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1ST BATTALION, 100TH AIRBORNE DIVISION

1 December 1943 -- Weather: Cloudy. Battalion operations (vicinity of Colli, Italy). Company "A" at 093274. Company "B" at 105254. Reconnaissance Company new vicinity of [redacted] Italy, - no missions. Rear Echelon at 131274 (vicinity of [redacted] Italy). Operations: Company "A" fired 112 rounds interdictory and harassing fire at 9000 to 13000 yards range in vicinity of Cerasuolo, Italy. Other companies -- no change.

2 December 1943 -- Weather: Clear. Operations: Companies "A", "B" and "C" continued interdictory and harassing fires on road West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing two volleys per hour, commencing at 1100 hours and ending at 1600 hours. Firing was resumed at 1900 hours.

3 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. Operations: No change.

4 December 1943 -- Weather: Rainy and overcast. Reconnaissance Company moved to 122326 (vicinity of Fornelli, Italy). No other changes. Operations: Companies "A", "B" and "C" continued interdictory and harassing fire in vicinity of 500 meters West of Cerasuolo, Italy, along road. Company "A" fired 580 rounds, Company "B" fired 308 rounds, Company "C" fired 377 rounds. Reconnaissance Company moved from 131274 to 122326, closing at 1800 hours. No missions.

5 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. Operations: No change.

6 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast and light rain. Operations: No change.

7 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. Operations: Company "A", resumed interdictory and harassing fires (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing 100 rounds.

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8 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. Operations: Company "A" continued interdiction and harassing fires (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing 260 rounds.

9 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. Operations: Company "A" continued interdiction and harassing fires (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing 180 rounds. Remainder of Companies no change.

10 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. Operations: Battalion remaining in present positions. (Note: 34th Division relieved and replaced by the Second Moroccan Infantry Division to which we are now attached as supporting artillery). Company "A" continued interdiction and harassing fires (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing 430 rounds. Company "B" resumed firing using same targets and type of firing as Company "A", firing 118 rounds. Company "C" same as Company "B" fired 152 rounds.

11 December 1943 -- Weather: Clear. Operations: Company "A" continued interdiction and harassing fires (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing 360 rounds. Company "B" discontinued firing, Company "C" discontinued firing, Reconnaissance Company, no change, Rear Echelon, no change.

12 December 1943 -- Weather: Clear. Operations: Company "A" continued interdiction and harassing fires (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing 80 rounds. Company "B" no change, Company "C" resumed interdiction and harassing fires (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy, firing 194 rounds. Reconnaissance Company -- no change.

13 December 1943 -- Weather: Clear. Operations: Company "A" fired 32 rounds (observed fire) in vicinity of 020301. Company "B" no change. Company "C" fired 168 rounds, interdiction and harassing fire West of

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Cerasuolo, Italy. Second platoon of Reconnaissance Company manning OP.

14 December 1943 -- Weather: Partly cloudy. Operations: Company "A" fired 43 rounds, (observed fire) at enemy infantry (vicinity of Cerasuolo, Italy) at 1030 hours. Excellent results. Company "C" fired 276 rounds, harassing and interdictory fire, West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company "B", "C" and "A" fired 1063 rounds, beginning at 0600 hours in support of attack by Second Moroccan Infantry Division. Fire was placed on road running West of Cerasuolo, Italy.

15 December 1943 -- Weather: Cloudy. Operations: Company "A" fired 30 rounds at enemy pack train at 996344. Also fired 109 rounds, harassing and interdictory fire, West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company "B" fired 239 rounds harassing and interdictory fire, West of Cerasuolo. Company "C" fired 22 rounds -- same as Company "B". Second platoon of Reconnaissance manning OP.

16 December 1943 -- Weather: Partly cloudy. Operations: Company "A" fired 200 rounds, Company "B" fired 181 rounds, Company "C" fired 180 rounds (unobserved) harassing and interdictory fire West of Cerasuolo, Italy.

17 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. Operations: Company "A" fired 252 rounds harassing fire, unobserved at coordinates 979-339 and 982-316. Company "C" fired 23 rounds harassing fire, unobserved, West of Cerasuolo, Italy.

18 December 1943 -- Weather: Partly cloudy. Company "A" fired 180 rounds harassing and interdictory fire, unobserved West of Cerasuolo, Italy.

19 December 1943 -- Weather: Overcast. No change in operations.

20 December 1943 -- Weather: Cloudy. No change in operations.

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21 December 1943 - Weather: Rainy and overcast. No change in operations.

22 December 1943 - Weather: Cloudy. No change in operations.

23 December 1943 - Weather: Rainy and overcast. Operations: Battalion moved from 094325 to 302054, vicinity of Alife, closing at 1100 hours, Battalion attached to 34th Infantry Division. Battalion in rest area.

24 December 1943 -- No change

25 December 1943 -- No change

26 December 1943 -- No change

27 December 1943 -- No change

28 December 1943 -- No change

29 December 1943 -- No change

30 December 1943 -- No change

31 December 1943 -- No change.

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A.P.O. 464

Month of December 1943

CASUALTY REPORT

BATTLE CASUALTIES

1 December 1943

1st Lt	Sidney Edelson	0501338	LW A
Pvt	William R. Hanson	20927600	KIA
Techn Gr IV	Orville A. Ohlen	37125810	LWA
Pvt	Kenneth E. Stone	39229002	LWA
Pvt	Arnold O. Kaufmann	37186161	LWA

Appendix "B"

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