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HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
APO 782, U. S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782,
U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with AR 345-105, 18 November 1929, with Changes 4, 10 August 1944, transmitted herewith historical report of 442d Infantry Regiment for the month of 1 - 31 January 1946.

2. Above history consists of:

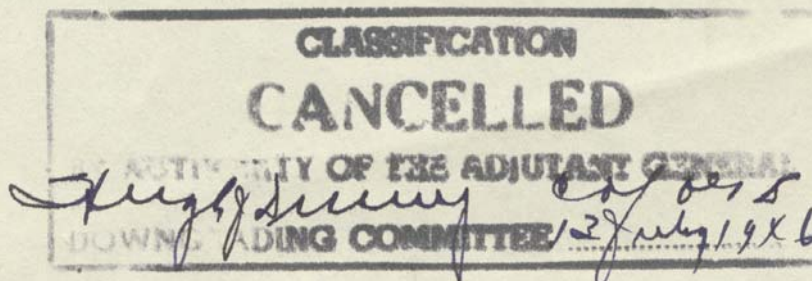
- a. Report as per par 13, AR 345-105, with Exhibit "A" (Incl. 1).
- b. Narrative of Events (Incl. 2).

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Kobayashi
I. M. KOBAYASHI,
1st Lt, Infantry,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
As listed.

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HISTORICAL REPORT AS PER AR 345-105
FOR MONTH OF 1-31 JANUARY 1946

1. Original Unit.
No change.
2. Changes in Organization.
No change.
3. Strength. *

	<u>O's</u>	<u>WO's</u>	<u>EM</u>
a. At beginning of period 1 January 1946:	82	0	2054
b. At end of period 31 January 1946:	89	0	1895
c. Net gain or loss for period:	+7	0	-159

*Assigned strength.
4. Stations.
1 - 31 January 1946, Regimental CP in town of Leghorn, Italy.
5. Marches.
Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.
6. Campaigns.
None.
7. Battles.
None.
8. Commanding Officer.
Colonel V. R. MILLER, 015847, Infantry.
Lieutenant Colonel ALFRED A. PURSALL, 0282856, Infantry.
9. Losses in Action.
None.
10. Present and Former Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.
None.
11. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes or Events.
None available.

LIST OF DECORATIONS

January 1946

Award of Purple Heart Medal	1
Good Conduct Medal	<u>130</u>
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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

January 1946

The 442d Infantry Regiment continued its numerous and varied assignments of guarding PW enclosures, hospital, salvage dumps, petrol points and medical depots.

On 21 January 1946, Colonel V. R. Miller, Regimental Commander, returned from a short visit to the States and resumed command of the Regiment, per GO #4, Headquarters 442d Regimental Combat Team, dated 21 January 1946.

Constant redeployment of high-point personnel depleted the Regimental strength. Thirteen 3 1/2 - year - service men headed the list of men going home. Next came 56 47-49 pointers, followed by 55 45-46 pointers.

Forty-eight men reenlisted, probably the largest number for any one month.

Seventeen officers were assigned but not joined to the 442d Infantry, and placed on DS with PBS. Many EM, previously assigned but not joined and on DS with PBS units, joined the Regiment to fill the rapidly thinning ranks of the different companies.

The 232d Engineer (C) Company, attached to PBS, but still an integral part of the 442d Regimental Combat Team, was deactivated on 31 January 1946, exactly three years after its activation. Sixteen EM, left after redeployment had taken its tool of high-point men, were assigned to the various companies of the Regiment. The deactivation took place per GO #11, Headquarters PBS, dated 22 January 1946.

With the Regiment well in the spotlight in the field of athletics, the 442d eleven journeyed to Gorizia to engage the 351st team of the 88th Blue Devil Division in a return football game. On 1 January 1946, the two teams played to a 13-13 deadlock. The 442d eleven was well on the way to a repeat victory only to have the plucky opponent from the 88th come up from behind in the final moments of the game and complete several passes in a desperate attempt, tying up the ball game.

The 442d fared much better in basketball, winning 6 times in as many games, one of them a March of Dimes Benefit. The closest the 442 quintet ever came to defeat was at the hands of the 3195 Signal Service Company, whom they barely managed to edge out, by the slim margin of three points. Final score, 32 - 29.

A school for half-track drivers conducted by Lt. Merrill F. Butler, Regimental Motor Officer, was opened at Service Company, 442d Infantry Regiment. Driving and maintenance were emphasized, with gunnery and radio communication also being taught. Twenty-seven drivers attended the school, using 10 half-tracks in their studies.

PBS opened the doors of the Leghorn Study Center to EM in the area. Twenty-six men from the Regiment registered for classes.

Cortina, Italian Winter Resort, was opened to personnel of PBS. 442 was fortunate in being allotted the full PBS quota of 10 men for the first pass. Passes to the Isle of Capri were also made available to 442d personnel.

Two USO shows, "The Shamrock Revue" and the hilarious "Sons of Fun" entertained enthusiastic 442 show-lovers. The Regimental "Go For Broke" Club went all out for entertainment and added regular floor shows to supplement Wednesday and Saturday night dances.

The month of January closed with the 442d Infantry Regiment situated in the following locations:

Regtl Hq and Hq Co	Leghorn
Hq and Hq Co, 100th Bn	Leghorn
Co A	Leghorn
Co B	Tenuta di Tombolo
Co C	Leghorn
Co D	Leghorn
Hq and Hq Co, 2d Bn	Leghorn
Co E	Leghorn
Co F	Leghorn
Co G	Leghorn
Co H	Naples
Hq and Hq Co, 3rd Bn	Pisa Staging Area
Co I	Tombolo
Co K	Tombolo
Co L	Pisa Staging Area
Co M	Pisa Staging Area
Anti Tank Co	Pisa Staging Area
Cannon Co	Navacchio
Service Co	Tombolo