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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 85, U. S. Army
1 February 1945

REPORT OF OPERATIONS
1 Jan. to 31 Jan. 1945

- 1 - Jan: Forward echelon located in bivouac area north of Lucca, Italy. Coordinates 189806, Lucca Sheet 105-IV, Italy Map 1:50,000. Rear echelon located in Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 831957, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000. Echelons located seventy-seven miles apart at this time. Weather fair and cold.
- 2-6 Jan: Forward and rear echelons remained in their respective bivouac areas and performed regular duties. Weather, cold.
- 7 - Jan: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area north of Lucca, Italy. Coordinates 189806, Lucca Sheet 105-4, Italy map 1:50,000 to bivouac area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. (Same area occupied before moving to Lucca Sector) Coordinates 824949, Firenzuola sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000. CP opened in new area 2400 hours. Rear echelon remained in Gagliano, Italy. Weather, overcast and cold.
- 8-13 Jan: Forward and rear echelons remained in their respective bivouac areas and performed regular duties.
- 14 -Jan: Defense platoon moved forward to new bivouac area. Vicinity of Villa de Sassonero, Italy, to be occupied by forward echelon.
- 15- Jan: Forward and rear echelons remained stationary and performed regular duties.
- 16 -Jan: Forward echelon sent an advance detachment to new bivouac site vicinity of Villa de Sassonero, Italy. Remainder of forward echelon made preparation to move.
- 17 -Jan: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 824949, Firenzuola sheet 89-11, Italy map 1:50,000; to bivouac area vicinity of Villa de Sassonero, Italy. Coordinates 965234, Loiano Sheet 98-1, Italy map 1:50,000. Rear echelon remained in Gagliano, Italy. Weather, fair and cold.
- 18-21Jan: Forward echelon remained in bivouac at Villa de Sassonero, Italy. Rear echelon at Gagliano, Italy. Heavy snow in Gagliano area on 20 Jan.
- 22-31 Jan: Forward echelon remained in bivouac vicinity of Villa de Sassonero, Italy. Rear echelon remained in Gagliano bivouac area. Weather: Generally overcast and cold.

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SUMMARY FOR MONTH

One Legion of Merit awarded during month.

15-Jan: Edward E. Manser M/Sgt 32022162 G-3
For service in North Africa and Italy from 10 January 1944 to 5 June 1944. General Order #9, Hq, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, dtd 15 January 1945.

One Purple Heart awarded during month.

29-Jan: James L. Jones 1st Lt O-1105557 MP Platoon
For wounds received in action against the enemy on 26 Sept 1944 in Italy. GO #1, Hq Special Troops, 85th Inf. Div. dated 29 Jan 1945.

Supply: Normal

Morale

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Health: Morale was excellent. Four day passes to Florence were continued during first half of month then discontinued. However 85th Division rest center was re-opened at Montecatini and four day passes were granted there. A few four day passes were also issued to Rome.

Weather: The weather during January continued very wet and cold.

Gain of 2 Officers and 2 enlisted men in Headquarters Company and attached units for month of January 1945.

Assigned Strength as of 31 January 1945.

<u>Hq Co</u>	<u>Div Hq Plat</u>	<u>MP Plat</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Atchd Med</u>	<u>Hq Sp Troops</u>
Off - 4	Off - 40	Off - 4	Off - 0	Off - 2	Off - 2
WO - 0	WO - 8	WO - 0	WO - 2	WO - 0	WO - 0
EM - 105	EM - 112	EM - 78	EM - 56	EM - 14	EM - 7

Thomas A. Roberts
THOMAS A. ROBERTS
Captain, Infantry,
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