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HEADQUARTERS 442D INFANTRY  
APO #758, U. S. ARMY

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31 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO #758, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith historical report of this organization (less Antitank Co) for the month of 1 - 30 September 1944.

2. Previous reports covering history of this organization prior to 1 September 1944 were submitted through channels to the Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #464, U. S. Army, to whose command this regiment was formerly assigned.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Harry B. Farr*  
HARRY B. FARR,  
Capt, 442d Inf,  
Adjutant.

- 4 Incls:
- Incl 1 - History as per par 13, AR 345-105, with Exhibits "A" and "B".
- Incl 2 - Narrative of Events. *See INRG-442-0.3*
- Incl 3 - Unit Journal. *See INRG-442-0.7*
- Incl 4 - Unit Journal File (regimental orders, maps, overlays etc).

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HISTORY OF 442D INFANTRY PER PAR 13, AR 345-105  
FOR MONTH OF 1-30 SEPTEMBER 1944

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1. Original Unit.  
No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

Effective 1200 6 Sept 44, the 442d RCT was detached from the 88th Infantry Division and reverted to II Corps control. Effective upon arrival at Castiglioncello, Italy (6 Sept 44) the 442d RCT was detached from II Corps and reverted to Fifth Army control. Above changes directed by II Corps Staff Message, dated 5 Sept 44, to Commanding General, 88th Division and Commanding Officer, 442d RCT.

Effective upon arrival at Castiglioncello, Italy (7 Sept 44) 100th Bn, 442d Infantry detached from Task Force No. 45 and reverts to control of parent unit, per Memorandum No. 46, Task Force No. 45, 5 Sept 44.

Effective upon arrival at Naples, Italy (12 Sept 44) the 442d RCT detached from Fifth Army, and assigned to Seventh Army, and attached to NATOUSA for administration and to SOS NATOUSA for supply, in accordance with secret letter AG 370.5-Y, Headquarters Fifth Army, 5 Sept 44.

3. Strength.

|                                       | <u>O's</u> | <u>WO's</u> | <u>EM</u>   |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. At beginning of period 1 Sept 44 * | 119        | 6           | 1755        |
| b. At end of period 30 Sept 44        | <u>186</u> | <u>7</u>    | <u>3313</u> |
| c. Net increase month 1-30 Sept 44    | 67         | 1           | 1558        |

\*Strength figure reported 31 Aug 44 did not include the 100th Bn, 442d Infantry.

4. Stations.

1-5 Sept 44 442d RCT (less 100th Bn, 442d Inf and Antitank Co) on line along Arno River, near FLORENCE, Italy.  
1-6 Sept 44 100th Bn, 442d Infantry on line along Arno River, near PISA, Italy.  
6-9 Sept 44 Entire Combat Team in bivouac in assembly area near CASTIGLIONCELLO, Italy.  
10-11 Sept 44 Enroute to Naples, Italy.  
12-20 Sept 44 Bivouac at Staging Area No. 2 (Nevada Area), near NAPLES, Italy.  
21-26 Sept 44 Bivouac at Staging Area No. 1 (Bagnoli), near NAPLES, Italy.  
27-29 Sept 44 Enroute to MARSEILLES, FRANCE.  
30 Sept 44 Set up bivouac in Staging Area near SEPTEMES, FRANCE.

5. Marches.

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6. Campaign.

- a. Name of: Italian - Fifth Army Offensive.
- b. Duration: 442d Infantry in line at beginning of period (1 Sept 44) until 6 Sept 44.
- c. Purpose: Breakthrough of Gothic Line - Destruction of German Army in Italy.
- d. Authority: Commanding General, Fifth Army.

7. Battles

a. 442d Infantry (less 100th Bn, 442d Inf and Antitank Co)

- (1) Name: FLORENCE sector.
- (2) Date: Regiment in line at beginning of period (1 Sept 44) until 5 Sept 44.
- (3) Campaign of which battle was a part: Italian.
- (4) Forces engaged: German infantry, elements of the 71st PGR, 29th PGD being identified through prisoners of war. German artillery (SP's and 170mm) shelled the forward battalions and regimental area daily. Extensive minefields and demolitions encountered.
- (5) Result: 442d Infantry effected crossing of the Arno River West of Florence on 1 Sept 44, occupied the towns of Peretola and San Mauro on the North Bank. Sent out patrols to Sesto and San Martino, approximately six kilometres North of the Arno. Directed artillery fire on enemy defensive positions, cleared minefields in regimental sector.

b. 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry.

- (1) Name: PISA sector.
- (2) Date: Battalion in line at beginning of period (1 Sept 44) until 6 Sept 44.
- (3) Campaign of which battle was a part: Italian.
- (4) Forces engaged: German infantry, artillery, minefields.
- (5) Result: 100th Bn, 442d Inf crossed the Arno River 4 kilometres East of Pisa on 1 Sept 44, secured phase line and sent out patrols. On the 3d the battalion advanced to the River Serchio, 6 kilometres North of Pisa, held position until relieved 6 Sept 44.

8. Commanding Officer.

Colonel C. W. Pence, Infantry.

9. Losses in Action.

See Exhibit "A" attached.

10. Present and Former Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

See Exhibit "B" attached.

11. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes, or Events.

None available.

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