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NARRATIVE, COMPANY "G", 141ST INFANTRY

Feb. 1:

Mt. Trocihio. Reported to Bn that a German Nebblewerfer was firing due West of our position about one half mile on the other side of the Rapido River at 0125. 0945: notified Bn. of enemy vehicle traffic in vicinity of Cassino. 2135: our patrol contacted the Rose Regiment's Red patrol. Company under heavy artillery and mortar fire throughout the day.

Feb. 2:

0125: reported to Bn. that a white flare was seen to our left in enemy territory across the Rapido River. Also reported heavy enemy shelling coming from a 260° azimuth.

Feb. 3:

0130: notified by Bn. to be ready for a motor move to a new position West of Cassino. 0930: no time set for move. Be ready to move at any moment. Movement will be by foot. 1235 to 1243: received about 100 enemy shells in our area. 1815: notified by Bn. expected move postponed. Patrols would go out as usual. 1945: We reported to Bn. the movement of enemy tanks or self-propelled vehicles in the vicinity of St. Angelo. Bn. threw a concentration of our artillery into the area we reported the movement. Movement ceased.

Feb. 4:

We are under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire throughout the day. Received some machine gun fire. Patrols went out as usual. No new developments were reported.

Feb. 5:

0200: Our patrol contacted a patrol from the 91st Reconnaisance Squadron. 1745: concentration of 8 enemy artillery shells landed near Company CP. 2100: we established a listening post to our left front. 2110: we contacted British and withdrew listening post.

Feb. 6:

0445: we received concentration of 30 enemy shells, believed to be 105 caliber. 0815: Wonderful news. Have 1 officer and 1 NCO at Reg. CP immediately for quartering party. 1300: we learned the Bn Commander had received order to move to rear area about Mt. Porchio. 2030: Departed for new area. 2330: Company arrived at new area 1 mile Northeast of San Vittore.

Feb. 7:

Loafed all day. A few long-range enemy shells fell in area. No one noticed them.

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Feb. 8:

More loafing today. 2045: Alerted to move at 2230. Departed at that hour.

Feb. 9:

0600: Arrived at area between Cairo and Terelle. 1730: Left this area and arrived at new position in the front lines at 2100.

Feb. 10:

The front is very quiet throughout this day.

Feb. 11:

The front is still quiet, but we are on the alert.

Feb. 12:

Pvt. 1 cl. Daniel H. Boone, Pvt. 1 cl. Iver I. Fundaun, and Pvt. John F. Dias were killed by heavy enemy shelling. Pvts. Glenn Hansen and Malcolm Hurt were wounded by the same shelling.

Feb. 13:

All is quiet; nothing new.

Feb. 14:

Our night patrols have gone out. Nothing new.

Feb. 15:

Not a sound except occassional artillery fire from both sides.

Feb. 16:

We learned that Cpl. Edman O. Springer, our transportation corporal, has been killed in an accident the day before, and that Tech 4 Ricardo H. Alaniz was injured in the same accident. We are very sad. Both men are well-liked.

Feb. 17:

Pvt. 1 cl. George D. Ruff and Pvt. William T. Gibson killed by an artillery shell.

Feb. 18:

0450: German patrol repulsed about 30 yards in front of our positions.

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Feb. 19:

1505: Repulsed another small German attack with mortar fire.

Feb. 20:

We are harrassed all day by heavy enemy shelling.

Feb. 21:

2110: Our mortar OP is receiving small arms fire from slope of Hill 517. We throw a concentration of mortar shells into that area. Firing ceases.

Feb. 22:

Enemy machine guns fired at us from Hill 517. We throw another concentration of mortar shells at them. Firing ceased. We learned today that our Company Commander, Lt. Rex T. McCord, wounded in a previous action, had returned from the hospital and was coming up to the front right away.

Feb. 23:

Enemy fire today is believed to be from Nebblewerfers.

Feb. 24:

Another day of heavy shelling. Pvts. 1 cl. Harry B. Clark and Arvial NMI Garrett were killed in their fighting holes.

Feb. 25:

Rumors all day that we will be withdrawn from the lines. A few replacements have come up. They looked scared and a little uncertain.

Feb. 26: Rumors are really strong today. Officers and NCOs from another division come into the area to learn the situation in order to relieve us.

Feb. 27:

The order has come down before daylight to start our withdrawal. Everybody is ready to go. We march back several miles to where we found trucks waiting for us. The trucks are under the command of our good friend and former Company Commander Capt. Charles M. Beacham. Capt. Beacham waves to us and jokes with the men. Everybody is in a good humor.

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Feb. 28:

At daylight today we arrived in the new training area. Here we see our Company Commander, Lt. Rex T. McCord, also Sgt. Kubala, Cpl. Cartwright, Pvts. 1 cl. D Hitt, Schneider, Ramsey, Denton, and Pruitt. Everybody shakes hands all around. We have breakfast and get aboard some trucks to go to get a bath and clean clothes.

Feb. 29:

It is raining and we loaf all day. The new replacements that have not been up at the front are building graveled walks and improving the Company area.

Mar. 1:

We still loaf while the new replacements keep improving the camp. A guard is posted with a fixed bayonet to keep the civilians out of the area.

Mar. 2:

Our clothing and equipment is checked by the Company Officers so that we may be reequipped. The new replacements are still working.

Mar. 3:

We still loaf and rest, write letters home. Replacements still at work.

Mar. 4:

Same thing. We loaf. Replacements work. The civilians have learned by this time to stay out of our area.

Mar. 5:

Sunday. Everybody is urged to go to church. The replacements do not work today.

Mar. 6:

We have been alerted to start training today, but it is changed and we are to move to a new area in a few days. Cpl.s Hinck, Harvey, Gonzales, Pvts. 1 cl. Stockton, Gardiner, Pvt. Brison returned from hospital to duty.

Mar. 7:

The replacements start packing up to move.

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Mar. 8:

We all load the trucks, police the area, and our column starts on the move to a place called Maddalloni

Mar. 9:

We all work to put up the new camp and move our kitchen across the road.

Mar. 10:

Training has started today. Lt. Marcum returns to the 142nd Infantry.

Mar. 11:

Training schedule in effect. Gala occasion! Mess Sgt., S/Sgt. Arvial McMan, returns to duty.

Mar. 12:

Sunday. Everybody urged to go to church.

Mar. 13:

Training schedule complied with. Pvt. Ramon returns to duty.

Mar. 14:

Training schedule complied with. Tech 5 Stahle returns to duty.

Mar. 15:

PVt. Hammers returns to duty. Training schedule complied with.

Mar. 16:

Training schedule complied with. Pvt. Armstrong rejoins Company.

Mar. 17:

Training schedule complied with. The following promotions have been made: To be Tech Sgts.: S/Sgts. Weber, Cox, Foytick; to be S/Sgts: Sgts. Rutledge, Chesshire, Kubala, Cpls. Gonzales, Foard, Pvts. 1 cl. Schneider, Lund, Chapman, Pvt. Ramon; to be Sgts: Cpl.s Cartwright, Harvey, Hinck, Pvts. 1 cl. Reese, J Smith, D Hitt, Tepatti, Faustini, Pvts. Sweatman, Scheiding, Shaffer, Huber, Huling. Pvts. 1 cl. Ellison, Oelze, Deal transferred to A-T Company.

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Mar. 18:

Big day! Lt. McCord, Tech Sgts. Haug and Weber decorated with Silver Star by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark. 43 replacements assigned and joined company. Tonight we have a big party, plenty of hamburgers and white vino.

Mar. 19:

Sunday. Everybody urged to go to church. Lt. Black and Pvt 1 cl. MULCAHY rejoin Company from Div. Hq.

Mar. 20:

Training schedule complied with.

Mar. 21:

Training schedule complied with. S/Sgts JG Baker, Sidener, Tech 4 R Alaniz, Pvts. 1 cl. Smykal, DeCorrevont, Madore, Pvts. Glenn Smith, Quarles return from hospital to duty. 12 EM sent to Rest Camp in Caserta.

Mar. 22:

Training schedule complied with.

Mar. 23:

Training schedule complied with. Tech Sgt. Haug appointed 1st Sgt., S/Sgt. Schneider appointed Tech Sgt. Pvt. Hammers appoints Private first class. 12 replacements joined Company.

Mar. 24:

Training schedule complied with. Pvt. Hiatt returned to duty from hospital. 1st Sgt. Grossman rejoined Company for duty. We now have two first sergeants.

Mar. 25:

We have another big party. Average 4 hamburgers per man. 75 gallons of pure white vino consumed. Everybody had a good time.

Mar. 26:

Sunday. Everybody urged to go to church. 12 enlisted men and Lt. Adamec went to Rest Camp.

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Mar. 27:

Pvt. 1 cl. Moreno returns to the United States.

Mar. 28:

Training schedule complied with. Lt. Kamuda returns to duty from hospital.

Mar. 29:

Training schedule complied with. Lt. Black transferred to Service Company. There are rumors of another big party next Saturday night. The training is excellent and everybody is in a good humor.

This record is up to date to the best of our knowledge.

Rex T. McCord

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