

HEADQUARTERS 331ST INFANTRY
APO 83
UNITED STATES ARMY

1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

In compliance with paragraph 10 (C 3), AR 345-106 and Memorandum Number 83, Headquarters Ninth U. S. Army, dated 27 February 1945, the following report of the period 1 February 1945 through 28 February 1945 is hereby submitted:

1. a. Unit. 331st Infantry, 83rd Infantry Division.
- b. Strength. 163 Officers
4 Warrant Officers
3143 Enlisted Men
- c. Marches. (See narrative report, Appendix No. 1).
- d. Battles. (See narrative report, Appendix No. 1).
- e. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
Colonel ROBERT H. YORK
- f. Losses in action. (See Appendix No. 2).
- g. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. (See Appendix No. 3).
- h. For supporting documents and journals. (See Appendix No. 4).

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert C Walker

ROBERT C. WALKER.
Captain, Infantry.
Adjutant.

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- Appendix No. 1 (Narrative)
- Appendix No. 2 (Losses in action)
- Appendix No. 3 (Citations)
- Appendix No. 4 (Unit Journal)

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9 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, XIX Corps, APO 270, U. S. Army
(Adjutant General)

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For the Commanding General:

N. P. Cowden
N. P. COWDEN,
Major AGD
Asst Adj General.

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APPENDIX NO. 1
NARRATIVE

1st and 2nd February 1945, training continued, including the following subjects: Woods fighting, village fighting, assault against tanks, attack on strongpoints, squad problems with emphasis on duties of leaders. On 2 February 1945, battalion S-3's and Regimental Staff witnessed a short demonstration of the M-24 light tank. Regimental Commanding Officer received warning order to move regiment on 3rd preparatory to future operations.

3 February 1945, normal training continued. Quarters parties left at 0815 for new assembly area. Move of regiment postponed.

4 February 1945, religious services held throughout command. No training.

5 February 1945, scheduled training to include squad and platoon problems. Test was given by Division to Company L on "Combat in Woods" and to Company G (3rd platoon) on "Attack of a Tank". Regiment alerted to move on 6 February 1945.

6 February 1945, regiment prepared to move to new area. Leading element crossed IP at Cherhalle at 1610. Closed vicinity of Berneau, Belgium at 2230. Order of march:

Regimental Command Post
2nd Battalion
3rd Battalion
Cannon Company
Anti Tank Company
Headquarters Company
1st Battalion
908th Field Artillery
Company C, 308th Medical Battalion
Service Company moved by infiltration on
6 - 7 February 1945

7 February 1945, regiment spent the day in getting settled in new area, care and cleaning of equipment and maintenance of vehicles.

8, 9, 10 February 1945, all units again continued training in preparation for projected operations. Assault of pillboxes and squad and platoon problems were stressed. All units provided hot showers at near-by coal collieries. On 9th, Cannon Company attached to 908 Field Artillery Battalion and moved to firing positions.

11 February 1945, religious services held for all units during the day. No training conducted. Cannon Company relieved from attachment to 908th Field Artillery, returned to regimental area, closing at 2230.

12 February 1945, units continued training, emphasizing attack across open terrain with use of smoke. 2nd Battalion conducted exercise, battalion in night attack.

13 February 1945, training continued stressing approach and attack of villages. 3rd battalion conducted night exercise, Battalion in Attack.

14, 15, 16, 17 February 1945, all units continued training, stressing attack of villages, attack over open terrain and operations with tanks and night attacks. During this period Division tests were held as follows:

Night Attack	-	Company I on 14th
Night Attack	-	Company E on 15th

18 February 1945, no training. Religious services held in all areas.

19, 20, 21, 22 February 1945, units continued training stressing squad and platoon problems, attack over open terrain, attack of villages and attack in conjunction with light tanks (M-24). Night of 21st -22nd, all battalions conducted an exercise in occupation of a defensive position, withdrawal during darkness, move to an assembly area followed by a daylight attack. Billeting details left for new area at 0830, 21 February 1945.

23 February 1945, Regimental Commanding Officer, Assistant S-3, S-2, Battalion Commanders and Battalion S-2's left for new assembly area at 10:00. Remainder of regiment preparing for movement.

24 February 1945, regiment and attached units left billets in vicinity of Berneau, Belgium at 1315 and closed in area Alsdorf - Durboslar at 1900. Order of march:

Regimental Headquarters
3rd Battalion
1st Battalion
2nd Battalion
Company C, 308th Engineers, attached
Anti Tank Company
Cannon Company
Service Company
Company C, 643rd T.D. (support)
Company C, 308th Medical Battalion
2nd Platoon Co. B, 736th Tank Bn., attached
3rd Platoon Co. D, 736th Tank Bn., attached
AG Platoon, 736th Tank Battalion, attached

Upon arrival in new area, platoon "Z", 453rd AAA Battalion reported as in support of regiment. Regimental command post and Headquarters Company located at K 891529; 1st Battalion and Service Company at Oidtweiler; 2nd Battalion at K 897531; 3rd Battalion and Tanks at Durboslar; T.D.'s, Anti Tank, Cannon and Engineers in vicinity of

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25 February 1945, religious services held in all units. Following units moved from present location to areas indicated beginning at 1300. 2nd Battalion (less Company E) moved to Bettendorf; Company E moved to Oidtweiler; Anti Tank, Cannon, Company C, 308 Engineers, Company C, 308 Medical Battalion and Company C, 643rd T.D. Battalion moved to Hongen. Regiment during the afternoon was alerted to be prepared to move to east of Roer River night of 25th - 26th or daylight 26th. Alert was cancelled at 1900.

26 February 1945, Headquarters Company and Regimental command post moved to Siersdorf at 1300. Command post opened at Siersdorf at 1400. Regiment again alerted at 1540 to be prepared to move to east of Roer, vicinity of Welldorf night of 26th - 27th or daylight 27th. These orders were cancelled at 1800. Second Armored Division moving first. Reports of rapid progress by V and XIX Corps indicate early committment of Combat Team 331. Regiment notified to be ready to move on three (3) hour notice. Training continued during the day in attack over open ground and familiarization firing with so called 60 mm "knee" mortars.

27 February 1945, training continued in attack of villages and over open terrain. At 2242, the 3rd battalion with 1st platoon, Company C, 643rd T.D. Battalion in support, one platoon Company C, 308th Engineers attached together with the 908th Field Artillery and Company C, 308th Medical Battalion crossed the Roer River at Julich. Column was attached to CCB, 2nd Armored Division and proceeded under XIX Corps Military Police to Opherten and detrucked at 0100. The battalion rode forward on tanks to CCB's line of departure at Garzweiler. CCB jumped off at 0700, in the direction of Grevenbroich. Mission of the 3rd battalion was to follow the armor and mop up any pockets of resistance that were bypassed, then proceed east to Erft Canal in the vicinity of Grevenbroich. The battalion moved north-east behind the armor, passing through Elfgen and Elsen and then turning east. By 1700, the 3rd battalion had cleared and occupied that portion of Grevenbroich west of the Erft Canal.

28 February 1945, at 0700, regimental command post group and the bulk of Regimental Headquarters Company left for Ameln (F 085858 where forward command post was established). The regiment (less 3rd battalion, Regimental Headquarters Company and 3rd platoon Anti Tank Company) with the following attachments and supporting units left regimental area at 0945.

Company C (-) 643rd T.D. Bn. (support)
Company C (-) 308th Engineer Battalion
Prov. Platoon 453rd AAA Battalion.

Column arrived at Kalrath (F 105665) at 1130. The column was here met by guides who led units to assembly areas generally astride the road from Garzweiler to Jackerath. Regimental command post was



established at Garzweiler. From its initial assembly area, the 1st battalion moved to Elsen and thence to a line Bedburdyck to Hemmerden to relieve elements of CCB. This mission was accomplished by 2050. The 2nd Battalion moved to Belmen to assembly area. Regimental command post moved to Elfen at 1800. No other activity during the period. Casualties: WIA - Six (6). Prisoners: Three hundred and forty (340) estimated.

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APPENDIX II

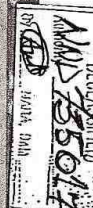
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>TYPE CASUALTY</u>
<u>FEBRUARY 1, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Washington W. McDaniel	44015537	NBC
Pfc.	John F. Breslin Jr.	32799631	NBC
Pvt.	Walter A. Roberts	37641248	NBC
Pvt.	Elza H. Skidmore	35074838	NBC
Pvt.	Hugh G. Poe	35816144	NBC
Pvt.	Alfred R. Hendry	44005630	NBC
Sgt.	Thomas F. Shaunnessy	16120506	NBC
Pfc.	Frank M. Faubert	31467974	NBC
Pvt.	Clinton T. Stacy	44031044	NBC
Sgt.	Kenneth Lewis	18096864	NBC
Cpl.	John Miller	20625800	NBC
Pfc.	James P. Williamson	38390696	NBC
Pfc.	Edward A. Tylor	42010539	NBC
2nd Lt.	Richard E. Wade	01328427	NBC
Pvt.	John A. Woods	38683638	NBC
Pvt.	Cecil Strother	34313174	NBC
Pvt.	Lee E. Graham	38452953	NBC
Pvt.	Lloyd Hill	37772779	NBC
Pfc.	John I. Minyard	35449407	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 2, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Fred L. Addicks	38559013	NBC
Pvt.	John L. Causey	44010548	NBC
Pvt.	Vito Mazzapelle	42135766	NBC
Pvt.	Monroe J. Matthews	20452638	NBC
Pvt.	Bill F. Snell	37647059	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 3, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Noel O. Villarreal	38676814	NBC
Pvt.	James C. Barker	35123185	NBC
Sgt.	Donald E. Standiford	12103412	NBC
Pfc.	John F. Mucha	33834786	NBC
Pfc.	Jules H. Sitrick	37679056	NBC
Pfc.	William Jacobs	33419311	NBC
Pvt.	William E. Jarvis	33941659	NBC
Pvt.	Richard E. Smith	32605645	NBC
Pvt.	Cleon G. Decker	35516691	NBC
Pvt.	Lawrence L. Olson	37697815	NBI
Pvt.	William W. Schultze	13142156	NBI
T/Sgt.	August J. Thompson	37219572	NBI
Pvt.	George N. Weber	33949053	NBI
Pvt.	Lester L. Wright	33722147	NBI
Sgt.	Lynn H. Heflin	37017441	NBI
Pvt.	Jerome J. Mandelbaum	42133953	NBI
Pfc.	Judson M. Klein Jr.	37445788	NBC

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>TYPE CASUALTY</u>
<u>FEBRUARY 4, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Manuel Acosta	39084843	NBC
Pfc.	George R. Capes	36785071	NBC
Pfc.	Forrest J. MacConnell	32246562	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 5, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Elmer A. Mauer	36844351	NBC
Cpl.	Lyle E. Scribner	36510973	NBC
Tec 5	Joseph J. Stone	36671354	NBI
Pvt.	Russell C. Wood	35837582	NBC
Tec 5	Guy F. Mathis	35580154	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 6, 1945</u>			
Pfc.	Daniel G. Friend	34883527	NBC
Pvt.	Clarence G. Loving	34896091	NBC
Pvt.	Robert R. Harker	33938009	NBC
Tec 5	James D. Harris	33345040	NBC
Pvt.	Robert D. Mabry	39580095	NBC
Sgt.	Norman E. Welch	35172236	NBC
Cpl.	Paul M. Evans	33077885	NBI
Pvt.	Walter Zbikowski	31468494	NBI
<u>FEBRUARY 7, 1945</u>			
Capt.	Charles S. Quinn	0-468710	NBC
Pvt.	William R. Fortner	35086727	NBC
Pfc.	Carl Craft	36898969	NBC
T/Sgt.	Dan V. Phillips	37066018	NBC
Pvt.	Walter P. Kowal	12220245	NBC
Pfc.	Charles G. Janca	37270668	NBC
Tec 4	Frank P. Nowowiejski	12007542	NBC
Tec 3	William O. McCrork	35299769	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 8, 1945</u>			
S/Sgt.	George A. Henderson	35422107	NBI
S/Sgt.	Robert E. Baker	36902146	NBC
Pvt.	Grover C. Liptrap	33663152	NBC
Pfc.	James L. Englerth	33503817	NBC
Pfc.	Charles G. Flannagan	33214248	NBC
Pfc.	Edward L. McFadden	37696278	NBC
Pfc.	Tracy W. Hancock	20441381	NBC
Pvt.	Roy W. Perry	34899261	NBC
Pvt.	Paz Rocha	38675570	NBC
Pvt.	Ira L. Whorton	44011287	NBC
Pvt.	Robert W. Roske	31448700	NBC



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FEBRUARY 9, 1945

Pfc.	Raymond J. Dobson	44050192	NBC
S/Sgt.	Nick G. Hasychak	33078452	NBC
Pvt.	Sherrill Pilkenton	44015686	NBC
Pfc.	James D. Jewell	35632249	NBI
Capt.	Eugene M. Jackson	01287011	NBI

FEBRUARY 10, 1945

Sgt.	Glenn S. Keyser	33248883	NBC
Pfc.	Arthur R. Irwin	32657134	NBC
Pfc.	Robert C. Stout	33834037	NBC
Pfc.	Joseph O. Shepard	34354414	NBC
Pvt.	Francis J. Wagner	31448935	NBC
Lt Col	Donald R. Patterson	0-18491	NBC

FEBRUARY 11, 1945

Pfc.	Joseph A. Hobbs	31187880	LWA
Tec 4	Milton M. Hockel	37092599	NBC
Pfc.	Robert C. Morris Jr.	33620169	NBC
Pfc.	Gabriel D. Planamento	33814481	NBC
Pfc.	Richard A. Graves Sr.	34965628	NBC
Pvt.	Robert A. Weesner	35481402	NBC

FEBRUARY 12, 1945

Pfc.	George A. Seavy	32731171	NBI
Pvt.	Chester J. Kosla	36908228	NBC
Pfc.	Willard R. Wenrich	33852826	NBC
Pvt.	James E. Wood	36986086	NBC
Pfc.	Charles J. Wagner	33838503	NBC
Pfc.	Edward J. Troka	36775461	NBC

FEBRUARY 13, 1945

Pfc.	Vernon A. Yates	33651148	NBC
Pfc.	Charles Maynard Jr.	34389274	NBC
Cpl.	Elwood E. Stuhlemmer	35120337	NBC
Pfc.	Edward R. Huff	33515496	NBI
Pvt.	Benny Kvenlog	37271916	NBC
Pfc.	Donald J. Swartz	35092755	NBC

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Pvt.	William G. Longbottom	33773453	NBC
Pfc.	Boyd D. Sult	33660152	NBC
Pvt.	Otto F. Prokipovits	33801296	NBC

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<u>FEBRUARY 15, 1945</u>			
Pfc.	Donald J. Hall	36874951	NBC
Tec 5	Cosmo C. Cappuzzo	20230037	NBC
Pfc.	Philip E. Cook	31352330	NBC
Pvt.	Gilbert B. Suter	35683282	NBC
Pfc.	James P. Corriveau	33452156	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 16, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	James R. Tebeau	31210651	NBC
2nd Lt.	James L. Fish Jr.	0-516368	NBC
Tec 5	Paul S. Clore	38078821	NBC
Lt Col	Leniel E. McDonald	0-304763	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 17, 1945</u>			
Pfc.	Wasco Pawuk	33771722	NBC
Pfc.	Nicholas Barbu	36466474	NBC
Pfc.	Raymond H. Riggs	34946367	NBC
Tec 5	Kenneth M. Armstrong	36445485	NBC
Pvt.	Jim W. Webb	44013526	NBC
Pvt.	Robert L. Johnson	34927497	NBC
Pvt.	Harry F. Wright	33932983	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 18, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Arthur H. Yerley	34679047	NBC
Pfc.	Floyd W. Shely Jr.	35664454	NBC
Pvt.	Lewis L. Roper	42190165	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 19, 1945</u>			
S/Sgt.	Edward Deliman	35516659	NBI
Pfc.	Carey C. Pollock	33902901	NBC
Pfc.	Wayne A. Moore	36582644	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 20, 1945</u>			
Pfc.	George J. Kurpicka	35516763	NBC
Pvt.	Henry A. Enstad	37599518	NBC
Tec 4	Paul N. Miller	33830324	NBI
Pvt.	James R. Bibbee	35747698	NBC
Sgt.	John E. Smith	35507693	NBC
Pvt.	George Perry	36667472	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 21, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Stanley E. Kasik	31453008	NBC
Pfc.	Barney Brewer	35702868	NBC
Pvt.	Donald D. Stauffer	38568816	NBC

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<u>FEBRUARY 22, 1945</u>			
Pfc.	Russell K. Wilson	34608461	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 23, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Charles A. Williams	20462267	NBC
Pfc.	Robert E. Davidson	53306057	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 24, 1945</u>			
1st Lt.	Vernon C. Fever	01321902	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 25, 1945</u>			
T/Sgt.	Wilburn McQuinn	35449419	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 26, 1945</u>			
Pvt.	Paul F. Smith	54770497	NBC
Pvt.	Teodore T. Mandonado	39584879	NBC
Pvt.	Earl Lane	34122029	NBC
<u>FEBRUARY 27, 1945</u>			
Tec 5	Lloyd T. Marksberry	35668082	IWA
2nd Lt.	James L. Monroe	01999889	IWA
Pfc.	Fructuoso S. Loera	18048291	IWA
T/Sgt.	Leavitt F. Frey	6792216	NBC
Tec 5	John C. Wachs	37116096	NBC
Pfc.	Harvey F. Shover	33504880	NBC

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Personnel of the 331st Infantry Regiment who were awarded the Silver Star Medal during the month of February 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RUFUS DOCKERY, O-1300143, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. (Posthumously) For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in Germany. Lieutenant Dockery, although under enemy observation, placed his mortar and machine gun in position and established his observation post near the last building at the edge of a town in Germany. As the combat patrol advanced on its mission it was met by intense enemy small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire. Lieutenant Dockery continued to direct the fire of his weapons, personally pointing out the targets to the mortar crews. This drew heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire upon his position. When the gathering dusk and smoke of battle made it difficult to designate new targets, Lt. Dockery, with heroic disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to full view of the enemy and fired tracers from a rifle toward his targets for verification of his squad leaders. His daring action resulted in accurate fire on the enemy, but in the counter fire that was returned, the observation post received a direct hit and Lieutenant Dockery was killed. His fearless devotion to duty and outstanding courage reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama. Residence: 2725 Third St., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS COSMO C CAPPUZZO, 20230037, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 15 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH A. NITROY, 33873544, Infantry, 331st Infantry United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 15 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH E. RUTMAN, 36689584, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 18 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN DANIEL M. MOORE, O1301517, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 16 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT WILLIAM FEKAS, 12007910, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 at Gey, Germany. Sergeant Fekas lead his machine gun section in support of the attack on a village. Enemy artillery fire pinned down the attacking units. With complete disregard for his safety, Sergeant Fekas continued forward to the

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crest of a hill to locate positions from which his gun sections could fire. After placing the guns, he continued forward to an observation post to direct the fire. Although he was exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he remained gallantly at his position until he was fatally wounded. The cool and courageous devotion to duty of this non-commissioned officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. Residence: 511 West 139th Street, New York, New York.

STAFF SERGEANT ADAM W. KOSOBUCKI, 32955907, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 17 January 1945 in Belgium. During the advance of his company against an important highway in Belgium, six enemy machine guns supported by artillery fire were encountered. Sergeant Kosobucki with utter disregard for his own personal safety exposed himself to the enemy fire and called to his squad to follow him across the road. While leading his squad in this daring movement, Sergeant Kosobucki was killed by enemy fire, but his example of fearless determination so inspired his men that they continued on their mission and silenced the machine guns. The gallant and courageous devotion to duty of this non-commissioned officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey. Residence: Road #1, 2nd Avenue, West Cape May, New Jersey.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT HERSHEL A. METHENY, 6857125, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 13 December 1944, near Gey, Germany. Sergeant Metheny was platoon sergeant of a heavy machine gun platoon. A barrage of enemy mortars and artillery caused numerous casualties, including the platoon leader. With cool presence of mind, Sergeant Metheny went to the different squads reorganizing the men and rallying them to the attack. As the first squad was advancing two enemy snipers opened fire, halting the squad. Sergeant Metheny fired upon them with his sub-machine gun and ordered them to surrender. When they answered by a burst of fire, he charged their position, killing one and caused the other to expose himself to the fire of the platoon. In the course of this daring leadership of this non-commissioned officer he was fatally wounded. The fearless initiative and conspicuous leadership of Sergeant Metheny reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska. Residence: General Delivery, Grand Island, Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD L. NONAHUE, 01297693, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 11 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS D. RUCHMAN, 35750650, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 12 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the Armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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STAFF SERGEANT HARRY L. COOPER, 39550370, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 10 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

FIRST SERGEANT FREDERICK W. HELMERS, 6835318, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 12 July 1944, in France, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ERNEST B. KAMINSKAS, 36684142, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 14 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SLOAN, 01319670, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 10 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE HENRY M. MARTIN, JR. 34329144, Infantry Medical Department, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 12 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

STAFF SERGEANT ARTHUR R. MAYBERRY, (Then Corporal), 33387867 Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 10 December 1944, in Germany. When the advance of the automatic rifle team he was leading was threatened by machine gun fire from an enemy dugout, Sergeant Mayberry with complete disregard for his own safety and outstanding leadership, succeeded in eliminating the position by killing four of the enemy and routing the others. The courageous devotion to duty of this non-commissioned officer reflects the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland. Residence: 4641 Park Heights Ave. Baltimore, Maryland.

CAPTAIN WILFRED F. BARBER, 01292989, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 11 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

SERGEANT WILLIAM P. COOPER, (Then Private First Class), 39621624 Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 12 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

STAFF SERGEANT FLOYD M. DOWSON, 34394172, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 10 December 1944, in Germany which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD W. DUNCAN, 01317080, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 18 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

STAFF SERGEANT NORMAN D. NEILY, 31177280, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 10 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

PRIVATE WHITNEY F. NORTON, 42141927, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 11 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN HARRY C. GRAVELYN, 01286998, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 14 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARL L. WHITELEY, 36875020, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 11 December 1944, in Germany. Private Whiteley volunteered to eliminate an enemy machine gun emplacement which was holding up the advance of his platoon. Armed with a grenade launcher and accompanied by two riflemen he moved down a slight ravine until he was about 25 yards from the enemy position. Directing his assistants to cover him, he ran directly toward the enemy and succeeded in getting within ten yards of the emplacement before they opened fire. As the enemy fire reached its mark he was seen to momentarily falter but with heroic determination he continued onward and destroyed the position with his grenade before he fell forward mortally wounded. The sacrificial bravery and devotion to duty of this enlisted man reflect the highest credit upon himself and exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan. Residence: 1739 North 22nd Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

SERGEANT FRANZ F. EGGER, 32927339, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 18 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

SERGEANT LEEOWEN LYNCH, 35665837, (Then private First Class) Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 18 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HERBERT RAY, 32902531, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 11 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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TECHNICAL SERGEANT PAUL N. LEWIS, 33023857, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 18 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MAURICE G. REIDY, 01287061, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 11 July 1944, in France, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE W. EVANS, 35229339, Infantry, Company G, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in Belgium. Private Evans, after reporting the exact location of his platoon to the company commander, volunteered to return alone to his platoon because he knew that it was dependent upon him for further instructions although he knew that an enemy sniper lay hidden somewhere along the route. In carrying out this courageous action which was beyond the call of duty Private Evans was killed. The outstanding devotion to duty and personal bravery of this enlisted man reflect the highest credit upon himself and exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. Residence: 1157 1/2 Woodland Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT JAMES L. LUSK, 35020969, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 19 July 1944, in France. When the need for ammunition for one of the attacking companies became critical, Sergeant Lusk organized a carrying party and set out across open, marshy terrain covered by enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In leading the men across this area Sergeant Lusk's display of fearless confidence inspired his men to continue moving aggressively toward their objective. When the company had almost been reached, Sergeant Lusk was mortally wounded by mortar fragments but his men were able to accomplish the vital mission. The heroic initiative and cool and courageous leadership of this non-commissioned officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. Residence: 1154 Bittaker Street Akron, Ohio.

STAFF SERGEANT ALBERT F. MEIER, 35587994, Infantry, Company G, 331st Infantry, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 17 January 1945, in Belgium. Sergeant Meier, with heroic disregard for his own safety exposed himself to the enemy in order to locate their machine gun positions guarding a vital highway. Knowing the importance of securing the enemy positions he chose this course himself because he was not willing to have one of his men risk his life in such a maneuver. While engaged in this action a burst of machine gun fire mortally wounded him but the patrol inspired by his self sacrifice and aided by the information gained thereby, effected a crossing of the road and successfully eliminated the enemy positions. The gallant leadership and outstanding bravery of this non-commissioned officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. Residence: Applecreek, Ohio.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT NOEL ANDERSON, 01304540, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 10 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN WAYNE L. BART, 024707, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 5 July 1944 in France, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from New Jersey.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT H. CLOPTON, 18007075, Infantry, 331st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 13 January 1945, in Belgium, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DELBERT C. SINGLER, 33430961, Infantry United States Army, for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety displayed on 16-17 December 1944, in Germany, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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The following named personnel of the 331st Infantry Regiment were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for distinguishing themselves by heroic achievement, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

NAME	RANK	ASN	NAME	RANK	ASN
Norman L Kruse	1st Lt.	0512884	Richard M. Gates	Tec 5	35665560
Neal J. McLain	Pfc.	36775191	William G. Allen	Sgt.	36771424
Patrick J. Murphy	1st Lt.	01291679	George C. Trenary	Pvt.	33656109
Lester Schwadron	1st Lt.	0482595	Paul W. Bishop		35480700 Tec 5
Joseph Taceit Jr.	Pfc.	42105095	Robert F. Bittner	T/Sgt	35043091
Marshall H. Wright	1st Lt.	0500855	John J. Boyes	Pfc	32307674
Marvin Newberry	Pfc	33659574	Virgil T. Collins	S/Sgt	35592443
Jack C. Moriarty	2nd Lt.	0529099	Edwin J Dalton	Pfc	42010436
Norman W. Earls	Tec 5	35694427	Samuel J. Ferruccio	Pfc.	35609095
Clarence A. Gerlings	S/Sgt.	35665758	Robert J. Gray	Cpl	33337537
Howard O Hambrook	1st Lt.	0436964	David M. Harman	S/Sgt	33242132
Arthur H. Haught	2nd Lt.	01998886	Ivan C Hergerson	Sgt.	36228696
Russell Hughes	Tec 5	35799494	J. C. Judkins	Tec 5	34377533
David J. Lafontaine	Pfc	31253918	Edward W. Majewski	Pfc	35516768
Willie L. Medford	2nd Lt.	0519406	Adrian D. Mitchell	T/Sgt.	35742973
Clifford M. Nix	Sgt.	33228029	Lloyd Palmer	Sgt.	15023045
John W. Polley	Pfc.	15045867	James S. Ritchie,	2nd Lt.	0520902
Stanley A. Rummel	T/Sgt	33369099	Norman Schuster	S/Sgt	33369137
George W. Stngle	Pfc	36771819	Martin M Vardaro	Pfc	33682457
Alson E. Lancaster	1st Lt.	01304916	Clarence T. Baker	Pfc	35714145
Fred M. Bevins	Sgt.	31302565	Clarence W. Brown	Pfc	35534783
Edward Deliman	S/Sgt.	35516659	Donald W. Duncan	01317080	1st Lt.
James F. McNabb	S/Sgt	33338720	Robert C. Norris	Pvt.	33423133
Samuel Orsich	Pfc.	35235555	William A. Payne	1st Lt.	0449603
Robert J. Plette	S/Sgt	31187784	Myron G Seiler	Pfc	35516964

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Otto F. Stager	Pfc.	33686755	William M. Tourgee	S/Sgt.	3121188
Claude H. Ward	Pfc.	34892956	William J. Graff	T/Sgt.	33337254
Alvin R. Dietz	1st Lt.	O-1324915	Norman R. Geoge	Pfc.	3370799
Ralph R. Werley	Pfc.	33368527	Charles V. Nartkar	T/Sgt.	35345241
Erwin G. Wetzel	Pfc.	33835106	Vernon E. Bickley	Sgt.	39469559
Julius L. Cannady	S/Sgt.	34389123	Lucien A. Sharron	S/Sgt.	31446565
Richard Hayden	Pfc.	37605565	George F. Kohler	Sgt.	33764213
Verdelle Q. Mabe	Pfc.	34679125	Wilburn McQuinn	T/Sgt.	35449419
John N. Monroe	Pfc.	34543370	Joe J. Pirog	Pfc.	32873378
Michael E. Shiko	T/Sgt.	33241134	Alfred F. Smith	T/Sgt.	35714423
Robert A. Todak	S/Sgt.	35343563	Frank A. Vasquez	Pfc.	31223028
Albert R. Wienberg	Tec 3	35665170	John Young, Jr.,	Sgt.	35448797
Hershell L. McIntosh	Sgt.	34666088	Robert D. Nygard	S/Sgt.	37293794
Victor Smith	Pvt.	35664387	Vernon R. Decker	T/Sgt.	38332847
William R. Freshwater	T/Sgt.	35740090	Frank A. Gaus	S/sgt.	33392191
Eugene M. Jackson	Capt.	O-1287011	Elmer K. Kelsik	2d Lt.	O-1309279
Leonard E. Mills	Tec 4	37111997	James A. Tyndall	Pfc.	34854062
Robert F. Windsor	Capt.	O-398148	Frank J. Barnes	2d Lt.	O-1321279
George D. Gutekunst	Sgt.	33619356	Harold L. Merrill	S/Sgt.	39393092
Joseph W. Saltzman	Pfc.	38317725	James L. Teague	Pfc.	35897516
Burton W. Zinser	Pfc.	31440119	Anthony A. Andakinow	Sgt.	33615148
Robert E. Baker	Sgt.	36902146	Andrew J. Churpak	S/Sgt.	33306272
Donald D. Crosier	S/Sgt.	33307280	Bynum V. Hancock	S/Sgt.	34433746
Glenn S. Keyser	Sgt.	33248883	Pruitt Medford	Pfc.	34433795
Daniel J. Morello	Pfc.	32947975	Charles D. Pate	S/Sgt.	18002979
Alson R. Shrawder	S/Sgt.	32158713	Donald M. Watson	Sgt.	33254122
Harold E. Woodson	1st Lt.	O-1310016	Chester P. Adryan	1st Lt.	O-1296791
Kenneth L. Scott	Major	O-22121	John G. Steffins	Pfc.	15307744
Albert G. Allen	Tec 5	33353399	Marvin L. Blackmore	S/Sgt.	34376413
Learner F. Corn	T/Sgt.	35714169	Issak T. Garnett	Pfc.	35669482
Harry E. Kain	S/Sgt.	35739646	Mike M. Mizerock	S/Sgt.	13021107
Roy E. Newsome	S/Sgt.	35399860	Robert L. Parsons	S/Sgt.	34168694
James J. Cantwell	Pfc.	33368471	Fred Baugh	Pfc.	35497658
Jacob Z. Esbenshade	S/Sgt.	33012548	John M. Jakockr	S/Sgt.	35517031
Robert J. Kinnane	Pfc.	35562161	John Krill	S/Sgt.	33024010
Harold E. Larrick	Sgt.	35554149	Vernar Nellson	T/Sgt.	37144693
Clyde Stapleton	Tec 5	35352297	Carroll A. Baize	Tec 5	38419763
Richard Glasscock	Tec 4	34433578	Leon W. Borofski	Sgt.	33814129
Joseph F. Demore	Sgt.	39617381	Edward J. Harmer	S/Sgt.	35594191
Truman G. Miller	1st Lt.	O-1289458	Don L. Riek	S/Sgt.	37617933
Francis A. Soucie	Pfc.	31445405	John E. Williams	Pfc.	32663593
Charles C. Zamites	T/Sgt.	33023920	Donald F. Black	2d Lt.	O-1320415
Joseph D. Frasiello	Sgt.	32996798	John F. McAbe	T/Sgt.	34431481
Howard C. Hambrook	1st Lt.	O-436964	Willard J. Cornelius	Pfc.	15057709
Augie J. Caggero	Sgt.	39843835	Joseph J. Henley	S/Sgt.	34377090
Frank M. Hauser	Pfc.	35510166	Joseph C. Bates	1st Lt.	O-1287989
Werner Buck	1st Lt.	O-1314876	Eugene F. Frizell	Pfc.	32679840
Chandas B. Johnson	S/Sgt.	35739628	Brown Jones	T/Sgt.	35215333
John F. Carroll	Pfc.	33713702	Raymond B. Lougge	Pfc.	31381342
Edward R. Whiteman	Sgt.	35665710	Ivan O. Helgerson	Sgt.	36228696
James E. Archambault	T/Sgt.	31199727	Earl A. Bemus	T/Sgt.	18072556
James E. Doerner	Pfc.	37301072	Normand R. Malo	S/Sgt.	31244203
Victor St. Peter	Tec 3	36230792	Frederick J. Bailey	Lt. Col.	O-370617
Robert C. Walker	Capt.	O-412092	Staples, John F.	Major	O-326021
Snyder, Charles P.	Major	O-326816			

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