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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:

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CHESTER C. HADA, (30101804), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 November 1943, in the vicinity of Colli, Italy. Pfc Hada volunteered to accompany an outpost group up Hill 920 to carry a sound power telephone for the purpose of reporting hostile movements and sounds. Upon nearing the chosen position, only 45 yards from the enemy, the group ran into intense grenade fire and scattered individually to their outpost positions. Pfc Hada, realizing the importance of the mission, crawled to a position only 25 yards away from a hostile machine gun position and transmitted a detailed account of the action, the enemy situation and the nature of the terrain. Pfc Hada's courageous performance of duty and complete disregard for his own personal safety was in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Spreckelsville, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

ITSUO MORINAKA (30101378), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 and 26 January 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. During an attack across the Rapido River, Tec5 Morinaka, under heavy concentrations of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and in an enemy minefield, administered first-aid to all the wounded. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he treated and evacuated every casualty before seeking cover for himself. On the following night Tec5 Morinaka again entered the enemy minefield to go to the aid of four wounded men, and although he himself was wounded by an explosion of an anti-personnel mine and enemy machine gun bullets perforated his clothing, he administered first-aid to these men and directed their evacuation. Tec5 Morinaka's courage and coolness under fire undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and is a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

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SHIGERU INOUE (30102135), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Knowing that he would certainly draw enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Tec5 Inoue left his sheltered position to go to the aid of a wounded officer. German snipers immediately opened fire on him, but he continued on until he was wounded in the left arm and the left eye and was physically unable to carry on. Tec5 Inoue's courageous devotion to duty was exemplary and a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

ISAAC F. AKINAKA (30100059), Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. The company to which Tec4 Akinaka was attached as aid man was attacking under cover of a smoke screen. The wind suddenly changed direction, exposing the attacking company to the full view of the enemy, and immediately terrific machine gun and artillery fire was directed upon them. Tec4 Akinaka unhesitatingly left his defiladed position, went forward, and moving swiftly from one wounded man to another during the fire fight, administered first-aid to the several wounded. Finding two of his comrades in a particularly exposed position, Tec4 Akinaka carried them from the field of battle. Although exploding shells showered him with dirt and rocks and any movement brought intense enemy machine pistol and machine gun fire upon him, he did not stop until he had cared for all the wounded. Tec4 Akinaka's courage and unstinting devotion to duty in saving the lives of several of his comrades reflects credit upon himself and is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

TAKESHI J. MIYAGAWA (30101292), Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 January 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Sgt Miyagawa, under intense enemy machine gun fire, cleared and marked a path through a minefield for a distance of 50 yards, allowing his company to pass through. He then crawled forward under enemy observation and fire, scaled a nine-foot stonewall, cleared his way through a sixteen-strand barbed wire fence which was also mined, and reconnoitered for the best route across the Rapido River. Sgt Miyagawa's courageous action contributed greatly to the success of the battalion and reflects credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Spreckelsville, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION III

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

EDWARD Y. IDE-(30101641), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 November 1943, in the vicinity of Pozzilli, Italy. Pvt Ide, a member of a wire team, was laying communication wire along a road to his Battalion forward CP when an enemy group armed with rifles and two machine guns opened fire at close range on the wire team. Unable to by-pass the position, Pvt Ide and his comrades determined to push forward to their destination and accomplish their mission in spite of the concentrated fire.

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Returning the enemy fire as best they could, Pvt Ide and his comrades continued laying the wire, but while so engaged he was fatally wounded. Pvt Ide's devotion to duty at the cost of his own life reflects credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Eikichi Ide (Father), Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

GARY T. HISAOKA (30102162), Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 January 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Sgt Hisaoka, under intense enemy machine gun fire, cleared and marked a path through a minefield for a distance of 50 yards, allowing his company to pass through. He then crawled forward under enemy observation and fire, scaled a nine-foot stone wall, cleared his way through a sixteen-strand barbed wire fence which was also mined, and reconnoitered for the best route across the Rapido River. Sgt Hisaoka's courageous action contributed greatly to the success of the battalion and reflects credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kohala, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Ikuo Hisaoka (Brother), Box 104, Hawi, Hawaii.

FRANCIS J. PERRAS (01301535), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 November 1943, in the vicinity of Cerasuola, Italy. When his platoon was stopped by wire entanglements and heavy fire in an attack, Lt Perras, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled forward under heavy enemy machine gun and grenade fire and cut a path through the entanglements. Then throwing hand grenades, he led his platoon forward through the path he had made and engaged the enemy. The platoon, inspired by their leader, quickly took and held the position. Lt Perras' superb leadership and courage under fire was an inspiration to his men and a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Fort Edward, New York. Next of kin: Frances Perras, 36 River Street, Fort Edward, New York.

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION IV

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

GARY T. HISAOKA (30102162), Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 February 1944, in the vicinity of San Bartolemew, Italy. During a particularly heavy artillery barrage, Sgt Hisaoka left his trench and ran to the aid of a fellow soldier who has been completely buried by dirt and debris from a shell which had landed next to his slit trench. Sgt Hisaoka uncovered the soldier, revived him and helped carry him to the rear where he could be evacuated. Sgt Hisaoka's quick thinking and heroic action in the face of probable injury or death undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade and reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Ikuo Hisaoka (Brother), Box 104, Hawi, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR - SECTION V

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

MASATO KOGA (30100895), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

HIROMU KOBAYASHI (30100591), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

NOBU MIYASHIRO (30100583), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

EVERETT R. ODO (30102005), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

TEIKICHI HIGA (30101872), Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

HARUTO KURODA (30101838), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

JERRY H. SAKODA (30100134), Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

KAMEICHI MORIMOTO (30100072), Sergeant (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

SUSUMU MUSASHI (30101083), Sergeant (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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JAMES F. TANI (30101516), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

YEIKI KOBASHIGAWA (30101851), Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

WILLIAM S. PYE (01312107), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Abilene, Texas.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY) - SECTION VI

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

YUTAKA NEZU (30100514), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Toyosaku Nezu (Father), P.O. Box 154, Waimanalo, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD T. FUJII (30101430), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 November 1943 to 30 November 1943, in the vicinity of Scapoli, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Genzo Fujii (Father), P.O. Box 254, Capt Cook, Kona, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

By command of Major General RYDER:

NORMAN E. HENDRICKSON,
Colonel, GSC,
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/s/ D. M. White
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1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

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MASAICHI (NMI) GOTO (30100119), Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 September 1943, in the vicinity of Montemarano, Italy. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Sgt Goto, an aid station NCO, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left the comparative security of his shelter to go to the aid of a wounded comrade. Though the enemy shells were falling dangerously close to him, Sgt Goto stayed in the exposed area and gave first-aid to three more severely wounded soldiers. Sgt Goto's courage, coolness, and bravery under fire was exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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By command of Major General RYDER:

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6. Authority: War Department Letter, AG 322 (22 Oct 43) OB-I-GNGCT-M, dated 23 October 1943, subject: "Redesignation and Reorganization of 100th Infantry Battalion", and letter Headquarters NATOUSA, AG 322/210 A-C, dated 7 November 1943, subject as above.

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By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

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