

HEADQUARTERS 1ST RANGER BATTALION
APO 464, U.S. Army

5 March 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Action.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., (thru II Army Corps).

1. The following report of action against the enemy is submitted as required by par 10, AR 345-105.

2. On the night February 11-12 Companies A, E and F and a Headquarters Detachment, 1st Ranger Battalion made a raid on enemy positions in the area north of Sened, Tunisia.

With the mission of harassing, destruction of enemy personnel and materiel and reconnaissance, the force above mentioned, moved at midnight, February 10, from bivouac immediately south of Gafsa, Tunisia by truck to a point within about 12 miles of the enemy location. The force moved on foot to a point about 4 miles of the enemy from which the enemy dispositions could be studied and observed.

On the evening of February 11, the force was moved to a jumping off point about three miles from the enemy outposts.

At about 2300 hours, February 11, just before the setting of the moon, the approach to the enemy lines was started. Attack was made at about 0100 hours. At about 1200 hours, February 12, the troops were ordered to withdraw under cover of their 60 mm mortars.

3. It is estimated that damage inflicted included 75 killed or wounded, one 50mm anti-tank gun destroyed, 5 machine guns destroyed. Eleven Italian prisoners of the 10th Bersaglieri Regiment were captured.

4. The following were missing and wounded during the action:

MISSING

PFC ELMER W GARRISON, 35036690

WOUNDED

2nd Lt. DENNIS A MATLOCK, 0421719
2nd Lt. ROBERT W NEAL, 01283469
Sgt. CORWIN W BEAVER, 20704505
Sgt. MERVIN T HEACOCK, 20708520
Sgt. DONALD G MCCOLLAM, 20704927
Cpl. KERMIT E AASVE, 37026171
Cpl. GERALD J HARR, 20717369
Cpl. GARLAND G LADD, 20543534
Cpl. Chester V. MUSSELMAN, 20704725
Cpl. PETE M PRESTON, 35215358

Cpl. MICHAEL M SHUPUT, 39675449
Cpl. CLARENCE M SCHON, 20707922
T/5 WOODROW C CUNDIFF, 15044962
PFC CHARLES W DIEHL, 35036755
PFC JOHN F SDOSS, 35036845
PFC JOSEPH (NMI) DYE, 6663075
PFC EVAN J GANNON, 38015433
PFC ORVILLE O JONDAL, 20702245
PFC CLAYTON M SCHOOLEY, JR, 36227270
PFC DONALD A TRAUFLER, 20703193

WILLIAM O. DARBY
Lt Col, 1st Ranger Bn,
Commanding.