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DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE REPORT OF OPERATIONS - NOVEMBER
9 August 1946

AGO #85, U. S. Army,
11 December 1944.

PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER - 12 NOVEMBER

As the month opened the Regiment was disposed as follows: the 2nd Battalion, with Company "K" attached, held Castellare (Hill 561); the 3d Battalion (less Company "K") was in position on the Cuccelli Ridge; the 1st Battalion, in reserve, bivouacked in a tent camp near Migliarina.

The night of 1/2 November the 1st Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion on Castellare, completing the change at 020030. The 2nd Battalion marched to the Migliarina tent area.

The regiment (minus) continued its active defense of the assigned sector. Aggressive and coordinated patrolling was conducted continuously to maintain contact with the enemy, prevent enemy infiltration into our lines, reduce enemy patrolling, and to accurately locate enemy weapons and positions. Reconnaissance patrols to Hill 451, Hill 444, il Poggio, and Messana determined that the Germans held these positions. A Company "G" ambush patrol routed a 38 man enemy patrol the night of 6/7 November, killing and wounding many of them. A Company "I" combat patrol to Hill 506 the next night made numerous attempts to penetrate the strong point without success.

The enemy constantly harassed the front line and rear areas with artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer, and long range machine gun fires. This fire was returned many times over by our own weapons firing both observed and harassing missions.

The position was strengthened by the installation of several thousand barbed wire, anti-tank and anti-personnel mine fields, and trip flares. Telephone communication was established to all positions and to adjacent units.

On the night of 8/9 November the 2nd Battalion relieved the 3d Battalion, which moved back to Migliarina. The same night Company "A" set up an ambush south of Bursane that trapped an enemy patrol and killed at least four Germans before withdrawing.

During the night of 10/11 November the 3d Battalion moved by meter to the vision bivouac area in the vicinity of Gagliano. On successive nights the 1st and 2nd Battalions were relieved by elements of the 3d British Brigade and the Gagliano area.

PERIOD 12 NOVEMBER - 24 NOVEMBER

The regiment began a schedule of intensive training and reconditioning. A three day period spent in establishing camp, rehabilitation, and reequipping. The training of replacements received first priority. Ranges were set up and firing practice conducted for all weapons. Platoon tactical exercises were conducted for all units and to orient replacements.

PERIOD 24 NOVEMBER - 30 NOVEMBER

The regiment moved to the Fifth Army Rest Center in Pistoia on 24 November for a period of relaxation. All men were given an opportunity to enjoy the numerous recreational facilities of the center. The Regiment, in two echelons, moved back to the Gagliano area for continuation of training on 27 November.

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REPORT OF OPERATIONS - NOVEMBER (CONTINUED)

During the month the following men were commissioned 2nd Lieutenants as a result of meritorious service during combat:

- 2nd Lieutenant Robert T. Tuttle, Inf
- 2nd Lieutenant Dale C. Sheek, Inf
- 2nd Lieutenant Archibald M. Thomas, Inf
- 2nd Lieutenant Gilberte Villarreal, Inf
- 2nd Lieutenant Boydell Hoffman, Inf
- 2nd Lieutenant Pietro A. Miceli, Inf
- 2nd Lieutenant James R. Davidsen, Jr., Inf
- 2nd Lieutenant Ralph Pasquarelle, Inf

Decorations awarded this month:

- Legion of Merit - Col O. W. Hughes
- Lt Col Frank H. Mergan
- 1st Lt Dew K. Payton
- T/Sgt Richard K. Crevisier
- T/Sgt Michael J. Buskellich
- 10 Silver Star Medals (1 posthumously)
- 64 Bronze Star Medals (2 posthumously)
- 11 Oak Leaf Clusters to Bronze Star Medals
- 44 Purple Hearts
- 10 Oak Leaf Clusters to Purple Hearts
- 190 Combat Infantryman Badges
- Service Company awarded meritorious service unit plaque for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks in Italy from 1 August to 16 October 1944.

Our battle casualties for the month were as follows:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
Killed in action	0	18
Wounded in action	1	95
Missing in action	0	11
	<u>1</u>	<u>122</u>

Total casualties - 123

Strength of the command as the period opened was as follows: 119 officers, 5 warrant officers, and 2,639 enlisted men. At the end of the period the strength was as follows: 125 officers, 5 warrant officers, and 3,146 enlisted men. Three hundred and twenty-four replacements were received during the month.

For the Regimental Commanders:

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 2nd Lieutenant

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REPORT OF OPERATIONS - DECEMBER

PERIOD 1 DECEMBER - 22 DECEMBER

Training was continued in the Gagliano tent area during the month of December. The daily schedule included scouting and patrolling, small unit tactics, mine training, physical conditioning, night exercises, weapons training, and other subjects in which deficiencies had been noted in combat. Special attention was given to the training and orientation of replacements. The new men received two extra hours of instruction in basic subjects each day. Maximum use was made of the known distance and combat ranges which were established near Mount Calvi (8598). Tactical firing exercises in the attack were conducted for all rifle platoons and companies in which fire and movement were stressed.

Motor maintenance was given particular attention in an effort to have all vehicles in top condition for the next phase of operations. Special winter clothing including combat jackets, parkas, bedrolls, waterproof suits, were issued to the Regiment and distributed.

One gun platoon of Antitank Company on 8 January was placed on special duty with II Corps as part of a Provisional Company to study the use of the aircraft rocket for ground use.

On 22 December the Regimental Combat Team was alerted for possible movement to the coastal sector.

PERIOD 23 DECEMBER - 25 DECEMBER

At 0800 on 23 December the Regiment with 328th Field Artillery Battalion, Company "A", 310th Medical Battalion, and one Platoon, Company "G", 310th Engineer Battalion, attached, moved by motor to an assembly area north of Lucca (1878). On arrival in the new sector at 1930, the Combat Team came under operational control of the 92nd Infantry Division, to be committed only in case of a threatened enemy break-through. The 92nd Division order placed the Combat Team in division reserve with the assigned missions of preparing plans to repel enemy attacks in the coastal sector and in the Serchio Valley. The next few days were spent in reconnaissance and in the formulating of plans.

PERIOD 26 DECEMBER - 31 DECEMBER

At 260800 the Regiment reverted to 85th Division control and was placed on a one hour alert. Early this same morning the enemy launched an attack in strength against the right of the 92nd Division in the Serchio Valley. The 370th Infantry withdrew slowly in the face of this assault, and by noon the next day Barga, Galliano, and Cattaresio were in enemy hands. The Regiment was placed on a thirty minute alert status, and one hundred trucks were moved into the area in readiness for instant movement. By 29 December the attack had bogged down and the alert time was extended to two hours. The next two days were spent in preparing counterattack plans and reconnoitering successive delaying lines.

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The following men received battlefield commissions during the month of December:

- M/Sgt Fidel L. Leal to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
- 1st Sgt Roy R. Steele to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
- 1st Sgt Joseph W. Dimperio to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
- T/Sgt Willard O. Fredericks to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
- T/Sgt Gilbert C. Knorr to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry

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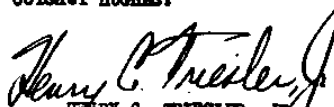
T/Sgt Taft L. George to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
T/Sgt Gordon L. Zitzow to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
T/Sgt Jay L. Brookhouse to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
T/Sgt Clarence Bishop to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry
T/Sgt James M. Newman to 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry

Strength of the command as the period opened was as follows: 125 officers, 5 warrant officers, and 3,146 enlisted men. At the end of the period the strength was as follows: 137 officers, 5 warrant officers, and 3,074 enlisted men.

Decorations awarded this month:

23 Silver Star Medals (7 posthumously, 1 missing in action)
149 Bronze Star Medals (6 posthumously)
15 Oak Leaf Clusters to Bronze Star Medals
1 Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal
7 Soldier Medals
72 Purple Hearts
17 Oak Leaf Clusters to Purple Heart
235 Combat Infantryman Badges

By order of Colonel HUGHES:



HENRY C. TRISLER, JR.
Major, 337th Infantry
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