

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 85 U. S. Army.  
10 June 1945.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS  
1 May to 31 May 1945

- 1 - May: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area S.W. of Verona, Italy (Coordinates F625.494, Verona Sheet 49-III, 1:50,000) to bivouac area S.W. Asolo, Italy (Coordinates G363.899, Bassano Del Grappa Sheet 37-II, 1:50,000). Closed in old area 1445. Opened in new area 1900.
- Finance Section, Surgeon Section, Chaplain Section, SSO, Band and the Unit Personnel Sections remaining in Pracchia moved to Nogara, Italy and joined rest of rear echelon. Rear echelon remained in Nogara, Italy.
- 2 - May: Division forward echelon moved from bivouac area S.W. of Asolo, Italy (Coordinates G363.899, Bassano Del Grappa, Sheet 37-II, 1:50,000) to bivouac area Feltre, Italy (Coordinates B381.163, Feltre Sheet 22, 1:100,000). Closed in old area 1000 hours. Opened in new area 1200 hours. Division rear echelon remained in Nogara.
- 3 - 4 May: Division forward echelon remained in Feltre, Italy. Division rear echelon remained in Nogara, Italy.
- 5 - May: Division forward echelon remained in Feltre, Italy. Division rear echelon (less Finance, Surgeon, Dental Lab., SSO and part of Division Unit Personnel Sections moved from Nogara, Italy (Coordinates F696.252, Bovolone Sheet 63-IV, 1:50,000) to bivouac area Feltre, Italy (Coordinates B381.163, Feltre Sheet 22, 1:100,000). Left Nogara 2025 hours, 5 May and arrived in Feltre 0130 hours, 6 May. Forward and rear echelons located 1 block apart.
- 6 - May: Division forward and rear echelons remained in Feltre, Italy. Finance, Surgeon, Dental Lab., SSO Sections, Band and the part of Unit Personnel Sections and Headquarters Company remaining in Nogara, Italy moved to Feltre and joined rest of rear echelon.
- 7 - 10 May: Division forward and rear echelons remained in Feltre, Italy and performed regular administrative duties.
- 11 - May: Division Unit Personnel Sections returned to individual units. Forward and rear echelons remained in Feltre, Italy.

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- 11 - 13 May: Headquarters Company and all attached units saw film "Two Down and One to Go". Both echelons remained in Feltre, Italy. Forward echelon sent advance party out to establish a new bivouac site.
- 14 - May: Forward echelon moved from Feltre, Italy (Coordinates B381.163, Feltre Sheet 22, 1:100,000) to Misurina, Italy (Coordinates B66.78, Italy road map Sheet 3, 1; 200,000). Distance travelled about 80 miles. Rear echelon remained in Feltre, Italy.
- 15 - May: Forward echelon remained in Misurina, Italy. Rear echelon remained in Feltre.
- 16 - May: Forward echelon remained in Misurina, Italy. Rear echelon moved from Feltre, Italy (Coordinates B381.163, Feltre Sheet 22, 1:100,000), to Misurina, Italy (Coordinates B66.78, Italy road map Sheet 3, 1:200,000). Left Feltre 0825 and arrived in Misurina 1245. Distance travelled about 80 miles.
- 17 - 26 May: Forward and rear echelons remained in vicinity of Misurina, Italy and performed regular administrative duties. Weather during this period was wet and cold.
- 27 - May: Forward echelon remained in Misurina, Italy. Rear echelon moved from Misurina, Italy (Coordinates B66.78, Italy road map Sheet 3, 1:200,000) to Feltre, Italy (Coordinates B381.163, Feltre Sheet 22, 1:100,000). Left Misurina 0930 hours and arrived Feltre 1330 hours. Weather fair. Morale excellent. Distance travelled about 80 miles.
- 28 - May: Forward echelon remained at Misurina, Italy, rear echelon at Feltre.
- 29 - May: Forward echelon moved from Misurina, Italy (Coordinates B66.78, Italy road map Sheet 3, 1:200,000) to Feltre, Italy (Coordinates B381.163, Feltre Sheet 22, 1:100,000). Distance travelled about 80 miles.
- 30 - 31 May: Forward and rear echelons remained in Feltre, Italy and performed regular administrative duties.

SUMMARY FOR MONTH

One Purple Heart awarded during month.

2 May 1945 Thomas A. Roberts Capt. Inf. 0398366 Hq. Co.  
For wounds received in action against the enemy 22 April 1945 in Italy. GO #1 Hq. Special Troops, dated 2 May 1945.

Twenty Six Bronze Star Medals awarded during month.

15 May 1945 Ernest F. Thornton 1st Lt. Inf. 01284602 Hq. Co.  
For period 10 April to 20 November 1944 in Italy.

15 May 1945 Stanley B. Krzeminski 1st Lt. Inf 01302519 Hq. Co.  
For period 6 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

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15 May 1945 Harold E. Seils	M/Sgt.	36338687	G-2
For period 11 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 Anthony R. Kania	T/Sgt.	33266566	AG
For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 Charles L. Weeks	T/Sgt.	34077164	AG
For period 13 September 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 William Popovich	S/Sgt.	33367333	Hq. Co.
For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 Steve Vince Jr.	S/Sgt.	33275584	Hq. Co.
For period 13 September 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy			
15 May 1945 Thomas A. McCann	S/Sgt.	39386216	CWO
For period 10 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 Robert W. O'Lenic	Sgt.	13085289	G-3
For period 11 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 Tony A. Scheinost	Tec 4	37125457	Hq. Co.
For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 Rufus L. King	Tec 4	36074980	Hq. Co.
For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
15 May 1945 Clifford H. Neddo	Pfc	36401472	Hq. Co.
For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
18 May 1945 Bernard J. Ready	1st Sgt.	37203266	Hq. Co.
For period 10 September 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
18 May 1945 Oscar F. Arnold	Tec 3	39826430	Fin.
For period 11 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
18 May 1945 Lewis L. Smith	Sgt.	32339433	SSO
For period 1 September 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy.			
18 May 1945 Karl Malm	Tec 4	37273776	SSO
For period 1 September 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
18 May 1945 James H. Monnig	Tec 4	35636936	AG
For period 1 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
18 May 1945 Peter Hrydil	Cpl.	33266776	Hq. Co.
For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			
21 May 1945 Karl B. Althage	M/Sgt.	37131637	Fin.
For period 11 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.			

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2- 21 May 1945 Max M. Alvarez Sgt. 33074918 Postal  
 For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

11 21 May 1945 Burl S. Burkhart Tec 5 37272936 Hq. Co.  
 For period 10 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

21 25 May 1945 Edwin Thompson T/Sgt. 13079476 AG  
 For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

25 May 1945 John Steranko Sgt. 33267107 G-3  
 For period 11 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

25 May 1945 Lewis A. Reed Pfc 33266927 Hq. Co.  
 For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

25 May 1945 Joseph Dollard M/Sgt. 32577001 IG  
 For period 10 April 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

25 May 1945 Raymond E. Pettingall M/Sgt. 33130944 G-4  
 For period 11 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

Supply : The supply situation throughout the month was normal. There was no noticeable shortage of any items.

Morale & Health : Morale was excellent and sick rate low. Fifth Army Rest Centers were opened at Nice, France at Alassio, Italy and Florence. Some five day passes were granted to these places. A rest center was also established at Venice and a daily quote of 1 day passes allotted there.

Gain of one officer and seven EM in asgd. strength of Headquarters Company and a tached units for month of May.  
 Assigned strength as of 31 May 1945:

Hq.Co.	Div.Hq.Plat.	MP Plat.	Band	Atchd.Med.	Hq.Sp.Trs.
Off - 4	Off - 40	Off - 3	WO - 2	Off - 3	Off - 3
EM - 109	WO - 8	EM - 100	EM - 55	EM - 15	EM - 7
	EM - 112				

*Thomas A. Roberts*  
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 Captain, Infantry  
 Commanding

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