

**PERSONAL NOTES  
OF**

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**"E" COMPANY - 442ND. INF. REGT.**



## "442 Regimental Combat Team"

- FEB 1 1943 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ACTIVATED Camp Shelby, Miss.
- JAN 27 - FEB 17 1944 A SERIES OF MANEUVERS AT SECO NATIONAL FOREST, MISS.
- APRIL 22-23 1944 DEPARTURE CAMP SHELBY MISS, TO CAMP STRICK HENRY VIRGINIA TRAINING AREA
- MAY 1 1944 DEPARTURE HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EVANSTON VIRGINIA
- JULY 26 1944 ARRIVAL AT NAPLES ITALY, EUROPEAN THEATRE OPERATION
- JUNE 15 1944 ARRIVAL AT CIVITAVECCHIA VIA ANZIO - ROME
- JUNE 21 1944 ENTERED TO BIVONAC AREA SOUTHWEST OF GROSSETO ITALY.
- JUNE 24 1944 COMMITTED INTO ACTION, VICINITY OF SIVERTO WITH KEY OBJECTIVE  
ROAD JUNCTION BEYOND TOWN OF SASSETA, 2ND BATTALION RELIEVED 142ND INF.  
3RD BN. RELIEVED 5TH PARACHUTIST INF. REGT., 100 BATTALION IN RESERVE.  
18 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS ACTIONS RESULTED IN SECURING OBJECTIVE. EVENTUALLY  
WAS PLACED ON DIVISION RESERVE STATUS FOR 2 DAYS, VICINITY OF BIGNA, TO  
CONSOLIDATE ON LESSONS ACKNOWLEDGED UNDER BATTLE OF FIRE.
- JULY 1 1944 RET I.O.S. LECINA RIVER. MAIN OBJECTIVE ROAD JUNCTION 5 MILES  
NORTH-EAST OF LECINA.
- JULY 2 1944 OBJECTIVE EAST-WEST ROAD FROM CASTELLINA TO THE SEA. 5 DAYS  
OF FURIOUS ACTIONS, INCLUDING COSTLY LOSS IN SECURING HILL 140, FINALLY  
Cleared AREA & CAPTURE OF CASTELLINA.
- JULY 10, 1944 OBJECTIVE: HILLTOP TOWN OF NIEVE DI SAN NICOLA AND ASTINA  
TAKEN WITHIN 2-DAYS OF RUTHERN MOUNTAIN ACTIONS.
- JULY 14, 1944 CONTINUOUS ASSAULT ON ENEMY POSITIONS RESULTED IN ADVANCING RET  
POSITION TO KORNZANO. RELIEVED BY THE 168TH RET FROM FRONT LINE  
AREA. 100th BATTALION ESTABLISHED ROAD BLOCK LEFT FLANK OF RET ON OCCASIA-KEGHORN ROAD  
3RD BN. ESTABLISHED ROAD BLOCK AT KURIANO - WHERE EVENTUALLY A MAJOR BATTLE  
RESULTED & THE SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE OF THE IMPORTANT PORT CITY OF KEGHORN  
2ND BN. COVERED UP LEFT REAR OF KURIANO WHICH WAS FINALLY SECURED 72  
HOURS LATER.
- JULY 18 1944 3RD BN. CAPTURED MTE SILVETTI & OCCUPIED THE FINAL HIGH HILL SOUTH  
OF THE ARNO RIVER. FORWARD OBSERVATION POST ABLE TO SEE THE  
HISTORIC CITY OF PISA IN THE DISTANCE. KEGHORN TAKEN BY THE  
ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION AND THE 100th BATTALION.

- July 20, 1944 2nd + 3rd BN COMMITTED TO OUTPOST LINE OF RESISTANCE ALONG HWY 67.
- July 22 1944 RELIEVED BY ELEMENTS OF 34th DIVISION + ENTRUCKED TO ASSEMBLY AREA OF COLLE SALVETTI.
- July 24 1944 ENTRUCKED TO THE 34th DIVISION REST AREA OF UADA.
- Aug 15 1944 DETACHED FROM 34th DIV. + ATTACHED TO THE 4th CORP - 100th BATTALION IN BATTLE POSITION 4 KILOMETERS EAST OF FISA.
- Aug 17, 1944 2ND + 3RD BATTALIONS ASSIGNED POSITION ALONG 85th DIVISION SECTOR NEAR CASTELNUOVO. FORWARD GUARD, IN CASE OF ENEMY <sup>COUNTER</sup> ATTACK.
- Aug 20 1944 2ND + 3RD BN. ASSIGNED NEW POSITION IN II CORP 88th DIVISION SECTOR ALONG THE ARNO RIVER, VICINITY OF SCANDICCI, WEST OF FLORENCE.
- Aug 20th to Sept 1 1944: PERIOD OF INTENSIVE PATROLLING + PROBING, ALL ALONG THE ARNO RIVER FRONT.
- Sept 1 1944 5th ARMY Gothic Line Drive INITIATED. 2ND + 3RD BATTALION FORCED CROSSING OF THE ARNO + ASINONE HWY 66 100th BATTALION " " IN THE FISA SECTOR.
- Sept 9, 1944 AFTER SPARTANLY THE DRIVE + SECURING IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHIC POSITIONS, RAT. RELIEVED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 85th + 88th DIVISIONS + SUBSEQUENTLY RE-ASSEMBLED AT ROSIGNANO.
- Sept 15 1944 EMBARKED ON LCT AT PONSINO FOR NAPLES.
- Sept 26 1944 BOARDED US CONS GUARD TROOP TRANSPORT AT NAPLES FOR THE INVASION OF SOUTHERN FRANCE.
- Sept 27 1944. ARRIVES AT THE PORT CITY OF MARSEILLE + BOUNCES IN NEARBY STAGING AREA.
- Oct. 9 1944 AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF PREPARATION, ENTRUCKED FOR THE 7th ARMY FRONT, VICINITY OF EPINAL.
- Oct 12, 1944 ATTACHED TO 36th DIVISION.
- Oct 15 1944 OBJECTIVE KEY ROAD + RAIL CENTER OF BRUYERES, WHICH WAS SECURED AFTER 5 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS MAJOR ACTION IN THE CAPTURE OF 4 CONICAL HILLS OVERLOOKING BRUYERES.
- Oct 17 1944: Hill A + D TAKEN BY THE 100th BN.  
 " B " " " 2ND "  
 " C " " " 3RD "

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EVENTUAL LINK-UP WITH ELEMENT OF THE 143 INF. REGT. 2 MILES EAST  
OF BRUYERES.

OCT 20 1944: KEY OBJECTIVE ST. NIZ. FURIOUS RESISTANCE FIERCE AND  
FENCIBLE IN HOLDING LAST HIGH AREA AND SECTORS ALONG THE  
RAILROAD FORTIFICATION. FRONTAL ATTACK SUICIDAL. FORMATIONS  
OF COMPANY H AND F FORCED TO SECURE POSITIONS ON FRENCH REAR.  
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED ON NITE DEPARTURE WITHOUT DETECTION, AND  
AFTER PRE-ARRANGED SIGNAL, GENERAL ASSAULT STARTED AT DAWN.  
FRENCHES CAUGHT IN DEVELOPING PINNER STRATEGY, PUT TO ROUT WITH  
HEAVY CASUALTIES, PLUS LOSS OF HUGE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENTS.  
FURIOUS ACTIONS CONTINUED, WITH SERIES OF HILLS SOUTH-EAST OF BELMONT  
AS OBJECTIVES. 100TH BATTALION CROSSED RIDGE TO ATTACK BIFFONTAINE  
ON OPPOSITE SECTOR AND EVENTUALLY TAKEN ON 10/23/44.

OCT 24, 1944 RELIEVED BY ELEMENTS OF 36TH DIVISION FOR A BRIEF REST  
PERIOD, VICINITY OF BELMONT.

OCT 26 1944. RELIEVED FROM ACTION TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON ELEMENTS OF  
36TH DIVISION. 1ST BATTALION, 143RD REGT. TRAPPED BY FRENCH TROOPS  
IN HEAVILY WOODED RIDGE, EXTENDING SOUTH-EAST & DOMINATING THE VALLEY  
FROM BIFFONTAINE TO LA HOUSSTERE.

OCT 27 1944: 100TH + 3RD BN. PUSHED OFF ON RESCUE MISSION FROM BELMONT  
AT NITE & BY 1000 HOUR, PASSED THROUGH ELEMENTS OF 143RD INF REGT  
AND AFTER 3 DAYS OF FURIOUS ACTIONS, THE LOST BATTALION RESCUE  
ATTACK WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

OCT 30 1944. FRENCH RESISTANCE FINALLY BROKEN BY THE 2ND BATTALION PINNER  
MOVEMENT AFTER NEGOTIATING COUNTAROUS TERRAIN IN FRENCH REAR.  
SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THAT EMERGENCY RESCUE MISSION  
WAS A COSTLY EFFORT FOR THE 442ND REGT. AVERAGE COMPANY  
STRENGTH, BUT DOWN TO 35 ABLE BODIED MEN.

NOV 8, 1944 RELIEVED AND MOVED TO REARANGES FOR MUCH NEEDED REST.

NOV 12, 1944 TOOK OVER HOLDING POSITION SOUTH OF THE CHARITIME ALPS  
UNDER 7th ARMY CONTROL.

NOV 17 1944 RELIEVED & PULLED BACK TO SOCELLES.

April 23 1945: 2nd BATTALION EXECUTE PLANING ATTACK TO CAPTURE SAN TERENZO, FORCING THE MAIN ENEMY FORCE TO WITHDRAW FROM STRATEGIC POSITIONS. COL. NERBIONE TAKEN BY THE 3RD BATTALION, TASK FORCE, FORMED BY PERSONNELS OF COMPANY "B" AND "F", TO EXPLOIT BREAKTHROUGH, AND SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING AREA OVERLOOKING VALLEY SOUTH OF AULLA, WHICH EVENTUALLY WAS TAKEN WITHIN 48 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS ACTIONS.

April 25, 1945: ENEMY FORCES IN FULL RETREAT AND BY THE 28th, ISOLA DEL CONVENTO BUSSOLA AND GENOA LIBERATED.

April 29, 1945: OCCUPIED ALESSANDRIA, TURIN, ATSI & CASALE. ENEMY FORCES IN CONTINUOUS WITHDRAWAL, WITH THOUSANDS OF TROOPS BEING TAKEN PRISONERS DAILY.

MAY 2 1945 ENEMY FORCES SURRENDER.

MAY 8 - 22 1945 I. AND R. PATROL INTO AULLA, ALESSANDRIA, MILAN, VERICE  
JUNE JULY AUG - 1945 STATIONED AT GHEZI AIRPORT, CAPTURED GERMAN AIR FORCE BASE, TO PROTECT & GUARD APPROXIMATELY 200,000 FORMER ENEMY TROOPS.

TRANSFERRED TO LECCE, VICINITY OF LAKE LUGO FOR SECURITY ASSIGNMENT.

REASSIGNED TO THE HIGHWAY - PISA PERIMETER TO GUARD THE PRISONER OF WAR COMPOUNDS. ALSO TOOK OVER SECURITY PATROL OF US TRUCK SUPPLY BASES IN THE AREA.

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FORT MACARTHUR CAL	BASIC
CAMP ROBERTS "	SIGNAL CORP
FORT ORD - "	COMMUNICATION
FORT LEWIS WASH.	FIELDS MANUEVERS -
FORT COCKAN COLORADO	DRILL INSTRUCTOR
CAMP SHELBY, MISS.	" "
FORT BRACE N. CAROLINA	COMBAT JUDO - KARATE
FORT SAN HOUSTON TEXAS	COMMANDO TRAINING -
FORT LEAVENWORTH KANSAS	1 MONTH GUARD DRILL & DUTY FAMILIARIZATION WITH GERMAN WAR PRISONERS - THEIR DAILY CONDUCT & HABITS. I.E. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE WHILE ENGAGING THE GERMANS IN COMBAT - OVER SEAS -
WELLY FIELD TEXAS	PARATROOPER & GLIDER PLANE TRAINING -