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HEADQUARTERS 350TH INFANTRY  
APO 88, U. S. Army

10 April 1944.

HISTORY OF 350TH INFANTRY  
For the Month of March 1944.

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NOTES ON MOVEMENT

IP: 145073

ROUTE TO IP: Hwy 1B to 168030, then Hwy 1 to IP.  
 " FROM IP: Hwy 1 - turn right just before FOELLANICA - and proceed to POMARANCA

GROUP	ORGAN.	NO. OF VEH.	LEAVE BIV. AREA	CROSS IP	
1	3rd Bn	35 - Org	1655	1720	
2	1st Bn	35 - Org	1735	1800	
3	2nd Bn	35 - Org	1815	1840	
4	Cannon Co	19 - Org	1855	1920	
5	AT Co	20 - Org	1950	2025	
6	350th Kitch.	19 - Org	2150	2210	Ass. Ser. Co. 2130
7	338 FA			2250	
8	338 FA			2330	
9	338 FA			0010	
10	Hqs Co		0055	0120	Hqs. Pers. Med.
11	Co B, Eng		0135	0200	
12	Co B, Med		0210	0240	
13	3rd Bn	35 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0255	0320	
14	1st Bn	35 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0350	0415	
15	2nd Bn	35 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0430	0455	
16	Ser. Co	20 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0510	0535	Ser. Co. & replacements

1. Light line - blackout as directed by MP's.
2. Speed lead vehicle each group - 20 MPH.
3. Distance between vehicles - 50 yds.
4. Guides meet units via. POMARANCA.
5. Convoy # 5A -H-819

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Historical Notes, 350th Infantry, month of March 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 88th Infantry Division, U. S. Army, APO 88.

1. Attached hereto are historical notes of the 350th Infantry, for the month of March.

a. Analysis of the terrain and weather.

(1) Terrain - Mountainous and muddy (vicinity of Tremensuoli, Italy - 769955 Italy 1:25,000 Sheet 171-NW Minturno, attached).

(2) Weather - Generally rainy from 1 March 1944 to 16 March 1944 with poor visibility. From 16 March 1944 to 31 March 1944, less rain and the terrain dried out considerably.

b. During March, the following assigned and effective strengths are noted below:

(1) <u>1 March</u>	<u>Assigned Strength</u>	<u>Effective Strength</u>
Officers	155	152
W. O.	5	5
E. M.	3005	2969
(2) <u>31 March</u>	<u>Assigned Strength</u>	<u>Effective Strength</u>
Officers	155	147
W. O.	5	5
E. M.	3168	3046

(3) Attached are rosters of officers as of 1 March and as of 31 March 1944, assigned to this regiment.

c. Marches - see narrative 4 March 1944.

d. Supply: The beginning of March found the 350th Infantry fully equipped with individual clothing and with all T/E Organizational equipment with the exception of 24 1/2-ton trailers. Combat clothing, individual cookers, and various other small items were issued adding to the comfort of the men. A routine system was established issuing the proper flow of ammunition, food, and equipment to the troops which, during the month, proved to be flexible enough to meet any situation that might arise. The first two weeks were spent largely in securing Class IV Supplies for the protection of our installations and the experience gained has been valuable.

(1) Recommendations and comments:

(a) Ammunition: The basic load prescribed by higher headquarters and the seven day supply required to be maintained in the forward dumps was easily accessible to our troops.

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(b) Rations: Rations have been adequate, all types available. A ration level of 1-2/3 B ration has been maintained by all messes. A reserve of "C" rations was kept in forward dumps and a small reserve of "D" rations kept in battalion dumps for patrols and emergencies.

(c) Weapons: Re-supply of weapons was effected in every case within 24 hours.

(d) Salvage: Two salvages were completed. Exchange was 100% on both clothing and equipment. Socks and underwear were exchanged, with division approval, at both units.

(e) Equipment Inadequacies: While T/E's are adequate in most cases and are made to cover all theaters, it is recommended increases be authorized on equipment in this theater as follows:

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED ISSUE</u>
Q. M.	Candles	Additional 900 lbs per month.
	Kerosene lanterns	Additional 50.
Signal	Wire, W-110	No restriction.
	Wire, W-130	No restriction.
	Flashlights	Additional 100.
	Switchboards, BD 71	4.
Ordnance	Switchboards, BD 72	Additional 4.
	Telephones, EES	Additional 20.
	Sound Powered Telephones	Additional 18.
	Binoculars	Additional 24 pair.
	Telescope BC, M1915A1	1. (none authorized)
	Telescope Observation, M48 (or M49)	Additional 4.
	Light, Aiming Post, M-14	Additional 18.
Engineer	*Thompson Sub Machine Guns	60
	Compass, Lensatic	Additional 100.

\*Suggestion from S-4 that the following should be armed with Thompson Sub Machine Guns:

- Ammunition truck drivers.
- Regimental C O driver.
- Battalion C O drivers.
- S-4 driver.
- All staff officer drivers.

(f) Supply lines: Supply lines are, at present, over 25 miles long. This far exceeds the ideal distance of 3 to 7 miles but can not be corrected due to the nature of the terrain and the disposition of the enemy.

(g) Storage of Excess Clothing: The storage of extra items of clothing present a problem. Generally, it consists of a pair of leggings, overcoat, woolen clothing, and extra socks and underwear. Attempts have been made to turn in excess clothing to Supply Depots but higher headquarters will not authorize it. If it could be turned in and requisitions submitted and promptly filled as troops come into rest areas, regiments would not be burdened with securing storage space, providing guards and transporting extra impedimenta.

e. Administrative procedure has been established as follows:

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- (1) The Adjutant, his assistant, sergeant major, and one clerk established themselves in the forward C.P.
- (2) The personnel officer, his section, and the remainder of the S-1 section remained in the rear area.

(a) Recommendations for awards, preparation of the history, casualty files, S-1 reports, and some correspondence have been, to this date, prepared forward and the remainder of the administration conducted in the rear.

(b) Replacements are handled in rear areas under the supervision of the Adjutant. Replacements are interviewed and assigned to companies by the personnel officer, given complete combat clothing and equipment by the S-4, at which time their surplus clothing and equipment is stored, and sent forward to the combat area by ration trains. Guides meet the replacements at battalion supply dumps and guide them to their respective companies.

(c) Replacements have been received during the month of March as follows:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
Atch for tr.	15	None	None
Assigned	6	None	235
Total	21	None	235

f. Medical Comments: Evacuation procedure has been as follows:

(1) Patients treated at the battalion aid station are carried to an ambulance loading point except those who receive only minor wounds and are returned to duty. From the loading point, they are evacuated to the Regimental aid station, where further treatment is given them. Urgent cases are evacuated immediately, less serious cases still demanding evacuation are held in the aid station until darkness or until a full load is collected. Cases of mild colds, trenchfoot, etc. not necessitating evacuation, are held in a "rest ward" in the aid station until they have made a complete recovery. Clean stockings and supplies of hot coffee are kept in all aid stations and medical personnel wash dirty stockings in order to maintain an ample supply of clean stockings. This procedure has worked out with considerable success.

g. Ammunition expenditures for the month of March:

(1) Ammunition expenditures for the month ending March 31, 1944 are as follows:

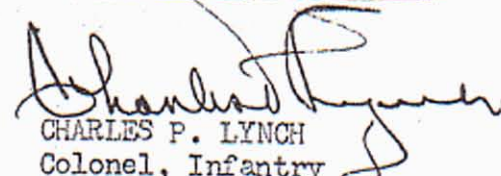
Cal. 145, Ball	72,000 Rds.
Cal. .30, Carbine	6,500 "
Cal. .30, Ball, 8/rd. clips	22,500 "
Cal. .30, Ball & Tcr. (4-1)	33,750 "
Cal. .30, AP & Tcr. (4-1)	22,250 "
Cal. .50, AP I & T (2-2-1)	2,825 "
81 mm, M43-A1, (light)	7,550 "
81 mm, M56, HE (hvy)	615 "
81 mm, M57 (smoke)	194 "
Rockets, AT, HE, M6	45 "
105 mm, How. M3, M48	2,971 "
105 mm, How. M3, M54	750 "
105 mm, How. HE AT, M62	75 "
Grenades, hand, Frag., Mk II	1,375 "

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