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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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APO #85, U. S. Army
6 April 1945

REPORT OF OPERATIONS
1 March to 31 March 1945

- 1 - Mar: Forward echelon located in bivouac area vicinity of Villa de Sassonero, Italy. Coordinates 965234, Loiano Sheet 98-1, Italy map 1:50,000. Rear echelon located in bivouac area at Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 831957, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000.
- 2-11 Mar: Both echelons remained stationary and performed regular duty. Weather during this period was fair.
- 12 - Mar: Forward echelon sent advance party composed of Defense Platoon to new bivouac site vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. (Area formerly occupied by forward echelon). Balance of forward echelon made preparation to move. Rear echelon remained in Gagliano bivouac area and performed regular duty.
- 15 - Mar: Forward echelon moved from bivouac area vicinity of Villa de Sassonero, Italy. Coordinates 965234, Loiano Sheet 98-1, Italy map 1:50,000, to bivouac area vicinity Gagliano, Italy. Coordinates 824949, Firenzuola Sheet 98-11, Italy map 1:50,000. Opened in new area 1100 hours. Rear echelon remained in Gagliano bivouac area.
- 14-20 Mar: Both echelons remained stationary and performed regular duties.
- 21-30 Mar: Both echelons remained stationary and carried on regular functions. Weather during period was fair.
- 31 - Mar: No change in station of either echelon. Company paid.

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One Bronze Star awarded during month.

- 9 - Mar: Arnold C. Nylund T/Sgt 16084444 Hq Sp Trps
Meritorious service in support of combat operations during period
15 September 1944 to 10 February 1945, in Italy.
- Supply : Showdown inspections were held of all individual and organizational equipment. Excess and unauthorized items were picked up and where possible shortages replaced. Carbines in organization were all refitted with new type adjustable rear sight.

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Health: Morale was excellent and sick rate low. Passes to 85th Inf. Div. Rest Center at Montecatini and to Rome were continued. A Training schedule was carried out.

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

Assigned strength as of 31 Mar. 1945

<u>Hq Co</u>		<u>Div Hq Plat</u>		<u>M.P. Plat</u>		<u>Band</u>		<u>Atchd Med</u>		<u>Hq Sp Troop</u>	
Off -	4	Off -	40	Off -	4	Off -	0	Off -	2	Off -	3
WO -	0	WO	2	WO	0	WO -	2	WO -	0	WO -	0
EM -	106	EM	112	EM -	100	EM -	57	EM -	15	EM -	7

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

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