R.	32614821 Co. "M"
	16 Apri	1 1944
Pfe	Jacobs, Milton	32824292 Hg. Co. 2nd Bn
Dea	Laniagen Michael S.	19414191 Ho. Co. 9nd Bn

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32414321 Hq. Co. 2nd Bn

Locicero, Michael S.

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION (Cont'd)

1. Killed in Action (Cont'd)

16 April 1944 (Cont'd)

18 April 1944

_	Pfo	Goggin, Robert G. 3734349	3 Bo.	aFa
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19 April 1944

Pyt Hyler, Jessee C.	33651400	Co.	Hq. 3rd Bn
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20 April 1944

Pfc	Armold.	Forrest	E.	37396881	Co.	nI'u
PAU	MA STATE OF THE ST	# U	•	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		

22 April 1944

Pfc	Heim, Leevern C.	36079364		
S/Sgt	Wester, Roy E.	33408913		
Pvb	Bennett, Charles F.	35662209	CO.	"A"

27 April 1944

PV\$	Johnson, Fred	35606818 Co. 31380649 Co.	
Pvt Pvt	Watters, Raymond H. Mullaney, John T.	3666\$9663 Co.	uG#
Pvs	Hee. William	31377453 Co.	nG w

28 April 1944

lat Lt.	Von Ruden, Anthony F.	01290596 Hq. Co. lst Bn
2/5	Remth, William V.	32175640 Hq. Co. lat Bn
Pfe	Sias, George A.	35648091 Hq. Co. 1st Bm

29 April 1944 ·

Pvt	De	Masi,	Angelo G.	31338407	Co.	"A"
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⁺ Died of Wounds after being evacuated to hospital.

2. Wounded in Action.

PHASE IX - 135TH IMPANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (CORt d)

LOSSES IN ACTION. (Cont'd)

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Pfe .

2. Wounded in Action (Cont.d)

	2 April :	1944	
Pfo	Dolph, Allen R.	36453880 Co.	u V n
Pfc	Cubbage, Howard V.	33454590 Co.	
sgt	Thompson, Lyle W.	20709303 00	u K a
	3 April	1944	
Pvt	Nichols, Alfred J.	34812170 00.	
PVt .	Marsiglia, Joe J.	38519242 Co.	uKa
5/ \$g t	Torrice, Casmer	36127630 Co.	"L"
8 6 \$	Seal, Kelly W.	33067799 Co.	" "Za
	***	7644	
	4 April	T344	·
Pfo	Badzioch, Kas C., Jr.	36661498 Co.	"G"
Pfe	La Valle, Salvatore J.	31274538 00.	
Pfo	Hernandez, Pedro	39563081 Co.	uHu
PVt	Strohm, Ben R.	37703237 Co.	
Pfe	Larson, Bonnett I,	37544417 Co.	
Pyt	Stoyanott, Merl E.	36866478 Co.	
Pfe	Glass, Barbeo	34078297 00.	
Set	Kuefner, Aleysius A.	32248978 co.	
Pto	Engler, Corace J.	32910554 Co.	er a
	5 April	1944	
Pvt	Gooper, Kevin E.	33437046 Hq	. co. let B
PVE	Benevento, John P.	32884322 Co	. nGn
	6 April	1944	
Pvt	Ownes, John L.	34842733 Co.	aG#
Pfo	Weinel, William E.	13170700 Co.	"Gu
S/Sgt	Castad, Vera P.	37028895 Co.	u T a
	7 April	1944	
Pvt	Kenyon, Wilson L.	36162415 At.	Co.
Pvt	Cenega, Oliver B.	39857929 At.	
T/Sgt	Brubeker, Oscar B.	33232512 Co.	· · ·
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Whitmoyer, Lawrence A.

Bonadventure, John B.

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nGn

33514857 Co.

31383891 Co.

LOSSES IN ACTION (Cont'd)

2. Wounded in Action (Cont'd)

7 April 1944 (Cont'd)

	4 1080 mm m	217 1 00000	- •			
Pvt	Stamps, Ray E.	35142523	Co.	4Gn		
Pfoc	Stefaniok, Michael R.	32771010	Co.	uQn		
Pfc	Tapper, Raymond S.	36856714	Co.	nGn		
8/8gt	Williams, Mortimer C.	33101978	Co.	uC u		
U/ UB 4			-			
	8 April 1	.944				
sat	Miller, Alex D.	20708910	Co.	aHa		
2/4	Young, Howard D.	33067800	Co.	Hq.	2nd	B
let Lt.	McDaniel, Charles A.	0313264	Co.	nKu		
2nd Lt.	Johnson, Donald R.	01703031	Co.	uKu		
Pyt	Humbert, Leornard C.	33726338	Co.	$\mu\Gamma$		
Pfo	Albrecht, Harold E.	37477677	Co.	nLn		
Sgt	Sterchi, Alfred F.	39402313		uNa		
	9 April 1	L944	. •			
Pvt	Michols, Roland M.	34891486	Co.	"B"		
Cpl	Relson, Robert H.	37027157	Co.	nGn		
Pfo	Bookins, Robert R.	352k446l	Co.	#G#		
S/Bgt	Sampson, Berdeen P.	20709355	Co.	uKu		ı
	11 April	1944				
à	muhar Manadar 7	-961 AEEE	n-	WK"		
PV	Fahr, Marcin L.	38512666		uLa v.		
8/8gt	Campbell, Roy	629 2399 36484786	go. Go.	aTa		
Pfe	Eldridge, Lowell H.	20404100	004	44		
	12 Apri	1 1944				
Pvt	Hoble, Walter E.	35871410	Co.	nKa)	ı
Pvt	Melnich, Peter	33793933				
						;
	13 April	1944				i
S/Set	Stecewicz, Walter A.	32181828	Co.	u p	*	٠
Pre	Ingram, Walter W., Jr.	34785243	Co.	aL'a		;
	14 April	1944				-
Pfe	Noyes, Gordon M.	12023757	Co.	nGa)	
•	Olson, Harold H.	36680055		нG п		
Pvt	OTBOX USECTA U.	20000033	00,			

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PHASE IX - 135TH IMPARTBY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont.d)

LOSSES IN ACTION (Cont'd)

2. Wounded in Action (Cont'd)

14 April 1944 (Cont'd)

Pro HoAdams,	Frank W.	35272553	CO.	#G#
Pro Rodrigue:	. Lionardo	38458797	Co.	"K"

15 April 1944

Sgt	Schwensen, Douglas R.	37466213	Co.	uBu
Sgt S/Sgt	Wagener, Robert D.	36411903	Co.	nG n
Pfc	Fisher, Miles R.	35702215	Go.	nZu

16 April 1944

Pro		Dane: Leo 3.	35700211	Co.	nDu
Pvt		Koetale, Daniel J.	16175890	Co.	"I"
8/8et		Hendler, Peter	37026071	Co.	nKu
Pvt	٠.	Welkers Richard N.	34739869	Go.	nKu
PVI	•	McName: Daniel L.	33793791	Co.	nKn
Pvo		Sklar, Gerald I.	36867005	Co.	nKu

17 April 1944

S/969	Michlitson, Paul P.	37027459	Go.	#B#
1/3gt	Thielhorn, Fred L.	20708291	Co.	"E"
PVS	Rockanowski, William P.	36761579	Co.	uEn
Pfo	Latin, James P.	31025298	Co.	uEu
FEC	But Elmer L.	34785200	Go.	HEH
and Lt.	Moreau, Louis S.	01299454	Co.	#E=
Pro	Murphy. Edward D.	32752562	Co.	"E"
PV	Jackson, Tom W.	3682 923 3	Co.	"E"

19 April 1944

195	Lt.	Terry, Russell C,	01309440	Go,	n M n	
		(on TD with 135th Inf	from PBS-	Pers	Cen 6)	
Pvt	•	Healer, Roy C.	34623837			
2nd	Lt.	Malaney, Richard E. Ol	1323153	Co.	BCB	
		(On TD with 135th Inf	from PBS	Pers	Cen 6)	
Sgt		Jorganson, Alf M.	20709070	Co.	Hq. 3r	d Bn
Pro		Edson, Edward R.	36809781	Co,	n In,	
Pic		Herson, Edward E.	31154335	Co.	uKa	
Pvt		Torres, Carl P.	36869571	Co.	nKa	

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LÒSSES IN ACTION (Cont.d)

2. Wounded in Action (Cont'd)

20 April 19	344	19	20 April
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	20 April	1944		•
Pfc Sgt	Latta, Shirley W. Whealer, Robert L.		Jo. "A Jo. "I	
	21 April	1944		
Pfc	Bourgeois, Leo E.	38263236 (30. "I	'n
	22 April	. 1944	•	
Cpl	Tharp, Forrest G.	37350568 1	ied De	ŧ
Pfc	Trexler, Christopher C	. 34175392	Jo. "A	Z m
Pfe	Pietrozyk, Stadey J.	32918838	Co. "	Ju.
Pvt	Nolley, Douglas I.	7 Tax 1 1 0.	20. "/	A G
Sgt	Owans, Albert D.		Co. HI	3.11
Pře	Stegail, Howard E.	37608329	Co _n "I	An.
\ *	23 Apri	11 1944 -		
Pvt	Tauscher, Kenneth E.	31371299	Go. "(J#
let Lt.	Berry, Henry R.	0-1292642	004 "	P#
Pvt	Mosteller, Roy L.		·	3 n
Prt	Manpin, Komper A.	33119712	Co, m	K"
Pvt	Gerzabek, John A.	31335282	GO, H	G»
2nd Lt.	Pullian Filliam B.	01312852	00. "	Γa
	24 April	L 1944		
Pvt	Pandel, George S.		Co. #	0 ×
Pvt	Brisnik, Harry J.	35914362	Co. #	Ċa
•	25 April	1 1944		
Pfe	Schwarz, William E.	32182533	Co. *	H"
	26 APr1	1 1944		
Pfo	Ritter, Harvey W.	33719567	Co. "	C#
Pfo	Mengle, Robert H.	33624670		C n
Pyt	Wright, J. R.	34678202	Co. "	C a
	10	33435426	3 0. II	Cn
Pvt	Lewis, Eugene R.	33433446	, U 🛊	•

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont.d)

LOSSES IN ACTION (Cont'd)

2. Wounded in Action (Cont'd)

		2	26 April	1944 (Co	nt'd)	
	Pvt	Gohl, Gerald A.		36869356	Co.	"C"
	Pvt	Bates, Clarence		32266301		uG n
	Pvt	Lodola, Ferrer U.		31381488		nQn
	Pvt	Mills, Alma C.		34813159		» Lu
	Sgt	Rowe, James P.		32779309		nIn
	Pvt	Sanders, Clyde, Jr.		34813159		nIm
			28 Apri	1 1944	,	
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	PVE	Hollis, Joseph D.		31371342		
	Pfe	Wallach, Sam		36670101		
	Pvs	Guillaume, Eddie H.	•	31269529	Co.	"D"
		:	29 Ap r 11	. 1944		
	1/8gt	Shields, Vincent P.		20707369	At.	Co.
	Pic	Garca, Adolph		20822477		
	***	wan very navaya		ranced!!	00.5	A
3.	Captured					
<u>-</u>			ll April	1944		
**	Pvt	Prancis, George A.		33830861	Co.	"C"
4.	nadaling into		9 April	1944		~~
	3/3gt	Evans, George A.		6257815	Co.	"I"
	Pro	Mullins, Milton A.		34735172	•	nIn
	Pfc	Guinan, Joseph P.		32795304		mIn
	Pfo	Lavair, Robert F.		32857394		"I"
	Pro	Sudol Frank		32771498	Co.	n I n
	Pvt	Del Grosse, George	A.	33733251		#In
	Pvt	Pennington, Marvin		34813361		a I a
	Pvt	Pubh, James L.		34810399		nIn
		•	*		-	*
			21 April	1 1944		
	Pvt	Eisen, George A.		32877891	Co.	н I п.
			25 Apri	1 1944		
	Sgt	Cummings, William W		13020533	Co.	"D"

PHASE IX - 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

LOSSES IN ACTION (Contad)

4. Missing in Action(Cont'd)

26 April 1944

Pvt	Green, Russell W.	42000833	Co.	aG a
Pvt	Merchant, Charles H.	33733276		

27 April 1944

Pvt Rodophele, Frank R. 31360267 Co. "C"

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

1. Killed in Action

13 October 1944

Pfo	Beechma,	Hurohle	•		34149658	Go.	nAn
•				10	February 1944		
Set	Pittman.	Robert	a .		0561170	00.	11 27 11

2. Missing in Action

8 February 1944

Pfe	Sunchiemer, Robert W.	12201508	Co.	n g n
Pvt	Lang, Richard W.	37581349		
Pvt	Girard, William O.	31264566	Co.	
Pfe	Marshall, John J.	36669733	Co.	uBu

SUMMARY

	Officers	Warrant <u>Officers</u>	Enlisted mon
Killed in Action:	1	0	33
Wounded in Action:	7	0	103
Captured:	0	Ö	1
Missing in Action:	0	0	17

PHASE IX - 135TH IMPARTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont.d)

COMMANDING OFFICERS AND STAFF OFFICERS, ON 1 MAY 1944.

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Regimental Commander
                                         Lt. Col. Harry W. Sweeting
   Executive Officer
                                         Lt. Col. John J. Phelen
   8-4
                                         Major Roland Anderson
   8-3
                                         Major Fred H. Lippucei
   3-2
                                         Capt Louis H. Hauser
   8-1
                                         Capt B. F. Smith, Jr.
                                         Major Vilhelm M. Johnson
  Regimental Surgeon
  Commanding Headquarters Company
                                         Capt Keith O. Van Krevelen
            Service Company
                                         Capt Allen P. Crowley
             Antitank Company
                                         Capt Jack K. White
            Cannon Company
                                         Capt Paul W. Blommen
            Medical Detachment
                                         Capt Carl J. Gumbert
                                         Lt. Col Ray J. Erickson
            First Battalion
   Executive Officer
                                         Capt Arnold N. Brandt
   3-3
                                         Capt Donald J. Dodge
  Commanding Headquarters Company
             Company "A"
                                         1st Lt. Robert N. Stokes
             Company "B"
                                         Capt William E. Smith
             Company "C"
Company "D"
                                        lat Lt. George L. Lambert
                                         1st Lt. Herbert E. Grote
                                        Lt. Col. Simon Castille
             Second Battalion
   Executive Officer
                                         Major Robert E. McGraw
   5-3
                                         Capt Richard H. Sugara
Commanding Headquarters Company
                                         Capt Joel M. Lewison
          Company "E"
                                         Capt Joe H. Kimble
          Company "F"
                                         Capt Alden S. Lance
          Company "G"
                                         Capt George E. Comba
          Company "H"
                                         Capt Einer M. Lund
   Pattalion
                                         Lt. Col. Fillmore K. Mearns
Executive Officer
                                         Capt Harry Y. McSween
                                         Capt John L. Bridgeman
  3-1
  Commanding Headquarters Company
                                         1st Lt. Vincent P. De Augustine
             Company "I"
                                         let Lt. Donovan C. Griffin
             Company "K"
                                         let Lt. Luther L. Doty, Jr.
             Company "L"
                                         1st Lt. Spensor W. Jones
             Company "M"
                                         1st Lt. John Sbaffi
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Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of May 1944.

1 May 1944

- 1. 1st Lt. Robert N. Stokes, Commanding Company A. evacuated sick.
- 2. Capt. William R. Howard assigned Commanding Officer, Company MA" -31-

PHASE IX - 135TH IMPANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont'd)

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTS. (Cont'd)

2 May 1944

- 1. Capt. William R. Howard releived of assignment as Commanding Office Company "A", and assigned Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, First Battalion.
- 2. 1st Lt. Goorge L. Lambert relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "C", and assigned Commanding Officer. Company "A".
- 3. Capt. James F. Garfield assigned Commanding Officer, Company "C".

4 May 1944

- 1. 1st Lt. Spencer W. Jones, Commanding Officer Company "L", transferred to Readquarters 34th Inf. Division.
- 2. lat Lt. Joe (HMI) Humble assigned Commanding Officer, Company "L";

5 May 1944

- 1. Capt Donald J. Dodge, 3-3 1st Battalion, evacuated sick.
- 2. It. Col. Ray J. Erickson, relieved assignment as Commanding Office lat Battalion, and assigned as Regimental Executive Officer.
- 3. Lt. Col. Tahn J. Phelan relieved of assignment as Executive Office 135th Infantry, and assigned as Commanding Officer, lat Battalion.
- 4. 1st Lt. Donovan C. Griffin, Commanding Officer, Company "I", promoted to Captain by Battlefield Promotion. Subject letter, Fifth Army.

6 New 1944

1. let Lt. Nelson L. Lindstand assigned as S-3, 1st Battalion.

14 May 1944

- 1. Capt. Arnold N. Brandt, Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, evacuate sick.
- 2. 1st Lt. Reid B. Huff assigned as S-1 and Headquarters Company Commander, 3rd Battalion. 1st Lt. Vincent P. De Augustine transferre to Service Company.
- 3. Capt. Leslie W. Bailey assigned Executive Officer, 1st Battalion.

PHASE IX - 135TH IMPANTRY REGIMENT HISTORY (Cont.d)

LOSSES IN ACTION	(From 1	May through	31 May	1944.)	ŀ
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1.	Killed in Action

3 May 1944

	Pfe	Felt. Wilbert N.	36567230	Co.	иKu
	Pyt	Koller, Andre P.	33793354	Co.	uKu
	Pvt	Evans, David R.	36685154	Co.	nKu
	Pvt	Wachter, Norman H.	33721196	Co.	nKn
+	PVt	Krisnik, Harry J.	35914362	Co.	nG p

7 May 1944

Pyt (o	Jones, Cly	de D.	38332652	Ço.	"E"
Pvt	Relly, Jam	es e.	33653323		

+ Died of Wounds after being evacuated to hespital.

2. Wounded in Action.

3 May 1944

Set Pro CPl Pro Pro	Franks, Walter L. Criddle, Robert E. Heiner, Ray O. Johannsen, Marvin J. Higgins, Aaron G. Tennant, Raymond	32311747 38333165 34175341 20709760 33656047 38321433	Hq. Hq. Co.	Co.	let Bn let Bn lwe Bn lrd Bn
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7 May 1944

Pfe		Phoffer, Hayman	325415 57	Cannon Co.
Pvt		Bavis, Joseph H.	33700292	
PSo	•	Hanson, Stanley V.	37552806	Co, "G"

9 Hay 1944

S/Sgt	Budson,	Thomas A.	34642990	Cannon Co)
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10 May 1944

Pvt	Dietrich,	Ralph W.	37477616	Co.	m grm
.,			71711040	UUA	D

11 May 1944

Pvt Suchamski, Bernard A. 36713536 Co. "C"

14 May 1944

Pvt Balogh, Frank __33_ 32906882 Hq. Co.

PHASE IX - 135TH INFARTHY REGIMENT HISTORY (CORt.d)

LOSSES IN ACTION (Cont'd)

2. Equaded in Action (Cont'd)

14 May 1944 (Cont'd)

Pfc Charlton, Joseph J.

33474917 Eq. Co. 2nd Bn

LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO MAY 1944, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

MISSING IN ACTION:

11 Jamary 1944

Pvt McInnis, Robert A.

31358445 Co. "G"

3 February 1944

Pfe Lamont, Howard G.

33779333 do. "G"

SUMMARY

Black		Farrant	Enlisted
	Officers.	Officers	Hen
Killed in Action:	0	0	8
Vounded in Action:	Ö	Ö	19
Missing In Action:	· 0	9	2
Captured in Action;	0	0	. 0