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Awards, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross Section I
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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officers and enlisted man:

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SHIGEO J. TAKATA, (30102426), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For extraordinary heroism in action. On the morning of *** September 1943, west of ***, Italy, Sergeant TAKATA personally led his squad in a flanking movement, forcing the withdrawal of enemy machine gunners and materially assisting in the attainment of the Battalion objective. Taking position in front of his men, he led them through intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to carry out his mission. He continuously and deliberately disregarded his own welfare in making personal reconnaissance to determine enemy gun positions. While so exposing himself, he was struck by an artillery shell and mortally wounded. In spite of his wounds he attempted to communicate with his platoon leader to inform him what he had learned of the enemy positions. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the members of his unit and reflect high credit upon him and the military service. Entered military service from Oahu, T. H. Next of kin: Mrs Florence F. Takata (Wife), Oahu, T. H.

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By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

A. M. GRUENTHER,
Major General, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. L. Ostler
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HEADQUARTERS 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION
UNITED STATES ARMY, APO-34

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR ----- SECTION I

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR - SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

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Yoshiharu E. Yoshida, 30100628, Corporal, Company "C", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** October 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Cpl Yoshida, having been instructed to cover a certain road position, engaged three hostile armored reconnaissance cars which advanced towards his position. Permitting the leading vehicle to approach to within thirty-five yards of him, Cpl Yoshida fired upon it, inflicting considerable damage. His action, as well as the enemy's discovery of the presence of opposing forces, effected the retreat of the three vehicles, but at the same time evoked intense machine gun, artillery, and mortar fire. Nevertheless, Cpl Yoshida stuck to his post and prepared to fire in the event of another armored attack. The coolness and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Yoshida in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Residence at time of induction: Naalehu, Hawaii.

By command of Major General RYDER:

NORMAN E. HENDRICKSON,
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff,

OFFICIAL:

/s/ D. M. White
DEE M. WHITE,
Lt. Col., AGD,
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II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, the following-named officers and enlisted men are awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

CASPER CLOUGH, JR., O21979, MAJOR, Infantry. For gallantry in action. Despite heavy enemy fire, Major Clough fearlessly reconnoitered favorable positions for his battalion. His courageous and brilliant leadership under exceptionally adverse conditions, coupled with his keen tactical judgment, aided materially in routing the enemy. Entered military service from New York. Address: Care of The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

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By command of Major General HUEBNER:

S. B. MASON
Colonel, G.S.C.
CHIEF OF STAFF

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Leonidas Gavalas
LEONIDAS GAVALAS
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR ----- SECTION I
AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION II

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR - SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

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Michael M. Enga, 30101837, Private First Class, Company "F", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. While advancing on its objective, Pfc Enga's company suddenly was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, resulting in a large number of casualties. Pfc Enga, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, went to the aid of his wounded comrades. Despite the continuous enemy fire, he administered first-aid to the wounded, and on three separate occasions carried casualties to a place of safety. He then located medical aid-men and saw to it that the wounded were given further treatment. Pfc Enga's conduct and initiative in the face of grave danger was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Aiea, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

Yukio Takaki, 30100060, Private First Class, Company "B", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on the night of ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Pfc Takaki was one of three men acting as scouts for a combat patrol having the mission of clearing an area known to contain enemy machine-gun positions. When the scouts, advancing ahead of the patrol, discovered a German ammunition carrying party, Pfc Takaki, quickly moved to one side. As the other scouts fired their rifles, he hurled a hand grenade. His accurate throw routed the enemy, and the three scouts accounted for two prisoners. Advancing forward again, they were fired on by a German machine pistol. Again Pfc Takaki moved to one side, worked his way close to the enemy gun and threw a grenade, while his comrades covered him with rifle fire. The enemy abandoned the position. Using the same tactics, Pfc Takaki and his comrades quickly silenced two more enemy machine-gun positions, captured five more prisoners, and assisted the patrol in silencing a third gun position. Pfc Takaki's courage and resourcefulness was highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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Kazunobu Yamamoto, 30101434, Private First Class, Company "F", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. During a heavy artillery barrage preceding an enemy counter-attack, Pfc Yamamoto was wounded and was bleeding about the ears and nose. In spite of his wounds he refused medical treatment, and insisted on remaining at his 60mm mortar. Throughout the ensuing enemy counter-attack, Pfc Yamamoto stayed with his gun, firing with accurate and devastating effect on the attacking forces, which consisted of an entire German company. His efficient gunnery inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and was an important factor in repelling the attack. He left his post only when ordered to do so, when it was learned that he was suffering from a serious wound which needed immediate attention. Pfc Yamamoto's courage, determination and devotion to duty in the face of grave danger was highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION II

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals, posthumously:

Harushi Kondo, 30100396, Private, Headquarters Company, **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Pvt Kondo, a member of a wire team, was laying communication wire to his Battalion forward CP along a road when an enemy group armed with approximately six rifles and two machine-guns opened fire on him at close range. Unable to by-pass the position and in spite of the concentrated fire, Pvt Kondo and his comrades determined to push on through. Returning the enemy fire as best they could, he and his comrades continued laying the wire. During this action Pvt Kondo was mortally wounded, but even as he fell he hurled a hand grenade at the nearest enemy machine-gun nest. Pvt Kondo's devotion to duty, courage and unusual bravery was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Kiyoko Kondo (Mother), Aiea, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

Katsushi Tanouye, 30102161, Corporal, Company "D", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Cpl Tanouye, the assistant forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, was in position at an OP located on the crest of a hill forward of the advance infantry elements. The OP was almost untenable because of intense and continuous enemy artillery fire. During the course of the morning, the enemy launched two counter-attacks, preceded by an artillery barrage. Cpl Tanouye, however, remained at his post directing fire orders to his platoon, although his position was being constantly shelled. Both times the enemy, estimated at two companies, were repulsed and their columns broken by mortar fire directed from this OP. Cpl Tanouye remained at his post during the entire morning until he and the other observers were killed by a tree burst of an enemy shell. His courage and bravery in the face of almost certain death was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Masatoki Tanouye (Brother), Box 673, Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

Bert K. Higashi, 30100282, Corporal, Company "D", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Cpl Higashi, the assistant forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, was in position at an OP located on the crest of a hill forward of the advance infantry elements. The OP was almost untenable because of intense and continuous enemy artillery fire. During the course of the morning the enemy launched two counter-attacks, preceded by an artillery barrage. Cpl Higashi, however, remained at his post and relayed fire orders to his platoon, although his position was being constantly shelled. Both times the enemy, estimated at two companies, were repulsed and their columns broken by mortar fire directed from this OP. Cpl Higashi remained at his post during the entire morning until he and the other observers were killed by a tree burst of an enemy shell. His courage and bravery in the face of almost certain death was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Vivian T. Higashi (Wife), 2639 Nakookoo Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

Matsutada Makishi, 30100465, Sergeant, Company "F", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on the night of ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Sgt Makishi was ordered to take his squad across the **** river and to establish an outpost line there. Upon reaching the opposite bank, several of his men stepped on anti-personnel mines, and it was discovered that the entire area was heavily mined and booby-trapped. In the darkness, his squad dispersed and became disorganized. Sgt Makishi, realizing the importance of his mission and with full knowledge of attendant dangers, combed the area, personally located each member, and reorganized his squad. Then, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he took the lead and led his squad single file through the mine-field, located the outpost line and posted his men. Sgt Makishi's devotion to duty and leadership in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hanapepe, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Matsu Makishi (Father, Camp 3, Wahiawa, Eleele, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

Masaharu Takeba, 30101509, Sergeant, Company "B", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on the night of ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Sgt Takeba was one of three men acting as scouts for a combat patrol having the mission of clearing an area known to contain enemy machine-gun positions. When the scouts, advancing ahead of the patrol, discovered a German ammunition carrying party, Sgt Takeba immediately fired his rifle at the enemy, allowing another scout to throw a hand grenade which dispersed the enemy, and the three scouts took two prisoners. Advancing forward again, they were fired on by a German machine pistol. Again Sgt Takeba returned the fire, deliberately drawing the enemy fire so that his comrades could work their way close to the enemy and dispose of them with grenades. The enemy abandoned the position. Using the same tactics, Sgt Takeba and his two comrades quickly silenced two more enemy machine-gun positions, captured five more prisoners, and assisted the patrol in silencing a third gun position. Sgt Takeba's courage and resourcefulness under fire was highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Magoichiro Takeba (Father, 1909-A South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

Louis K. Sakamoto, 30100182, Staff Sergeant, Company "C", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** October 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Sgt Sakamoto assumed command of his platoon when his platoon leader was wounded by enemy mortar fire. The platoon was halted from further advance by heavy fire from enemy machine guns, machine pistols and mortars. Sgt Sakamoto on his own initiative crawled forward in the face of the heavy fire to a point from where he could throw hand grenades into the enemy's position. This action proved to be so effective that the enemy was forced to withdraw, enabling the platoon to move forward and occupy the ground previously held by the enemy and to bring effective fire on them as they retreated. The Company, as a result of his brave action, moved their mortars into action against the enemy, causing heavy casualties. Sgt Sakamoto's conduct and initiative in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Waihei, Maui, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn Q. Sakamoto (Wife), P.O. Box 25, Waihee, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

Neill M. Ray, 01289802, First Lieutenant, Company "D", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Lt Ray, forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, was in position at an OP located on the crest of a hill, forward of the advance infantry elements. The OP was almost untenable because of intense and continuous enemy artillery fire. During the course of the morning the enemy launched two counter-attacks, preceded by a heavy artillery barrage. Lt Ray, however, remained in his position and coolly adjusted the fire of the mortars, although his position was being constantly shelled. Both times the enemy, estimated at two companies, were repulsed by mortar fire directed from his OP. Each time he observed the enemy forming for a counter-attack, Lt Ray directed as many as forty mortar shells on them, breaking up their columns. He maintained this position all morning, directing effective fire until he and his assistants were killed by a tree burst of an enemy shell. His coolness under fire and his courage and bravery in the face of almost certain death was an inspiration to his men and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Jasper, Tennessee. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mabel H. Ray (Wife), General Delivery, Jasper, Tennessee.

By command of Major General RYDER:

NORMAN E. HENDRICKSON,
Colonel, GSC,
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR ----- SECTION I
AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) ----- SECTION II
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR - SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

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Satoshi W. Kadota, 30100557, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** October 1943, in the vicinity of *** Italy. During an attack by the **** Infantry Battalion, the platoon to which Tec 5 Kadota was attached as an aid-man was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he left his defiladed position, moved about in the open terrain and administered first-aid to twelve of his fellow comrades who had been wounded. Then as his platoon withdrew under heavy fire, he evacuated a large number of the casualties, although enemy machine-guns were only 50 yards away at the time. Tec 5 Kadota's courage and devotion to duty in the face of grave danger saved the lives of many of his fellow comrades and was a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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Donald S. Hayashi, 30101659, Corporal (then Private), Company "A", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** October 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. When his squad leader was wounded during a severe enemy counter-attack, Cpl Hayashi on his own initiative took command of the squad. The squad, pinned down by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, had suffered heavy casualties, and the order came to withdraw. There being several men so severely wounded that immediate removal was impossible, Cpl Hayashi, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, stayed behind administering first-aid and holding the position single-handed. For over an hour and forty minutes he fired his rifle at the enemy and held the advanced position until all the wounded were safely evacuated by litter squads. Cpl Hayashi's courage and initiative in the face of grave danger helped save the lives of several of his comrades and was a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military Service from: Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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Melvin T. Tsuda, 20010136, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of the **** River and **** Italy. After his Battalion had successfully crossed the **** River, Sgt Tsuda, as Battalion Wire Chief, led his wire crew under heavy enemy artillery fire and through a heavily mined area to establish wire communication with the forward elements. When about 300 yards from the river Sgt Tsuda and his crew were attacked by two enemy machine-guns. Although three of his crew were fatally wounded, Sgt Tsuda's cool leadership succeeded in getting the remainder of his depleted crew through to establish the vitally-needed wire communication. The energetic leadership and courage displayed by Sgt Tsuda in the face of grave danger was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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Young O. Kim, 01309572, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Company "B", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action from ** to ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Lt Kim was one of three men acting as scouts for his combat patrol having the mission of clearing an area known to contain enemy machine-gun positions. When the scouts, advancing ahead of the patrol, discovered a German ammunition carrying party, Lt Kim intentionally drew the enemy fire so that the other two men could locate and dispose of the enemy with hand grenades. Using the same tactics Lt Kim and his comrades accounted for four enemy machine-gun nests and captured seven prisoners. On ** November 1943, Lt Kim observed an entire German company entering the area and though his patrol was outnumbered, he held his ground, ordering his men to hold their fire until an entire enemy platoon had entered the area. They then opened fire and the trapped Germans fled in disorder, but Lt Kim and his men flanked them and drove them into adjacent friendly troops and as a result, the entire platoon was either killed or captured. Lt Kim's outstanding leadership, courage and conduct in the face of grave danger was highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Los Angeles, California.

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION II

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals, posthumously:

Ted T. Shikiya, 30101063, Private, Company "A", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** October 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. On ** October 1943, Company "A", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep) was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire and was ordered to withdraw from their position. Seeing a wounded comrade lying about 10 yards in front of him, Pvt Shikiya did not withdraw with the rest of the company, but went forward to his comrade's aid although he himself was wounded. Pvt Shikiya, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, dragged his comrade to a defiladed position, but in so doing he received a fatal wound. Pvt Shikiya's courageous action in saving the life of his comrade is exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of Kin: Koyei Shikiya (Father), 619 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

Lewis A. Key, 01291375, Second Lieutenant, Company "A", **** Infantry Bat-

talion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. Lt Key and his platoon were called upon to act as a point for the Battalion in an attack on a hill. He went ahead with his scouts and located an extensive enemy minefield that was directly in the point of advance. Fully realizing the danger involved, Lt Key marked off the minefield and then, without mine detecting equipment, successfully cleared a path through the field so that his Battalion could pass through. Lt Key's courage, initiative and efficiency was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Hantistville, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Edward M. Key (Mother), Route Number 2, Hartsville, Tennessee.

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NORMAN E. HENDRICKSON,
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR ----- SECTION I

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1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

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James C. Vaughn, 01289655, Second Lieutenant, Company "A", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For gallantry in action on ** October 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. During an attack on enemy positions Lt Vaughn's platoon lost contact with the rest of the Company due to a heavy fog. When the fog lifted slightly, he discovered enemy machine-guns on each flank 50 yards away, and enemy mortar positions to the front. He worked his way around to each member of his platoon giving them encouragement, and then crawled 300 yards under the intense enemy fire to his Company CP and asked for supporting fire. He received orders to withdraw, however, and returning to the platoon, personally saw that each of his men knew the situation. When the time came for withdrawal, Lt Vaughn, although wounded, remained behind until certain that all of his platoon had safely withdrawn. Seeing some of his men pinned down by an enemy machine-gun, he personally accounted for the enemy gunner with his pistol, thus silencing the gun and enabling the men to withdraw. Lt Vaughn's courage and leadership under fire was highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Chillicothe, Ohio.

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AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL ----- SECTION I

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DIVISION CITATION (MISSING IN ACTION) -- SECTION IV

AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL - SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

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Following named members of Company "D", **** Infantry Battalion (Sep):

Entered military service from:

Isamu Watanabe, 30101816, Private, Kahaka, Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.
Senkichi Shiroma, 30101691, Corporal, Kahaka, Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

For heroism not in action on the night of ** October 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy. While crossing the *** River, Pvt Watanabe and Cpl Shiroma saw an ammunition carrier, who was carrying a full load of 81mm ammunition, step into deep water and be carried downstream by the swift current. Because of his heavy load and the swift and treacherous current he was helpless to aid himself. Hearing his cries for help and seeing him go under the water, Pvt Watanabe and Cpl Shiroma immediately, with no thought for their own personal safety, dived into the water, swam downstream and with great difficulty dragged their comrade to safety on the opposite bank where they administered first-aid. Pvt Watanabe's and Cpl Shiroma's quick action and courage in saving the life of a comrade was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

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DIVISION CITATION (MISSING IN ACTION) - SECTION IV

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual is cited, now missing in action:

Henry Y. Nakamura, 30102147, Sergeant, Company "E", *** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For exceptionally meritorious conduct from ** September 1943, to ** November 1943, in the Italian Campaign. As a squad leader, Sgt Nakamura has consistently demonstrated initiative, efficiency and dependability. During this Campaign he has successfully led numerous combat and reconnaissance patrols and

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on ** October 1943, he personally evacuated a wounded member of his squad while under heavy enemy artillery fire. His superior leadership was demonstrated on ** November 1943, in the vicinity of **** Italy, when by his skillful execution of a flanking movement his squad was able to cut off the retreat of a German force and assist in the capture of 21 Germans and the killing of ten more. The conduct and devotion to duty of Sgt Nakamura has been highly commendable and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Nikie Nakamura (Mother), 1492 Liliha Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

By command of Major General RYDER:

NORMAN E. HENDRICKSON,
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR -----	SECTION IV

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR - SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

SUEYOSHI (NMI) YAMAKAWA (30100468), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. While detached from a daylight patrol on a special reconnaissance mission within enemy territory, Pfc Yamakawa and a comrade were attacked from their rear by seven Germans armed with machine pistols. Surprising his comrade and quickly overpowering him, the Germans demanded that Pfc Yamakawa surrender, emphasizing their demands by throwing a hand grenade at him. Realizing that he must return with the information he had obtained, Pfc Yamakawa reciprocated by throwing two fragmentation grenades in their midst. Unprepared for this daring, the enemy scattered, and taking advantage of their confusion, Pfc Yamakawa ran to a nearby irrigation ditch and dived into the swift-flowing water. Then swimming down the ditch about 300 yards, he succeeded in eluding them and returned to the patrol rendezvous with considerable information concerning enemy positions in the vicinity. Pfc Yamakawa's courage in the face of grave danger was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Makawele, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

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HIDEICHI (NMI) SHIMABUKURO (30100587), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 November 1943, in the vicinity of Colli, Italy. After having covered the successful attack of his corporal on an enemy machine gun emplacement on Hill 920, Pfc Shimabukuro, on his own initiative and under heavy enemy sniper fire, took a position from which he could support the assault of other friendly troops against the hill. Observing a five-man enemy patrol, led by an officer, advancing up the hill toward him, Pfc Shimabukuro permitted the patrol to approach to within ten yards of his position, whereupon he opened fire on them with his BAR, annihilating the entire patrol. Pfc Shimabukuro's courage and coolness under fire was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

KENSO (NMI) SUGA (30101172), Private First Class, Infantry, United States

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Army. For gallantry in action on 5 November 1943, in the vicinity of Santa Maria Oliveto, Italy. While acting as scout for the leading elements of a battalion attack, Pfc Suga discovered an extensive enemy minefield in the route of approach. Heedless of the dangers to which he was exposing himself, Pfc Suga proceeded through the minefield, cutting trip wires and neutralizing as best he could the unfamiliar mines. Those he found but was unable to neutralize, he marked with bits of paper. His company and the battalion followed his trail approximately one mile through the minefield and were thus able to reach their objective. The courage and initiative of Pfc Suga contributed materially to the success of his organization and is a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

MASANORI (NMI) AOKI (30101763), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 January 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. During an attack near Cassino, a heavy enemy barrage scattered the column of one of the attacking companies and inflicted several casualties. Pfc Aoki, a messenger, although painfully wounded in the head, remained in the area and, in the face of the heavy enemy fire, helped to reorganize the scattered column. Then, before seeking medical attention for himself, he administered first-aid to several of his comrades and helped to evacuate several more. Pfc Aoki's courageous devotion to duty in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kealahou, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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WATARU (NMI) NOUICHI (30101327), Corporal, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 November 1943, in the vicinity of Colli, Italy. Having been given the mission of destroying an enemy machine gun nest on Hill 920, Cpl Nouichi, assistant squad leader, with utter disregard for his own personal safety and under heavy enemy fire, crawled up to within ten yards of the enemy nest before opening fire. His fire killed three of the enemy crew, and when the two remaining Germans returned his fire, Cpl Nouichi threw grenades at them, forcing them to flee. His actions enabled his squad to occupy key positions on the hill and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Cpl Nouichi's courage and coolness under fire was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

HOWARD Y. MIYAKE (02055907), Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 December 1943, in the vicinity of Cerasuolo, Italy. Although two patrols had previously been repulsed by observed enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Lt Miyake courageously volunteered to lead a two-man patrol to reconnoiter enemy positions on Hill 900. Cleverly utilizing the sparse concealment the terrain afforded, and neutralizing enemy anti-personnel mines barring his path, Lt Miyake succeeded in reaching the enemy lines near the top of the hill and obtained the desired information. When the enemy, becoming aware of his presence, opened fire on him, Lt Miyake ordered his men to withdraw and covering the withdrawal himself managed to bring the patrol back safely with the vital information. Lt Miyake's courage and leadership in the face of grave danger was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION II

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

HARUYOSHI H. TATEYAMA (30101825), Corporal, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 November 1943, in the vicinity of Capriati, Italy. While establishing an outpost line on the enemy-held banks of the Volturmo River, Cpl Tateyama's squad encountered a heavily mined and booby-trapped field and became somewhat disorganized. Cpl Tateyama, assistant squad leader, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved over the hazardous area and successfully re-organized the squad. He then personally led the squad through the heavily mined field to its assigned position, but in accomplishing this he was mortally wounded by an enemy anti-personnel mine. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Tateyama contributed materially to the success of his battalion in making a crossing and is a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Haiku, Kailua Maui, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Gorjiro Tateyama (Father), Box 420, Haiku, Kailua Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR - SECTION IV

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

MASAO (NMI) AWAKUNI (30102030), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 October 1943, in the vicinity of St. Angelo, Italy. Entered military service from Hononu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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ICHIRO (NMI) OBARA (30101668), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 October 1943, in the vicinity of St. Angelo, Italy. Entered military service from Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

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ISAAC F. AKINAKA (30100059), Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 29 November 1943, in the vicinity of Castilnuova, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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