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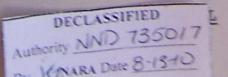
## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 85, U. S. Srmy 1 January 1945

# REPORT OF OPERATIONS 1 December to 51 December 1944

- 1 3 Dec: Forward and rear echelons remained in their respective areas (Forward echelon bivousc area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 824949, Italy. Coordinates 831957, Firensucla Sheet 98-11, 1:50,000).

  Normal duties performed.
- 4 Dec: All personnel returned from Montecatini rest center.
  Weather: Overcast and misty.
- 5-10 Dec: Both echelons remained in same areas and carried on regular duties.
- 11-14 Dec: No change in location of echelons. Normal duties carried on.
- 15 Dec: General Mark W. Clark present at a ceremony in the forward echelon. He gave a talk to the troops present and presented awards and decorations to some personnel of the Division.
- 16-18 Dec: No change in location of echelons. Normal duties carried on.
- 19 Dec: General Coulter present for a formation in the rear echelon. The General presented awards to some officers and enlisted personnel of the rear echelon. He also gave a short talk to the troops.
- 20-24 Dec: Forward and rear echelons remained stationary and performed regular duties.
- 25 Dec: Christmas day observed and celebrated as far as possible. At about 1700 hours forward echelon was alerted to move at 0100 26 December.
- 26 Dec: Forward echelon moved from bivousc area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy.
  Coordinates 824949, Firenzuola sheet 98-11, Map 1:50,00, to bivousc
  area approximately 5 miles north of Lucca, Italy. Coordinates 187824,
  Lucca Sheet 105-IV, 1:50,000.
  Rear echelon remained in Gagliano, Italy. Weather: Fair and cold.
- 27 Dec: Forward echelon remained in hivouac area approximately five miles north of Lucca, Italy. Rear echelon remained in Gagliano, Italy, and performed regular duty. Weather, fair and cold.
- 28 Dec: Forward echelon moved from bivousc area approximately five miles north of Lucca, Italy to bivousc area vicinity of Lucca, Italy. Coordinates 189806, Lucca Sheet 105-IV, Italy map 1:50,000. Rear echelon remained in bivousc area at Gagliano, Italy.



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- 29 30 Dec: Both forward and rear echelons remained stationary and performed regular duties. Weather, fair and cold.
- 31 Dec: Forward echelon remained in bivouac area north of Lucca, Italy.

  Coordinates 189806, Lucca Sheet 105-IV, 1:50,000. Rear echelon
  remained in Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 831967, Firenzuola
  Sheet 98-11, 1:50,000.

#### SUMMARY FOR MONTH

- Supply: Generally Good. Canvas folding cots which had been issued to first three graders in November were picked up and turned in. Barracks bags were re-stored at 85th Division Duffle Bag Center at Colle De Elsa.
- Moral & Health: Morab was excellent. Four day passes to Florence were continued although one day passes were discontinued. The sick rate although somewhat greater than in previous months was still comparatively low.
- Weather: The weather during early part of the month was very wet. During latter part of month weather turned much colder but was clear.

### Correction for November

Three Purple Hearts awarded during November

- 3 Nov: Benjamin J. Helgeson Pfc 36240890 Def Plat For wound received 1 October 1944 in Italy. 3- Nov: John P. Sullivan Cpl 37124939 Def Plat For wound received 1 October 1944, in Italy. 3 - Nov: Walter J. Weiss Pvt Def Plat For wound received 1 October 1944, in Italy.
  - Gain of one officer and loss of seven enlisted men in Headquarters Company and attached units for month of December 1944.

#### Assigned strength as of 31 December 1944

Hq Co	Div Hq Plat	MP Plat	Band	Atchd Med	Hq Sp Trps
Off - 4	Off - 38	Off - 4	Off - 0	Off - 2	Off - 3
WO -O	WO - 8	WO - 0	WO - 2	WO - 0	WO - O
EM -101	EM - 109	EM 82	EM -56	EM - 14	EM - 7

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