

Regimental History

135th INFANTRY

1 October to 31 October 1944

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Month of

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SECTION II

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY,
OCTOBER, 1944

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 October	167	5	3355
2	167	5	3359
3	169	5	3361
4	171	5	3482
5	170	5	3481
6	171	5	3479
7	170	5	3472
8	170	5	3466
9	170	5	3568
10	169	5	3503
11	170	5	3485
12	167	5	3451
13	167	5	3421
14	167	5	3345
15	164	5	3309
16	161	5	3208
17	160	5	3191
18	158	4	3150
19	159	4	3114
20	158	4	3102
21	159	4	3085
22	158	4	3069
23	158	4	3065
24	158	4	3067
25	158	4	3063
26	159	4	3048
27	160	4	3045
28	160	4	3045
29	160	4	3046
30	161	4	3064
31	162	4	3083

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SECTION III - STATION LIST - October 1 - 31 1944

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1 October 1944

135th Infantry (-)	-	Bruscoli
1st Bn	-	Piano del Voglio
2nd Bn	-	Castel Del Alpi

5 October 1944

Regt'l Hq	-	Fornelli
Hqs Co	-	Castel del Alpi
Serv Co	-	" " "
Regtl Medics	-	" " "
1st Bn	-	La Villa
2nd Bn	-	Galbiano
3rd Bn	-	Qualto

6 October 1944

Regtl Hqs	-	Trassaso
1st Bn	-	Serra
2nd Bn	-	Vicinity of Monzuno
3rd Bn	-	Vicinity of Serra

8 October 1944

Regt'l Hqs	-	Monzuno
1st Bn	-	824241 (Vic of Monzuno)

10 October 1944

1st Bn	-	840278 (Vic of La Valle)
2nd Bn	-	Vic of Monzuno
3rd Bn	-	Vic of Monzuno

13 October 1944

Regt'l Hqs	-	Anconella
1st Bn	-	La Valle
2nd Bn	-	La Croce

24 October 1944

2nd Bn	-	Anconella
3rd Bn	-	La Croce

28 October 1944

1st Bn	-	Anconella
2nd Bn	-	La Valle

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SECTION IV - HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The first four days of the month the Regiment continued in Reserve although preparations were being made to move forward. The Cannon Company was attached to the 133rd Regiment for operations on the 2nd. On October 5th the Regiment was on the move; the CP moved from Bruscoli (794098) to Fornelli (811160), and the First and Third Battalions went into assembly areas in the same vicinity and the Second Battalion was ordered attached to the 133rd Regiment near Gabbiano (795224). The First Battalion was to move up behind the Second Battalion.

The first prisoner, a Pole, was taken on this day by "F" Company. He said he was with the 142nd Regiment, 42nd Division, and further stated that his unit had been ordered to cover the retreat of the 4th Paratrooper Division which was planning to make a stand at Bologna. Our movements for the most part were over difficult terrain and the CP which had been scheduled to move forward to Trassasar (821214) on October 6 was forced to postpone the move until a company of engineers had completed their work on the road.

General Bolte visited Colonel Manhart at the CP at 1345 and discussed the coming attack. The Regiment, with elements of the 757 Tank Battalion and the 84th Chemical Battalion attached, was to attack to the northward as part of the Divisional plan to debouch into the Po Valley. The Second Battalion was to lead the attack followed closely by the First Battalion which was to mop up enemy pockets that were by-passed. The Third Battalion was to be prepared to move forward on thirty minutes notice and the emphasis of the entire attack was to be placed on rapidity, by-passing small isolated pockets of resistance whenever practical.

The Second Battalion jumped off under a heavy fog at 0600 on October 8 and immediately encountered heavy small arms fire, but the situation was gradually placed under control. Most of the fire was coming from houses, and tank and artillery support was requested to knock out the enemy from these strongpoints.

Minefields, one of them so large that our A and P platoons could not handle it, were found and engineering assistance was secured. As the weather cleared the artillery fired numerous TOT's on areas designated by the Second Battalion. The enemy was not using much artillery fire but his small arms fire, supplemented by mortars, was heavy. Sixteen prisoners were taken by the Second Battalion on the first day.

Heavy resistance continued throughout the afternoon and little progress was made. At 1715 "G" Company had secured Hill 502 (830279); "F" Company had advanced several hundred yards north of Hill 520 (832270), and "E" Company had taken Hill 315 (837262). The First Battalion was maintaining close contact with the Second Battalion in the advance.

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Throughout the night and early morning hours of the next day the only activity along the entire Regimental front was enemy artillery fire of an harrassing nature. "G" Company jumped off as planned at 0630, moved slowly through the mist and found five large craters in the road north of Hill 502 (830279) where they captured eight Germans. The Second Battalion OP at Monzuno (822241) was being shelled by an S/P, 105 and 88 mm guns at periodic intervals. Five more prisoners were taken, these from the 10th Paratroop Regiment who said they had been moved from the vicinity of Highway 64 to our sector. This information was confirmed by prisoners from the same unit picked up by the 133rd Regiment.

A request of Division was made for air missions on many enemy positions at 823314 and 838289 where enormous quantities of vehicles and troop concentrations were observed but the Regiment was informed that 240 mm howitzer fire would be used instead.

The Second Battalion was making considerable employment of artillery and tanks, using the latter to knock down all the houses in the vicinity. The battalion was receiving heavy mortar fire from enemy positions at 840276 and 837279 and Colonel Manhart ordered that a company from the First Battalion be sent out across the river to relieve the pressure. In response to word that two companies of the 133rd Regiment were about to move up the Bologna road accompanied by tanks, the Second Battalion intensified its artillery fire to divert attention from the attack.

October 10th came with "G" Company reporting that two efforts had been made to take Hill 446 (828282) but in both cases the men were driven back. The enemy held an advantageous cliff from which he dropped hand grenades on our troops. A reorganization was started and a plan formulated whereby the company would drive to the left and then swing to the north. "E" Company was to move through to the right in an effort to clean out the pocket of resistance. Hill 446 was not taken in this next attempt. Colonel Manhart asked permission from G-3 to pass our First Battalion through part of the 91st Division sector but it was suggested that he get "A" and "B" Companies northwest of Farni and then follow "C" Company instead of cutting so far into the 91st Division sector. We had been lacking communication with "C" Company, but later it was reported that they had been driven back from Campiul but were going to try it again.

Colonel Manhart attempted to get an air mission on an enemy held tunnel but this was denied although he was told that a large amount of artillery would be used. During the day TOT shoots were placed on this objective (823302). It was believed that the tunnel was being used as a cover for the enemy to bring forward supplies. Division was given this as a target for an air mission the following day as well as the localities of Lama (824315), Val Del Foso (839315) and Brento (850315).

The Regiment was making systematic use of the supporting artillery to knock down enemy occupied houses.

The Third Battalion passed through the Second Battalion in the morning of October 11th, attacking at 0600 with the First Battalion thrusting forward on the right. It was planned for "I" Company to work to the left, shooting into draws that the enemy had used to cause the Second Battalion considerable difficulty the day before. "K" Company was to move to the northwest and across Hill 410 toward Hill 446. "K" and "I", supported by chemical mortars, were to meet at the lateral road in the 8228 grid square. The attack started on schedule and at 0845 the Third Battalion reported that one platoon was on the southwest slope of Hill 446, and one squad was close to the top. Most of the enemy opposition came from small arms fire. We were using 240 mm howitzers against every occupied house.

The Third Battalion was moving slowly in the face of heavy mortar, small arms and automatic weapons fire. "K" Company was stopped after advancing approximately 300 yards. Two PW's taken by "I" Company reported that 70 men, consisting of six-man squads, each having one machine gun, one light machine pistol, four heavy mortars and one bazooka, had relieved a paratrooper unit the previous night. On the basis of this information chemical mortar fire was directed against the reverse slope of Hill 446 and 240 mm howitzer fire on positions near 825283. "I" Company was planning to work around both sides of the hill.

In the meanwhile the First Battalion's "B" Company captured an enemy company CP at Balzi (854289), taking 22 prisoners, killing four, including one officer, and wounding two other officers. Equipment captured included five machine guns, 17 rifles, five machine pistols, one radio and several revolvers.

The Regiment was informed by G-2 that between 1,000 and 1,200 bombers would be sent over the Fifth Army front on the next day and that all units were to be notified.

Another attack was launched by the Third Battalion at 0600 on October 12, the plan calling for pulling back "I" Company, placing mortar fire where they had been, and artillery and chemical mortar fire to each side and to the north. "L" Company was to go past "I" Company, having as its objective the lateral road in the vicinity of 823284 to 830284. "K" Company's objective was to be the road junction. It was not possible to utilize tanks because of the softness of the ground.

The First Battalion at 0830 had located enemy dugouts at 842297; Company "C" was on Hill 413 and "A" Company on Hill 405. The Second Battalion passed through the Third Battalion at 2005 and the First and Second Battalions prepared to resume the attack on the morning of October 13th. The weather was such that even bulldozers were being mired in the mud. Patrols sent out by both battalions brought back sparse reports. Our battalions were receiving mortar fire and TOT's were placed on suspected enemy mortar positions, including an area where 18 to 24 enemy artillery pieces were believed to be located. Two bombing missions were sent out. The First Battalion was getting S/P fire from Brento (850315) and Val Del Fosso (839315) and TOT's were ordered against these areas.

On October 14th the Regiment, keeping "C" Company of the 757th Tank Battalion, one platoon of TD's and one platoon of chemical mortars, passed to the command of GCA. The remainder of the units reverted to their parent organizations. Neither battalion, on a day that was clear with good visibility, was able to move to any appreciable degree because of small arms, mortar and scattering S/P fire. We maintained heavy harrasing fires all day on known and suspected enemy positions. "C" Company was heavily counter-attacked by a superior force on three sides near La Fosse (848293) and was forced to withdraw to their former position in the vicinity of 854293. The First Battalion attacked at 2300 with "B" Company passing through "A" Company and going toward La Tomba and Hill 395 (841287). The Second Battalion attacked at about the same hour with "E" Company going north toward Lagla (860300) and "F" Company going northwest toward La Fosse (852299). "B" Company reached La Tomba, meeting only scattered resistance, but a fight developed for the locality where nine prisoners were taken. The Germans were fighting fanatically and not surrendering easily. They were suffering heavy casualties. The advance on Lagla was stopped during a heavy fire fight and "E" Company withdrew to Molinetto (863297). A prisoner from the 4th Company, 10th Regiment, 4th Paratroop Division, taken by "E" Company, said his company strength was about 40 men. His machine gun had been knocked out. He added that food supplies had been very poor for the past four or five days due to our harrasing artillery fire. They had been ordered to hold their positions at all costs by Hitler himself.

Enemy artillery fire was heavy on October 15th and our artillery intensified its counter-battery.

The Second Battalion captured a German field order showing the route of withdrawal to the next MLR, revealing that the enemy would fall back through Furcoli (832284), up the road northeast to Monterumici and La Torre, thence following the trail to the right into La Piana (847295). This information was immediately relayed to the 125th Field Artillery.

Through G-2 of the First Armored Division, II Corps supplied the information that the enemy password for this night and tomorrow was "Maedchen-Knobe", that 100 mines were to be laid in our sector during the night, that one red flare meant contact with the enemy, one white and one green flare meant they were forced to withdraw. At dark of October 15th the Second Battalion attacked Lagla at 0200 hours on the 16th and dug in. The First Battalion ran into a heavy artillery concentration and withdrew to reorganize and work out a new plan of attack. Patrols sent out from "B" Company to Di Sotto (837290) ran into shoe mines and suffered a number of casualties. Four men had legs blown off. The A and P platoon was sent out to remove the mines but the field was covered by the enemy with small arms fire and could not be entered immediately.

Our artillery was firing a number of TOT's against gun positions during the day and the effectiveness of nightly harrasing fire was attested to by one prisoner who said that because of the continuous fire they had not received rations for four days. A typical report from our cannon company on that day showed 1,535 rounds fired, including 16 observed missions, 11 harrasing missions and two TOT shoots.

Headquarters of the 1st Armored Division informed the Regiment on October 17th that, II Corps intelligence channels had received information that strong enemy elements may be forming up in the area to the northwest of the present Corps sector and warned against a strong counter-attack against the left flank. Our immediate task was to secure the left flank of the 91st Division from our present position, and to patrol aggressively both day and night to maintain pressure on the enemy. The 6th Battalion of the 1st Armored Division relieved the Third Battalion of our Regiment during the night. In cloudy weather and light rains, the First and Second Battalions made very little advances. By October 18th it was learned that enemy dispositions in front of our sector had changed due to a relief taking place on Monterumici. Due to heavy casualties inflicted on the 11th Paratroop Regiment, 4th Division, the enemy was forced to relieve this formation with the 3rd Battalion of the 36th SS Regiment, 16th SS Division. The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 36th Regiment were reported on Monte Adone (845314). Past experiences with this enemy regiment had proved that they would counter-attack on the slightest provocation and all units were alerted against this possibility.

Patrolling continued preparatory to an attack by the First and Second Battalions at 0630, but the first Battalion, meeting with very heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, was unable to move. The Second Battalion was successful only in getting "E" Company into La Piana (846294). Enemy artillery fire was increasing all along our sector. Italians informed the First Battalion that they had seen defensive positions on the high ground around Badola (831337), that ammunition was stored under haystacks in the vineyards east of Bologna, and that there was considerable enemy movement at night both north and south on the highways.

All units remained in position on the 19th, organized their sectors in depth and prepared mortar and artillery defensive fires. Observation over the entire sector was maintained and aggressive patrolling was carried out by both battalions. Enemy artillery fire was moderate while the battalions employed heavy harrassing fire and also shot against many observed targets. We were experiencing difficulty in getting rations forward because of the terrain which forced the men to take circuitous routes. Due to the recent rains, the Savena River, which runs from the southwest to the northeast at the base of Monterumici (83228 sq.), rose to such a depth that the crossing became untenable. Consequently, the problem of supply and evacuation became intensified and several men were lost as a result of being swept off their feet in the fast flowing river. The same situation prevailed the following day.

A 12-man patrol from "G" Company, out during the night, reported that they had become engaged in a small firefight near Fazzanello (844299) but had no casualties. Other patrols were uneventful. The weather was constantly shifting, fair and then cloudy with showers. One enemy aircraft dropped flares in our sector on the night of the 20th.

On the 21st enemy artillery fire increased in intensity. There were a number of heavy concentrations.

The Regiment was relieved from attachment to the 1st Armored Division on October 22 and attached to the 91st Division, remaining in present positions and maintaining contact with the 361st Infantry on the right and CCA on the left.

With the assistance of the 316th Engineering Battalion, the Regiment was ordered to make maximum use of mines to cover gaps in the MLR and demolitions were to be placed to a minimum depth of two kilometers. Our Third Battalion was to be moved to 858275 by 240600 to relieve elements of the 361st Infantry. Aggressive patrolling activity continued on the 23rd, and one patrol from "E" Company entered La Fosse (853299) and found it unoccupied. The locality was taken over by a platoon of "E" Company. The Third Battalion in Regimental reserve moved to an area in the vicinity of Anconella (866266) where buildings were available for the men.

By the morning of the 24th the Third Battalion had completed its move, the First and Second Battalions remaining in position and maintaining observation posts and patrols. Demolition, wire and mine laying details were at work. A company CP suffered a direct hit from enemy artillery and 20 men were reported wounded.

The Division Commander of the 91st Division ordered all units to "stand to" between 0500 and 0700 on October 25th on the basis of a report that the Eighth Army had lost contact on the Adriatic front and the 88th Division had lost a little ground as a result of a heavy counter-attack. The day passed, however, with only moderate enemy artillery and mortar fire. The Third Battalion completed its relief of the Second Battalion at 0130 and the First Battalion remained in position continuing with active day and night patrolling. Arrangements were made for the evacuation of numerous civilians in our battalion areas.

Rain fell throughout the next day and visibility was poor. A patrol from the First Battalion reported that they attempted a raid on Di Sotto (837290) the previous night and moved up a draw as far as 840290. They heard enemy movements on both sides of the draw and fearing an ambush withdrew. Enemy activity prevented wire details from completing work in organizing defensive positions. The rain continued to swell the Savena River in the First Battalion area into a rushing torrent. The crossing had to be made with a rope and the evacuation of wounded and bringing up of supplies and rations was greatly hampered. The Battalion communications section used an AT launcher to send a wire across the river. Searchlights were being used at night to facilitate driving on the roads and to aid the wire laying details. The transportation situation, because of the weather and terrain, became very acute.

Another raiding party out the next night from the Third Battalion went to Anzona (856306) and found the house at that point unoccupied. Organization of our defensive positions and patrolling continued in the rainy weather of the 27th. A request was sent to the engineers for rubber rafts for crossing the river. Four men had been swept down the stream and the body of one man could not be found. The Second Battalion relieved the First Battalion at 2130 on the 27th.

Enemy artillery fire and our own was moderate on the 28th as the rain made visibility poor. We continued aggressive patrolling as well as using patrols to screen the wire laying details. The Third Battalion could not contact "L" Company despite attempts to swim the river and rations were delayed. A block and tackle arrangement was devised to get supplies across and maneuver the wounded back on a litter.

On October 29th our patrols reported no contact with the enemy except that Germans were found in Fazzanello (844299) and in Fazzano (846303). The rain and mud continued. Papers from two Germans shot by "I" Company showed they were from Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 36th SS Division. Our patrols, having obtained the necessary identification of the units opposing the Regiment, were now ordered by Colonel Manhart to confuse the enemy at night by laying Teller mines in their territory and firing a German machine gun.

Our patrols were out again the following night and failed to make any contact with the enemy. The rain again kept artillery fire from both sides at a minimum on October 30th. By October 31st all wire entanglements had been completed. The Second and Third Battalions, asked their opinion on the use of searchlights, gave favorable answers, but agreed that they should not be used either during an attack or any sizeable movement of personnel.

As the month closed it was learned that the Regiment, less one Battalion, was to revert to 34th Division control, and the Second and Third Battalions were to be relieved to go to Montecatini for a rest.

SECTION V

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers on 1 October 1944.

Regimental Commander	Col. Ashton H. Manhart, 018773
Executive Officer	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
S-4	Capt Allen P. Crowley, 0354712
S-3	Major Fred H. Lippucci, 0359982
S-2	Capt Louis H. Hauser, 01290418
S-1	Capt Winfred H. Dunham, 01291088
Regimental Surgeon	Major Wilhelm M. Johnson, 0419941
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Walter H. Johnson, 0328283
" Servico Company	1st Lt Mart R. Parker, 01294355
" Antitank Company	Capt Jack K. White, 0336830
" Cannon Company	1st Lt Dean C. Fellows, 01168659
" First Battalion	Lt Col Charles H. Thompson, 0223488
Executive Officer	Major James E. Tyler, 023079
S-3	Capt Sumpter R. Nelson, 0420240
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt William R. Howard, 0387017
" Company "A"	1st Lt Nelson L. Lindstrand, 02046694
" Company "B"	1st Lt David B. Ayres, 0467438
" Company "C"	Capt Theodore L. Urbas, 0404878
" Company "D"	Capt Herbert E. Grote, 01302966
" Second Battalion	Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762
Executive Officer	Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283
S-3	Capt Richard H. Sugars, 01288325
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Joel M. Lewison, 0291051
" Company "E"	1st Lt Norman E. Brown, 01286956
" Company "F"	1st Lt Richard Bawden, 01303834
" Company "G"	1st Lt John B. Naughton, 0380472
" 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	Capt William B. Cole, 0384080
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Reid B. Huff, 0390555
" Company "I"	1st Lt Tillman F. Wood, 01031988
" Company "K"	1st Lt Leon H. Arey, 01290360
" Company "L"	1st Lt John V. Penbergast, 01310146
" Company "M"	1st Lt Richard A. Kearney, 01311398

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of October, 1944.3 October 1944

1. Major Wilhelm M. Johnson, 0419941, Regimental Surgeon, returned to United States on Temporary Duty (furlough).

2. Capt Charles W. Mills, 0368561, assigned as Regimental Surgeon.

8 October 1944

1. Capt Richard H. Sugars, 01288325, S-3, 2nd Battalion, transferred to Hq 34th Inf Division.

2. 1st Lt John B. Naughton, 0380472, Commanding Officer, Company "G", assigned as S-3, 2nd Battalion.

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

8 October 1944

3. Capt James R. Miles, 0453185, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "G".

10 October 1944

1. 1st Lt Norman E. Brown, 01286956, Commanding Officer, Co "E", evacuated wounded.

2. 1st Lt Thomas B. Griesemer, 01310100, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "E".

16 October 1944

1. Capt James R. Miles, 0453185, Commanding Officer, Company "G", missing in action.

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

18 October 1944

1. Capt Allen P. Crowley, 0354712, Regimental S-4, evacuated wounded.

2. Capt Jack K. White, 0336830, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Antitank Company, and assigned as Regimental S-4.

3. 1st Lt Jay F. Hollyfield, 01290422, assigned as Commanding Officer, Antitank Company.

19 October 1944

1. Capt William R. Howard, 0387017, Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, evacuated sick.

2. 1st Lt George M. Johnston, 01297544, assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion.

20 October 1944

1. 1st Lt Nelson L. Lindstrand, 02046694, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "A".

2. 1st Lt Louis (NEI) Montelione, 01310133, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "A".

24 October 1944

1. 1st Lt John V. Pendergast, 01310146, Commanding Officer, Company "L", Killed in Action.

2. 1st Lt Warren G. Harber, 01321772, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "L".

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

26 October 1944

1. 1st Lt Sam (NMI) Guzzardo, 01312760, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "G".

2. Capt Nelson F. Kibler, 0373200, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "G".

3. Capt Theodore L. Urbas, 0404878, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "C".

4. Capt William C. Huey, 0406826, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "C".

27 October 1944

1. Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, evacuated sick.

2. Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283, relieved of assignment as Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, and assigned as Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion.

SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

A. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (From 1 October thru 31 October 1944).

1. Killed in Action

6 October 1944

S/Sgt	Orazon, Peter J.	37552198	Co "E"
Pfc	Swilley, William D	34795060	Co "E"
Pfc	Masarik, Rudolph J	42010514	Co "E"

8 October 1944

Pvt	Tingle, Paul E	33898526	Co "F"
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9 October 1944

Pfc	Langley, John H.	34813175	Co "F"
Pfc	Sacchini, Pacifico (NMI)	33396422	Co "E"
Pvt	Zaner, Irving A.	35776339	Co "G"

10 October 1944

S/Sgt	Kifer, Virgil C	33721201	Co "E"
Pfc	Healy, John W.	39137692	Co "G"

11 October 1944

Pfc	Lukach, George A	36872228	Co "K"
Pfc	Scarborough, A. D. (IO)	38479787	Co "K"
Pvt	McGaughey, Harry L.	34833690	Co "K"
Pvt	Smoak, J. M. (IO)	34830274	Co "I"
Pvt	Rodriguez, Clemente R., Jr	39722527	Co "I"

12 October 1944

Pfc	Overmier, Neal M.	35914772	Co "K"
Pfc	Pocchiare, Michael J	32735359	Co "K"
Pfc	Wybensinger, Lester K	35551333	Co "K"
Pvt	Stahl, Leroy M	42092846	Co "K"

13 October 1944

Pvt	Yeska, Anton A	35926264	Co L
Pvt	Woodruff, Donald L.	42066748	Co "L"
Pfc	Crouch, John W.	38399133	Hq Co 3rd Bn
2nd Lt	Barnett, John F., Jr	0342151	Co "K"
S. Sgt	Kilanowski, Chester J.	30512239	Co "K"
Sgt	Plummer, John R.	37026061	Co "K"
Pvt	Paffney, Francis J.	31251128	Co "F"

14 October 1944

Pvt	Kotz, Oscar M.	36710424	Co "K"
Sgt	Barnhart, Floyd O	37703192	Co "A"
Pvt	Crupi, Frank F.	42043704	Co "A"
Pfc	Henry, Paul A.	35776294	Co "E"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

1. Killed in Action, Cont'd.

14 October 1944, Cont'd

Sgt	McMahon, James E.	32835569	Co "E"
Pfc	Bloom, Norman E.	37595937	Co "F"
Pfc	Kennedy, Leo H	35093014	Co "G"
Pvt	Weeks, John A	34543837	Co "H"
Pvt	Becker, Norman G	33589277	Co "K"
Pfc	Woodruff, Leonard J., Jr	37679206	Co "I"
Pvt	Yocum, William R	37730774	Co "I"
S/Sgt	Kickow, Fred J.	37027441	Co "H"

15 October 1944

Pvt	Sherrill, Marion R	34604430	Co "L"
S/Sgt	Tracey, James W	34724815	Co "L"
* Pfc	Faraci, Paul J.	42010706	Co "A"
Pvt	DeCheubell, Robert O	33514092	Co "K"

17 October 1944

Pfc	Leatherwood, Ernest E	38321496	Co "F"
Pvt	Osborne, James M.	35776375	Co "E"
* T/Sgt	LaPointe, Edward P.	20706997	Hq Co 1st Bn
Pfc	Warden, Louis G.	36412956	Co "B"
Pvt	Cope, Clell L	38592613	Co "B"
Pfc	Weinel, William E	13170700	Co "G"
Sgt	McFerrin, James R	38072265	Co "C"
Pvt	Guy, James H	31346085	Co "G"

18 October 1944

S/Sgt	Rudy, John (NMI)	37553001	Co "A"
S/Sgt	Sorrentino, Ralph J	32769037	Co "A"
S/Sgt	Abercrombie, James L	39212242	Co "A"
Pfc	Polidori, Mike P.	32770734	Co "A"
Pfc	Partin, Herbert C	33645843	Co "A"
Pvt	Qualey, Robert E.	32792923	Co "A"
* S/Sgt	Huffman, James W.	33700090	Co "K"
Sgt	McLaughlin, Kenneth J.	6588992	Co "G"
Pfc	Kolodge, Leonard L.	37555718	Co "G"

19 October 1944

Pfc	Bendy, Edwin (NMI)	36709527	Co "G"
* Pfc	King, William J.	33465387	Co "G"
* Pfc	Nolan, James G.	36035437	Co "G"
* Pvt	McIntosh, Melvin H	36879061	Co "A"

21 October 1944

Sgt	Johnston, Lyle E.	39097220	Co "F"
Pfc	Mananny, Robert E.	39209749	Co "F"
Sgt	McGuffey, Alton L.	35895046	Co "F"
Pvt	Allen, Philip O.	39216945	Co "F"

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1. Killed in Action, Cont'd

24 October 1944

1st Lt	Pendergast, John V.	01310146	Co "L"
S/Sgt	Stabilo, Fiore A.	31285230	Co "A"
Pfc	Hammeier, Robert E.	35613085	Co "E"
Pvt	Prisk, Ambrose B.	39179072	Co "G"
Tec 4	Nystul, Joseph A.	37025563	Co "A"
Pfc	Gunn, Francis R.	15377077	Co "A"
Pfc	Davis, Frank L.	32874244	Co "A"
Pfc	Apuzzo, Edward R.	31406275	Co "A"
Pfc	Ewing, Leslie N., Jr	39703237	Co "A"
Pfc	Black, Lowell A.	38566320	Co "A"
Pfc	Baker, Robert J.	39910219	Co "A"
Pfc	Dozois, Robert N.	31420635	Co "A"
Pfc	Calvi, John F.	32918870	Co "A"

25 October 1944

Pfc	Wolford, Dave (NMI)	35770204	Co "L"
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26 October 1944

Pvt	Pishko, Frank (NMI)	33916572	Co "L"
Pfc	Moore, George F., Jr	34883706	Co "L"

27 October 1944

* Pfc	Champagne, Roland W.	31373091	Co "A"
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* Died of Wounds in hospital.

2. Wounded in Action

6 October 1944

Pfc	Adams, John R.	34884354	Co "E"
Pfc	Wilder, Ewing W.	35878171	Co "E"
Sgt	Stump, Donald E.	35050789	Co "E"

7 October 1944

Pvt	Pavelka, Frank A.	36896504	Co "E"
S/Sgt	Muro, Tiofile A.	38248120	Co "F"
Pfc	Holcombe, Willard L.	34817714	Co "F"
Pfc	Stevens, James L.	34882742	Med Det

8 October 1944

Pfc	Shikles, Raymond B.	37370050	Co "H"
1st Lt	North, Jimmie (NMI)	01323164	Co "F"
Pfc	Barbaccia, Joseph (NMI)	32055452	Co "F"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

8 October 1944, Cont'd

Sgt	Stabley, Claude W	33243472	Co "F"
Pfc	Ramsey, George L.	31268513	Co "F"
Pfc	Tvrdik, Robert D	37670711	Co "F"
Pvt	Swanson, Charles E	35922853	Co "F"
Pvt	Danchik, George (NMI)	33425517	Co "F"
S/Sgt	Sohmer, John E.	35131427	Co "G"
Sgt	White, Belvin E	33092375	Co "G"
Pfc	Kogen, Herman B	31406157	Co "G"
Pfc	Garcia, Felix H.	39023799	Co "G"
Pvt	Benson, Arnold H	31424367	Co "G"
Pvt	Vunovich, Vladimir B.	37723877	Co "G"
Pvt	Young, Wilbur H	37486697	Co "G"
Pfc	Leigh, Dewey (NMI)	35800113	Co "G"
Pfc	Guidry, Joseph M	38267980	Co "G"

9 October 1944

S/Sgt	Simons, Jack P	33412347	Co "G"
Pfc	Parr, William R	12174116	Co "G"
T/Sgt	Chatelle, Joseph S	20700534	Co "F"
Pfc	Mocker, Charles A	39277896	Med Det
S/Sgt	Bardi, Peter W	33600390	Co "F"
Pfc	Scott, Denver K.	35229953	Co "F"
T/Sgt	Dyer, Herbert G	20360904	Co "F"
Pfc	Varner, William K	35229851	Co "F"
Pfc	Sellick, Carl W.	32747734	Co "F"
Pfc	McGuyre, Cecil R	39216878	Co "F"
Pfc	Mullaney, John P	39216878	Co "F"
2nd Lt	Johnson, Gordon R	01319125	Co "G"
Pvt	August, Joseph C	33613956	Co "G"
Pfc	Ohmart, Nelson R	31371829	Co "G"
Pvt	Tawzer, Cullen W.	34830422	Co "G"
Pvt	Jones, James P., Jr	34854479	Co "G"
Pvt	Padlowski, Anthony M	42104460	Co "G"
Pvt	Persinger, Charles H	35899729	Co "G"
Pfc	Murray, Carl E	31286345	Co "G"
Sgt	Mullins, Rollie B.	35670665	Co "G"
Pfc	Hoffer, Joseph C	33506586	Co "F"
Pfc	Mann, Harry L.	35670982	Co "E"
Pfc	McDonald, Paul J	37443016	Co "H"
Pfc	Triplet, Richard W	34594417	Co "H"
Sgt	Nesbitt, Joseph W	35214513	Co "H"
Pfc	Brink, Eugene S.	37477147	Co "F"

10 October 1944

T/Sgt	Hill, Ellis C	37238233	Co "E"
Pfc	Geller, George (NMI)	32591172	Co "E"
Pfc	Sweat, George L., Jr	34792367	Co "E"
1st Lt	Brown, Norman E.	01286956	Co "E"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

10 October 1944, Cont'd

Pfc	Ivanyo, Robert G	35919582	Co "G"
Pvt	Loeper, Albert L	33371212	Co "G"
Pfc	Lacedonia, Mario (NMI)	32683149	Co "F"
Pfc	Petty, Raymond E	38471702	Co "F"
Pvt	Spaudie, Arnold J	36839215	Co "F"
Pfc	Smith, William G	38626135	Co "F"

11 October 1944

Cpl	Player, Ray W	14124822	Co "E"
Tec 5	Lebach, Alfred M	37025659	Serv Co
Cpl	Wheler, Omar C., Jr	31282248	Co "I"
S/Sgt	Dyer, Arthur W	36480882	Co "I"
Sgt	Bennett, Coody E	34782905	Co "I"
Pfc	Adcox, George W	34493142	Co "I"
Pfc	Cavin, James V.	34900241	Co "I"
Pvt	Petronchak, Stephen (NMI)	33609442	Co "I"
Pfc	Maurer, Daniel J	33610217	Co "A"
Pvt	McIntosh, Melvin H	36875061	Co "A"
Pfc	Tull, Alfred B	35789199	Co "M"
Pfc	Russell, Chauncey W.	36563973	Co "K"
Pfc	Pattillo, Allen H	34395689	Co "K"
Pfc	Westbrooks, Willard (NMI)	34813130	Co "K"
Pfc	Lusk, Irvin V	35638822	Co "K"
Sgt	Lin, Dock C	32882858	Co "B"
Pvt	Cornett, Otis (NMI)	35899505	Co "B"
Pfc	Gillum, Leonard Y.	33541111	Co "B"
Pvt	Gawlowski, Henry F	36888045	Co "B"
Pvt	Repetosky, George (NMI)	34794438	Co "I"
Sgt	Ficard, George L	31350117	Co "K"
Pvt	Peloguin, Maurice L	31374311	Co "K"
Sgt	Matulavage, Peter A	31338057	Co "K"
Sgt	Futie, Samuel J	31331393	Co "K"
S/Sgt	Tomassoni, Anthony A	35229267	Co "K"
Pvt	Whitley, Joseph L	34854718	Hq Co 1st Bn
Pvt	Stevens, Richard D	20707040	Hq Co 1st Bn
Pvt	Walters, Harold R	33702582	Hq Co 1st Bn
Pvt	Howell, Everett L	35772924	Hq Co 1st Bn
T/Sgt	LaPointe, Edward P.	20706997	Hq Co 1st Bn
Pfc	Schneider, Morris I.	42033122	Co "K"
Pvt	Burnell, Carl O	39215573	Co "G"

12 October 1944

Pvt	Mahaffey, James A	34832138	Co "K"
Pvt	Miller, Rufus A	34899450	Co "K"
Sgt	Armstrong, Edward A.	33330870	Co "K"
Pvt	Odham, William R	35776312	Co "L"
Pvt	Richards, Henry T	39858606	Co "L"
Pfc	Frank, Clarence (NMI)	36367793	Co "L"
Pfc	Doppelheuer, Roy R.	33441001	Co "L"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

12 October 1944, Cont'd

Pvt	Anthony, Louis J	42056191	Co "L"
S/Sgt	Haugen, Alfred W	37027543	Co "K"
Pvt	Carris, Howard L	36879349	Med Det
Pvt	Wirth, Daniel E	36614709	Hq Co 2nd Bn
Pvt	Yandura, Frank P	33715110	Co "F"
Pfc	Schram, Otto R	36835100	Co "F"
Cpl	Soja, Romuald M	35160533	Co "C"

13 October 1944

Pvt.	Phelps, Alvin O	34926734	Co "I"
Sgt	Zeglen, Louis R	33612796	Co "L"
Pvt	Fulp, William F	34608282	Co "L"
Pvt	Brezina, Milvoy R	37682951	Co "F"
Sgt	Smith, Glen L	39905012	Co "F"
S/Sgt	Bachinsky, George B	31122100	Co "K"
Pvt	Komorski, Stanley (NMI)	33703336	Co "K"
Pvt	Shump, Curtis W	35767383	Co "K"
Pvt	Litton, Thomas E	39723449	Co "M"
Pvt	Boyer, Lawrence E	33830745	Co "K"
Pvt	Pitillo, James N	34898369	Co "L"
S/Sgt	Cruz, Matilde, Jr	38246478	Co "A"
S/Sgt	Tierney, Charles H	33358707	Co "A"
Pvt	Roberts, Wilbur F	39309837	Co "C"

14 October 1944

Pvt	Lazarine, J. V. (10)	38478704	Med Det
Tec 5	Peters, George W	33756550	Med Det
Pvt	Hutchinson, Edward F	39460884	Med Det
Tec 5	Greenman, Nathan F	38486596	Med Det
Cpl	Pounds, Theodral E	14154693	Co "C"
Pfc	O'Neal, Edward Jr	33702561	Co "K"
Sgt	Melnick, Peter (IMI)	33793933	Co "K"
Pvt	Veerkamp, Alphonse J	36695395	Co "K"
Pfc	Jewett, Richard E	36859252	Co "K"
Sgt	Schierman, David (NMI)	39197193	Co "K"
Pfc	Larkin, James A	36693261	Co "B"
Pfc	Owens, Edward (NMI)	34651451	Co "D"
Pfc	Nawrocki, Raymond S	36710334	Co "I"
1st Lt	McMeekan, Robert J	01315957	Co "C"
S/Sgt	Schimmel, Walter J	32599052	Co "C"
Pfc	Alansky, William E	34833047	Co "C"
Pfc	Colvin, Lawrence (NMI)	38288825	Co "C"
Pfc	Kalberer, Gustav N	36866850	Co "C"
Pfc	Mossier, Arthur E	31350154	Co "C"
Pfc	Pfau, Charles F	36735323	Co "C"
Pfc	Stroud, Kenneth B	34925988	Co "C"
Pvt	Ferrara, Archie W	33808249	Co "C"
Pvt	Ferguson, James A	33715729	Co "C"

(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

14 October 1944, Cont'd

Pvt	Macek, Robert J	35927443	Co	"G"
Pvt	Meserole, Dossie I	36767930	Co	"G"
Sgt	Stec, Milton S	31370958	Co	"A"
Pfc	Schwartz, Joseph (NMI)	36587423	Co	"A"
Cpl	Welsh, Howard F	37515544	Co	"L"
Cpl	Norris, Council J	34176145	Co	"L"
Pvt	Beach, Jack I	36833575	Co	"L"
Pvt	Bollinger, Paul M.	33515501	Co	"L"
Pfc	Mitchell, Wendall G	33765489	Co	"I"
Sgt	Majewski, Eugene L	36662022	Co	"I"
Pfc	Seney, Alphonse A	32946147	Co	"I"
S/Sgt	Suhre, Arthur W	36668889	Co	"B"
Pvt	Robbins, Harold G	33661391	Co	"G"
Pvt	Baranoski, Michael (NMI)	36877385	Co	"G"
Pfc	Howes, Fred G	32599399	Co	"G"
Pvt	Barber, Dawson W	35884028	Co	"G"
S/Sgt	Michalski, Chester L	32568429	Co	"G"
Pfc	McComb, Joseph C	31383315	Co	"G"
Pvt	Calderone, James P	42040992	Co	"G"
Pfc	Danz, Robert H	32921090	Co	"G"
Pvt	Anderson, Ralph L.	34730905	Co	"G"
Pfc	Vega Torres, William (NMI)	42044215	Co	"E"
Pvt	Rogers, George J	39925289	Co	"E"
Pfc	Faust, Eugene W	36648793	Co	"E"
S/Sgt	White, Gilbert H	36460137	Co	"F"
Tec 5	Tenpas, Harold G	36266210	Co	"F"
Pfc	Yelton, Hugh L	34515704	Co	"F"
Pvt	Burrows, Edward A.	37584644	Co	"F"
Pvt	Behan, Paul L	36844269	Co	"F"
Pvt	Jung, William E	36090704	Co	"K"
Pvt	Wischnowsky, Clifford F.	31447863	Co	"H"
Pfc	Archutowski, Chester (NMI)	36584965	Co	"A"
Pfc	Bilski, Stanley A	36002444	Co	"A"

15 October 1944

Pfc	Sedor, Stephen T	42041568	Co	"K"
Pvt	Rebernik, Joseph R	33612660	Co	"I"
Pfc	Holcombe, Willard L	34817714	Co	"F"
Pvt	Sweeton, Charles E.	34493802	Med Det	
S/Sgt	Mulhern, James A	33466862	Co	"B"
Pvt	Donigan, John J	42024275	Co	"B"
Pvt	Mitchell, Jewell (NMI)	36780729	Co	"E"
Pfc	Magnine, Joseph A	36715258	Co	"E"
Pfc	Wright, Lewis H	35808250	Co	"E"
Pfc	Hall, Ralston (NMI)	34437789	Co	"I"
Pfc	Faraci, Paul J	42010706	Co	"A"
S/Sgt	Malee, John G	33683362	Co	"I"
Pvt	Schafhauser, Howard E	39215942	Co	"I"
Pvt	Till, Harry W.	33810778	Co	"I"

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2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

16 October 1944

Pvt	Fiore, Peter F	36732787	Co "A"
S/Sgt	Organek, Henry G	33466499	Co "B"
Pfc	Frary, Elmer C	33318614	Co "B"
Pfc	Roach, Raymond H	20631390	Co "B"
Pvt	Cox, James R	39143098	Co "B"
Sgt	Huffman, James W	33700090	Co "K"
Cpl	Oldsey, Bernard S	13185031	Co "F"
Sgt	Martin, Lealen R	37518224	Co "G"
Pvt	Vanio, Joseph F	33699465	Co "H"
Pfc	Bobo, Victor L	38096155	Co "I"
Pvt	Kowalski, Chester F	33028830	Co "I"
1st Lt	Flannigan, Patrick J	01298373	Co "I"
Pfc	Miller, Robert T	33801081	Co "I"
Pvt	Reynolds, Cecil D.	34854267	Med Det
S/Sgt	McCormick, Thomas S	33642075	Co "F"
Pfc	DeRosa, Salvatore A	33454417	Co "I"

17 October 1944

Pvt	Bunnell, George N	33462501	Co "B"
Pfc	Rozzano, Tony (NMI)	35055687	Cannon Co
Cpl	Lukasik, Benedict A	36297237	Cannon Co
Pfc	Tew, Joe R	34771736	Co "G"
Pfc	May, Trammell G	34543457	Co "G"
Pfc	McCutcheon, James W	35772507	Co "G"
Pfc	McTeigue, Philip M	32500700	Co "G"
Pfc	Slozer, Otto F	33625151	Co "G"
1st Lt	Sizoo, Roger R	01295095	Hq Co 2nd Bn
Pfc	Ingram, Dallas V	36640982	Co "F"
Pfc	Houser, Edward H.	36740271	Co "F"
S/Sgt	Maynard, Dennis E	34735188	Co "F"
S/Sgt	Mehl, Chester P	35919362	Co "F"
Pfc	Slaysman, Melvern M.	33719156	Co "G"
Pvt	Rappard, David P	32738166	Co "G"
Pvt	Canon, Arthur G	31423712	Co "G"
Pvt	Johnson, Walter A	42041296	Co "G"
Pfc	Newman, Cleatus R	33658252	Co "G"
Pfc	Willmaring, Donald R	37625635	Co "G"
Pfc	Denkovic, Joseph E	33826717	Co "G"
Pvt	Schee, James W	38510704	Co "G"
Sgt	Stewart, Glenn E	34821827	Co "G"
Pvt	Creasy, Clyde E	34881969	Co "G"

18 October 1944

Pvt	Barbour, Everett D	33632513	Co "A"
Pfc	Kelley, George H	32807567	Hq Co 3rd Bn
Pvt	Berentes, Joseph (NMI)	42043727	Co "A"
S/Sgt	Lukaszewski, Edward S	37566159	Co "A"
S/Sgt	Rhubart, Walter, Jr	32753394	Co "A"
Sgt	Hall, Joseph E	33720680	Co "A"

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2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

18 October 1944, Cont'd

Sgt	Clayton, James I	36479405	Co "A"
S/Sgt	Von Flatern, Joseph F	31371319	Co "A"
Pfc	Bartz, Rawald A	36836752	Co "A"
Pfc	Arndt, Sylvester G	37165143	Co "A"
Pfc	Dahlstrom, Gordon R	36694190	Co "A"
Pfc	Adelsberg, Julius (NMI)	32990156	Co "A"
Capt	Crowley, Allen P	0354712	Serv Co ✓
WO (jg)	Scott, George J	W2110174	Serv Co ✓
Pvt	Workman, Donald F	35913850	Med Det
Pfc	King, William J	33465387	Co "G"
Pfc	Nolan, James G	36635437	Co "G"
Sgt	Paolino, John L	31194700	Co "G"
Pfc	Erickson, Kerwin V	36815502	Co "G"
Pfc	Wolf, Joseph L	33061996	Co "G"

19 October 1944

Pfc	Stachura, Walter J	31126155	Hq Co 2nd Bn
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20 October 1944

Pvt	Sibel, Joseph A	36549408	Co "F"
Pvt	Villalpando, Celestino (NMI)	39721165	Co "F"
Pvt	Sims, Glendon (NMI)	34493961	Co "G"

21 October 1944

Sgt	Susalla, James D	33414413	Co "A"
Pvt	Haynes, James G	32734772	Co "A"
T/Sgt	Walker, Roy L	20201155	Co "G"

22 October 1944

Pfc	Hartline, Arthur T	34440358	Co "F"
Pfc	Hart, James W	35795299	Co "G"

23 October 1944

Pvt	Ramey, George F	35574614	AT Co
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24 October 1944

Pfc	Beane, James F	34609521	Co "E"
Pfc	Dorame, Antonio S	39856231	Co "E"
Pfc	Garcia, Pedro G	38257425	Co "E"
Pfc	Haynes, Bilbo (NMI)	34019237	Co "E"
Pfc	Harris, Golden R	34875563	Co "E"
Pfc	Tyson, Carlton J	34463610	Co "G"
Pfc	Crampton, Charles F	37015371	Co "G"
Pfc	Cunningham, Robert G	33407237	Co "D"
Pfc	Adams, Frank H	39542389	Co "D"

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2. Wounded in Action, Cont'd

24 October 1944, Cont'd

Pfc	Abley, Ira D.	35726152	Co "D"
Pfc	Lange, Edward E.	36747150	Co "K"
Sgt	Monti, Samuel J.	32132835	Co "G"
Pfc	Goldman, Leo (NMI)	42011992	Co "G"
Sgt	Lubman, Robert J.	31370508	Co "A"
Tec 5	Soule, Warren A.	37025708	Co "A"
Pfc	Champagne, Roland W.	31373091	Co "A"
Pfc	Melton, Charles L.	34771177	Co "A"
Pfc	Caperton, Burman R.	35642875	Co "A"
Pfc	Maatta, Reino A.	36823770	Co "A"
Pfc	Grossenbach, Richard P.	16123463	Co "A"
Pfc	Odom, George B.	34531551	Co "H"
Pfc	Vaught, Robert C.	39285722	Co "H"
Pvt	Weis, Joseph M., Jr.	35551632	Co "H"
Pvt	Lunley, Huey V.	34543833	Co "H"
Pvt	Loverher, Duane E.	36739173	Co "H"
Pvt	Burr, Woodrow W.	34644070	Co "L"
Pfc	Brescia, Daniel A.	31262290	Co "L"
Pfc	Thomas, Philip H.	31446165	Co "L"

25 October 1944

Cpl.	Ruymen, Victor L.	32963666	Co "G"
Pfc	Heffner, Arthur H.	33248947	Co "E"
Pfc	Rebec, Primo J.	36620799	Co "L"

26 October 1944

Pvt	Schleiger, Lloyd L.	35882022	Co "L"
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29 October 1944

Pfc	Kausch, Eugene C.	33830849	Hq Co 2nd Bn
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30 October 1944

Pvt	Meduras, Manuel (NMI)	31421203	Co "H"
Pvt	Martin, Ernest (NMI)	31421245	Co "H"

31 October 1944

Pvt	Legere, John P., Jr.	31392281	Co "E"
Sgt	Pease, Wilbur J.	31009927	Co "I"

3. Missing in Action

10 October 1944

2nd Lt	Rose, Jesse C., Jr.	01310153	Co "F"
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(SECTION VI -- LOSSES IN ACTION, Continued)

3. Missing in Action, Cont'd

11 October 1944

Sgt	Stubblefield, John A., Jr	39340675	Co "E"
Pfc	Whitaker, Earnest (NMI)	35707993	Co "E"
Pfc	Seitsinger, Richard J	35538151	Co "E"
Pfc	Woodruff, Roy S	35919786	Co "E"
Pfc	Thomas, Ray (NMI)	35807569	Co "E"
Pfc	Tippitt, Edward L	35879360	Co "E"
Pfc	Williams, James H	34894022	Co "E"
Pfc	Warren, Grover D	34875551	Co "E"
Pfc	Galek, Joseph W	36887043	Co "E"
Pvt	Levan, Robert H	33464898	Co "E"
Pvt	Starr, Nathan (NMI)	39922262	Co "E"

14 October 1944

Pfc	Cooper, Thomas E	35705462	Co "C"
Pfc	Flynn, James H	35788182	Co "C"
Pfc	Marsh, Edward G	36859408	Co "C"
Pvt	East, Carl B	39925295	Co "C"
Pvt	LeClerc, Roger A	39343598	Co "C"
Pfc	Chesney, Johnny V	34883987	Co "C"
S/Sgt	Netto, Louis (NMI)	32917427	Co "C"
Sgt	Hans, Arthur (NMI)	37703058	Co "C"
Pfc	Burke, James D	33604100	Co "C"
Capt	Miles, James R	0454185	Co "G"
2nd Lt	Carter, James F	01324908	Co "G"
Pfc	Walters, Herbert B., Jr	32950055	Co "G"
Pvt	Blucas, John M.	33705167	Co "G"
Pvt	Brown, Leonard M.	33752680	Co "G"
Pfc	Mangin, Alvin M., Jr	33589766	Co "G"
Pvt	Dick, William R	36634130	Co "G"
Pvt	Cerullo, Frank A	42066712	Co "G"
Pfc	Wolff, John M.	37268531	Co "G"
Pvt	Henley, Samuel K	34830199	Co "G"
Pfc	Dunham, Kenneth A	36288970	Co "G"
Pvt	Deane, John B	13033564	Co "G"
Pvt	Hanson, Carl V	37567244	Co "G"
Pvt	Cline, William E	33721945	Co "G"
Pfc	Skeath, Albert E, Jr	35920036	Co "F"
Pfc	Fleetwood, Donald (NMI)	35868001	Co "C"
Sgt	Lueck, Frank W	20708880	Co "H"
Sgt	Wagon, Virgil H	35697949	Co "H"
Cpl	Weisberg, Morris (NMI)	33001156	Co "H"
Pfc	Stegall, Howard E	37608329	Co "H"
Pfc	Shelton, Lawson W	33048118	Co "H"
Pfc	Kassinger, Lonnie (NMI)	35728910	Co "H"
Pfc	Mierzwik, Paulie A	38256176	Co "H"
Pfc	Heim, Fred (NMI)	32764385	Co "H"
Pfc	Gabriel, Carl P	37551627	Co "H"
Pvt	Syme, John E	32767705	Co "H"
Pvt	Arnold, Dan S	35812936	Co "H"
Pvt	Fugit, Jesse B	38567402	Co "H"
Pvt	DeSapio, John S	42061723	Co "H"

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3. Missing in Action, Cont'd

15 October 1944

Pvt Bracewell, Joseph E 34833560 Co "E"

17 October 1944

Pvt Boder, George J 42065571 Co "L"
Pvt Martin, George E 33507751 Co "L"
Pfc Quintana, Joe N 37352904 Co "L"
Pfc Phelan, Matthew W 36695454 Co "F"
S/Sgt Dayton, William R 7081146 Co "F"

23 October 1944

Pvt Marsh, Charles J 35925036 Co "G"
Pvt Chorvat, Vladimir A 36384882 Co "G"

28 October 1944

Pvt Cooper, Elbert R 34818641 Co "B"

B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO OCTOBER, 1944, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

1. Killed in Action

2 February 1944

Pvt Lis, William H 31348038 Co "B"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 2 Feb 1944)

9 February 1944

Pfc Cooper, Rosco P 38332628 Co "C"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 9 Feb 1944)

27 April 1944

Pvt Rodophele, Frank K. 31360267 Co "C"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 27 April 1944)

28 September 1944

Pvt Devlin, William 32048343 Co "C"

8 September 1944

Sgt Glick, William (NMI) 32815064 Co "B"

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S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action:	2	0	86
Wounded in Action:	7	1	288
Missing in Action:	3	0	56
Captured:	0	0	0

SECTION VII - AWARDS AND CITATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING ARMED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AS INDICATED BELOW:

I. Silver Star

a. FRENCH H. BATES, 36599924, Private First Class, Company "K" 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. When an enemy shell landed beside the fox hole occupied by Pfc Bates and a comrade, they were both severely wounded. Despite his painful wounds, Pfc Bates carried his wounded comrade the intense enemy artillery fire until he found an aid man who rendered life saving treatment. Later, when the Company was forced to withdraw from their position because of increased enemy fire, Pfc Bates, now unable to walk because of his wounds, remained alone on the hill to cover the withdrawing troops. Fortunately, 36 hours later, a friendly unit reoccupied the hill and found him still alive and evacuated him. The extreme courage and determination displayed by Pfc Bates was a distinct credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hawks, Michigan.

b. LOUIS B. HOKE, 36753544, Private First Class, Company "K", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 31 May 1944, in the vicinity of Lanuvio, Italy. After his company had repulsed a fierce enemy counter-attack Pfc Hoke noticed a group of the enemy forming for another attack in a vineyard 100 yards to his front. Intense enemy mortar fire was making it impossible for his company to strengthen their positions and Pfc Hoke realized the enemy must be dissolved immediately if they were to be stopped. Standing up in full view of the enemy Pfc Hoke began emptying his rifle at them paying no attention to the mortar fire landing near him and the enemy bullets whistling by him. His exemplary courage so inspired the other men of the company that they left their places of safety, opened fire on the enemy and forced them to withdraw. Pfc Hoke's courageous action merits great praise and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from: 6449 So. Carpenter St., Chicago, Illinois.

c. LOUIS L. SCHAFER, 36161554, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1942, in the vicinity of Algiers, Algeria, North Africa. While entering the harbor of Algiers, the naval destroyer which Tec 5 Schaf was on was hit by enemy shore batteries and numerous casualties were caused resulting in confusion and panic among the troops. Tec 5 Schaf immediately contacted the Battalion Surgeon and volunteered to help him treat the wounded. All that night he worked tirelessly, rendering first aid to the injured men. The coolness, courage and devotion to his comrades displayed by Tec 5 Schaf reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from: 2751 Ardmore Street, Detroit, Michigan.

d. RAYMOND E. MILLER, 20708761, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "G", 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. Tec 5 Miller a truck driver, was bringing a load of ammunition to his company when enemy artillery fire forced him to leave his vehicle and take cover. Noticing some movement to his front he investigated and spotted three of the enemy attempting

1. Silver Star, cont'd

d. to set up a machine gun. Tec5 Miller boldly charged them with his pistol and taking them completely by surprise, captured all three of the enemy. After turning his prisoners over to another comrade he continued on his way and delivered the vital ammunition to his company. Tec5 Miller's initiative and quick thinking saved his company from suffering casualties and his action was a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Ellendale, Minn.

e. ALFRED H. BRENINGER, 01283716, Captain, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 18 July 1944, in the vicinity of Leghorn, Italy. After establishing a forward Battalion CP, despite intense enemy sniper fire, Capt. Breninger and another officer daringly made their way forward across 150 yards of open terrain under heavy enemy fire and entered a friendly armored car that had been abandoned after it had hit a mine. From the commanding position which the vehicle occupied on the enemy's left flank the two officers employed the machine gun and anti-tank gun therein with telling effects, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and with the tracer ammunition had started many brush fires in and around the enemy positions. As a result of this action, a disorganized enemy was forced to fall back and our forces were able to make a long advance toward their objective, the city of Leghorn. Capt. Breninger's aggressiveness and daring reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from: Route L, Larwill, Indiana.

f. CLIFTON M. HARRISON, 34771973, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, in the vicinity of Gabbro, Italy. When the Cannon Company to which Pvt Harrison was attached was subjected to an extremely accurate counter-battery barrage from enemy artillery, six men were killed and four were wounded, including Pvt. Harrison. Although his wound was a puncture through the palm of his hand, he neither sought aid nor cover for himself but immediately began treating his wounded comrades, two of whom were in serious condition. Despite the intense pain from his own wound and enemy shells landing in the area, Pvt Harrison applied tourniquets and bandages and administered opiates to the wounded. As a result of the courageous and skillful work of Pvt Harrison, the lives of two soldiers were saved. Entered military service from; Reidsville, No. Carolina.

g. ROBERT J. LAUDERDALE, 34635266, Private, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 1 July 1944, in the vicinity of Collemezzano, Italy. When a rifle platoon was forced to withdraw under the pressure of a strong enemy tank-infantry attack, several men were wounded and left behind. Pvt Lauderdale, upon arriving on the scene, courageously reconnoitered a route to the wounded men, although the entire area was under direct hostile tank fire. He immediately carried one of the more seriously wounded men back across the Cecina River to an aid station. While recrossing the river, Pvt Lauderdale ran into intense enemy sniper fire that hit a wounded man who was making his way to the aid station. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Pvt Lauderdale picked up the wounded man and carried him to the aid station in time to secure for him treatment which saved his life. Pvt Lauderdale's devotion to duty and courage gained for him the respect and admiration of his entire organization. Entered military service from: Route 2, Hernando, Mississippi.

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h. JAMES D. CAIN, 33558161, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from: Gonzales, Texas.

WILLIAM S. FRANCIS, 35659096, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from: Charleston, West Virginia.

CHARLES E. GILLETTE, 35174041, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from: Leesville, Ohio.

For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. These men were in the lead of their platoon which was attacking up a hill in order to seize some high ground when suddenly they were fired upon by enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Spotting two enemy machine gun emplacements, they charged one of the guns and knocked it out by killing its crew of two although they were continually fired upon by the machine gun and subjected to grenade fire. The crew of the other hostile gun, upon seeing this action, immediately surrendered. As a result of the courageous actions of these men, the company was able to continue its advance and take its objective without suffering heavy casualties.

i. JAMES M. DELAN, 36577809, Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from: Detroit, Michigan.

THOMAS W. ESTLE, 33403083, Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from: Rice Landing, Pa.

SHIRLEY W. LATTA, 14119093, Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Carter Creek, Tennessee.

For gallantry in action on 2 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. After the assault company had taken a difficult objective, the enemy was observed counter-attacking around the company open left flank. Mortar fire was called for, but there had not been time for the mortars to be set up properly. Realizing the company's desperate need for mortar fire, these men took their mortar and all the ammunition they could carry down to a position on the forward slope of the company's hill. Despite intense hostile mortar and machine gun fire from enemy positions only 450 yards away, they remained in position and fired 75 rounds within one hour. Because of the excellent observation they were able to knock out two enemy machine guns, kill nine enemy soldiers and wound several more. As a result of the courageous actions of these men the company was able to repulse the enemy counter attack.

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k. SIMON CASTILLE, 0234762, Lieutenant Colonel, 135th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 23 May 1944 in the vicinity of Anzio, Italy. Prior to an attack by his battalion, Col. Castille personally led reconnaissance patrols through intense machine gun, mortar and artillery fire to secure information of the terrain and of the enemy's disposition, in order that the final attack plan would cover the most minute detail. During the course of the attack, the leading company of the left flank was slowed up by fire from their open left flank. With no troops immediately available to be employed against the enemy on the exposed flank, Col. Castille with his runner, crossed about 300 yards of open terrain under direct enemy observation and fire, seeking to engage and neutralize the enemy delaying force. Their daring approach so surprised the enemy that the entire group, eleven in all, surrendered. As a result the battalion was able to continue their rapid advance and was the first battalion to cross the regimental objective, the Cisterna-Albano railway. The courageous leadership displayed by Col. Castille was a source of inspiration to all of his men. Entered military service from: Box 95, Ereaux Bridge, Louisiana.

l. KENNETH P. YOUNG, 01691726, Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 December 1943, in the vicinity of Pantano, Italy. A strong enemy patrol armed with automatic weapons counter-attacked his company's positions under a heavy mortar barrage. Lt. Young immediately left the comparative safety of the Company CP, organized a patrol of 15 men from the reserve platoon and quickly led them to a position on the enemy's flank. On opening fire they killed three of the enemy troops, wounded several and caused the remainder to withdraw in confusion. Although the enemy covered their withdrawal with a mortar barrage, Lt. Young disregarded the heavy fire and evacuated two of his men who had been wounded and then reported to the battalion CP information of the enemy's route of retreat. Mortar fire was instantly registered upon their route, causing very heavy casualties upon the retreating patrol. The courageous leadership displayed by Lt. Young enabled the company to hold their hard won position. Entered military service from: Livingston, New Jersey.

m. ALVIN T. ISENHOUR, 34439734, Private First Class, Company "K" 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 14 July 1944, in the vicinity of Gabbro, Italy. Pfc Isenhour's platoon was engaged in a sharp fire fight with a group of enemy located on the same hill, when the BAR gunner protecting the platoon's open right flank was killed and his assistant was wounded. A platoon of the enemy began to make their way around the now unprotected flank. Noticing the hostile maneuver Pfc Isenhour, with utter disregard for the intense machine gun and rifle fire that was raking the area, spurred himself into action and ran to the BAR. With the enemy now within a few yards of him, he opened fire and blazing away furiously he forced the hostile troops to withdraw and wounded six of them. As a result of his heroic and quick action, he prevented the enemy from encircling his platoon and saved his comrades from suffering heavy casualties. Pfc Isenhour's courage and initiative in the face of grave danger was outstanding and worthy of highest praise. Entered military service from: Hickory, North Carolina.

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n. EDWARD (M-1) SHADD, 31325575, Private First Class, Service Company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Hartford, Conn.

JAMES D. SUSALLA, 33414413, Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

For gallantry in action on 9 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. These two men volunteered to man a machine gun for a Company which had lost its machine gunners and which was receiving a furious enemy counter-attack on its hill position. After firing 12 boxes of ammunition, their gun jammed. While one repaired it his comrade went back down the hill and brought up their own machine gun. Moving it on top of a six foot high ledge which the enemy would have to climb to take the hill, they were able to stop most of the Germans as they came over the top. However several succeeded in making their way in close to the wall of the ledge and could not be reached with machine gun fire. From here the enemy began throwing hand grenades. Gathering eight grenades these two men dropped them over the ledge where the enemy had congregated. One of the enemy gained the top of the wall and made a dash for the machine gun but was killed in the attempt. The enemy made no further attempt to charge their position. By their courageous stand these men had killed four of the enemy, wounded 15, and had played a major role in breaking up the enemy attack. Their display of coolness and aggressiveness under fire was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

o. WILLIAM HEMPEL, 32181348, Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 28 October 1943, in the vicinity of Alife, Italy. After a rapid advance by his company to the forward slopes of a hill it was discovered that friendly units were pushing enemy infantry up the slopes of the hill and into their rear. Sgt Hempel although wounded continued directing his BAR team and firing his own weapon. Exposing himself to intense enemy machine gun fire he rallied his men and led them in throwing back several enemy attacks and stopping two patrols that had attempted to infiltrate around their flank. Later although suffering great pain and almost exhausted Sgt Hempel remained in position under a friendly artillery barrage and led his men in engaging a large number of the enemy being pushed into their rear. His action so inspired the other men that they either killed, wounded, or captured all of the enemy. While Sgt Hempel was being carried to the aid station on a litter, he saw one of his comrades whom he considered to be more seriously hurt than himself. Sgt Hempel made him get on the litter, and then he himself walked three miles to the aid station. Sgt Hempel's courage and leadership in the face of the enemy was outstanding and reflects great credit on himself and his organization. Entered military service from: Fairlawn, New Jersey.

p. RALPH D. BAKER, 33696280, Staff Sergeant, Company "J", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD G. PETERS, 35803342, Staff Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Harlan, Kentucky.

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1. Silver Star, cont'd

p. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. During the night their company had sneaked up to an enemy-held hill and were now waiting for daylight to continue their advance. As dawn broke these two men learned from a civilian that in a fortress-like mass of buildings on top of the hill were a large number of the enemy. On their own initiative these men crawled up to investigate and found an enemy radio operator and a guard sleeping in the doorway of one of the buildings. Immediately Sgt Peters and Sgt Baker jumped into the room and as they did the enemy awakened and started for their guns. While Sgt Baker killed the two men with his M-1 rifle, Sgt Peters began spraying the other rooms with his sub-machine gun. The other Germans after a brief moment of confusion while looking for their weapons, decided they had had enough and 21 of them including three officers surrendered. It was found that the enemy had with them much valuable equipment with which they had been directing artillery fire over the entire Division area. With their capture and the ground gained our forces were able to deliver heavy fire on the enemy artillery unit in position at the base of the reverse slope. The surprise fire routed the unit and forced the enemy to abandon their guns. The ingenuity and aggressiveness of these men in this action was of great value and their action reflects great credit on the military service.

q. LEALEN R. MARTIN, 37518224, Staff Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Joplin, Missouri.

SAM(NMI)GUZZARDO, 01312760, First Lieutenant, Company "G", 135 Infantry. Entered military service from: San Antonio, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 26 May 1944, in the vicinity of Velletri, Italy. After the platoon had occupied positions in an olive grove, these two men went out alone to search some houses extending from 100 to 300 yards to their front. As they advanced, enemy snipers fired at them continuously. Skillfully making their way through the olive grove and covering each other as they moved, Lt Guzzardo and Sgt Martin surprised and captured nine of the enemy, including one officer. Searching beyond the houses they located two enemy 88mm guns, two 20mm guns, and a large quantity of enemy machine pistols and hand grenades. By capturing these weapons they prevented their employment against our troops. The courage and initiative in the face of grave danger displayed by these two men was exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

r. JOHN A. SANDS, 33073034, Staff Sergeant, Company "D", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 June and 1 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cecina, Italy. Sgt Sands, a machine gun platoon sergeant took command of his platoon when the officer in charge was wounded. By his skillful and intelligent fire support he enabled a rifle company to make a river crossing in the face of strong enemy resistance. Early in the next morning a strong and heavily armed enemy force infiltrated through the heavy underbrush and knocked out two of Sgt Sand's machine guns and wounded eight men, including Sgt Sands. Although in great pain and while under intense machine gun fire Sgt Sands instantly arose to the occasion and reorganized his platoon.

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1. Silver Star, cont'd

r. cont'd, Moving his two remaining guns to another position he encouraged and led his men in fighting off the Germans and holding the ground gained. Pouring out a terrific volume of fire from their machine guns, Sgt Sand's platoon inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and by driving him back enabled the rifle company to maintain their positions. Sgt Sand's courageous leadership under fire was highly commendable and reflects great credit on the military service. Entered military service from: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

s. CLYDE J. JUNEAU, 34152048, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal) Company "C", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1943, in the vicinity of Montaquila, Italy. When Sgt Juneau and his squad were attacked by 30 Germans firing machine guns and machine pistols, a fierce fire fight ensued during which five of Sgt Juneau's men were wounded and one of their BAR's jammed. Sgt Juneau, realizing that the gun must be put into action if the enemy were to be driven off, daringly crawled to it and repaired the BAR while under intense enemy machine gun fire. Putting it into action, he killed three of the enemy before receiving a painful wound in the neck which rendered him unconscious for a few seconds. Coming to his senses Sgt Juneau ordered his men to withdraw to more favorable defensive positions and then he remained behind to cover their withdrawal before he himself withdrew. Sgt Juneau's courage and leadership while wounded was a great incentive to his men and enabled them to repel the attacking enemy. Entered military service from: Echo, La.

t. ROBERT D. WAGONER, 36411903, Technical Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. During an advance on enemy positions, Sgt Wagoner and a comrade discovered a long narrow trench, covered and camouflaged on top but open at either end. Although subjected to intense mortar and small arms fire from other enemy entrenchments, Sgt Wagoner crawled to one end of the dug-out and his comrade to the other. Disregarding the danger involved Sgt Wagoner entered the dug-out from his end and firing his rifle he wounded two of the enemy and they instantly surrendered. Instead of taking them out he kept up his fire and forced all of the enemy to the other end. Sgt Wagoner's determined action brought quick results and caused 17 dazed enemy troops to flee toward his comrade, who promptly took them prisoner, and disarmed them. Sgt Wagoner's courage and initiative in this action was outstanding and enabled his platoon to continue its successful attack. Entered military service from: Bear Lake, Michigan.

u. RAYMOND F. COOPER, 36659013, Private First Class, Company "A" 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 July 1944 in the vicinity of Montecatini, Italy. While Pfc Cooper and a comrade were holding a light machine gun position, the enemy counter-attacked, infiltrated through the heavy underbrush and threatened to overrun the entire company. The rest of the company was forced to withdraw, but Pfc Cooper and his comrade remained at their gun and fired eight boxes of ammunition at the enemy force. Although the enemy hurled a concentration of grenades at them, the two men held them off until the company reorganized and launched a counter-attack which routed the hostile force. The courage and determination displayed by Pfc Cooper and his comrade was a source of inspiration to the entire company. Entered military service from: Hinton, West Virginia.

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1. Silver Star, cont'd

v. WILLIAM F. ARBALLO, 19176417, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, in the vicinity of Barberino, Italy. When the rifle company to which he was attached was caught in a heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage as they advanced up a draw, Cpl Arballo was seriously wounded in one leg. Disregarding his own painful wound and although unable to walk, Cpl Arballo crawled from man to man administering first aid. Although urged to have his own wound taken care of and to take cover from incoming shells, Cpl Arballo continued his work until all the wounded had been taken care of. He then collapsed and had to be evacuated with the others. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Arballo were a source of inspiration to the entire company. Entered military service from: Del Mar, California.

w. COY E. MABE, 33556941, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Company "E", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 September 1944, in the vicinity of Poggiolino, Italy. When his squad leader was injured Sgt Mabe led the squad in an attack against an enemy machine gun emplaced in a log and concrete pillbox. He then maneuvered the men in close to the enemy emplacement, threw in a hand grenade, but the hostile troops refused to surrender. Ordering his men to withdraw a short distance, Sgt Mabe threw in another grenade and knocked out the gun and its two man crew. The courage and leadership displayed by Sgt Mabe enabled his company to advance and move to a position from where they were to support another unit. Entered military service from: Laurel Springs, North Carolina.

x. SILVESTER D. SINGLESTAD, 20708561, Technical Sergeant, Company "F", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 17 July 1944, in the vicinity of Gabbro, Italy. When his company was forced to withdraw so that artillery fire could be laid on enemy positions, Sgt Singlestad remained behind to prevent the enemy from enveloping the company's left flank. Although friendly artillery shells landed within 50 yards of him, he remained in his position. About dusk, Sgt Singlestad observed a five man enemy demolitions squad making their way up the road to blow out a bridge over the draw which he was in. Realizing that the advance of his battalion would be held up for several hours, if they succeeded, Sgt Singlestad engaged them with his carbine, wounded three of them and although they tried to drive him out with rifle and machine pistol fire, he held them off until his company again advanced up the road, causing the enemy troops to flee. The courageous stand of Sgt Singlestad enabled friendly armor to speedily employ against the enemy. Entered military service from: Waseca, Minnesota.

y. HENRY I. KREMER, 01695629, First Lieutenant, Company "L", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. Having been under enemy small arms and mortar fire from the town all day, Lt Kremer's platoon was reluctant to press the attack due to heavy casualties. Lt Kremer, on his own initiative, made his way some 150 yards to an enemy machine gun position where he was met by an exploding grenade which almost deafened him. He immediately threw two grenades at the enemy and followed this with a couple of bursts from his sub-machine gun. The enemy machine gun crew surrendered.

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1. Silver Star, cont'd

y. cont'd. When the platoon saw Lt Kremer returning with the two prisoners, they rose as one man and attacked and secured their objective despite determined enemy resistance. The courage and determination displayed by Lt Kremer was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: St Augustine, Florida.

z. PATRICK J. FLANNIGAN, 01298373, First Lieutenant, Company I 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. Informed that eight enemy soldiers had entered a house on the edge of town which his company was occupying, Lt Flannigan took his runner with him and made his way to the house. Leaving his runner outside as guard Lt Flannigan entered the house but found no trace of the enemy. He then entered a garden behind the house and was fired upon by the enemy troops. Lt Flannigan instantly sprayed the garden with his sub-machine gun, wounded four of the enemy and forced the other four to surrender. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Lt Flannigan prevented the enemy group from sniping and harassing supply details entering the town. Home address: Tacoma, Washington.

al. GRANT L. HOENER, 01319501, First Lieutenant, Company "C" 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Prior to an attack against an enemy occupied hill, Lt Hoener went out with a four man patrol to reconnoiter his objective. Leaving his men at the base of the hill, Lt Hoener advanced alone to within 200 yards of the crest of the hill where he met fire from 3 enemy machine guns. He immediately took cover and calmly and accurately employed grenades and his M-1 rifle, knocking out one machine gun and causing the other gun crews to flee. He then sent his men back to the company and set out to report his information to the Battalion CP. On the way he was seriously wounded in the neck by an enemy sniper, but by crawling 150 yards to the command post, he reported his findings. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Lt Hoener enabled the battalion to launch a successful flanking attack on the enemy occupied hill. Entered military service from: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. Silver Star (Posthumously)

a. FRANK A. FABIAN, 36306352, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Rather than remain in the kitchen area in order to condition himself after returning from the hospital, Sgt Fabian chose to immediately return to his platoon which was then engaged in heavy fighting in the hills surrounding Cassino. He so skillfully directed his platoon that they were able to give considerable aid to the company in capturing important ground in the vicinity of Monte Cassino Abbey. When the enemy later counter-attacked, Sgt Fabian rallied his men to hold their ground although the enemy came so close to their positions that they were forced to use hand grenades to drive them off. The next day, however, while organizing a defensive position, an enemy mortar barrage enveloped the company, killing Sgt Fabian. The courage and superb leadership displayed by Sgt Fabian gained for him the respect and admiration of his entire company. Entered military service from: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Susana Licak (Mother) Chicago, Illinois.

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b. CHARLES R. FAST, 36881387, Private, Company "E", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of Barberino, Italy. After a night attack Pvt Fast's platoon found themselves at daybreak in the midst of an enemy mine field and minus a good field of fire with which they could protect their left flank. On his own initiative and without thought for his own safety Pvt Fast began clearing a path through the dangerous mine field. After neutralizing many of the mines and establishing a safe route for his comrades, he himself was fatally wounded by the explosion of one of the mines. As a result of his courageous action his squad was able to move out of the danger area and into a defensive position. Pvt Fast's extreme bravery and devotion to duty in the face of grave danger set an example of gallantry which was an inspiration to his unit and which reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Ypsilanti, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen Fast (Mother) Ypsilanti, Michigan.

c. PAUL J. KELLY, 32945161, Private, Company K, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 May 1944, in the vicinity of Velletri, Italy. During an attack by enemy armor Pvt Kelly and another comrade manned a bazooka gun and, disregarding intense small arms fire that was raking their position, succeeded in knocking out an advancing enemy tank. Refusing to seek cover, Pvt Kelly then turned his attention to an enemy self-propelled gun which was firing on his company's position at point blank range. The courageous duel with the enemy artillery piece ended with Pvt Kelly being killed and his comrade painfully wounded. But their heroic stand so inspired their comrades that they drove off the enemy gun and broke up the enemy counter-attack. Pvt Kelly's courage and daring under fire was outstanding and worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from: Deposit, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Harvey Kelly (Father) Deposit, New York.

d. JOHN G. MC BRIDE, 33600150, Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. When friendly artillery began falling into his company's positions Pfc McBride was sent to the Battalion CP with a message to have the fire lifted and to have the reserve company move up and assist his company in breaking up an imminent enemy counter-attack. Courageously moving across open terrain and going through a wide draw while under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire as well as our own artillery which was shelling the area, Pfc McBride made his way to the CP. Then he volunteered to guide a Battalion commander and the latter's runner to a position near his own company. While recrossing the same draw the enemy pinned Pfc McBride and his companions down with heavy fire. Pfc McBride instantly sized up the situation and taking the runner with him he crawled off to the flank. By doing this he drew the enemy's fire in his direction, thus allowing the Battalion commander to cross the draw safely. Pfc McBride and the runner then carefully crossed the draw. Arriving back at his company CP he found that his message had been carried out, the artillery had been lifted and the reserve company had and was aiding his comrades in repelling a savage enemy counter-attack. Pfc McBride's courage and devotion to duty under fire reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from: Philadelphia, Pa. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie McBride (Mother) same address.

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2. Silver Star, (Posthumously), cont'd

e. THOMAS P. MC DONNELL, 33396909, Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 31 May 1944, in the vicinity of Lanuvio, Italy. When his platoon was pinned down by an enemy machine gun which had perfect observation of their every movement, Sgt McDonnell on his own initiative and disregarding his own safety volunteered to accompany his platoon leader in a frontal assault on the enemy gun which was about 75 yards away. Sgt McDonnell and his comrade daringly charged the fast-firing enemy machine gun and firing as they attacked they succeeded in reaching a point 10 yards from the gun before Sgt McDonnell was mortally wounded. However his mission had been accomplished for two of the enemy fled the position leaving behind one wounded and one dead. Sgt McDonnell's great courage inspired the men of his company to sweep through intense enemy resistance to their final objective and his action reflects highest credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Beaver, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty McDonnell (Wife) Beaver, Pennsylvania.

f. ROY E. JOHNSON, 20706897, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Co., 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cecina, Italy. Learning that a wireman with one of the companies needed some assistance, Sgt Johnson, a Battalion communications sergeant, immediately took two men and went forward. While crossing a river under direct enemy observation and heavy artillery fire, Sgt. Johnson was wounded but continued on his way. As he neared the company he saw that it was under terrific enemy artillery fire and was surrounded by enemy tanks and infantry. Sgt Johnson immediately proceeded to tap the wire to the Battalion CP to inform them of the situation but found that the wire was out. Instructing his men to remain where they were, he began checking the line by himself. Although under enemy tank and machine gun fire Sgt Johnson crawled along the line until he found the break in the wire and then repaired it. As a result of his courageous action the Battalion commander was able to direct artillery fire on the enemy and thereby break up their attack. Sgt Johnson's courage and devotion to duty under fire was exemplary and in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from: Faribault, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred Johnson (Wife) Faribault, Minnesota.

g. RAYMOND J. DRURY, 0461984, Captain, Company "B", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. While his company was advancing towards the objective it was pinned down by the fire of an enemy machine gun. Observing a house which would provide an excellent firing position from which to eliminate the hostile gun, Capt Drury decided that instead of sending a patrol to accomplish this mission he would undertake it himself. It took 45 minutes of daring creeping, crawling and running during which the enemy several times detected his movements and fired bursts at him, before he could reach the house. From here Capt Drury, armed with a sniper's rifle, killed the two Germans that comprised the machine gun crew and thus enabled his company to resume the advance. A short time later the enemy counter-attacked but were beaten back when Capt Drury personally led his men in intercepting them by a flanking movement, accomplished under withering enemy machine gun and rifle fire.

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2. Silver Star (Posthumously), cont'd

g.(cont'd) In this action Capt Drury killed three more of the enemy and wounded five others. The ground gained by Capt Crury's courageous leadership provided such excellent observation that strong enemy positions in the area were neutralized and the Battalion was able to move forward with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from: Willard, Ohio. Next of kin: Mr Alton Drury(Father)Willard, Ohio.

h. DAVE WOLFORD, 35770204, Private, Company "L", 135 Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, in the vicinity of Regenetto Italy. After taking their objective, the platoon of which Pvt Wolford was a member, found itself separated from the remainder of their company and desperately short of ammunition. A force of 30 enemy troops, taking advantage of the poor visibility, advanced upon the platoon, firing their guns from the hips. Pvt Wolford, remembering an abandoned enemy machine gun and a large supply of ammunition, left the comparative safety of his foxhole, dashed across the bullet raked terrain to the gun, set it up and turned it upon the enemy. Firing this weapon with deadly accuracy, he killed seven and wounded several more of the enemy and forced the remainder to retreat. The courage and quick thinking displayed by Pvt Wolford undoubtedly saved his platoon from annihilation. Home address: Jamboree, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mrs Mary Wolford(Mother) Jamboree, Ky.

i. W. R. MOORE, 38060491, Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 July 1944, in the vicinity of Montecatini, Italy. While Pfc Moore and a comrade were holding a light machine gun position, the enemy counter-attacked, infiltrated thru the heavy underbrush and threatened to overrun the company. The rest of the company was forced to withdraw but these men remained at their gun and fired eight boxes of ammunition at the enemy forces. Although the enemy hurled a concentration of grenades at them, Pfc Moore and his comrade held them off until the company reorganized and launched a counter attack which routed the hostile force. The devotion to duty and gallant actions of Pfc Moore were a source of inspiration to the entire company. Home address: Crosby, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs Katie Moore (Mother) Crosbyton, Texas.

j. DONALD R. BROOKS, 33447095, Sergeant, Company "E", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 September 1944, in the vicinity of Poggiolino, Italy. When intense enemy machine gun fire from well entrenched and concealed positions pinned down his company Sgt Brooks was given the mission of covering the company's withdrawal. Taking over the gunner's position on one of his guns, Sgt Brooks, although he drew intense counter fire, tenaciously poured volumes of fire at the enemy positions until he received a serious head wound. The courage and determination displayed by Sgt Brooks enabled the company to withdraw without further casualties. Home address: Washington, D.D. Next of kin: Mrs. Clare N. Brooks(Mother), Washington, D. D.

2. Silver Star(Posthumously), cont'd

k. ROY E. WEBSTER, 33408913, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 April 1944, in the vicinity of Anzio, Italy. Sgt Webster was given the mission of providing supporting fire with his machine gun section to a raiding party. As the night was very dark, the route unfamiliar and the terrain believed to be heavily mined, Sgt Webster took the lead by some ten yards and instructed the remainder of the section to follow in his footsteps. When they reached within 50 yards of their position area, Sgt Webster stepped on a mine and was instantly killed. His work was not in vain, however, for the remainder of his section was able to continue to their position without suffering casualties. The courage and superb leadership displayed by Sgt Webster gained for him the respect and admiration of all the men in his section. Home address: Emporium, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Elsie Webster (Wife) Emporium, Pennsylvania.

l. GEORGE W. CONRADY, 32076277, Staff Sergeant, Company "E", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. While leading his squad in an attack on enemy positions, Sgt Conrady was hit by an exploding grenade and had his leg blown off. Although mortally wounded, Sgt Conrady urged his men forward and directed their assault. His superb leadership prevented his squad from becoming disorganized and enabled it to drive the enemy from their positions. After the objective was taken, Sgt Conrady refused to be evacuated until defense positions had been organized. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Conrady were a source of inspiration to the entire squad. Home address: Prior Lake, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Grace Chard (Mother), Jordan, Minnesota.

m. WALTER A. STECEWICZ, 32181828, Technical Sergeant, Company "F", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. While leading his platoon along a route running below a high railroad embankment, Sgt Stecewicz stopped to regain contact on his flanks. Hearing some noise coming from a culvert some 10 yards ahead, Sgt Stecewicz went forward by himself to investigate. Upon entering the culvert, he found himself face to face with the leading elements of a large enemy patrol. He instantly opened fire with his M-1 rifle and killed three of the enemy, wounded three and forced three others to surrender. The remainder of the enemy force, overwhelmed by Sgt Stecewicz aggressiveness, fled in disorder after firing a few wild shots. The courage, quick thinking and accuracy displayed by Sgt Stecewicz was exemplary and an inspiration to his men. Home address: Rutley, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Veronica Stecewicz (Mother), Rutley, New Jersey.

n. ROBERT L. GOUDY, 01304201, Second Lieutenant, Company E, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 May 1944, in the vicinity of Anzio, Italy. Boldly leading his platoon over flat open terrain and thru intense hostile machine gun fire, Lt Goudy's platoon took forty prisoners and killed several more. Continuing their advance, the platoon encountered an enemy strong point consisting of several machine gun emplacements. Inspired by his previous actions, the platoon followed Lt Goudy in an attack on the enemy positions. While leading the assault, Lt Goudy was fatally wounded. The men, well organized, continued the attack and drove the enemy from their emplacements. The courage and leadership displayed by Lt Goudy gained for him the respect and admiration of the men in his platoon. Home address: Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Mae Goudy (Mother) Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

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3. Silver Star (Missing in Action)

a. JOHN A. STUBBLEFIELD, 39340675, Sergeant, Company E, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. When his squad leader became a casualty during an attack, Sgt Stubblefield took command of the squad and pushed on. With complete disregard for the enemy machine gun fire, Sgt Stubblefield overran an enemy machine gun position and captured two prisoners. Determined to drive the enemy from their hill-top position, but finding himself out of ammunition, Sgt Stubblefield picked up an abandoned enemy machine pistol and sprayed the area with bullets, causing a large number of enemy troops to abandon their dugouts and equipment and flee. The courage and leadership displayed by Sgt Stubblefield resulted in the capture of several machine pistols and rifles, two machine guns, a 20mm anti-aircraft gun and one howitzer. Home address: Portland, Oregon. Next of kin: Mrs Janice Stubblefield(Wife) Portlan, Oregon.

b. HARRY RUBIN, 33387610, Sergeant, Company C, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. When his company was forced to withdraw from the hill they were on because of heavy enemy fire Sgt Rubin, despite the lack of suitable cover, had his machine gun squad go into position to protect the withdrawal. While directing his squad Sgt Rubin remained fully exposed to the enemy in order to draw their fire away from the men of his company. When many of his squad became casualties from the enemy guns, Sgt Rubin himself took a machine gun and increasing its rate of fire, attracted still more enemy attention. Not until the entire company had effected a withdrawal did he cease firing. Then before withdrawing he helped aid men with his squad's casualties and saw them to safety. As a result of Sgt Rubin's courageous action the company was able to effect a withdrawal without suffering heavy casualties, and by drawing the enemy's fire power on his position, Sgt Rubin located the enemy guns for his company and they were later neutralized. Entered military service from: Baltimore, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida Rubin (Mother), Baltimore, Maryland.

4. Bronze Star

a. BERT E. NICHOLS, 20707362, Technician Fifth Grade, Anti-tank Company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

b. SAMUEL A. RALBONE, 32911052, Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Trenton, New Jersey.

c. ELDON P. SWAN, 37027000, Technical Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

d. SILVESTER J. DUNN, 37663461, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Sioux City, Iowa.

e. CHARLES A. MAC GREGOR, 33119612, Private First Class, Service Company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Stafford, Virginia.

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4. Bronze Star, cont'd

f. JOSEPH R. MARKOWITZ, 33100628, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

g. RICHARD R. MARSHAMAN, 35547474, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Mishawaka, Indiana.

h. MAURICE B. MOSES, 20703319, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Jackson, Minn.

i. EUGENE E. PRATT, 31384623, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Narragansett, R.I.

j. LAVERN G. RODEHEFFER, 35040184, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Saint Marys, Ohio.

k. RAYMOND R. ROWLEY, 20708327, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Jackson, Minn.

l. SEWELL J. WELCH, 32367690, Private First Class, Headquarter Company, 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Wilmington, Delaware.

m. EMIL W. BELLACH, 20708296, Corporal, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Jackson, Minnesota.

n. ARCHIE E. DILLEY, 20703102, Corporal, Company "L", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Stillwater, Minnesota.

o. FRANK E. GREENE, 20707419, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

p. GEORGE A. MARTIN, 32303374, Corporal, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Union City, New Jersey.

q. RALPH B. SCRAPS, 20708960, Corporal, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: St. Paul, Minnesota.

r. CLIFFORD E. ZIMMERMAN, 37026288, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: West Duluth, Minnesota.

s. BERNIE J. SAMBAS, 37073376, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Tyndall, South Dakota.

t. WILLIAM C. ECHOLS, 33090421, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Newport, Virginia.

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4. Bronze Star, cont'd

u. GUNDER D. ESSE, 20707350, Staff Sergeant, Anti-tank company 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

v. LLOYD W. DOE, 37027499, Technical Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: New England, No. Dakota.

w. WARREN F. RUSKELL, 20708274, Technical Sergeant, Company E 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Jackson, Minnesota.

x. VERNON E. ANDERSON, 20707671, First Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Hutchinson, Minnesota.

y. JOHN M. REID, 0344318, Second Lieutenant, Anti-tank company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Monroe, Michigan.

z. WILLIAM R. HOWARD, 0387017, Captain, Headquarters 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Skiatook, Oklahoma.

a1. LEON F. PELLETTIERI, 0432497, Captain, Dental Corps, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Yonkers, New York.

b1. WILLIAM T. CHRISTIAN, 32100759, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3rd Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Amsterdam, New York.

c1. JOSEPH P. BISENIUS, 37045452, Corporal, Anti-tank company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Emmetsburgh, Iowa.

d1. GROVER C. SMOAK, 34099412, Sergeant, Company "L", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Neece, South Carolina.

e1. JOHN V. SMITH, 36306843, Sergeant, Anti-tank company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Ottawa, Illinois.

f1. VERNAL W. PETHIGREW, 34147097, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Parsons City, Tennessee.

g1. JACK K. LASSITER, 34345169, Private, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Goldsboro, North Carolina.

h1. WOODARD M. PERKINS, 14010263, Private, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Collins, Mississippi.

i1. DARRIDEE W. WHEELER, 34380553, Private, Service company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Knoxville, Tennessee.

j1. ANTHONY J. BARTASAVAGE, 33623924, Private First Class, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Shenandoah Pennsylvania.

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4. Bronze Star, cont'd

k1. GEORGE E. MABERRY, 20309092, Private First Class, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Eddy, Texas.

ll. FRANCIS L. OLSON, 36810627, Private First Class, Company K 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Warrens, Wisconsin.

m1. ORD E. POWERS, 33764307, Private First Class, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Dubois, Pennsylvania.

n1. ALBERT J. BUCHSER, 33110841, Sergeant, Company D, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

ol. MARVIN E. MANNING, 34670934, Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Williamston, North Carolina.

pl. TOMMIE W. SAVIN, 34278294, Private First Class, company B, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Wilkinson, Mississippi.

ql. CARL M. ENBERG, 37025879, Private First Class, company B, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Evansville, Minnesota.

rl. DEAN R. LONG, 33746246, Private First Class, Company F, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Washington, D. C.

s1. GEORGE GELLER, 32591172, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Newark, New Jersey.

t1. JOSEPH C. BENDER, 32574462, Private First Class, company D 135th Infantry, Entered military service from: Newark, New Jersey.

u1. GEORGE E. ISABEL, 31310093, Private First Class, company E 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Fall River, Massachusetts.

v1. WAYNE LLOYD, 34739396, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Anthras, Tennessee.

w1. GERALD L. DENNIS, 34034690, Technician Fifth Grade, company B, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Titus, Ala.

x1. GAYLE R. PHILLIPS, 20707723, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Hutchinson, Minnesota.

y1. IVYL F. GREENLAE, 37037524, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Bayand, Iowa.

z1. NORMAN A. ISAACSON, 37027547, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Rugby, North Dakota.

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4. Bronze Star, cont'd

a2. FRANK L. MORUS, 36662446, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Chicago, Illinois.

b2. WALTER H P SUMMER, 20708566, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Hope, Minnesota.

c2. GEORGE H PIKE, 32735280, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 135th Infantry, Entered military service from: Rochester, New York.

d2. WILLIAM C. LATZKA, 37025284, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Melrose, Minnesota.

e2. MERVILLE L. BAKER, 33111396, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Marysville, Pennsylvania.

f2. PETER DORRIS, 36079279, Sergeant, Company B, 135 Infantry. Entered military service from: Fairmount City, Illinois.

g2. EDWARD A ARMSTRONG, 33830870, Sergeant, Company K, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Reading, Pennsylvania.

h2. SAMUEL J FURIE, 31331393, Sergeant, Company C, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Greenwich, Connecticut.

i2. FRED H YOUNG, 38520339, Sergeant, Company C, 135 Infantry. Entered military service from: Morganza, Louisiana.

j2. LEONARD L ANDERSON, 37025666, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Webster, South Dakota.

k2. JOHN P MC CARTHY, 33469082, Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

l2. BERNARD C SELLERS, 36649882, Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 135 Infantry. Entered military service from: Savanna, Illinois.

m2. STEVE TOIH, 36670077, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Chicago, Illinois.

n2. FRANK SILREY, 34881536, Technical Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Livingston, Tennessee.

o2. ARTHUR WESSOS, 20708217, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Owatonna, Minnesota.

p2. ARNOLD A BLADON, 37023689, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Hankinson, North Dakota.

4. Bronze Star, cont'd

q2. PAUL H. DERBY, 37045271, First Sergeant, Company "L", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Blakesburg, Iowa.

r2. KENNETH A. GJENGAHL, 20709706, First Sergeant, Company M, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Appleton, Minnesota.

s2. EDWARD GREENE, 01309252, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Brooklyn, New York.

t2. GEORGE A. HUNT, 02055397, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

u2. SUMNER R. NELSON, 0420240, Captain, Headquarters 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Summerville, S. C.

v2. HARRY Y. MC SWEEN, 0410271, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 3rd Bn., 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Chester, S.C.

5. Bronze Star(Posthumously)

a. CLARENCE R. MOBLEY, 38321448, Private First Class, company K, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

b. ROBERT W. SMITH, 01301075, First Lieutenant, Company "F", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: St. Paul, Minnesota

c. FRANCIS E FANEY, 36465452, Private First Class, company K, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: East Jordan, Michigan.

d. MAL M VERMIER, 35914772, Private First Class, company K, 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Bristolville, Ohio.

e. JAMES W HUFFMAN, 33700090, Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Entered military service from: Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

6. Unit Citation

COMPANY "E", 135TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. For outstanding performance of duty in action during the period 30 June 1944 to 2 July 1944 near Collemezano, Italy. Having been assigned the mission of cutting off Highway 68 and occupying a group of houses near the highway, company "E", on 30 June 1944, gallantly and determinedly moved forward in the attack. After advancing several hundred yards under heavy enemy machine gun fire, the first platoon was sent forward to secure the objective. The platoon had advanced to within 200 yards of the highway when an enemy tank gun and enemy machine guns suddenly opened fire, forcing the platoon to withdraw. On the morning of 1 July 1944 reinforcements in the form of tanks arrived and an attack was immediately launched. The second platoon daringly swept forward

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through intense enemy machine gun fire to the objective. In this fight enemy armor knocked out seven of the supporting friendly tanks. About 1600 hours two companies of enemy infantry and eight enemy tanks attacked company "E's position. The attack was concentrated on the platoon holding the highway and forced them to withdraw. Despite terrific enemy tank fire and intense small arms fire, a daring counter-attack was made by the second platoon and they succeeded in recapturing the objective, only to be forced to withdraw again due to the superior strength of the enemy. The enemy then moved forward in full force for the final assault. Company "E" was deployed in a circular formation and no one man or one single weapon remained silent during the engagement. In the face of the onrushing enemy troops and because they lacked sufficient fire power, the men of company "E" dismounted machine guns from damaged American tanks and fired these at the enemy. They entered the tanks and although they had never fired anything larger than a 60mm mortar they fired the 75mm tank guns against the enemy. The skillfulness with which the men of company "E" employed their weapons and the heroic and fierce battle they fought during this all-out enemy attack enabled them to drive the enemy back and complete their mission. Company "E"'s aggressiveness and courage against an enemy force which greatly outnumbered it merits the highest commendation and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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SECTION II

ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF 135TH INFANTRY,
DECEMBER, 1944.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 December	153	4	3165
2	152	4	3154
3	151	4	3148
4	151	4	3148
5	151	4	3140
6	156	4	3098
7	154	4	3101
8	154	4	3095
9	156	4	3074
10	157	4	3057
11	155	4	3072
12	156	4	3051
13	156	4	3064
14	156	4	3115
15	156	4	3127
16	157	4	3133
17	157	4	3130
18	157	4	3130
19	157	4	3131
20	157	4	3151
21	156	4	3149
22	156	4	3146
23	156	4	3147
24	158	4	3148
25	161	4	3138
26	158	4	3130
27	157	4	3141
28	157	4	3143
29	157	4	3141
30	155	4	3105
31	155	4	3090

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1 December 1944	
135th Infantry(-)	Vicinity of Casolo (894296)
1st Bn.	Barberino
2nd Bn.	Barberino.
16 December 1944	
135th Infantry(-)	Vicinity of Casolo (894296)
2nd Bn.	Barberino
3rd Bn.	Barberino
28 December 1944	
135th Infantry	Vicinity of Viareggio

IV - Narrative History for December

The 135th Regiment was still in the Barbarino rest area on the 1st of the month. On the 2nd a Regimental review was held at which time General Bolte attached combat streamers to the regimental colors and battalion and company guidons and presented a number of awards to officers and enlisted men.

Preparations for moving back into the lines were underway the following day, and on the 4th the Regimental CP opened at Casola (894295) under the command of Colonel Mahart who had returned from the hospital. The Regiment assumed command of the Second Battalion, 133rd Infantry, and the Third Battalion, 133rd Infantry less one rifle company and two platoons. The mission was to defend the area west of Mt. Belmonte (904328) to Highway 65. The Third Battalion, 135th Infantry, was moved into the Sassi area (896289) as Regimental reserve.

Patrols were out on the night of the 5th to observe the results of our artillery fire but they were hampered by the darkness and a thick early morning fog. One morning patrol went out in the fog as far as 883323 and 880323 and drew no fire. Previous patrols had drawn fire at night from a gorge in this vicinity, and it was believed probable that it was occupied only at night. On the 6th two deserters were brought in by E Company. They claimed they were from the 2nd Company, 147th Regiment, 65th Division, and said they were always alerted at night in expectation of an attack by our forces. The enemy soldiers, who said the general feeling among their troops was that they would not be able to hold their line, asserted that their food was poor and in small amounts and added that they had been suffering from quite a number of cases of trench feet and diarrhea.

The patrols of the previous night reported little activity on the 7th. Muddy roads and pitch black darkness hampered them in their missions.

A herd of 25 sheep were sent up by Division for use in connection with known or suspected enemy mine fields. At the same time Division informed the Regiment that the CIC had picked up an enemy agent during the night and that 16 enemy agents had been sent out to infiltrate into our lines in the past few days. Six of them were said to be women. All of the Regimental units were notified of this development.

Fourteen patrols from the 133rd Regiment were sent out on security, ambush and reconnaissance missions and they reported on the 8th that the enemy was extremely alert to the slightest sound. They encountered mortar and machine gun fire. On the same day the Regimental OP fired nine rounds of heavy and three rounds of light artillery on a large house at 86963551 where ten Germans were sighted at work. There were four direct hits on the house and the area was covered effectively.

The morning of the 9th our patrols reported no enemy activity with one exception where the Germans threw white phosphorous grenades. There were no casualties. On the 10th one patrol reported an enemy outpost near Barchetta (877323) but the other patrols made no contact. They were unable to climb the wet, slippery cliffs.

General Bolte ordered Company A, 133rd Regiment, attached to the 135th Regiment for the purpose of relieving Company L, 133.

That night a combat patrol from Company A was sent out with the mission of establishing an outpost in a house at Canovetta (877323) if it was found to be unoccupied, but by the morning of the 12th it was learned that the mission had been unsuccessful. Although the house apparently was unoccupied, the enemy had it well covered with machine gun and mortar fire. Our patrol had planned to place mines in the area but the ration train carrying the mines to the forward position was shelled and four men were wounded. Consequently, the mines did not arrive in time to be taken into the enemy territory by the patrol.

Throughout the day the sector was quiet except for occasional harrassing fire from enemy machine guns and mortars.

Patrols out the night of 12-13 reported little activity, and the same was true along the regimental front during the day. Artillery fire was used with good results against the enemy at 892332. Personnel had been observed in that vicinity. All units were alerted and requested to relay any information on a missing air OP. It was a rainy, cold day with visibility zero.

Some patrols had to be canceled on the night of the 13-14 because of the bad weather and those who did go out had nothing to report. On the 14th the CP sustained an enemy barrage of 12 rounds of light artillery. Three of the rounds hit the building and one man was cut by flying glass.

Our patrols were out in force the night of the 14-15 but reported all quiet except for one instance where three or four enemy machine guns were firing from Osta Nuova (879327). In the morning the Second Battalion of the 133rd and E Company of the same Regiment each sent in a prisoner. The two men were taken as a result of fire fights with enemy patrols and both General Bolte and Colonel Manhart sent commendations to the men who had aggressively attacked the German patrols. One prisoner was from the 146th Grenadier Regiment, the other from the 147th Regiment, 65th Division. This confirmed the presence of this enemy unit on the regimental front.

On the night of the 16th the First Battalion of the 135th relieved the Third Battalion without incident in the Regimental reserve position in the vicinity of Sassi (894289).

Patrols out the following night again saw machine gun fire originating near Osta Nuova and sighted two tanks in that area.

On the day of the 17th the enemy launched a number of rocket shells and there was a terrific explosion at 889340. Both the Regimental cannon company and supporting artillery placed fire on a suspected launching area at 879328. The effect of our firing was not known. Our OP reported that 18 to 20 rockets were fired by the enemy but the impact area could not be determined.

That night the Third Battalion of the 133rd Regiment relieved the Second Battalion and shortly before midnight an enemy patrol of 10 men approached the position of the forward platoon at 876321 at the right of Highway 65 and fired machine pistols and rifle grenades. They were driven off by small arms and mortar fire and at 0600 the next morning a six-man patrol came in even closer but was repelled with small arms fire and hand grenades. As daybreak came, a German medical aid man and two litter squads, displaying a white flag, came forward and were seen to remove a few wounded. Our patrols were out, too, and although the wet, slippery terrain features were a difficult obstacle, two of the enemy, believed to be deserters, were picked up. They identified their unit as the First Company, First Battalion, 147th Regiment and estimated their company strength at approximately 75 men.

Notification came from II Corps that Beaufighters and A 20's would be over at night and this information was passed on to all units.

On the night of 19-20 a patrol of 10 enlisted men and one officer from L Company of the 133rd made their way to a house within 200 yards of Piano della Spino (897332). The officer and a sergeant went forward on a reconnaissance. Becoming confused, they returned to the patrol from another direction. The patrol, believing them to be enemy, fired and wounded the officer. The sergeant then took the patrol back and returned with a litter squad for the removal of the officer, but on his return he stepped on a mine and wounded himself and three other men. Misfortune came to another patrol composed of 15 men from I Company of the 133rd. After ambushing an enemy listening post at 894327 they returned to their own lines but failed to give the password quickly. Friendly machine guns opened fire and two men were killed and one wounded.

The same night a patrol from A Company of the 133rd reached Canovetta, occupied the house and found no enemy present. There was no contact with the enemy. Twenty positions were prepared north of the house for occupation later. Enemy patrols were active, too, and a five-man outpost of A Company, 133rd, dispersed an enemy patrol after a fire fight at 8795-3178.

During the day of the 20th the Regiment was notified by Division that enemy paratrooper were dropped between Division and Regiment, but nothing developed from this report. The Regiment also was notified that Beaufighters were to be up again during the night.

Two deserters, both of them Polish, said that their company, the 1st of the 147th Regiment, was in the sector from 88603295 to 88803315. The 2nd or 3rd Company was on their left flank and the 146th Regiment on their right. All trains and kitchens of the enemy Division were located in Bologna, they said, and food was carried in carts by horse and mule along Highway 65 where they were met by carrying parties. The two Poles said that an attack from us was expected and that the nightly alert on the part of the enemy was continued with the men sleeping during the day. An insight into the officer situation in the German army was given when the two explained that officer candidates were sent to the lines for six weeks and were then sent back to school in Germany for three months, after which they were given their commissions.

A patrol from A Company, 133rd, went out on the night of 20-21 to occupy the arranged positions by Canovetta but encountered difficulty when one man stepped on a mine bringing down enemy rifle and rifle grenade fire from positions in the vicinity of Canovetta. One man was killed, two were wounded and one was missing. The positions could not be occupied. The next night brought negative results from patrol activity and on the following night, 22-23, patrols set out to determine where artillery shells, both enemy and friendly, were landing, but snow and mud hampered the missions. Colonel Castille, commanding the Second Battalion, notified the CP that he had been wounded and his S-2, Lieutenant Naughton, had been killed by enemy shellfire on the way to the CP of the Third Battalion of the 133rd.

It was a quiet Christmas Eve along the sector and the day passed with virtually no activity. It was the third Christmas overseas for the 135th Infantry and the second spent in Italy with the Fifth Army.

On the 26th the Regiment was notified that the command of the sector would be turned over to the 133rd Infantry on the following day, and we were instructed to send a billeting party out to reconnoiter an area near Via Reggio (8298) on the West Coast of Italy. The 135th was attached to the 92nd Division on the 28th and the Regiment was placed on a two-hour alert for employment in the coastal sector in the event the enemy launched an attack in the direction of Leghorn. The

Regimental CP was established at 017877. The 29th and 30th were devoted to defensive planning and on the 31st the commanding general of the 92nd inspected the defense installations, prepared as a secondary position for the sector by the 135th Infantry.

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SECTION V

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN ENGAGEMENTSA. Commanding Officers and Staff Officers on 1 December 1944.

Regimental Commander	Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157
Executive Officer	
S-4	Capt Jack K. White, 0536850
S-3	Major Fred H. Lipicucci, 0559962
S-2	Capt Louis H. Hauser, 01290418
S-1	
Regimental Surgeon	Capt Charles W. Mills, 0368561
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Walter H. Johnson, 0328283
" Service Company	Capt Hart R. Parker, 01294355
" Antitank Company	1st Lt Jay F. Hollyfield, 01290422
" Cannon Company	Capt Dean C. Fellows, 01168659
" First Battalion	Lt Col Charles H. Thompson, 0223488
Executive Officer	Major James E. Tyler, 023079
S-3	Capt Sumpter R. Nelson, 0420240
Commanding Headquarters Company	1st Lt George H. Johnston, 01297544
" Company "A"	1st Lt Louis Montelione, 01316133
" Company "B"	1st Lt Walter R. Hayes, 01325218
" Company "C"	Capt William C. Huey, 0406826
" Company "D"	Capt Herbert E. Grote, 01302966
" Second Battalion	Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762
Executive Officer	Major Leon K. Kurland, 0234283
S-3	1st Lt John B. Naughton, 0580472
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Paul E. Feiber, 01286265
" Company "E"	1st Lt Edgar W. Boggan, 0113150
" Company "F"	1st Lt Richard Bawden, 01303834
" Company "G"	Capt Nelson I. Kibler, 0373200
" Company "H"	Capt Alfred H. Breninger, 01283716
" Third Battalion	Lt Col John W. Joyce, 0531690
Executive Officer	Major Robert B. Allen, 0530519
S-3	Capt William B. Cole, 0384080
Commanding Headquarters Company	Capt Reid B. Huff, 0390555
" Company "I"	Capt Leslie K. Vensel, 01305681
" Company "K"	1st Lt Leon H. Arey, 01290360
" Company "L"	1st Lt Patrick J. Flannigan, 01298373
" Company "M"	1st Lt Richard A. Kearney, 01311398

B. Changes in Commanding Officers and Staff Officers during the month of December, 1944.1 December 1944

1. 1st Lt John B. Naughton, 0580472, relieved of assignment as S-3, 2nd Battalion.
2. Capt Norman E. Brown, 01286956, assigned as S-3, 2nd Battalion.

2 December 1944

1. Capt Walter H. Johnson, 0328283, Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, evacuated sick.

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3 December 1944

1. Capt Sumpter R. Nelson, 0420240, S-3, 1st Battalion, evacuated sick.

4. December 1944

1. Lt Col Charles P. Greyer, 0269157, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, 135th Infantry, and assigned as Regimental Executive Officer.
2. Col Ashton H. Manhart, 018773, assumed command of 135th Infantry.

7 December 1944

1. Capt Keith O. Van Krevelen, 0377973, assigned as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, (Returned to duty from furlough in USA).
2. 1st Lt George H. Johnston, 01297544, relieved of assignment as S-1 and Headquarters Company Commander, 1st Battalion.
3. Capt William R. Howard, 0587017, assigned as S-1 and Headquarters Company Commander, 1st Battalion.

9 December 1944

1. 1st Lt Sylvester J. Hunter, 01302468, assigned as S-3, 1st Battalion.

11 December 1944

1. Capt Jack K. White, 0330830, relieved of assignment as S-4, 135th Infantry.
2. Major Roland (MMI) Anderson, 0300901, assigned as S-4, 135th Infantry.

17 December 1944

1. 1st Lt Walter R. Hayes, 01325218, relieved of assignment as Commanding Officer, Company "B".
2. Capt Donovan C. Griffin, 0410559, assigned as Commanding Officer, Company "B", (Returned to duty from furlough in USA).

24 December 1944

1. Lt Col Simon Castille, 0234762, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, evacuated wounded.
2. Major Leon K. Kurland, 0284283, Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, assigned as Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion.

31 December 1944

1. Capt Jack K. White, 0330830, assigned as Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion.

SECTION VI

LOSSES IN ACTION

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

1. Killed in Action

9 December 1944

Pvt	Gunnels, Charles W., Jr	38071855	Co "H"
Pfc	Haggard, Walter E.	37104898	Co "H"
S/Sgt	Lundy, Arthur F	32828923	Co "A"

22 December 1944

Pfc	Jolly, David R	34773806	Hq Co 1st Bn
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24 December 1944

1st Lt	Naughton, John B	0380472	Hq 2nd Bn
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26 December 1944

Pfc	Tyaha, Samuel A	33795840	Co "A"
Pvt	Buttacavoli, George (M.I)	36769452	Co "A"
* Pfc	Davenport, Grady R.	34921299	Co "A"

* Died of wounds in hospital.

2. Wounded in Action

9 December 1944

S/Sgt	Shreffler, Robert E	16101718	Co "H"
Pfc	Hodges, Henry W	33050031	Co "A"

10 December 1944

S/Sgt	Phillips, Luther J	35070033	Co "G"
Pfc	Wilson, Wayne M.	33428882	Co "I"

22 December 1944

Lt Col	Castille, Simon (M.I)	0234702	Hq 2nd Bn
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25 December 1944

Pfc	Chrostowski, Edward J	32112124	Hq Co 1st Bn
Pvt	Howell, Everett L	35772924	Hq Co 1st Bn
Pfc	Gumpper, Herman C	33010487	Co "B"

26 December 1944

1st Lt	Johnson, Donald R	01703031	Co "A"
1fc	Davenport, Grady R	34921299	Co "A"
Pfc	Quirk, Harold L	39263596	Co "A"
Pvt	Ellis, James L	34445044	Co "A"

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B. LOSSES IN ITALIAN CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO DECEMBER, 1944, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

1. Killed in Action

1 February 1944

Pvt Aparicio, Ronald E 39032302 Co "E"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 1 Feb 1944)

9 February 1944

Pvt Duffield, Robert E 36747214 Co "E"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 9 Feb 1944)

11 February 1944

S/Sgt Nordhausen, Edgar H 37150664 Co "K"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 11 Feb 1944)

13 February 1944

Pvt Hoyt, Daniel K 15118752 Co "E"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 13 Feb 1944)

28 October 1944

Pvt Cooper, Elbert R 34816041 Co "B"
(Previously listed as Missing in Action, 28 Oct 1944)

2. Wounded in Action

17 November 1944

Pvt Eaton, Harold L 34409334 Co "F"

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in Action	1	0	12
Wounded in Action	2	0	11
Missing in Action	0	0	0
Captured	0	0	0

SECTION VII -- AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

1. Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumous)

a. RAY J. ERICKSEN, 0401913, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 135th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action, from 10 October 1943 to 5 June 1944, in Italy. During the first crossing of the Volturno River, Lieutenant Colonel ERICKSEN (then Captain), unwilling to sacrifice any men, performed hazardous reconnaissance alone in preparation for the actual crossing. Three times in the face of grave danger he made his way 1600 yards forward of the front lines to locate enemy defensive positions. During the initial crossing when the enemy threatened to disorganize the assault company with a concentrated mortar and artillery barrage, Lieutenant Colonel ERICKSEN went forward, took charge of the company and successfully accomplished the mission. On 15 October while Lieutenant Colonel ERICKSEN and two soldiers were reconnoitering a route of advance for his battalion an enemy machine gun opened fire killing his two assistants. Realizing the grave threat the machine gun would constitute to his battalion he endeavored to drive off the enemy gun crew singlehandedly. Working his way to the flank of the machine gun nest, Lieutenant Colonel ERICKSEN opened fire with his M-1 rifle, wounded two of the enemy and drove off the remainder. On 27 October when his battalion was surprised by a large enemy force supported by tanks and artillery and faced with annihilation, Lieutenant Colonel ERICKSEN organized his battalion in defensive positions and drove off the enemy attack. While at Cassino, Italy, Lieutenant Colonel ERICKSEN aided by another officer stopped a counterattack by a company of paratroops, killing and wounding at least twelve of the enemy. Night after night through heavy enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire Lieutenant Colonel ERICKSEN visited each company of his battalion to inspire and encourage his men. On the Anzio Beachhead, again he repeatedly visited forward areas to lead and as 1st his men in their defensive and patrolling activities. During the breakthrough to Rome, Italy, he was killed while leading a regimental convoy through an area under enemy fire. His valorous performance in combat is exemplary of the fighting spirit of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Stillwater, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice K Ericksen (Wife), Stillwater, Minnesota.

b. WILLIAM E. DAVIS, 35700166, Staff Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action on 17 September 1944, in the vicinity of Barberino, Italy. Staff Sergeant DAVIS, a rifle squad leader, was given the mission of leading his squad in a frontal assault on a well concealed enemy pillbox, located on the crest of a hill. In the face of intense mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, Staff Sergeant DAVIS fearlessly and skillfully maneuvered his squad up the hill to reach the crest, where a barbed wire entanglement was encountered. Ordering his men to keep low and cover him, Staff Sergeant DAVIS began cutting his way through the entanglement while subjected to intense small arms fire.

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1. Distinguished Service Cross cont'd

b. (cont'd) Breaking through the wire he rushed to a position within hand grenade range of the enemy pillbox. Throwing a hand grenade into the emplacement Staff Sergeant DAVIS killed the gunner and seriously wounded the assistant gunner. The third member of the crew attempted to turn the machine gun on him, but Staff Sergeant DAVIS killed the German with a burst from his submachine gun. Firing his submachine gun into a tunnel connected to the gun emplacement, Staff Sergeant DAVIS then shouted for the remaining Germans to surrender. As a result of this action, eighteen Germans were captured by him. Later in the day while fearlessly directing his squad in organizing a defensive position, Staff Sergeant DAVIS was killed by an enemy sniper. His bravery and courageous leadership inspired his company to accomplish its mission and his performance reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Lewistown, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mrs. Arie Woodroam (Sister), Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

c. FRANCIS J. LAURAIN, 36131186, Private, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action, on 1 June 1944, in the vicinity of Lanuvio, Italy. The company with which Private LAURAIN served was counterattacked fiercely by a strong and determined enemy. Hostile mortar, artillery and machine gun fire became so heavy that many men were forced to withdraw from the forward positions. Private LAURAIN, a company runner, seeing these men withdrawing to the rear, left the comparative safety of the company command post, rallied his comrades, and encouraged them to follow him back to their former positions. Fearlessly he led his fellow soldiers toward the enemy, through an intense mortar barrage and raking machine gun fire. Taking up a forward position, Private LAURAIN fired clip after clip of ammunition until he was finally killed. His heroic leadership was a source of inspiration to his fellow soldiers in repulsing the German counter-attack. The intrepidity and determination displayed by Private LAURAIN are exemplary of the fighting traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Plymouth, Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Francis J. Laurain (Mother), Plymouth, Virginia.

2. Legion of Merit

a. ASHTON H. MANHART, O-18773, Colonel, Headquarters, 135th Infantry. For exceptionally meritorious service in duty of great responsibility from 11 June 1944 to September 1944. Taking command of the 135th Infantry Regiment after it had completed a long period of bitter fighting, Colonel Manhart found it to be a badly battered and disorganized organization. Profiting from his long combat experience, Colonel Manhart immediately began a reorganization of his staff and battalions which won the approval of the entire regiment. Officers and men alike immediately recognized that Colonel Manhart was a leader under whose command they could enter into combat with every assurance of skillful leadership and the successful completion of their missions.

2. Lexion of Merit, cont'd

a. cont'd) After only a two week respite from 75 continuous days of combat, the Regiment resumed operations against the enemy on 24 June. This phase of the Italian Campaign was entered into with the Regiment still not fully rested from the rigors of their previous fighting. However, before many days had gone by, the officers and men of the Regiment were so inspired by the courageous manner in which their new commander, Colonel Manhart, braved enemy fire to constantly keep in close contact with them that all exerted their best efforts in his behalf. Colonel Manhart's leadership has constantly been characterized by the skill and speed with which he has maneuvered his battalions. As a result he was able to drive across the Cecina River before the enemy had a chance to fully defend this natural line. Continuing northward, Colonel Manhart threw his troops against the fortress town of Rosignana. Although constantly harassed by enemy artillery fire, Colonel Manhart maintained a CP and OP in close proximity to this town and thereby was able to coordinate a masterful tank-infantry attack which gained a foothold in the vital town and eventually won it after more than a week of savage fighting. With this barrier removed, Colonel Manhart pushed his troops rapidly ahead so as not to give the enemy a chance to prepare a strong defensive line in the rugged terrain between Rosignano and the city of Leghorn. By this aggressive action, Colonel Manhart's Regiment soon possessed the high ground overlooking the city of Leghorn and made this important seaport untenable for the enemy. From Leghorn, Colonel Manhart led his Regiment to the South bank of the Arno and pushed all enemy forces across the river before they had a chance to dig in, thereby paving the way for the eventual capture of the city of Pisa. At this time, Colonel Manhart's Regiment received its long awaited relief. But, although tired to the point of exhaustion, the 135th Infantry Regiment had been so completely won by the bravery and skill of Colonel Manhart that, had he commanded so, they would have continued fighting indefinitely. After about eight weeks of rest and training during which Colonel Manhart worked tirelessly to see that his Regiment received the best recreational facilities, food, and equipment and during which tactics for further operations were carefully planned, the Regiment again returned to combat. The regimental objective was to crack the much vaunted Gothic Line. The entire Regiment realized that fierce fighting lay ahead of them but were confident that, commanded by Colonel Manhart, they would crack wide open the enemy's defenses with a minimum of casualties to themselves. Neither were they mistaken; for Colonel Manhart threw his Regiment against the outposts of the Gothic Line with great force that the enemy's positions were overrun and his main line engaged before he had a chance to fully man it. Overcoming difficult problems of supply and control caused by the mountainous terrain, Colonel Manhart pushed crack enemy paratrooper units from such well prepared positions as those in the Monte Frassinio area and breached the Gothic Line. The 135th Infantry Regiment is now poised on high mountainous terrain awaiting the command to continue its destruction of the remaining forces in Italy and confident of their ability to do so under the able and heroic leadership of Colonel Manhart.

2. Lesion of Merit, cont'd

a. cont'd) The splendid manner in which Colonel Manhart has skillfully fought his organization under the most trying combat conditions, and the inspiring manner in which he has kept up the morale and fighting spirit of his battle scarred soldiers merit great praise and is a tribute to the high quality of leadership amongst those occupying positions of grave responsibility in our Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. A. H. Manhart, 1480 Military Way, Salt Lak City, Utah. Graduated from West Point in class of 1932.

3. Silver Star

a. G. W. BUFKIN, 34611430, Private, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action, on 9 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. During an intense enemy mortar concentration preceding a German counter-attack, Privat Bufkin, member of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, was seriously wounded in both legs and his right arm. While being evacuated, he heard someone shouting for a man to take over a machine gun to aid in repulsing the enemy assault. Determined to aid his comrades despite the intense pain of his wounds, Private Bufkin decided to man the machine gun himself. Breaking away from the men who were evacuating him, Private Bufkin limped and crawled through a hail of machine gun and rifle fire to the machine gun. Calmly and accurately firing his weapon at the approaching enemy, he repelled all hostile thrusts at his sector. Several times the Germans approached to points within hand grenade range of him, but Private Bufkin stubbornly and courageously held his position. Not until hours later when another soldier came to his relief did Private Bufkin seek attention for his wounds. His determined courage and loyalty to his hard-pressed comrades manifest the finest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Belzoni, Mississippi.

b. ELIAS A. GARNHARDT, 37027406, Private First Class, Company H, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 October 1943, in the vicinity of Raviscanina, Italy. When a strong enemy counter-attack supported by tanks and artillery and machine gun fire forced his Company to retreat from their objective, Pfc Garnhardt courageously remained at his position and covered their withdrawal with his machine gun. After the withdrawal had been completed, he still refused to abandon his position and by continuously firing his weapon he kept the enemy infantry from moving back on the objective. The enemy sent tanks roaring towards him in an attempt to drive him off but Pfc Garnhardt tenaciously clung to his position and refused to withdraw. Friendly artillery then began shelling the hostile tanks and shells landed perilously close to his position, but he refused to budge from behind his gun. Pfc Garnhardt's determination and courage was outstanding and so inspired his fellow men that they re-took their objective after the enemy assault had been repelled. Home address: Kandiyohó, Minnesota.

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3. Silver Star, cont'd

c. PAUL W. BROWN, 39286394, Private First Class, Company "F", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 June 1944, in the vicinity of Aprilia, Italy. During an enemy counter-attack, a group of enemy troops closed in on Pfc Brown's position and hurled grenades against him. Refusing to withdraw, he remained behind his machine gun and with a few accurate bursts wounded some of the enemy troops, forcing the remainder to withdraw. A hostile observer picked up his position and began shelling the area. The concussion of a close hit knocked Pfc Brown out of his foxhole, but he immediately crawled back, determined at all cost to accomplish his mission of providing supporting fire for the riflemen. Several minutes later, another hostile shell landed almost on top of him, inflicting severe leg wounds. Pfc Brown, however, refused all offers of aid, instead opening fire on a group of enemy troops attempting to advance under cover of their artillery. Only when litter bearers and aid men arrived to evacuate him on a stretcher did Pfc Brown leave his gun. The courage and tenacity displayed by Pfc Brown were exemplary and a source of inspiration to the entire company. Home address: Colton, California.

d. AGIE E. FRUM, 35761895, Private First Class, Company "F", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 June 1944, in the vicinity of Cecina, Italy. Pfc Frum and a group of comrades were moving up an enemy occupied hill when the area was suddenly enveloped with a heavy mortar barrage, forcing them to seek cover. Observing a group of enemy troops setting up a machine gun on top of the hill, Pfc Frum immediately opened fire with his automatic rifle, charging forward as he fired. The enemy immediately returned his fire and one of their bullets hit him in the right shoulder. Disregarding his wound, Pfc Frum continued firing his weapon with one hand to prevent the enemy from occupying the hill top. Inspired by his aggressiveness, his comrades disregarded the mortar shell fire and opened fire on the enemy, forcing them to abandon their attempt to set up their gun. Pfc Frum then made his way to the rear for medical treatment, but refused evacuation and rejoined his comrades. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Frum were a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Shinnston, West Virginia.

e. GEORGE F. McCANN, 32458985, Private First Class, Company "M", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Pianoro, Italy. When three direct hits by 170mm enemy artillery shells knocked down a house in which an outpost was located, Pfc McCann immediately began digging into the pile of debris to extricate the buried men. Several other men joined him and the noise of their activities attracted heavy hostile shellfire. Finally they succeeded in extricating two of the men, saving their lives. Shortly thereafter, Pfc McCann was wounded by a shell fragment. Although unable to continue working, he refused to be evacuated and instead took the place of an outpost guard, enabling the guard to aid in the rescue work. Although weak from loss of blood and suffering intense pain, Pfc McCann refused to be taken to the rear for medical treatment until daylight forced his comrades to give up their efforts. The courage and determination displayed by Pfc McCann were exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces. Home address: Jersey City, NJ

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3. Silver Star, cont'd

f. ABRUCE J. BRISCOE, 0391531, First Lieutenant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 June 1944, in the vicinity of Campoleone, Italy. The rifle Company which Lt Briscoe's machine gun platoon was supporting was threatened by a group of enemy troops on their right flank. Lt Briscoe made his way 100 yards across an exposed area, secured the aid of a tank and guided it into a position from which it could bring effective fire on the enemy. Due to the noise of the tank, Lt Briscoe climbed on top in order to make his commands heard by the tank commander. Despite the heavy machine gun fire directed at him, Lt Briscoe remained in his exposed position and directed fire at the enemy, killing several of them and forcing the remainder to flee. The courageous and inspiring action of Lt Briscoe undoubtedly saved his platoon and the rifle Company from suffering severe casualties. Home address: Appleton, Minn.

g. PEDRO (MI) HERNANDEZ, 39563081, Private First Class, Company H, 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. During an attack on an enemy-held hill the riflemen which Pfc Hernandez and his platoon were supporting were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and 20mm fire, and the platoon leader and two other men were wounded. Despite the intense hostile fire which raked the hillside, Pfc Hernandez immediately made his way forward to the wounded men and carried them to the safety of a nearby house. Enroute he was hit by shell fragments and received a broken hand and numerous flesh wounds. Continuing his job despite the severe pain, Pfc Hernandez gave them what first aid he could and then went back to an aid station, secured litter bearers, and guided them to the wounded. Only after his comrades had been cared for did he agree to have his own wounds treated. Pfc Hernandez's display of courage and devotion to his fellow comrades was outstanding and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

h. HAROLD E. REDDICK, 37026020, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3rd Bn., 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 October 1944, in the vicinity of the Savena River, Italy. When a wire line crossing the river to one of the Companies was washed out by the extremely turbulent water the Company became completely isolated. Although there were mine fields containing trip flares covering his route and their location was unknown, Sgt Reddick, the battalion wire chief, courageously went forward to find a new route for communication to the Company. Twice he set off trip flares and drew enemy mortar fire, but nevertheless he succeeded in reaching the river. After making two attempts to cross the swift river and almost drowning, Sgt Reddick on the third try succeeded in getting a wire across the isolated Company. With communication thus restored the Company was able to secure artillery and mortar fire on hostile targets, and the wire laid by Sgt Reddick was later used to pull a heavy rope and pulley system across the river with supplies. Thus an otherwise untenable position was successfully held. Sgt Reddick's courage and initiative in aiding his hard-pressed comrades was outstanding and reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

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3. Silver Star, cont'd

1. EMERY J. ANGELL, 36480462, Staff Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 and 7 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. When his platoon was pinned down by the fire of an enemy machine gun and several snipers and his platoon leader killed and platoon sergeant wounded, Sgt Angell took command and, rallying his men, led them in an assault on the hostile machine gun and silenced it. After moving to higher ground and fearlessly exposing himself to the fire of enemy snipers to secure his position, Sgt Angell made his way beyond the flanks of his position to regain contact with the remainder of his Company. In so doing he enabled his Company to coordinate plans for a continuance of the attack and on the following morning, Sgt Angell gallantly led his men through heavy enemy fire to take their objective. Then, under direct enemy 88mm 20mm, and small arms fire he held his hard won ground, inspiring his men by his exemplary bravery. Sgt Angell's courage and leadership was outstanding and succeeded in gaining for his Company ground which was of the utmost importance for ensuing attacks on an important enemy CP. Home address: Camp Point, Illinois.

4. Silver Star (Posthumous)

a. CLYDE M. INGRAM, 39311329, Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 31 May 1944, near Lanuvio, Italy. During an attack a company became pinned down by grazing fire from two enemy machine guns situated in well entrenched positions seventy-five yards to the front. Realizing the necessity for a direct assault on the German positions, St Sgt Ingram and his assistant squad leader moved ahead of their squad, called for their men to follow, and boldly rushed one of the enemy weapons. Observing the daring assault by the Americans, the enemy hastily abandoned its weapon and fled. While his squad organized around the captured position, St Sgt Ingram and his assistant maneuvered toward the second weapon, covering each other with their submachine guns as they advanced. As they reached a point within fifteen yards of the hostile weapon, the enemy crew quickly retreated. While directing their squad to move forward, St Sgt Ingram and his companion were killed by fire from a nearby concealed enemy position. The fearlessness and aggressive fighting spirit displayed by St Sgt Ingram inspired his company to take its objective, and his heroic performance reflects the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from: Cleveland, Arkansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Ingram (Mother), Cleveland, Arkansas.

b. JOHN T. SKUFCA, 36243434, Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 31 May 1944, near Lanuvio, Italy. During an attack a company became pinned down by grazing fire from two enemy machine guns situated in well entrenched positions seventy-five yards to the front. Realizing the necessity for a direct assault on the German positions, Sgt Skufca and his squad leader moved ahead of their squad, called for their men to follow, and boldly rushed one of the enemy weapons. Observing the daring assault by the Americans, the enemy crew hastily abandoned its weapon and fled. While his squad organized around the captured position, Sgt Skufca and his squad leader maneuvered toward the second weapon, covering each other with their submachine guns as they advanced. As they reached a point within fifteen yards of the hostile weapon, the enemy quickly withdrew.

4. Silver Star (Posthumous, cont'd)

b. cont'd) While directing their squad to move forward, Sgt Skufca and his companion were killed by fire from a nearby concealed enemy position. The fearlessness and aggressive fighting spirit displayed by Sgt Skufca inspired his company to take its objective, and his heroic performance reflects the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Itenosha, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. John Skufca (Mother), Itenosha, Wisconsin.

c. GLEN P. HASKINS, 36589237, Private First Class, Company "E", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rosignano, Italy. Pfc Haskins, a platoon runner, courageously followed his platoon leader through heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to arrive within assaulting distance of the platoon's objective. Here an enemy machine gun on the left flank only 50 yards away opened fire, pinned down the entire platoon and made the situation extremely critical. After gathering some hand grenades, Pfc Haskins and his platoon leader made a bold assault on the hostile gun. Just before reaching the cover of some rocks only 15 yards from the enemy position, Pfc Haskins was fatally wounded. The platoon leader, however, reached the rocks and from there hurled two grenades which wiped out the machine gun nest. Pfc Haskin's gallantry in an effort to help his platoon accomplish its mission won the admiration of all his fellow soldiers and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Fowlerville, Michigan. Next of kin: Miss Dorothy Haskins (Sister) Webberville, Michigan

d. NORMAN C. SCHOENROCK, 37189514, Technical Sergeant, Company "I", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 September 1944, in the vicinity of Giterna, Italy. After their objective had been taken and secured, Sgt Schoenrock's platoon was attacked by a company of enemy infantry. The enemy troops succeeded in setting up a machine gun with a protective squad of riflemen in close proximity to the platoon, making all movement extremely dangerous. Sgt Schoenrock maneuvered into a position from which he could snipe at the enemy with his rifle. Although the terrain offered little cover or concealment, Sgt Schoenrock either killed or wounded seven of the enemy troops. He then rallied his men and led an assault on the enemy's position. While advancing at the head of his men, a burst of fire from the hostile gun killed him instantly. His platoon, however, well-organized, continued on and drove the enemy from their positions. The courage, inspiring leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Schoenrock gained for him the respect and admiration of the entire platoon. Home address: Albert Lea, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mr. Henry Schoenrock (Father), Albert Lea, Minnesota.

e. WALLER O. KURTH, 37027423, Staff Sergeant, Company "I", 135th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 September 1944, in the vicinity of Bruscoli, Italy. When Sgt Kurth's platoon became pinned down by an enemy machine gun which could not be located because of dense underbrush, he immediately began maneuvering up a hilly slope in an effort to spot it. Although his action attracted vicious fire he succeeded in locating the gun and engaged it with his rifle at close range. Sgt Kurth killed one of the enemy and by distracting their attention enabled his platoon to advance over a better route. While engaging the enemy gun Sgt Kurth was fatally wounded

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4. Silver Star, (Posthumous, cont'd)

e. cont'd) but his courageous action so inspired his comrades that they swept forward and took their objective. Sgt Kurth's intrepidity and devotion to duty was outstanding and reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Stewart, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Emma Kurth (Mother), Stewart, Minnesota.

5. Bronze Star

a. MILTON (NMI) ROSE, 32303771, Private, Company "H", 135th Infantry
Home address: 417 Forest Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey.

b. FRANK T. GRABOWSKI, 32172392, Sergeant, Company "B", 135th
Infantry. Home address: 88 Newell St., Brooklyn, New York.

c. WILLIARD A. MORRAU, 37026538, Sergeant, Service Company, 135th
Infantry. Home address: Battle Lake, Minnesota.

d. WILLIAM A. HOLECEK, 20708487, Staff Sergeant, Company "F", 135th
Infantry. Home address: Owatonna, Minnesota.

e. TONY (NMI) LERCARA, 37354765, Staff Sergeant, Company "F", 135th
Infantry. Home address: Box #27, Beulah, Colorado.

f. WILLIAM J. TYREE, 39398082, Private, Company "K", 135th Infantry
Home address: Box 365, Seattle, Washington.

g. BERNARD F. BLAVER, 33507799, Private First Class, Company "K",
135th Infantry, Home address: Cowan, Pennsylvania.

h. BERT CRANK, 35654791, Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry.
Home address: Route #4, Louisa, Kentucky.

i. CARROLL C. HANSEN, 20708225, Sergeant, Headquarter Company, 2nd
Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: 129 Broadway, Owatonna, Minnesota.

j. DONALD R. PATRICK, 20707832, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 135th
Infantry. Home address: 3236 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

k. SABATINO DATTORE, 31187997, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 135th
Infantry, Home address: 137 Elm St., Lawrence Massachusetts.

l. WILLIAM S. MARICH, 33067983, Technical Sergeant, Company "A",
135th Infantry. Home address: Walnut St., Hebron, Maryland.

m. JOSEPH S. CHATELLE, 20700534, Technical Sergeant, Company "F",
135th Infantry. Home address: Aitken, Minnesota.

n. CLIFFORD H. BAILEY, 01692923, Second Lieutenant (then Staff
Sergeant), Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Norwich, New York.

o. ELS H. ANDERSON, 01294104, First Lieutenant, Headquarter Company
1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: St. Albans, New York.

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5. Bronze Star, cont'd

- y1. ROBERT D. DAVIS, 33621710, Staff Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Home Address: Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.
- z1. JAMES A. LEACH, 11129425, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. Home address: West Palm Beach, Florida.
- a2. MAX F. TURNER, 36161772, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: North Star, Michigan.
- b2. ERNEST M. FLOWERS, 34160497, First Sergeant, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: Mobile, Alabama.
- c2. BURTON F. BRIDGES, 01310565, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- d2. GARLAND E. DAVIS, 01316884, First Lieutenant, Company "D", 135th Infantry. Home address: South Elgin, Illinois.
- e2. ROBERT G. DAVIS, 01304872, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Danbury, Connecticut.
- f2. JAMES E. TYLER, 023079, Major, Cavalry, Headquarters, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Manhattan, Kansas.
- g2. CHARLES H. THOMPSON, 0223488, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Burns, Wyoming.

6. Bronze Star (Posthumous)

- a. FREDERICK J. KIEKOW, 37027441, Staff Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mr. Karl Kiekow (Father), Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.
- b. DEAN A. MURRAY, 35214426, Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: West Liberty, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Murray (Mother), West Liberty, West Virginia.
- c. LOWELL A. BLACK, 38566320, Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Marlow, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Shilling (Mother), Marlow, Oklahoma.
- d. JOSEPH P. VON FLATERN, 31371319, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Milford, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Von Flatern (Mother), Milford, Massachusetts.

7. Soldier's Medal

- a. BENJAMIN W. FRITH, 01295531, Second Lieutenant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. For heroism not in action on 28 October 1944, in the vicinity of Varasole, Italy.

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5. Bronze Star, cont'd

p. HAIL R. BELL, 01290367, Captain (then Second Lieutenant), Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Charleston, Illinois.

q. FRANK OPELSEAW, 0407912, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Headquarters 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Manchester, N. H.

r. JOHNNY P. HANSON, 37027336, Private First Class, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Route #1, Byron, Minnesota.

s. ELIAS E. THOMPSON, 37027231, Private First Class, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Route #3, Bagley, Minnesota.

t. CASIMIR K. GURGA, 32100109, Corporal, Company "L", 135th Infantry. Home address: 24 Second St., Cloversville, New York.

u. WAYNE B. KIEF, 37028402, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Montevideo, Minnesota.

v. WALTER J. MCDINE, 32182773, Staff Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Freehold, New Jersey.

w. PAUL R. TESCH, 37027330, Sergeant, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Waconia, Minnesota.

x. CLARENCE F. KIERN, 20709554, Private, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: 307 Railway Street, Milbank, South Dakota.

y. HUBERT C. BRITAIN, 34607526, Private First Class, Company "H", 135th Infantry. Home address: Connelly Springs, North Carolina.

z. EMILIT R. ALBEREL, 7087011, Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Colquitt, Georgia.

a1. JOHN W. KOENIG, 38399073, Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Fort Cobb, Oklahoma.

b1. THEODORE N. BLACE, 42016556, Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Home address: Englewood, New Jersey.

c1. ALFRED F. STERCHI, 39402313, Sergeant, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Montague, California.

d1. MAX D. ALEXANDER, 34161544, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Ashland, Alabama.

e1. PHILLIP R. HARPE, 13184671, Staff Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

f1. JACK P. SIMONS, 33412347, Staff Sergeant, Company "C", 135th Infantry. Home address: Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

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5. Bronze Star, cont'd

gl. WILLIAM F. ROST, 01692970, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), Headquarters 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: 24 Terrace Road, Boston, Pennsylvania.

hl. EDWIN A. DALOS, 37026833, Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Home address: Buhl, Idaho.

il. DALE J. HENDERSON, 01692926, Second Lieutenant, Company "B", 135th Infantry. Home address: Route #1, Waterloo, Indiana.

kl. MON ROE A. BOATRIGHT, 20419574, Private, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Pinemount, Florida.

ll. EDWARD H. KIEPERT, 36819037, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ml. FLOYD D. LANGE, 37608533, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: St. Louis, Missouri.

nl. JAMES M. ANDERSON, 34776423, Private First Class, Company "B", 135th Infantry. Home address: North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

ol. STANLEY A. BILSKI, 36662444, Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

pl. KEVIN E. COOPER, 33437046, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Greenville, Pennsylvania.

ql. GEORGE (NMI) KARAN, 33676724, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Russellton, Pennsylvania.

rl. DANIEL J. MAURER, 33610217, Private First Class, Company "A", 135th Infantry. Home address: Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

sl. ROQUE (NMI) RIOJAS, 37240381, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Kansas City, Kansas.

tl. AUGUST R. ZIEMAN, 37026771, Private First Class, Company "K", 135th Infantry. Home address: Oakes, North Dakota.

ul. MERRILL C. MONLY, 35914575, Technician Fifth Grade, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 135th Infantry. Home address: Niles, Ohio.

vl. JOSEPH ARERARE, 32892725, Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Home address: Kings, New York.

wl. ANTHONY A. SAIA, 32182522, Sergeant, Company "G", 135th Infantry. Home address: West Orange, New Jersey.

xl. MILTON A. DAVIDSON, 37028534, Staff Sergeant, Anti-tank Company, 135th Infantry. Home address: Bucyrus, North Dakota.

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7. Soldier's Medal, cont'd

a. cont'd) While leading his platoon across a turbulent, swollen river to affect a relief of outposts, Lt Frith observed one of his men being rapidly swept down stream after losing his hold on the guide ropes. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lt Frith plunged after the helpless soldier and swam some fifty yards to reach him. He hoisted the half-drowned man onto his back and after a ten minute struggle against the swift current, reached the river bank. Lt Frith immediately rendered artificial respiration and then helped him to an aid station. The courage and quick actions of Lt Frith in saving this soldier's life are worthy of the highest commendation. Home address: Roanoke, Virginia.