

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

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

AFPO 85, U. S. Army
1 January 1945

REPORT OF OPERATIONS
1 December to 31 December 1944

- 1 - 3 Dec: Forward and rear echelons remained in their respective areas (Forward echelon bivouac area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 824949, Firensuola Sheet 98-11 1:50,000) (Rear echelon bivouac area Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 851957, Firensuola 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 bivouac area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 824949, Firensuola sheet 98-11, Map 1:50,00, to bivouac 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 bivouac 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 bivouac area approximately five miles north of Lucca, Italy to bivouac area vicinity of Lucca, Italy. Coordinates 189606, Lucca Sheet 105-IV, Italy map 1:50,000. Rear echelon remained in bivouac 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: Moral 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	37273839	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 - 0	WO - 8	WO - 0	WO - 2	WO - 0	WO - 0
EM - 101	EM - 109	EM 82	EM - 56	EM - 14	EM - 7

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