

By NND NARA, Date _____

JANUARY 1944

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

- (1) At beginning of period, January 1944: 151 Officers, 5 Warrant Officers, 3100 Enlisted Men.
- (2) Net increase for month of January

<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
0	0	0

- (3) Net decrease for month of January

<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
0	0	2

- (4) AT END OF PERIOD
January 1944 — Officers 151, Warrant Officers 5, Enlisted Men 3098.
WDAGO No. 1 and WDAGO No. 2

D. STATIONS OF UNIT OR PARTS THEREOF

- (1) Departed Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation 1 January 1944 via HMS Andes.
- (2) Arrived Casablanca, French Morocco, North Africa, 9 January 1944
- (3) Stationed at Camp Don B. Passage, near Casablanca from 9 January 1944 to 14 January 1944.
- (4) Departed Camp Don B. Passage 14 January 1944 for Camp St Denis du Sig, Algeria, Africa, via rail.
- (5) Arrived Camp St Denis du Sig, Algeria, Africa 16 January 1944.

E. MARCHES: None

F. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:
None.

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Admiral, Staff No. 160
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE *9 Aug 44*

By NND NARA, Date

FEBRUARY 1944

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

(1) At beginning of period, February 1944: 151 Officers, 5 Warrant Officers, 3098 ENLISTED Men.

(2) Net increase for month of February:

<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
0	10	0

(3) Net decrease for month of February:

<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
5	0	24

(4) AT END OF PERIOD
February 1944 — Officers 146, Warrant Officers 5, Enlisted Men 3074.

D. Stations of Unit or Parts Thereof:

- (1) Departed from Camp St Denis du Sig, Algeria, Africa via truck convoy for Port Aux Poules, Algeria, Africa 6 February 1944.
- (2) Remainder of Month of February 1944 spent at Port Aux Poules, Algeria, Africa, devoting training periods to amphibious operations.

E. MARCHES: None

F. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:
None.

By NND NARA, Date

MARCH 1944

c. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

(1) At beginning of period, March 1944: Assigned Officers 148, Warrant Officers 5, Assigned Enlisted Men; 5074.

(2) Net increase for month of March:

<u>Asgd Off</u>	<u>Atchd Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>Asgd EM</u>	<u>Atchd EM</u>
0	8	0	0	0

(5) Net decrease from month of March:

<u>Asgd Off</u>	<u>Atchd Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>Asgd EM</u>	<u>Atchd EM</u>
0	0	0	0	9

(4) AT END OF PERIOD:

March 1944: Assigned Officers 148, Attached Officers 8, Warrant Officers 5, Assigned Enlisted Men 3065.

d. STATIONS OF UNIT OR PARTS THEREOF:

- (1) Departed via convoy from Camp St Denis du Sig, Algeria, North Africa, 25 March 1944.
- (2) Arrived Oran, Algeria 25 March 1944.
- (3) Departed Oran, Algeria 24 March 1944 via USS Florence Nightingale, and USS Lyons.
- (4) Arrived Naples, Italy 27 March 1944.
- (5) Departed Naples, Italy, 7 March 1944 by foot and convoy.
- (6) Arrived Staging Area #1, vicinity Bagnoli, Italy, 27 March 1944.

e. MARCHES: None.

f. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION: None.

NOTE: Colonel G. R. SCHWEICKERT, relieved of command of Regiment and assigned to Detachment of Patients, 45rd General Hospital, Near Oran, Algeria.

Colonel OLIVER W. HUGHES assumed command of Regiment 7 March 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS 337TH INFANTRY

APO 85, U. S. ARMY,
16 June 1964.

HEADQUARTERS 337TH INFANTRY

REPORT OF OPERATIONS - APRIL 1944.

Period: 8 April - 30 April

On 8 April 1944, the regiment was in a bivouac area in the vicinity of Mondragone, Italy, conducting training preparatory to going into the front line. Colonel Oliver W. Hughes was in command of the regiment. The following are the Battalion Commanders at the beginning of this period:

1st Battalion - Lt. Colonel August R. Schmidt
2nd Battalion - Lt. Colonel Frank H. Morgan
3rd Battalion - Lt. Colonel Earl A. Madsen

At 2300 on 8 April 1944, Field Order No. 1 was received from Headquarters 85th Infantry Division. The Regimental Commander and his staff began plans to relieve the 351st Infantry of the 88th Division on 11 April 1944. Advance detachments cleared into the 351st Infantry sector at 112323. 2nd Battalion, Company "D", Company "M", Antitank Company, Cannon Company, Antitank Platoons of the 1st Battalion, and advance detachments from 1st and 3rd Battalions and Regimental Headquarters Company departed for front line to start relief of 351st Infantry at 121940. Regiment (-) completed move from bivouac vicinity of Mondragone, Italy and occupied positions of 351st Infantry. Relief was completed 14 April at 0347. Company "B" (-) 756th Tank Battalion relieved Company "B" (-) 760th Tank Battalion as of 14 April 2400 and was attached to 337th Infantry.

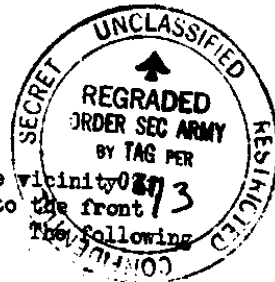
Our troop activity from 14 April to 30 April inclusive consisted of active defense of assigned sector between Minturno - Santa Maria Road and Ausente River on high ground north of road from Minturno to Ausente River. This high ground overlooked the Reali Creek.

Normal patrolling consisting of one to three ambush and reconnaissance patrols from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions was conducted each night within their sector to vicinity of Santa Maria, Pulcherini, Mt. Cerri and Mt. Bracchi. Cannon Company and 328th Field Artillery supported patrols by fires on call, harrassing fires and observed fires on enemy personnel, self-propelled guns and vehicles.

Enemy activity was confined to slight artillery fire along entire front and rear installations, self propelled gun fire, defensive fires using small arms, machine guns and mortars. Enemy small arms fire covered Reali Creek with sporadic fires during darkness. Self-propelled guns were continually moved along entire front. Enemy information during this period was received from civilians coming through our lines.

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Administration during this period consisted primarily in establishing a system to handle strength reports, decorations and awards, the Units Journal and replacements of both officers and enlisted men. A Casual Company was formed in the rear area to process enlisted replacements and give them training prior to sending them



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to the front line. A plan was initiated to handle these replacements to facilitate the battalions in receiving officers and enlisted men in the shortest possible time. Casualties were light during this period therefore no difficult problem was involved.

An S-1 Work-Sheet was innovated compiling strength reports, battle casualties, awards, replacements and other pertinent information giving the Regimental Commander a detailed account of matters pertaining to the Command.

A Graves Registration plan was started incorporating Graves Registration Teams, collecting points and methods for the quick evacuation of the dead.

During this period the regiment received 362 enlisted men and 14 officer replacements.

The following is the number of casualties during this period:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted men</u>
Wounded in action	5	35
Killed in action	0	5
Missing in action	1	0

The following awards were given:

Combat Infantryman Badges	212
Bronze Stars	13
Purple Hearts	16

At 2400 on 30 April 1944 the strength of the Regiment was:

Officers	157
Warrant Officers	5
Enlisted Men	<u>3406</u>
TOTAL	3568

Supply during this period was handled in a manner as to give troops two hot meals daily except for troops in isolated outpost positions; in which case 10 in 1, C and K rations were issued. A shower unit was established and troops were given a chance to bathe. A plan was used to give troops new clothing in direct exchange and proved successful. A close check was kept on requirements of ammunition and troops were supplied with ample ammunition for all weapons.

The most difficult problem was transporting supplies, troops, rations and ammunition over the traffic congested supply route from the rear areas in Mon-dragone and the front line. All motor movements were made at night because of enemy observation of the Minturno Bridge over the Garigliano River during day-
night hours. This problem was greatly reduced due to the efforts of the Regimental Motor Officer. Plans devised by S-4 during this period alleviated many of the supply problems confronting the battalions during this first contact with the enemy.

O. W. HUGHES,
Colonel, 337th Infantry,
Commanding.