

1946: 442nd Infantry Regiment

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442nd Infantry Regiment - Narrative History - December 1945:

The 442d football team, after a short layoff with the close of the regular season, played the champion 351st team from the 88th Division on Dec. 25 at the Yankee Stadium, Italy, as a special treat for sports fans. Going into the game as underdogs, the 442d eleven dominated the game and won a hard-earned 7-6 victory over the previously unbeaten and un-scored on representatives from the "Blue Devils".

442nd Infantry Regiment - Narrative History - 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 Jan. 1, 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 come up from behind in the final moments of the game and complete several passes in a desperate attempt, tying up the ball game.

Postscript: At the time of these reports, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was headquartered in Livorno and attached to Peninsular Base Section, while the 88th Infantry Division was headquartered in Gorizia and attached to British XIII Corps.

Photos of the 442nd RCT-88th Division football games were taken and provided by Terry Shima, who was the former 442nd RCT Public Relations. Mr. Shima adds that the 442nd RCT also dominated in the swimming competition in Rome.



442nd RCT-88th Division football at Udine. Jan 1946